

# The BEARER

Vol.1



*Happy 20th Birthday  
HKOSA!*



A 20TH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PRODUCTION

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*Dear OSArS,*

The 20<sup>th</sup> ExCo would like to welcome you to the first newsletter of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

All OSA Traditions start with a good idea – our very own four external projects are a result of the hard work of former ExCos and the tradition of hosting each of them every year, including International Convergence, which only began last year, is testament to what great ideas the projects were.

As you all know, this year heralds the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of HKOSA – a time to celebrate these traditions but also to start some new ones. Thus, in the spirit of tradition, the 20<sup>th</sup> ExCo would like to continue a fine idea begun by last year's ExCo by presenting the first of three newsletters this year – The Bearer, with its three sections “Borne”, “Bearings” & “Unbearables”, all ‘bearing’ the theme of “Celebrating Traditions” as a start to our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It is our sincerest hope that “The Bearer” will become a hallmark tradition of the HKOSA, bringing news to OSArS all around the world.



Just to briefly explain for OSArS who did not read last year's newsletter: the word “bear” means OSA in Spanish, as we discovered after the commencement of International Convergence – thus, the “Bearer” of news, is a fitting name to OSA's newsletter. The first section “Borne” means “to be given birth to” and includes introductory words from our newly-inducted ExCo members. The second, “Bearings” meaning directions will tell you about our annual plan and direction for this sessional year and the final section “Unbearables” will share with you some of the light moments that we have had this year.

Since the conclusion of the Christmas Extravaganza Celebrations (which you can read about here!), the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations have begun – it is a time to celebrate 20 years of inspiration and service to our community. We sincerely hope that you will join us whenever possible and share with us how it is that the HKOSA had an impact upon your life. So without further ado, please enjoy our newsletter and enjoy the spirit of Celebrating Traditions!

**The 20<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee**  
**Hong Kong Outstanding Students' Association**



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## —The Executive Committee —



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## —Words From The ExCo —



**President  
Felix Yam**  
(2138)

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**GREETINGS OSARS!** I'm Felix Yam from Diocesan Boys' School, OSA number: 2138. I'm the President of 20<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee. I haven't expected that I would be writing this piece at all before the day I was elected. The past few months have simply been a roller-coaster ride since the commencement of my term in August. And now as I look back, I don't know where to start.

My very first knowledge of HKOSA dates back to my Form 4 year, when one of my seniors Calvin Chung, (1907) told me to apply for Youth Summit 2005. Not knowing he was the External Secretary of the 18<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee, I went to YS 2005 not knowing what to expect. Yet after YS, I realized that HKOSA is a professional student organization that gathers the brightest minds in Hong Kong. It was the ExCos, the OCs, the participants who all expressed each of their own inspiring ideas and utmost enthusiasm that amazed me. Yet, due to my low participation in YS (due to clash with music competitions), HKOSA soon vanished from my life.

To be frank, I didn't expect to hear from HKOSA during my form 5 year. I was too busy preparing HKCEE, and it was only when a few seniors advised me to apply for the Hong Kong Outstanding Students' Award, that HKOSA appeared again in my life. Actually, I was not aware that being a top forty finalist automatically granted you membership to the HKOSA. I was surprised when I was pushed in a room after the hectic interview, to see three students in black suits, which immediately reminded me that I've seen people dress up like this before. Then I realized by signing a piece of paper and paying a hundred dollars, I had just become a member of the Hong Kong Outstanding Students' Association. I remembered the Exco saying, "You're an OSAr now!" yet I was wondering "What's an OSAr?" in my head. The most confusing part at the briefing was that I was asked to pretend to be a "qing miu" at the photo taking. What is qing miu? Why the funny gestures? At that moment, the cost of being an OSAr was just a hundred dollars. I couldn't even link up YS with HKOSA, nor did I realize that after my CE exams, there was the exhilarating Social Services Project and the extraordinary Interflow Camp. At that moment, I was just surprised that the interview included my membership in HKOSA.

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*What is qing miu?  
Why the funny gestures?*

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My favorite movie character Vito Corleone from *Godfather* once said "Every man has but one destiny." And I believe so. I was destined to fall into HKOSA. After my CE exams, I was

looking for something to fill in the empty spaces on my schedule. It was then I received an e-mail telling to be an OC in I-camp. I remember asking my mom about it, as the Orientation Day clashed with my trip to the States. Yet it was Bryan Kam (2015) that lured me into that “trap”.

