

The Bearer - 
Bearing Up



A 2002 Executive Committee Production



Foreword

Dear all,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the 22nd Executive Committee!

Bearing the theme “Social Obligation, Local Sensation, Global Aspiration”, we will put in our utmost efforts to uphold the fine traditions of the Association.

By devoting ourselves to serving the community and organising manifold activities, we hope that teenagers will better understand their identities as well as acknowledge their roles in the society, thus fulfilling their 'social obligations'. We also wish that this year's programme will raise the awareness of youngsters on current issues, therefore stimulating their 'local sensations'. Besides, we anticipate the annual activities to enable teenagers to broaden their horizons, step out of Hong Kong and into the vast world, in turn realising their 'global aspirations'. Reaching from our society to the rest of the world, spanning from personal responsibility to high-achieving dreams – we are sure that you will find the OSA experience more unique and inspirational than ever.

This year, in order for everyone to be duly informed of the updates of our Association, we will publish four issues of electronic newsletters under the title 'The Bearer'. Furthermore, the subtitle of this publication is 'Gearing Up'. In a moment, you will read about who the EXCOs really are and what we have prepared for everyone in the coming session – and now, let the colourful pages unfold!

Happy Reading!

The 22nd Executive Committee
Hong Kong Outstanding Students' Association





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Words from EXCOs



**President
Phoebe Ko
(2320)**

Bonjour! I am Phoebe Ko, a Form 6 student studying at Diocesan Girls' School. It is my greatest pleasure and honour to be elected as the President of the 22nd Executive Committee of the Hong Kong Outstanding Students' Association.

Throughout the years, OSA has offered numerous valuable opportunities to many secondary school students, equipping them with leadership skills as well as arousing their social awareness. Gratefully, I am among

ones to benefit from what the Association provides, and up until now, OSA has already accompanied me through three of my teenage years.

Looking back, I first encountered OSA when I was a participant in the Volunteer Training Scheme 2006. When I received the application form from my teacher, the sign-off part caught my attention. In my mind, I wondered why our Head Girl, Michele Chan (2003), was one of the project chairpersons and furthermore, I was curious about the way the Association worked. Having been told of the Association's prestige for a long time, it was not until the Orientation Day that I understood the reason it was so well-recognised – the professionalism and ardency of OSArS stood out compared to any other students. I can still remember how, sitting in the hall at Maryknoll Convent School on the first day of the programme, I was utterly amazed that a small unit of functioning members could manage to bring together such a large-scaled and meaningful event. The games were well thought of as well as well-prepared. The ambassadors of the groups were entirely devoted and hoped very much to help the participants ('jo jai's and 'jo nui's) to discover and realise their hidden talents. I was deeply impressed, and since then, I became a fervent supporter of the HKOSA's external activities. (Yes indeed, but what a pity that I failed to join the whole set of external events as I didn't participate in the Youth Summit due to time clashes.)

Two years later, I was lucky enough to be given the precious chance to join the Association itself. The best thing about the Association is neither the numerous chances to hold social services nor the opportunity to take part in the production of accolade-receiving external projects. It is about the people in the Association. Getting into OSA was like entering a third home – the first being my family and the second, my school - where I always feel so warm and comfortable. Like brothers and sisters, OSArS and I worked industriously in preparation for different projects and in our spare time, we met up, always ready for round after round of jolly laughter. I have grown and gained so much after being part of the Association and thus, with a thankful heart, I wish to contribute to the Association by joining the EXCO, and serve with passion and enthusiasm.

This decision was perhaps one of the biggest ones I have ever made in my seventeen years of life. It was not merely about writing up election speeches and performing duties according to the Constitution. What it actually meant was giving up time used for schoolwork; spending slightly less time, but not too little, with my family, and when all my friends went out to play, as part of the EXCO, I would be dealing with OSA matters instead. It was indeed with mixed feelings that I took up the post of President. Priorities changed in my life and all was unknown.



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On the night of 10th August, the new Executive Committee was born – Chaminade is a good friend of mine and we know each other very well (we have been double cherries on a single stem since form 2); Zita is a very mature girl who sleeps very early (she claims that one gets taller if one sleeps earlier); Raphael is an English expert but a bit emotional at times; Joanne, well, I don't even know her back then (she did her election via a long-distance call and that was pretty cool, at least I think so!); Joey is the BEST ACTOR from OSA camp and again, he thirsts for sleep; Whitney is a very devoted girl who wishes to serve OSA despite her HKALEs; Jaime is a mature and efficient girl who, being the total opposite of Zita and Joey, sleeps very late; Jeff is shy but 'pretends pig eats tiger' (he claimed that he did not know how to play Big 2, but he won six games in a row – perfect illustration of the saying). We are all unique individuals with very diverse traits and frankly, I was really afraid of how we could work smoothly for the coming session. It was with dread, nervousness, and a tinge of pride, that I started my days as President of the Association.

