



# St. Mary's Past Students' Association

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### Message from the Executive Committee St. Mary's PSA has turned a new page!

The year 2013 marks many new changes to St. Mary's and her various stakeholders. As a major step to put in force the School-based Management Policy under the Education Ordinance (Cap. 279) in Hong Kong, all Hong Kong primary and secondary schools are required to set up their own Incorporated Management Committee (IMC) within the year to manage the school. The IMC will consist of the principal, appointed representatives from the school sponsoring body, elected representatives from teachers, parents and alumni, as well as an appointed independent person, who will all become managers of the school.

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St. Mary's Canossian College and St. Mary's Canossian School"  
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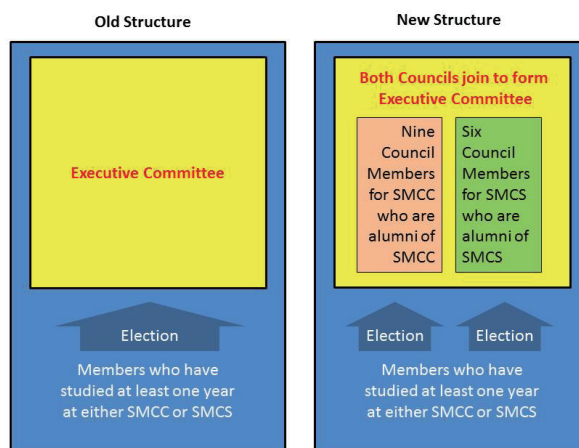
*Under the new Constitution, the name of our Association remains as "St. Mary's Past Students' Association", alongside a new name in long form as "The Past Students' Association of St. Mary's Canossian College and St. Mary's Canossian School". The long form will be used primarily in IMC-related communications.*

St. Mary's Past Students' Association (SMPSA), being the official alumni body for both St. Mary's Canossian College (SMCC, secondary school) and St. Mary's Canossian School (SMCS, primary school), has been tasked with the preparation and implementation of the election of the Alumni Managers for the two schools. However, as the original membership of the SMPSA consists of alumni from both SMCC and SMCS, it was necessary for us to re-organise the structure of the SMPSA so as to comply with Section 40AP of the Education Ordinance, that is, only the alumni of the respective schools may elect or become office-bearers of the bodies processing the Alumni Manager elections.

This was the top priority for the SMPSA Executive Committee elected at the Annual General Meeting on 16 March 2013 to focus on after settling in. During the

following months we worked closely with the management of both schools to revise the structure, the name, and hence the Constitution of the SMPSA. We drafted the regulations for the election of the alumni managers and helped the schools to computerize their respective alumni database. We also held two Extraordinary General Meetings on 22 June and 20 July 2013 respectively to present and adopt all related documents, and to re-elect office bearers of the SMPSA under the new structure.

Now, with all the restructuring completed and changes recognized by the school sponsoring respective body, we are preparing for the nomination and election of the respective Alumni Manager for the IMC of SMCC and SMCS to be held before the end of November 2013. More information on the coming nomination and election exercise is presented on the inside pages of this newsletter. Stay tuned!



*The diagram above shows the difference between the old and the new structure of the SMPSA. Under the new structure, two Councils (one for SMCC and one for SMCS) have been formed, with members being past students of the respective schools. Council members will handle school-specific matters, including Alumni Manager election, and they have also joined to form the Executive Committee of the SMPSA.*

# PSA News – SMPSA Executive Committee 2013-15

Here are the Executive Committee members originally elected under the old SMPSA structure during the AGM on 17 March 2013, and re-elected under the new structure at the EGM on 20 July 2013.



**Chairman**

Justina Law, 1980's (F.7)  
Council Member, SMCS



**Vice Chairman**

Annie Choi, 1970's (F.7)  
Council Member, SMCC



**Vice Chairman**

Angela Liu, 1980's (F.7)  
Council Member, SMCS



**Honorary Secretary**

Ellie Wong, 1970's (F.7)  
Council Member, SMCC



**Honorary Treasurer**

Teresa You, 1980's (F.7)  
Council Member, SMCS



**Honorary Legal Secretary**

Jody Sin, 1980's (F.7)  
Council Member, SMCC



**Publication Secretary**

Petty Lai, 1980's (F.5)  
Council Member, SMCS



**Publication Secretary**

Heidi Lee, 1980's (F.5)  
Council Member, SMCC



**Membership Secretary**

Monica Wong, 1970's (F.7)  
Council Member, SMCC



**Social Convenor**

Becky Lui, 2000's (F.5)  
Council Member, SMCC



**Committee Member**

Barbara Chu, 1980's (F.7)  
Council Member, SMCC





**Committee Member**

Susanna Chung, 1980's (F.5)  
Council Member, SMCS





**Committee Member**

Angela Leung, 1980's (F.5)  
Council Member, SMCC

**Patrons**  
(on left) Ms. Catherine Wong  
Principal, SMCC  
(on right) Ms. Maria Cheung  
Headmistress, SMCS

**Teachers Liaison**  
(on left) Mrs. Queenie Mui, SMCC  
1990's (F.5)  
(on right) Mrs. Christine Ng, SMCS  
1990's (F.5)