He called me the night before my last CE exam, saying, “Hi, would you like to be an Organizing Committee for Interflow Camp?”

I replied frankly, “Not sure, might not be here on the first day. One question, am I the only one from DBS?”

He answered, “Yeh, you’re the only guy from DBS, so you should be one.” I thought for a second, and decided that for my school’s sake, why not give it a shot and became an OC and an ambassador.

Soon I got another e-mail. This time about Social Services Project. I thought to myself, since I’ve got into I-camp, I have to go through this as well, or else I won’t know anyone by I-camp. Therefore, I got into SSP.

SSP introduced me to new OSArS (whom I felt knew OSA much more than I did) and I started to enjoy myself with these new people. It always feels different to work with people outside school, and these outstanding students aren’t just high-achievers but fun teenagers to hang out with.

Interflow Camp was the main reason why I wanted to run for Exco. For God-knows-what reasons, I felt that I learnt a lot throughout I camp and it was somewhere I could fully utilize my talents and at the same time learn from other OCs. I simply felt that OSA is somewhere I could really contribute to and learn from. And thus, at the Annual General Meeting, I stepped up to run for Exco, and the result was quite unexpected again...

Well, I remember walking out of La Salle College around 5 a.m. in the morning, half-conscious on a taxi, and arriving home around 5:30 a.m. I didn’t need the keys to the house for my mother opened the door. She was indeed furious. Not saying a word, she sat back in the living room, staring at the TV just like my dad was doing so. We exchanged eyes, my parents and I, and I could only see anger, not a single concern about how the election went, nor whether I had eaten anything since last night. It was a funny scene, I must say, to get back home tired and exhausted, yet your parents wanting to tear you into two for being REALLY REALLY late back home. I pulled myself to the bathroom and looked into the mirror.

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“*Good morning,  
Mr. President.*”

“Good morning, Mr. President. Your very first day...” I said to myself.

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Alright, that was the times before being President. After that fateful AGM, I had to pick up my job as a President one by one. First, the e-mails... They are really a pain. Thank God we have Gmail. Then, the exco meetings... I must admit it took me a while to fully grasp how to chair a

meeting. And of course... managing excos and interacting with advisors... this was really something I had never tried before.

Indeed, learning takes time. One by one, I sleep later and later than before... One by one, I delete my e-mails from my junk-mail filled [president@osa.org.hk](mailto:president@osa.org.hk) account... one by one... I start to understand the whole OSA system. Meetings after meetings, midnight conferences after midnight conferences, International Convergence 2006 was successfully completed. It's difficult to calculate the number of days I have spent after school waiting at DBS for a guest/participants to arrive for a session. I also remember skipping lessons to attend consulate interviews or prepare after school sessions. What I remember most vividly, is the preparation times before each function, when I have to climb and up and down to put up decorations and run around the school searching for tapes, scissors, cutters or even bamboo sticks.

That was the first function which I deem successful for the nine of us. It is the first function and I must say there isn't much to criticize on. The little gap between Christmas Gathering "Rekindle" and InCon was Future Young Leaders' Forum. To me, it was an experience of a lifetime. Imagine yourself on a stage in front of 2000 students same age as you are, and you're trying to teach them "qing miu" dance. Sounds crazy? Well, I've done that and I've done it in front of our Secretary of Justice, Mr. Wong Yan-Lung. Good thing I wasn't one of the dancers, but as the instructor and singer, it was a absolutely exhilarating experience.

Next we had the Christmas Gathering "Rekindle"... To comment on that, there is a lot of room of improvement. But I was glad to see some of the past participants whom I knew some of them. It was a cheerful re-union night for most of them. To me, the best part I loved was cooking chocolate to make chocolate fountains for approximately 80 to 100 people. It was just funny to serve chocolate marshmallows in a school hall.

Well... the above was only a few brief comments I have on the past activities (the word "past" makes it seem like a few years ago...), yet I do actually have a lot of to reflect on them. However, I leave this to my dearest PICs, whom I think is in a better position to talk about their projects.

I choose not to comment individually on my dearest, as our previous President and OSA legend, Karl Chan (2004) has done. I will do that in the last newsletter for sure, but for now, I would like to say a few words to them as a group.