Three months have swiftly gone by and this novel experience has surely been eye-opening and enjoyable, proving my dread after the AGM to be entirely unnecessary. Throughout the months, it was as if I had taken the course 'Basics Outside the Classroom'. Firstly, I realised the importance of the invention of the email system. Every day, I send twenty emails on average (as opposed to around three emails per week prior to being an EXCO). During a meeting with the 19th EXCOs, Karl told us of his experience as President before, saying that he spent two hours per day replying and sending emails. When I listened to him, I thought it to be rather farfetched, yet now, what he said is indeed the truest depiction of what I do. Sending emails may seem to be a simple action, but the process is actually very demanding and to me, a great challenge. I could still recall how I forgot to blind-carbon-copy the recipients; how I missed out some typographical errors during proofreading; and how I had to reply within two days in order to make a 'prompt reply'. It is very easy to make a mistake during the process of sending a single email, but practice makes perfect, and now, I have managed to get the hang of it.

Besides, I have learnt the importance of communication. The Executive Committee consists of nine members, and it is paramount that we communicate effectively. At first, due to different working styles and habits, EXCO members seldom notified the others of what they had done. As a result, some of my fellow EXCOs didn't receive the message and things went wrong. However, as time went by, we all realised that things just could not work this way, and I am very pleased that communication has improved a lot since the start of our session. Moreover, time management is a huge challenge for me. Since August, my schedule has been filled with green words (I chose green for OSA-related events as our well-known symbol, the Qing Miao, is green). Jammed between schoolwork and extra-curricular activities, I had trouble juggling with time before. I was so depressed at times that I went into emotional breakdowns. I felt so helpless and did not know what to do. Thanks must be given to our advisors, my parents and my fellow EXCOs, who offered me great support and solutions to the problem of prioritising things that need to be done. Now, I manage to balance school and OSA and family pretty well, and this is truly an invaluable lesson learnt.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to express my earnest gratitude to all Honorary Advisors, Advisors and Senior OSAs for their unfailing guidance and support. Without you all, the Association would not have blossomed from a small bud into a tree with strong branches - a shelter of warmth and intellect for everybody. Also, I would like to thank my fellow Executive Committee Members for their devotion and efforts. With faith and trust, I am sure that we will aid the Association in scaling new heights.





Words from EXCOs



**Vice-President
Chaminade Lam**
(2322)

Greetings to all of you! I am Chaminade Lam, a Form Six student currently studying in Diocesan Girls' School.

I first came to know OSA when I joined the Volunteer Training Scheme 2006 during Form Three. At that time, I came to experience the zeal and passion the OSAs and participants possessed in serving, and their attitude towards serving was one of sincerity and unfeigned care to the society. I was also greatly inspired by my group ambassador, whose motherly

made me feel at home during the project and guided me in my first-time of being a group leader in external activities. When I became a group ambassador myself in the following year, my "jo-ma" took the initiative to offer me advice by email even though she was busy studying overseas. VTS allowed me to experience the strong bonding between participants of OSA. Hereby I would like to take this chance to thank her for being so kind, thoughtful and caring, as well as for inspiring me to continue to join OSA projects in the following years.

Participating in different external projects of OSA allowed me to experience different aspects of the dynamic and vibrant Association. The Interflow Camp showed me how fun and friendly the capable members could be. Before joining the International Convergence, I had never thought of being provided with the opportunity to interview a Consul-General nor to visit a Thai temple in Hong Kong. It was certainly an eye-opening experience which widened my horizons at the international level. I was also impressed by the open-mindedness and innovation of members as we discussed our resolution in the Youth Summit. It had been most fascinating to be able to work with some of the brightest minds in Hong Kong.

Having blessed with so many opportunities and experiences gained from OSA, I wanted to devote myself to the Association and give something back to the big and welcoming family which played a part in moulding me into the person who I am now. I wanted to contribute by joining the EXCO election but was uncertain whether I would be capable of being an EXCO member. This was one of the hardest and most important decisions I had to make in my seventeen years of life. In times of uncertainty, my OSA friends once again supported me and helped me gain confidence. It was after a whole-night discussion with Phoebe and Jaime during a slept-over that I made up my mind to commit myself wholly to the Association. I am thankful for their heartwarming help and words of encouragement.