**Committee Member**

Mabel Leung, 1960's (F.7)  
Council Member, SMCC



**Committee Member**

Katherine Mak, 1990's (F.7)  
Council Member, SMCS

## Nomination and Election of the Alumni Managers of the respective Incorporated Management Committees of SMCC and SMCS

In accordance with Section 40AP of the Education Ordinance (Cap. 279), the Canossian Missions, the sponsoring body of both St Mary's Canossian College (SMCC) and St. Mary's Canossian School (SMCS), recognizes the St. Mary's Past Students' Association (SMPSA) as the alumni body for the purpose of nominating Alumni Managers for the respective Incorporated Management Committees (IMC) of SMCC and SMCS. The PSA Executive Committee has taken on board the task to prepare for the nomination and election of alumni manager following the two Extraordinary General Meetings held in June and July this year to adopt the documents to facilitate the work. The nomination period will officially **start on 26 October until 9 November 2013** (both dates inclusive). The nomination form, signed by one alumni proposer and one alumni seconder, must be delivered in person/by hand to the Election Post Box located at the General Office of the respective schools before the deadline.

The timeline governing the nomination and election is briefly set out for your easy reference:

### **26 October**

- Official launch of the nomination period
- Official election notice uploaded onto the SMPSA website

### **9 November**

- Close of Nomination

### **11 November**

- Announcement of the names of candidates on the SMPSA website

### **23 November**

- Polling Day (from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at St. Mary's Canossian College)

Watch out for the election notice and other related documents including but not limited to the duties of the IMC and the alumni manager; regulations and procedures for nomination and election; nomination form etc. on the SMPSA website accessible at <http://www.stmaryspsa.org/election> starting from 26 October 2013. All alumni of SMCC and SMCS aged eighteen or above on the date of nomination are eligible to be candidates/proposers/seconders/voters in the coming election. As regards the verification of the eligibility of the alumni, records held by SMCC and SMCS shall be final.

Do support this first-ever election of alumni manager and nominate past students around who show their readiness to serve SMCC and SMCS for the betterment of the schools and students!



# PSA News – Annual General Meeting & Alumnae Dinner 2013

The SMPSA Alumnae Dinner for 2013 took place on 16 March 2013 at the World Trade Centre Club in Causeway Bay. Prior to the dinner, the Annual General Meeting was held, during which the Executive Committee for the 2013-15 term was elected.

Over 150 past students and family shared this happy evening together. Although the scale was much smaller than the 110th Anniversary Gala Dinner we had in 2010, there were still loads of laughter when friends caught up with each other. There was also plenty of excitement in the challenging memory game during which old pictures of popular landmarks near the school were shown, and players had to race for the answer!



*The AGM was held before the dinner.*



*Past students and teachers reunite. Do you recognize Mrs. Winnie Hung (in the middle) and Ms Eileen Chan (on her left)?*

On behalf of the PSA, Ms. Justina Law, Chairman, presented a cheque of HK\$200,000 to Ms Catherine Wong, Principal of SMCC, during the dinner. The money was net proceeds from the sale of 105th and 110th anniversary souvenirs, and would be donated to the St. Mary's Canossian College Development Fund as promised. Ms. Wong expressed her gratitude to all who contributed.

The final highlight of the evening was the lucky draw where, thanks to our many prize sponsors, over 20 prizes were given out to some very delighted ladies!

All went well and the dinner was adjourned at 10:30 p.m. Thank you to all members who attended and made the night truly unforgettable!