It is never easy to manage people who are superior to you, and for someone who has a temper like a volcano, I must thank you all for tolerating me. I am demanding because I believe together the nine of us can accomplish any task. Thus, the 20<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee needs every single of you. No matter what you say, what gags you mention, what outrageous ideas you have, share it together and I'm sure the mix-and-match of the nine of us will be the strongest in the history of HKOSA. I do regret that we lack entertainment time together, except card games between me and Bryce and I hope that we may have more exco gatherings in the coming months. Just do reply my text messages and e-mails... I'm bad at typing so I'm slow... so please reply, my friends?

"The Best is Yet to Come" Let's prove it, my ExCos.



**Vice President  
Bryce Kam  
(2014)**

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**HELLO OSARS!** I am Bryce Kam (2014), from German Swiss International School, Vice President of this year's Executive Committee.

Two years ago, I first came into contact with OSA by participating in the Student Leaders of Tomorrow Scheme 2005 – although two years later, the lack of sleep has hazed my memories of the scheme, I came out with the impression that there was no other organization as friendly, professional or just as downright awe-inspiring as OSA. Last year, having served as External Secretary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee, I decided that letting go would be too difficult and thus, I stand here today with the privilege of addressing you as a member of the 20<sup>th</sup> ExCo.

One year and six months ago, I was a very different person. Relaxed, cheerful, carefree and fun-loving – indeed that was how everyone knew Bryce (2014) then. Now, I'm still many of those things, but I have grown a great deal and now have the pleasure of serving as Vice President to the Twentieth ExCo.

Being an ExCo member has not been easy. However, it has allowed me to push myself to limits I had never known I could reach. This year, together with Felix, I have been working closely with PICs to realize each of the projects. It has not been an easy task and certainly I have met many obstacles. But together, I believe our Twentieth Executive Committee will be able to brave the storm and bring OSA to even newer heights!

Many people have asked me how being an ExCo has been. Evidently, the ExCo experience cannot be captured in words, but there are a few things that can be said: Serving as an ExCo member involves two extremes. At one end there is the once-in-a-lifetime experience, of organizing overwhelming and impossible projects and somehow managing, of enjoying long meetings at night, of unforgettable laughter and fun and ultimately making friendships that will last many lifetimes. At the other end there is anxiety, worry that a program will go wrong, that a guest won't turn up and worst of all, sleepless nights to the extent that a teacher catches you falling asleep in class.

Nonetheless, OSA is truly a delightful place, where everlasting friendships can be made and I hope that no matter where you are, OSA will remain to you a second family, as it has done so with me.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Advisors and OSARs for their steadfast support and hope that you will bless us with your presence whenever you can.

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*Making friendships that  
will last many lifetimes.*

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More importantly, however, I would like to thank all my ExCo members for their dedication and unwavering support – the fact that we have telephone conferences at 2AM in the night and that my mobile phone minutes are now some \$900 over limit is testament to the dedication that my fellow members have put into OSA – so Thank You!

Actualize to Belief, Converge to Diversify – I wish you the most happy belated Chinese New Year and success in the coming year! As Felix has said, the Best Is Yet to Come and as we step into our second half year, I assure you, we will continue to do our best to inspire students to greater heights.

Oh, and of course, Happy 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday, OSA!



**Internal Secretary**  
**Jamilla Li**  
(2127)

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**HELLO EVERYONE!** I am Jamilla, a Form Six student currently studying at Diocesan Girls' School. To be able to serve OSA as Executive Committee member, on its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary no less, is one of the greatest honors for me. The past months working for OSA has been an amazing experience – amazingly hectic but also amazingly fulfilling.

Trivial lessons learnt include how to write a break-neck high speed to match the super quick thinking of my fellow Exco members, how to win the battles against alignments and bullets in typing up the meeting minutes, and how to catch some sleep in class without the teacher noticing. Oh, and not to mention

that the Internal Secretary is probably the only one to match the Internal Relations Officer's ability to recall OSAr numbers.

Of course, there are always the more important lessons to be learnt. Having managed two gatherings this year (and made a lot mistakes along the way), I have learnt many lessons on leadership, organization skills and promotion of a project.

Perhaps the most important lesson of all, is that *you'll never walk alone*. At this juncture, I'd like to thank my fellow OSArS, who faithfully come to support our projects, whether as organizing committee members or simply participants of a gathering. You are truly the people behind our successes.