It has been two months since I took up the role of Vice President, and time has passed so quickly without me noticing. At the beginning, I felt quite uncertain about my role since it is the only post with no special responsibilities or duties specified (apart from "assisting the President", which does not help much >p). With Raphael exhausting himself preparing



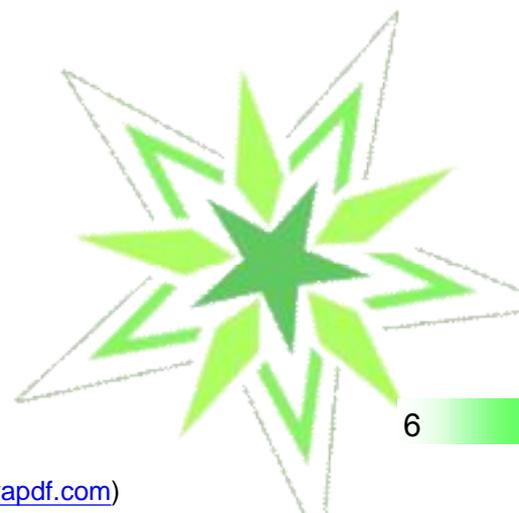
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the friendly packs, Zita's eyes glued to the computer screen typing up minutes and Joey busy writing up pieces of press release, I felt uncomfortable wondering what my duty was. However, I soon came to realize that all of us have an obligation in assisting each other, be it an internal correspondence or external project, and I should work extra hard in helping out to ensure the smooth running of the Association.

Despite the heavy workload and hectic schedule, being an EXCO is definitely a very enjoyable experience. It was the first time for us to rack our brains thinking of birthday surprises now and then for the team (although it is exceptionally sweet, we can't just pretend to forget the person's birthday and then bring out a cake suddenly every time right?), the first time listening to a violin performance in the middle of an EXCO meeting (by talented musician Jeff) and the first time picnicking in an EXCO's house after a late meet-up (thanks to Joanne's hospitality and home-made muffins). It was also the first time we became a scenic attraction in Tsim Sha Tsui as tourists took photos of us in our suits while we shot our EXCO picture. The creativity and wild imagination of the team also make meetings fun and interesting, not to mention the jokes and random ideas that never lack (Whitney practicing acrobatics by polishing her juggling skills!).

But working as an EXCO was not all about jolly laughter and happy faces. There have been times when frustration and helplessness were felt. I believe this is all of a part in growing up, and we will be able to emerge as a mature and strong-bonded team after facing such difficulties.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to our Advisors and senior OSAs for giving us advice and sharing with us your personal experiences. Without your encouragement, we would have been disheartened when obstacles blocked our way and difficulties arose. I would also like to thank my fellow Executive Committee members for their unfailing support, as well as dedication and hard work. Hand in hand, let us endeavor to make this coming year another fruitful one!





Words from EXCOs



Internal Secretary
Zita Chan
(2303)

Aloha everyone! I am CHAN, Zita (2303) of St. Paul's Convent School, studying for the A-Levels in Form Six right now. [Seems like I am hooked on to my post as a secretary; from all the minutes I've worked on in these two months, I have been used to typing our names in the format of – SURNAME, Name (OSA no.).] I am blissful to be a member of our 22nd Executive Committee as Internal Secretary.

Anyway, to introduce myself, shall I decompose my name in terms of my personality?

Zest – I often enter into doing a piece of work with zest whenever I am determined to fulfill a task. Just like re-typing the minutes, it is more than just the sense of responsibility but also the willingness, passion and enthusiasm that I possess while working, especially for OSA.

Independent – Independence is essential to becoming a leader, since one has to take care of him/herself before one can guide or lead others. And I am capable of handling most of my things well.

Tactful – I am always tactful and flexible in dealing with problems, which enables me to work more efficiently. I think the skill of being tactful has to be developed through personal experience, and I am sure OSA is the perfect platform for this.

Aggressive – I am sure one has to think big to achieve big. I am aggressive in the sense that I strive for accuracy and higher goals, so as to value-add and equip myself to future challenges.

I believe that it is not only I, but also many OSAs too throughout the years who have a similar character as ZITA so as to establish this profound Association.

Unlike many OSAs, I have never joined any OSA events before. I first heard of it from my cousin in the late summer before my Form Five academic year. In browsing through the OSA website, I dreamt of being one of the EXCO wearing those suits. I thought it would be easy and proud, and had never thought that it would be such a challenging task. By chance I was nominated by the school to participate in the Hong Kong Outstanding Students' Award. I still did not know that it had any relationships with OSA, not until after the final interview when the 21st EXCO gave us an introduction of the Association. Since then, I've started to engage myself into this magnificent family. OSA became a more prominent part of my life as the 3 little letters appeared more and more often in my schedule. I began to build up an "intimate" relationship with other OSAs and I felt that I would like to contribute more in this extraordinary organisation.