*Classmates were happy to see Mrs. Simmy Wong again at the dinner.*



*A cheque of HK\$200,000 was presented to Ms. Catherine Wong for the SMCC Development Fund.*



*It's always a great pleasure seeing gathering of friends, especially those with their children!*



*Cheers! A toast during the dinner from the newly elected Executive Committee.*

## School News —

### Construction of the new Multi-purpose Activity Room

While many structures still remain unchanged, the school campus does undergo redevelopment all the time. In 1998, the area that was once the badminton court and the bungalows of the Chemistry Lab and the Physics Lab, was converted into the 5-storey Magdalene Building to provide more classrooms for use. A decade later, space was running out again to accommodate the diversified array of student activities, and a plan was made to convert the covered playground at the ground level of the Magdalene Building into a Multi-purpose Activity Room which can accommodate up to 200 students, ideal for holding seminars and talks. Three types of installations are needed to make the room a fully functional one. First, folding glass doors have to be built to enclose the area. Then, an air-conditioning system and an audio-visual system will have to be installed.

In the summer of 2013, the folding doors were constructed, funded by the Government. With a generous donation of HK\$150,000 from past St. Marian Ms. Lily Au, the School has also secured a large portion of the funds needed for the installation of the air-conditioning system. At the moment, the School is looking for contributions towards the balance sum for funding the installation of air-conditioning system, as well as that for setting up an audio-visual system. If you would like to help, please contact Ms. Rainbow Tse at 2724 2771 for more details.

We are delighted to see alumnae continuing to show their support to their alma mater. Once a St. Marian, always a St. Marian!



*Folding glass doors being installed to enclose the covered playground at the ground level of the Magdalene Building.*

## Class Reunion News

**The Class of 1963 (Chinese Section)** will be having their 50th Anniversary Reunion on 13-15 November 2013 in Hong Kong. Events will include afternoon tea, a visit to the school, a Gala Dinner and a Hong Kong/Kowloon excursion. To reconnect, please contact Shuk-Yin Cheng 鄭淑賢 at Sycheng5@yahoo.com or Phyllis Ling Chen 凌超群 at Plingchen@gmail.com.

**The Class of 1963 (English Section)** is planning their Golden Jubilee Celebrations in Hong Kong and China, beginning on 4 November 2013. The first week will include dinners, day excursions and a school visit in Hong Kong, to be followed by a Yangtse River Cruise the following week. Family and friends are welcome. To register, please contact Lucy Chan Lau at 93299110 or lucysmlau@gmail.com.

**The Class of 1983** will be celebrating their 30th Anniversary Reunion on 14-15 December 2013 in Hong Kong. Activities highlight will include a school visit, a reunion lunch, followed by an overnight stay at a campsite reminiscent of the good old days. To reconnect, please contact Eva Chow at evachow66@gmail.com.

Organizing a reunion for your class? Let our Membership Secretary know and we can include your news on the newsletter and the website. Email to membershipsec@stmaryspsa.org.



# Congratulations to Mr. Philip Lee !!

Yes, Mr. Philip Lee just received another teaching award! Mr. Lee is one of the six awardees (from four schools) of the Chief Executive's Award for Teaching Excellence, in the Science Education Key Learning Area.

On the afternoon of 12 July 2013, the auditorium of the Central Government Offices was filled with smiling faces - students and families, principals and fellow teachers - gathering and awaiting the exciting moments when teachers received the Award for Teaching Excellence or Certificates of Merit from the Chief Executive.

The award was launched in 2003-04 recognise teachers who demonstrate exemplary teaching practices and facilitate sharing of good teaching practices. The award focuses on different key learning areas each year, and the focus of the 2012-13 award are "Guidance and Discipline", "Science Education Key

Learning Area" and "Technology Education Key Learning Area". This year, 23 teachers received the awards and another 39 teachers received Certificates of Merit.

Teachers receiving the award were each given a few minutes on stage to demonstrate their teaching approach. Two St. Marians assisted Mr. Lee on stage in demonstrating the amazing relationship between light and colour – what you see does not always tell the truth ;)

Mr. Lee is in the 36th year of his teaching career and will retire after the current academic year. He has made Physics an enjoyable subject to many of us. We are so proud of you – congratulations again, Mr. Lee!

Check out more information about the award (Chinese only) at: [http://www.ate.gov.hk/2012\\_13ate/tchinese/docs/SS13133ST\\_CEATE\\_V09.pdf](http://www.ate.gov.hk/2012_13ate/tchinese/docs/SS13133ST_CEATE_V09.pdf)



Mr. Lee receiving the award from the Chief Executive, Mr. Leung Chun Ying.



Ms. Catherine Wong, Mr. Geoff Oliver and Mr. Cyril Lee also attended the ceremony to share the joy.



A proud couple, with two smart gentlemen – Mr. Lee juniors - behind the camera.



## Bravo!

## The Annual School Drama 2013



The Annual School Drama 2013 "Persephone" which ran from 15 to 20 April 2013 was a great success!