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“ *You'll never walk alone.* ”

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And of course, I must also thank my fellow ExcOs, who share all my joys, pains, as well as consequences for my stupidity, and come flying to my rescue every time I have a problem. The Chinese proverb says that *when three*

*people walk together, there must be a teacher for me.* My fellow ExcOs, you are outstanding in so many ways there are lessons to be learnt working with any and every one of

you.

That said, I must also express my gratitude to our advisors, as well as other senior OSAr, for their profound capacity to tolerate our juvenile mistakes, give us heartwarming encouragements, and dish out sound advice all at the same.

The biggest project I'll be chairing this year, together with Lillian and Angela, will be the Hong Kong Youth Summit and I look forward to making it a great project with much anticipation.

With seven more months on our term, three more external projects and tons of 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations to go, this year will be full of even more exciting challenges. So bring on 2007!



**External Secretary**  
**Vincent Chiu**  
(2011)

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**GREETINGS!** This is Vincent Chiu, a Form Six student from Queen's College, OSAr number 2011. It's been my pleasure to serve as External Secretary for the 20<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee.

To give a better picture of myself, I would like to first share my interests and aspirations with you. Like many OSAr, I'm a music lover. In addition to playing instruments like the piano, the flute and the recorder, I'm also fond of singing a variety of songs, including classical pieces and Cantopop. (Of course, I'm not as professional as our President!) Also, I take part in both Chinese and English debating and I appear on stage in various inter-school debating tournaments.

Aside from these interests, I have a strong aspiration to study abroad for an undergraduate degree in Economics. By now I've gone through all the application processes and I'm looking forward to hearing good news and following the steps of many successful senior OSAr in the States.

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*The steps of many successful senior OSAr.*

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As an Executive Committee member, I am and will be responsible for several projects this year, namely Volunteer Training Scheme 2007 (VTS), OSA Anniversary Day and the Annual Dinner. VTS, with the theme 'To Feel and Heal', comprises workshops, service planning, adventure based training and service projects designated for Forms 2 to 3 students and aims at promoting volunteer work, team communication skills and above all, friendship and understanding among the participants. I truly cannot wait for the launch of the Scheme and allowing many to make a difference to our society as well as become the leaders of tomorrow.

Stepping into its 20<sup>th</sup> year in Hong Kong, our Association has been playing an important

role in the community, among students all over the region and in OSAr's lives. It's such a milestone that we must joyfully celebrate and mark its significance. On OSA Anniversary Day, our members will take part in a tree-planting ceremony. Those budding seedlings will serve as perfect symbols for our Association when they grow and become tall trees flourishing in the breeze.

Availing myself of this opportunity, I would like to thank my fellow OSAr's for your unfailing support for the Association in the recent two decades. The 20<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee, together with all OSAr's, is gladly celebrating the big birthday of the Association and as a member of the ExCo, I will strive to unfold another calendar with both exhilarating and memorable events!



**Financial Secretary**  
**Joanne Lau**  
(2020)

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**HI! I AM JOANNE LAU**, a student at the Li Po Chun United World College. OSA has become a big part of my life in these past few months. So many things have happened, but some moments have particularly stood out.

I remember the first meeting we had. It ended at 5 – in the morning. In OSAr's language, I became the "Finsec". I remember feeling immensely honoured, proud to be given the chance to serve.

I remember the moment the nine of us had our inauguration photo taken. We were dressed in our uniforms for the first time.

As we stood together and smiled at the camera, I could visualize OSA's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary unfolding before us.

I remember working in October. The International Convergence was just around the corner. Things were getting hectic. We wanted to add new elements to our activities. Time was tight. I could never forget the mid-night phone calls and sleepless nights with Vicky and Angela. I could never forget the passion that everyone showed.

November. Finally, the International Convergence arrived. I remember the first time I met our participants. I was sitting at the registration table. They looked kind of lost, but all the same, excited. I remember the last day of InCon, the Closing Banquet. As they talked about the language, culture, history of their countries, we could recall the language sessions, cooking sessions, dance sessions and visits they had. We could tell how much they had learnt. Actually, not just them, we could tell how much we had learnt.

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There were certainly frustration and stressful times in the past few months, but it has

always been a true honour to be part of the 20<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee. With the guidance of advisors and the mutual support among Exco members, I am sure that we will continue to bring wonderful experience and memories to you all!