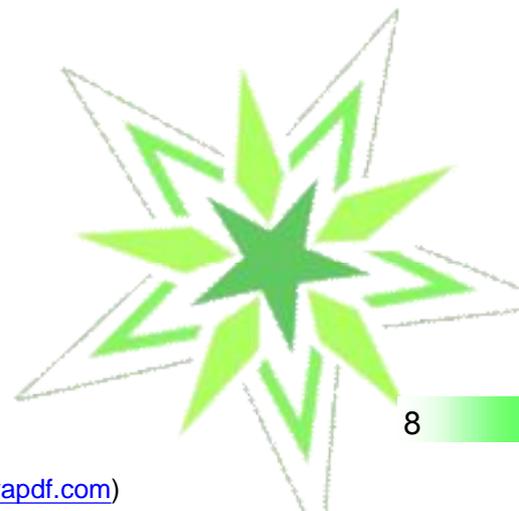
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So it has been two months since I was elected. I still remembered vividly about the details of 10th August 2008, how I was sitting at the AGM waiting for the election of the new EXCO, so nervous and tense that both my ears got red. I was eager to fight for a place but for somehow I questioned myself, "Am I capable for this?" I drove myself even harder after being elected. There was some kind of frustration and worry in me. I wanted to do it but I am afraid – another dilemma in life. And bad things never come in single. Perhaps I was overloaded in the summer, I became physically ill; and dealing with some personal and school matters made me mentally exhausted. I was so depressed and I once thought "Was it a wrong decision to run for the EXCO in OSA?"

The answer is a definite NO. "Don't give in when things go bad, keep pushing your limits" is what one of my good old friends told me years ago and I bear that in mind always as my life motto. However, humans are not living alone, with the understanding, support and encouragement from my beloved fellow EXCO, I was rescued to become ZITA again. In these two months we have developed a strong bond between us and I can feel the team spirit among ourselves.

Availing myself of this opportunity, I would like to thank our Advisors for their unwavering support and guidance. This year, I am going to be in charge of the Volunteer Training Scheme with Whitney and Jeff. I hope that we could achieve certain breakthroughs with the continuous support from our dear Advisors.

With unity and dedication, the 22nd EXCO will work as one body, serving the social community and introducing OSA to the global society.





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**External Secretary
Raphael Chow
(2206)**

I am Raphael Chow, a Form 6 student currently studying at German Swiss International School.

OSA has always been an ever-changing experience for me. Every time I think I've grasped the gist of things, an event takes place which thrusts my beliefs and values into another roller coaster ride. However, that is not to say that this erratic adventure has been negative at all. At OSA, I've forged deeper friendships than I could possibly imagine, learnt more than school can ever teach me, and had more fun than I can remember.

I still remember the attitude I had when I first entered OSA. I didn't see much in the Association, thinking it was just another opportunity to attend social services and meetings sporadically when I felt like it. The truth is, I lived my first OSA year like that. However, having grown a year, I began to grasp the true meaning of OSA. I gradually started to understand that the magic of OSA lies in its people. I talked to 23rd OSAs and made new friends fervently, trying to learn as much as possible to make up for the year that had passed. I became an I-Camp OC and Group Ambassador, and participated religiously in the Social Services Project during summer, having even attempted to organise an event myself. All these activities ended up with sweet and indelible memories.

Those times seem so far away now!

I've taken on the role of External Secretary for two months, and time has mysteriously swept past me. A very grateful word of thanks to my fellow EXCO members for their ceaseless support and selfless help. They assisted me in the preparation of friendly packs, and also understood and corrected mistakes which I made. Being a member of the Executive Committee, I feel obliged to devote the best of my efforts to OSA, so that I won't let my fellow EXCOs and other OSAs down. I pledge to continue to improve and endeavour my best, so I'll only get better!

I'm still trying to find the right balance between work and diversion, OSA and school. I believe that the biggest challenge that the life of an EXCO has to offer is not the actual work itself, but the task of managing time. However, as Albert Einstein once said: "In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity". I too, will use this year as an opportunity to hone my inner thoughts and to shape myself as a person.

A toast to our cooperation and success throughout the year!





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**Financial Secretary
Joanne Lai
(2321)**

Joanne Lai.

Hello everyone! This is Joanne Lai, a Form Six student of St. Paul's Convent School, OSAr number 2321. It is my tremendous honour to work with my fellow 22nd EXCOs as the Finsec.

My life as an OSAr began when, still recovering from anxiety after the finalists' interview, ten or so of us were led into a conference room by three people dressed in suits, introduced to OSA, paid \$100 and became a member. Having been revealed

the prominence of the Association in Form Four when I was a participant of International Convergence 2007, I was overjoyed to have become an OSAr. Little did I know that I would eventually come to as far as this point, writing in the first issue of the 22nd EXCO newsletter as an EXCO member.

I recall working with my fellow 23rd OSAr as OCs of Interflow Camp 2008. The discussions among the group of brilliant minds were always vibrant, with crazy, creative ideas constantly popping up here and there. Though I relished every single moment preparing for the camp, it never occurred to me that I could further my OSAr experience by joining the EXCO. I am truly grateful to those who had encouraged me to make up my mind to run for the election. I recall delivering my speech by phone in Melbourne, where I was in when the Annual General Meeting was held. I recall receiving a long-distance call about the new EXCO, with me as the Financial Secretary. I remember feeling bizarre and bewildered, but exulted at the same time.