The beauty of this annual event directed by Mr. Geoff Oliver (Loban) perhaps could be hailed as a work of art. The story is loosely based on the Greek myth of Persephone, telling the story of the four seasons: the Greek goddess Persephone, queen of the Underworld, is said to break against the darkness of her stygian surroundings and bring forth the Spring. This mythical story provided a free platform for our more than 100 creative and production team members to fully express their innovative qualities through the use of music and songs, set and lighting design, and stage effects. Through such audio and visual appeal, Persephone has led the audience to a theatre world of imagination!

All St. Marians should be proud! Keep it up!



# Alumnae Day Outing 2013

## Sha Tau Kok & Tai Po Day Tour

### 沙頭角及大埔一日遊

# JOIN US!

Good news for outdoor adventurers! For the Alumnae Day this year, the PSA is organising a trip on **8 December 2013 (Sun)** to the previously restricted Sha Tau Kok area, as well as the leisurely Tai Po Waterfront Park. It will be an interesting day to take in the beauty of natural scenery while re-living the history of Hong Kong, back the days of Qing Dynasty!

The day will start at 9am in the morning. The group will take a coach from St. Mary's to Sha Tau Kok, where we will spend the morning visiting Tam Shui Hang Village (担水坑村) and other historic attractions in the area, including the Declared Monument Kang Yung Study Hall (鏡蓉書屋). After that, we shall go to Sheung Shui for a local Chinese meal. In the afternoon, we shall proceed to the Tai Po Waterfront Park and enjoy the largest park managed by Leisure & Cultural Services Department. There we can appreciate the panoramic beauty of the Tolo Harbour by going up the spiral lookout tower, take colourful pictures around the giant rainbow-like floral display and learn about the fascinating world of insects in the park's educational Insect House.

Ticket price is **\$200 per head** (one price for all), covering coach transportation, lunch, entrance fees, tour guide and travel insurance. **Please enrol by 25 November 2013 (Mon)** by completing the Reply Form on the following page and returning it to us with the payment. Members are welcome to join us with your friends and family for a great day out!

For enquiries, please contact our Social Convenor Ms. Becky Lui at 6117 9120, or email to [activities@stmaryspsa.org](mailto:activities@stmaryspsa.org).



Kang Yung Study Hall at Sha Tau Kok.



The Tai Po Waterfront Park is embraced by the sea.



The giant floral display at the Waterfront Park offers great opportunities for photo taking. (Photos from the website of Leisure & Cultural Services Department)



# ENROL NOW !!



# REPLY FORM

(You can also download this form from the PSA website at [www.stmaryspsa.org](http://www.stmaryspsa.org))

## Sha Tau Kok & Tai Po Day Tour on 8 December 2013 (Sun)

### Itinerary

Assemble at St. Mary's	8:45am
Board coach	9:00am
Coach departs for Sha Tau Kok	<b>9:15am sharp (we can't wait!!)</b>
Lunch in Sheung Shui	1:00pm
Visit to Tai Po Waterfront Park	2:30pm
Coach departs Tai Po	4:00pm
Back at St. Mary's	4:30pm

<b>Name</b>	
<b>Mobile Phone:</b>	
<b>Email Address:</b>	
<b>PSA No. (if any):</b>	
<b>Year of Form 5:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes! I would like to join the Alumnae Day activity on 8 December 2013 (Sun).</b>	
Please reserve _____ places for me.	
Total ticket price = HK\$200 x _____ = HK\$ _____	

## ENROLMENT DEADLINE: 25 NOVEMBER 2013 (MON)

Kindly note:

1. As places are limited, all bookings are on first-come-first-served basis.
2. Please make cheque crossed and payable to "**St. Mary's Past Students' Association**" and send it together with the completed Reply Form to St. Mary's Past Students' Association, 162 Austin Road, Kowloon. (Attn: Ms Becky Lui).
3. Confirmation of your reservation will be sent via email or telephone by 29 November 2013 (Fri).
4. The tour is managed by York Vantage Travel Limited. The ticket price covers charges for coach transportation, lunch, entrance fees, tour guide and travel insurance.
5. Bad weather arrangement: If the No. 8 typhoon or black rainstorm signal is in force two hours before departure time, the trip will be cancelled and rescheduled. If the No. 1 or No. 3 typhoon signal, or the red or amber rainstorm signal is in force, the trip will take place as normal. Please refer to the PSA website for the latest news prior to departure in case of bad weather on the day.
6. In all circumstances the paid ticket fee will not be refunded.