**Public Relations Officer**  
**Vicky Lam**  
(2121)

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**12<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2006** may just have been an ordinary day during the summertime to a lot of you, but it was that day that transformed my e-mail signature from a short and simple “Vicky Lam (2121)” to the tediously long “LAM, Vicky, Public Relations Officer, 20<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee, Hong Kong Outstanding Students’ Association”.

Currently studying at Li Po Chun United World College of Hong Kong, I first came in contact with HKOSA two years ago at the Hong Kong Youth Summit 2005. Not only was the event a great opportunity for me to meet many students about my age who had a bright vision, but it also truly impressed upon me how great HKOSA was. Yet, it was not until 10 months ago that I really became a part of the OSA family. The pleasure I derive in serving as a member of the Executive Committee when OSA is celebrating her 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary is simply beyond words.

Forgive the following cliché, but time really flies, especially after I became an ExCo member. Our first external project “International Convergence 2006” has already become history for 3 months (even though the memories & friendships & knowledge will last forever!); even the most recently-held event “Rekindle” is already one-month-old, and most importantly (and sadly), all nine of us have been sleep deprived for approximately half a year already... \*sobs\*.

Together with Joanne and Angela, I made my first move in the 20<sup>th</sup> year of OSA by serving as one of the PICs of “International Convergence 2006”. From climbing all the way to the Thai Temple situated in the middle-of-nowhere for a visit, to e-mailing and speaking to the secretaries of different Consulate-Generals to confirm arrangements, to conferencing with other PICs, Felix and Bryce using the N-person conference call function of Bryce’s mighty cell phone which resulted in a \$890 mobile phone bill in October, we made a great deal of effort to compile the whole project. The ExCos’ ‘supernatural powers’ were once again demonstrated in “Rekindle”, which was actually created and planned within just a fortnight. Jamilla and I surely had the most un-wasted Christmas holidays together \*winkz\*.

Although it is indeed very true that working for OSA and at the same time balancing school and social life brings me immense frustration sometimes, the working experience, the friendships and the sense of success over the commencement of a task are also included in the ExCo package. Nonetheless, I deeply treasure the times when

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the nine of us gather together, no matter what we are doing, because at all times, laughter is guaranteed by a few individual's extremely broken gags!

Dearest ExCos, thank you so much for helping out in so many different ways! I am especially grateful to those who are not PICs but eased our workload during InCon and Rekindle. For example, Vincent helping us to book the school hall for a few times and Hywel becoming the temporary CFO (Chief Food Officer)!

Thanks must also be given to fellow OSAs, who showed their continuous support by becoming organizing committee members of various projects and joining our gatherings! Advisors, I must also thank you for providing insightful comments and suggestions to our work. I understand that I did disappoint you at times, but I'll strive for my best to improve in the remaining half year!

P.S. Please feel free to email me "Bright Spark" articles of around 300-350 words that will be published on Young Post weekly if you are interested!!!! THANKS!!!!



**Social Services Officer**  
**Hywel Wong**  
(2135)

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**AS I FLIPPED THROUGH** pages of my organizer, it was absolutely remarkable to realize how much space had been dedicated to a three-letter word that, at this moment, is still deeply engraved on my mind. Hywel Wong (2135) from King's College knows it all. Outside the organizer and in the real world such space means much more than a few lines; the past five months have truly taken my OSA experience to an unprecedented level in my role as Social Services Officer

And look at how much the 20<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee has accomplished in such a short period of time since its inauguration! The first external project, International Convergence 2007, kicked off with a variety of elements added, bringing positive feedback and rewarding results. Moreover, I particularly appreciate unwavering hard work the ExCo and past project participants' put into World Heart Day which proved to be a meaningful event. The Future Young Leaders' Forum served as an excellent platform for our members to exchange their leadership views and bring out the essence of the Association song via dance. Reuniting the members and past project participants of a diverse community has also been actualized in the Mid-autumn service project and gathering, as well as in the two Christmas celebrations.

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All these events would not have been possible without the devotion and concerted efforts of the 20<sup>th</sup> ExCo. I myself have grown so much with these eight distinctive personalities that made me learn how to prioritize my working schedule and make prompt decisions.