Three months have passed since that momentous August night. The nine of us, each with a unique role, all have ubiquitous learning opportunities. The quality of work demanded from us is intense. Striving to strike a balance between EXCO duties and school work is itself a valuable time-management practical lesson for all of us. Despite the pressure, the sense of accomplishment motivates us to endeavour and explore new possibilities. I recall how delighted I was receiving the first sponsorship cheque as if it was my first salary.

What is more important, of course, is our spirited team. Indeed, thanks to my beloved EXCO members, who are constantly supportive and tolerant. Problems are brought up among us and discussed candidly, evoking improvements to our teamwork as well as individual work. Striving to take care of the finest details, the nine of us pushes one another to our limits.

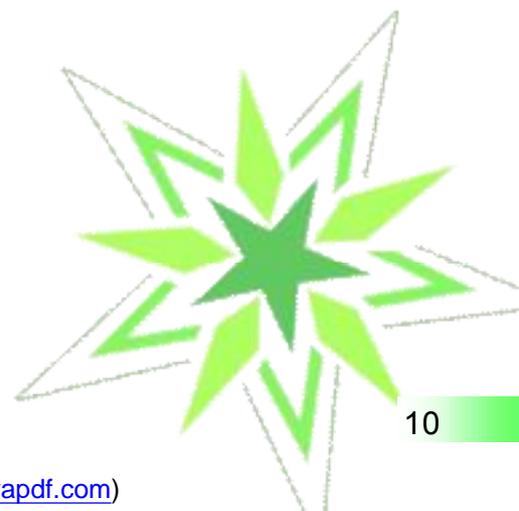
I will chair two external projects in the coming year, namely Youth Summit 2009 and our newly-introduced project related to the 60th Establishment of the People's



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Republic of China. It will undoubtedly be a great challenge for us to create the unprecedented project from scrap, not to mention the fact that these two projects will be held successively. Already I can smell the intensive workload and sleepless nights looming... and yet I am looking forward to shaping these two projects with my co-chairpersons.

It is truly an honour and a once-in-a lifetime experience working with my fellow EXCO members. With that in mind, I will continue to aim for the best and ensure no regrets. With the guidance of advisors and mutual support among the nine of us, we will endeavour pursue our aspirations and bring to you a most fruitful year along with hearty memories savoured for years to come!





Words from EXCOs



**Public Relations Officer
Joey Tang
(2338)**

Greetings! This is Joey Tang from King's College. It has been an immense honour to serve as the Public Relations Officer of the 22nd Executive Committee. I would like to take this opportunity to deliver my heartfelt gratitude to our advisors and OSARs who have been supporting me constantly during these three months since our inauguration.

10th August 2008 might just have been an ordinary summer day for all of you, but to me, it is the day when I got elected as the Public Relations Officer of OSA. Since then, I have committed to serve OSA and to cooperate with all other EXCO members in the coming session.

I heard of the name of the Hong Kong Outstanding Students' Association when I participated in the Volunteer Training Scheme 2005 in Form 2. At that time, I was deeply impressed by the professionalism of this distinguished Association. Feeling truly blessed, I was invited to join this big and warm family when I was in Form 5. Gathering the most brilliant students in Hong Kong, OSA is where I have forged strong and everlasting friendship, where I have realised and developed my potentials, and most importantly, where I have gained excellent insights into the importance of serving the community.

Time flies: It has been three months since I took up the role as the Public Relations Officer. Admittedly, being an EXCO member has never been easy. Nevertheless, it has enabled me to push myself to limits I have never realised that I could reach. Ranging from inviting honorary advisors to scheduling for the Bright Spark column, from calling up different external bodies and organisations to preparing press releases, these job duties have all been parts of my EXCO life. Together with Raphael and Jaime, I made my first move to be one of the PICs of the first external project – "International Convergence – The Crucible of Culture". Throughout the two months, we have been putting a lot of efforts in the preparation work, be it planning or implementing. Dated back to around the same period in 2006, I joined the "International Convergence 2006" as a participant and experienced a wide range of exciting and well-planned cultural activities. I now realise how much hard work that the devoted senior OSARs did behind the happiness and enjoyment of the participants. I must give tribute to all of the senior OSARs for constructing such a strong foundation for the association.

There were truly some stressful and frustrated moments in these three months though, especially when all things were at the starting line. Working for OSA and balancing school life at the same time is somehow challenging, but it is only through this process can I train up myself to have wise time management. Fortunately, with the support and assistance from my fellow EXCOs, we have overcome obstacles and accomplished quite a number of impossible tasks. All these moments are cherished deeply in my mind and in my heart. As an EXCO member, I pledge to devote myself fully in all my undertakings in OSA, so as not to let my fellow advisors and OSARs who have given me the opportunity to assume this significant role, down.

Availing myself of this opportunity again, may I wish our upcoming projects all the best. Let's bring our hands together to make this year another fruitful one for OSA!

P.S. Feel free to email me some Bright Spark articles of around 250 words if you are interested.