Differences in opinions, attitudes and viewpoints have gradually been narrowed after lots of ExCo meetings and many more unofficial get togethers. Despite my occasional absent-mindedness and oblivion of the not-so-funny remarks, I have truly enjoyed fulfilling my duty as the substitute “Chief Food Officer” and pretending to be listening while writing on a birthday card underneath the table or on top of the agenda – and of course as SSO.

Asking advisors and past ExCo members incessant questions has also become a habit of mine. Hereby I would like to pay tribute to the advisors, in particular last year’s ExCo and the invincible Puctoe family (we rock!), for their guidance and support. Your concern and care for the Association’s betterment have always encouraged me to strive for outstanding achievements. The connection among OSArS of all ages is simply inspiring.

As we move on, there are challenges ahead that will guarantee greater sleep debt and fewer playing hours. Yet I believe the 20<sup>th</sup> ExCo will make full use of every opportunity in our endeavour to benefit local students and society as a whole. With a thoughtful and playful PIC partner (Vincent) and an apt organizing committee by my side, I am much motivated to make the upcoming project, Volunteer Training Scheme 2007, a great experience for the participants – let VTS unfold!

“Actualize to Believe, Converge to Diversify”, the theme of our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, remains one of the core values on my ExCo journey. Let us make it happen. May I wish all of you a wonderful year in which dreams can be found and realized!



**Internal Relations Officer**  
**Angela Ho**  
(2113)

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**GREETINGS FROM ANGELA**, Internal Relations Officer of the 20<sup>th</sup> ExCo. Time flies, and it has already been 5 months since I became a part of the 20<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee.

In this short period of time, I have already been a PIC of International Convergence 2006 as well as our Christmas Internal Gathering, Relive. It definitely isn’t easy at all, taking care of internal relations, especially the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary festivities and at the same time dealing with the external project.

I never realized, before the heaviness of the workload of a “PIC” until having served as one during International Convergence 2006. Basically I was everybody. I was a gardener, taking care of the plants for souvenirs of guests; I was a careless master of ceremonies who lost my script halfway through the program. I was a video producer who somehow managed to shorten a 15-hour long video into 10 minutes within a single night. I was a contact person who made phone calls and received phone calls day and night. I was the janitor who moved the desks and chairs in place. It was no doubt tough, but

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*“Times flies, and it has  
already been 5 months.”*

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each and every bit of my effort became truly worthwhile when I saw the lovely smiles on the participants' faces, the insight the guests brought to them, their positive comments and feedback, and the hugs they gave each other at the final banquet. Undoubtedly, the excellent work of Joanne, Vicky and other ExCos should not be omitted. Let me hereby express my gratitude to them for their unfailing support and their tolerance to my ill-temperedness and mistakes.

Promoting internal relations is by no means easier. Not only did I have to plan gatherings, update contacts as well as book venues, I find myself very much engaged in the catering industry. After a series of preparation of food at Jamilla's home before the mid-autumn festival gathering, I simulated the work of a professional waitress at the Relive – when I helped order a different set dinner for each OSAr present and delivered the meals to them without delay. I would very much like to continue this service at the Chinese New Year gathering. We are planning to organize a service at the elderly centre, where we can cook with the aged, which will definitely be challenging yet fun for all OSArS!

Other than that, coming up will be the OSA day, 22<sup>nd</sup> OSArS Orientation Day, and the Annual Dinner. Please do take the chances to renew the OSA spirit in its 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday!



**Administrative Officer**  
**Lillian Cham**  
(2101)

*Lillian Cham*

**GREETINGS TO ALL!** This is Lillian Cham, the Administrative Officer of the 20<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee. I'm currently a F6 student at Diocesan Girls' School.

The past few months have indeed been magical and rewarding. Remembering how distant we had been when we first met during the interview and the orientation day, I marvel at how the 9 of us have come together in these few months and cooperated to organize our first of the four projects, as well as other internal gatherings and services.