Words from EXCOs



**Social Services Officer
Whitney Too
(2339)**

Hi! I am Whitney Too, a Form 6 student studying at Hang Seng School of Commerce. It is absolutely my honour to serve the Association as its Social Services Officer. Once again, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all Honorary Advisors, Advisors and fellow OSAs, for granting me the opportunity to spice up my life through serving the Association.

I first came into contact with OSA when I downloaded the application form for Interflow Camp 2007. I was fascinated by the theme "Starring Teen Power" as I am addicted to music and performing arts. Thus, I grabbed a pen at once and filled it in.

I could still remember it was just less than one week before the deadline of handing in the application form. Therefore, I hurried to answer the questions and asked for my teacher's nomination. Unlike many friends from other schools who have participated in OSA external projects such as Youth Summit and Volunteer Training Scheme before, I filled in the last blank of the application form with "NIL". With little expectation of being elected, I got excited when I received the email from the PICs informing me that I was one of the campers. Full of anticipation, I looked forward to meeting new faces.

I was deeply impressed by the professionalism and passion of the members. Now, a year later, having joined the Award election, I am most blessed to have become part of this warm family. I first met my OSA friends during the final interview. They are all about my age, have a bright vision, and possess a playful character too. These OSAs made me understand that OSA is not only about gathering academically outstanding students, but also about bonding together outgoing and energetic people who are easy to get along with. Sincere thanks must be given to the principal of my previous school for extending my exposure outside school.

Given the chance to become actively engaged in the Social Services Project, OSA Camp and Interflow Camp 2008 in a row, not to mention the Annual Dinner and uncountable gatherings, my horizons have truly broadened after cooperating with my OSA friends. I am proud to say that we stayed with each other for almost the whole summer vacation, during which we spent countless hours together, which were probably more than those spent with our own family. Not only did the two camps in a row last for a whole week, all kinds of entertainment (such as playing mahjong and watching DVDs all day long!!!) filled up our schedule. I am not sure when we started the habit and trend of taking funny and stupid looking photos, but those we have taken since April are surely enough to publish a memorable album. I am certain that there will be sweet reminiscence of these moments when we look at the pictures again.

Having gained so much, I am greatly motivated to use my specialities to reimburse the group. However, to my dismay, I hesitated in becoming one of the EXCO candidates once I got accepted by my new school, a school renowned for its demanding school life. I was lost all of a sudden, and doubted my ability to maintain a balance between commitments in school and OSA work. Later, I built up my confidence after receiving endless support and guidance from fellow OSAs. I stepped out of my safety zone and gave it a try.

After being elected, we began meeting almost every weekend since late August, and EXCO meetings were LOTS OF fun! Our group is such an innovative group, which is obviously shown by the creation of the password for our gmail account. (Well, of course I cannot tell you what it is!) Here is where we share tears and laughter, burdens and joy. I will strive to do my very best to overcome challenges and help to make this year a remarkable one. Let's spice up the memories of this warm and lovely family with our dedication!



Words from EXCOs



**Internal Relations Officer
Jaime Fong
(2209)**

Greetings! This is Jaime Fong from St. Paul's Convent School. It is my very much honour to serve the Hong Kong Outstanding Students' Association this year as its Internal Relations Officer.

It was two years ago when I first got in touch with the OSA family while attending the 22nd OSAs Orientation Day. Granted with the opportunity to work with other OSAs by being a part of the Organising Committee of various internal and external projects, I was amazed by

the wit and professionalism they possessed. Working with OSAs has been such a fruitful and unforgettable experience for me.

Apart from the professionalism, what impressed me most was the strong bonding between OSAs. I was both surprised and deeply-touched by the unconditional care and support showed by my fellow OSAs. "連同學也許，從沒有這般的相處" This is one of my favourite lines from the song "回憶", which is the theme song for one of the Association's project, the Interflow Camp. Although this graceful piece was written especially for the I-Camp, the lyrics echo with my lovely memories in OSA. The genuine friendship I have established with other OSAs gave me the motivation to run for the Internal Relations Officer of the EXCO. It has been my sincere hope that I could contribute to the Association by strengthening the bondings between all OSAs, new and old, near and far. By offering an Inspiring, Rich in meaning and Original experience to our fellow OSAs, I aim to encourage all OSAs to possess a stronger sense of belonging towards OSA as their second family.

In the past two months, I tasted how hectic life can be as an OSA EXCO. We have meetings or phone conferences almost every day. There have been times when we encountered adversities and were frustrated, but the nine of us understood that we were working together as a team, and this team spirit helped us overcome these "low tides". Being one of the chairpersons of InCon this year and the Internal Relations Officer, I have experienced many "first-times", such as the first time to phone up consul-generals of different countries, to work together with students from different cultural backgrounds, to organise a mentorship programme for fellow OSAs and to approach people from different sectors of the society etc.

Blessed with the opportunity to be the IRO of this year's EXCO, I pledge to do my best to serve every single OSAs by bonding OSAs even closer together. A mentorship program will be launched, and a session for the re-recording of "回憶" will also be held during Christmas! Last but not least, I would like to sincerely ask for friendly support from every single one of you, since every single bit of effort counts in creating remarkable and indelible memories in OSA.



Words from EXCOs



Administrative Officer
Jeff Chan
(2304)

Greetings to all! I am Jeff Chan, currently a Form 6 student from Queen's College. It is my greatest honour to serve as Administrative Officer of the 22nd Executive Committee. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our advisors and my fellow OSARs for granting me a chance to devote myself to serve the Association.

Unlike most of my fellow EXCOS and OSARs, my OSA life only started off when I participated in the Interflow Camp 2007. I remember that it was Vincent, a member from the

20th EXCO, who encouraged me to join this activity at my school when I was preparing for my yearly exam. Having had no experience before, I was so scared to join at first, especially after seeing the challenging application form that I needed to fill in. Nonetheless, I handed in the form and was lucky enough to be accepted as a participant.

During the camp, I was deeply impressed by the professionalism of the Association. I was amazed by its efficient working style and the effective communication among the EXCOs and OCs. At the same time, I met a group of talented and friendly participants and OSARs. In retrospect, I am sure that I would be regretful if I hadn't joined the camp that summer.

My OSA story didn't just end after Icamp 07, however. I was fortunate enough to be nominated by my school to participate in the Award selection and I soon became a member of HKOSA. Never had I thought of being a member of the Executive Committee when I came out of the interview room and listened to the introductory presentation of the HKOSA by Horace, a member of the 21st EXCO. Facing so many intelligent, all-rounded students from different schools, I have to say, made me feel a bit afraid to be with them. Not until the wonderful days and nights I spent with my fellow OSARs in OSA camp and Icamp 08 did I realise how ignorant I had been when I didn't treasure the opportunities given to me to establish a strong bond between me and the 23rd OSARs. Thanks to them, by the end of the two camps, I turned from a shy and introverted guy to a strong enthusiast of the HKOSA who cares about its activities.

After helping out in organising the Interflow Camp 2008 and Annual Dinner, I found that the most invaluable asset of the Association is actually the inseparable bonding of different OSARs, regardless of their age, their character or the school they came from. Undoubtedly, OSA is the place where both a professional working style and everlasting friendships are found. After getting so much from OSA, I think that it is time for me to repay the Association with my own contributions.

Now, being an EXCO for more than two months, I have to admit that running an 'outstanding' organisation is never an easy job. Bearing the title 'OSA EXCO', we have to ensure that all the jobs done are of very high quality and that they stand out from the rest. To achieve this, we know we have to work extremely hard. Sleeping time is always sacrificed in order to meet deadlines. (I have to confess here to my fellow EXCOs: I am always one of the latest to meet deadlines.) One of the responsibilities of the Administrative Officer is to manage the official

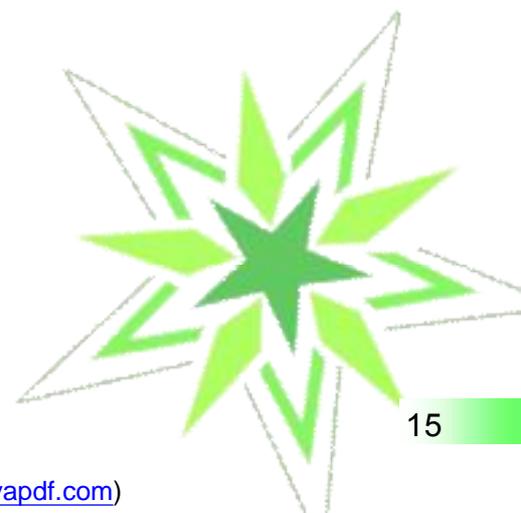


Words from EXCOs

website of the HKOSA. I am not very good at computer work, yet I still needed to try my best to learn how to use Dreamweaver to update the website when I was told to do so. I remember how terrified I was when I updated it the very first time, even when I just needed to replace a single html file. I would like to thank Annie, the AO of the 19th EXCO for teaching and helping me so much in the past few months. It is certainly an existing example to show how supportive our advisors are. I am certainly not going to miss out our lovely and careful President, Phoebe. A word of thanks to her for being picky in spotting out typos and tiny spacing problems after I finished the updating work.

Despite the tough and stressed working time, the fire of continuing to strive for the best is easily ignited when you have a group of considerate fellow EXCOs standing behind you. The past three months are not all about working non-stop. On top of this, I know more about my fellow EXCOs, which is essential for us to run the Association smoothly and to communicate effectively. To be honest, being a guy studying at a boys' school for five years, I was not very familiar with working and communicating with girls at first. Well, after countless meetings and phone conferences, I am very capable now. (In case you forget, there are 6 female EXCOs this year.) Although I am part of the gender minority, and also the EXCO who always writes terrible English, my fellow EXCOs do give me enormous support during these months. The close connection that we have bonded makes it easier to overcome the difficulties we have to face in the future.

This year, I will be one of the PICs of Volunteer Training Scheme 2009. With a thoughtful Zita and devoted Whitney, I am much motivated to make VTS a unique experience for the participants. With the earnest support of our Advisors, I look forward to cooperating with my 8 fellow EXCOs in the following months and doing my very best to serve the Association as well as the society. Here, may we strive for a fruitful and memorable year for the Association together!





The Annual Plan

Date	Programme
23 rd November 2008	Movie Appreciation & Walking Tour to Sham Shui Po 綜援・眾援
November 2008	International Convergence—The Crucible of Culture 國際薈萃
2 nd December 2008	Future Young Leaders' Forum 2008 明日領袖高峰論壇 2008
27 th December 2008	Christmas Gathering—Our Everlasting Song 傑生聖誕聚會
January 2009	Mentorship Programme I 傑生互勉計畫分享會(一)
February—March 2009	Volunteer Training Scheme 義工訓練計劃
March—April 2009	Hong Kong Youth Summit 香港青年高峰會
April 2009	24 th OSArS' Orientation Day 第二十四屆傑出學生迎新日
May—June 2009	Social Services Project for 24th OSArS 第二十四屆傑生社會服務計劃
July 2009	Summer Gathering 傑生夏日聚會
July 2009	Mentorship Programme II 傑生互勉計畫分享會(二)
July 2009	The Expo 2009
August 2009	22 nd Anniversary Annual Dinner 第二十二屆周年晚會
August 2009	23 rd Annual General Meeting 第二十三屆周年大會
August 2009	Hong Thai Tour for Academically Outstanding Students 康泰狀元萬里行



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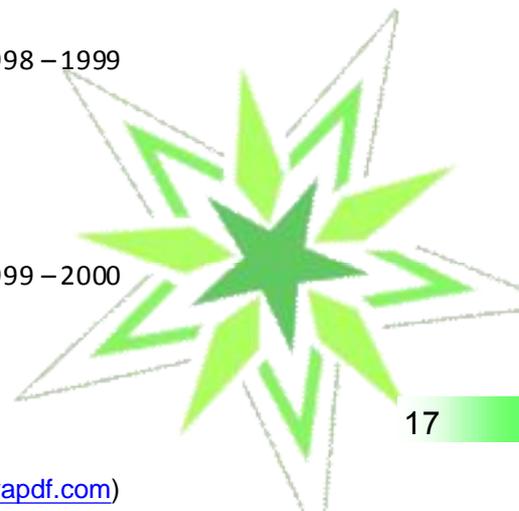
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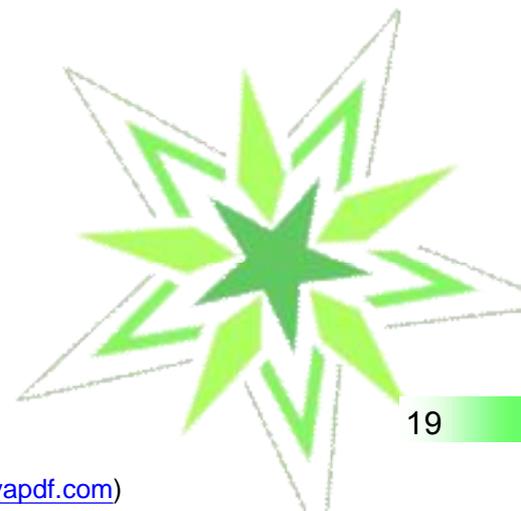
Advisors to 22nd EXCO

The 22nd Executive Committee would like to seize this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude towards all the advisors (as listed below) for their unwavering dedication to our Association and the 21st EXCO's Work.

We look forward to working together with all the advisors in the coming year.

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1229	Mr. TIEN, Kei Rui Keith
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2020	Ms. LAU, Joanne

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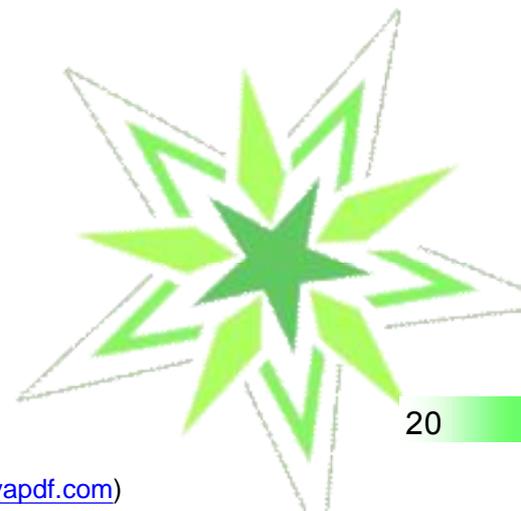
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