I am indeed very proud of my fellow ExCos, who have strived and did their best to make the projects fun and rewarding for everyone, and to make everything flawless and smooth. In these few months, the 9 of us have known each other better and have united to strive to continue the OSA spirit and flame. Although each one of us has a busy and hectic school life and the past few months have been stressful and difficult, each one of us has shown commitment and dedication and made effort to give OSA our highest priority. Albeit the toiling and strenuous work, I believe our efforts have been fully rewarded as the participants have all enjoyed our activities and found them fulfilling. In addition, we have broadened our horizons, learnt many useful and valuable lessons in life, and weaved lifelong friendships while having fun with each other. I have indeed enjoyed working along

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with my fellow outstanding executive committee members with outstanding characters, and have learnt from each and every one of them. It is undoubtedly a very precious learning experience and a memory that I will cherish in my heart.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all advisors and senior OSAs for their guidance, and the organizing committee of different projects and our sub-committee for their enthusiasm and devotion towards our projects.

Needless to say, I would also like to thank my fellow executive committee members for their support and tolerance. Together, I'm sure that we will be able to reach beyond our limits and make our remaining projects meaningful and worthwhile for each participant.

With unity and dedication, we will be able to work towards a common goal and actualize our beliefs and dreams, reaching out to different secondary school students in Hong Kong and making OSA a most memorable experience for them.

*With unity and dedication, we will be able...*



## ---The Annual Plan---

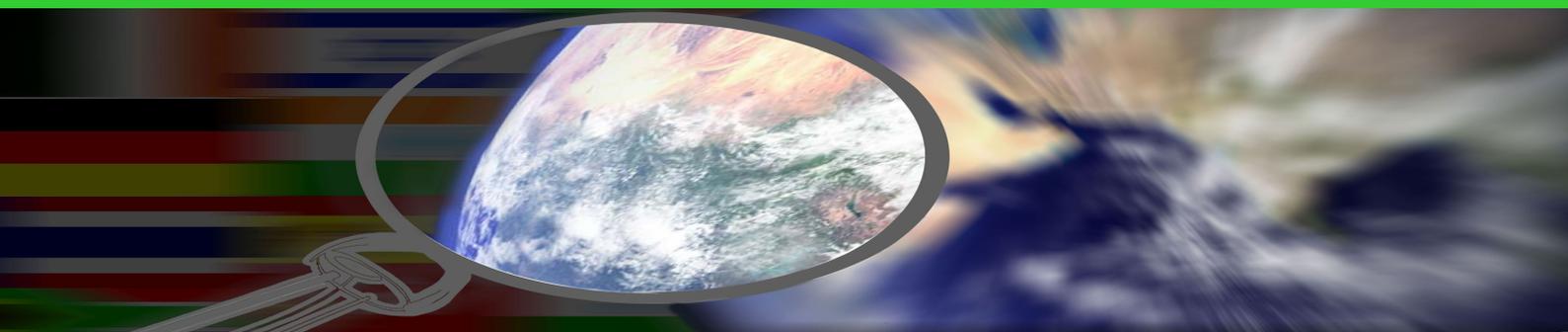
Date	Programme
30 <sup>th</sup> September 2006	Mid-Autumn Service Project and Gathering 中秋服務計劃及傑生中秋聚會
8 <sup>th</sup> October 2006	World Heart Day 世界心臟日
6 <sup>th</sup> November 2006	Future Young Leaders' Forum 明日領袖高峰論壇
November 2006	International Convergence 國際薈萃
28 <sup>th</sup> December 2006	External Christmas Extravaganza Celebration 傑生聖誕聯歡會
29 <sup>th</sup> December 2006	Internal Christmas Extravaganza Celebration 傑生聖誕聯歡會
Feb – Apr 2007	Volunteer Leadership Training Scheme 明日義工領袖訓練計劃
April 2007	22 <sup>nd</sup> OSAr's Orientation Day 第二十二屆傑出學生迎新日
Mar – Apr 2007	Hong Kong Youth Summit 香港青年高峰會
Jun – Jul 2007	Social Services Project for 21 <sup>st</sup> OSAr's 第二十二屆傑生社會服務計劃
June 2007	OSA Day 香港傑出學生協會日
July 2007	Interflow Camp 主題交流營
July 2007	Service Tour 傑生社會服務交流團
August 2007	20 <sup>th</sup> Grand Annual Dinner 週年晚會
August 2007	22 <sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting 第二十二屆週年大會
August 2007	HongThai Tour for Academically Outstanding Students 康泰狀元行

# BEARINGS

## *International Convergence 2006*

“ A group of bright students, truly understanding different cultures and wow, through such special ways. Nothing could be better! ”

Guest Speaker, International Convergence 2006



**Day 1 Oct 29**  
Cultural Experience Fortnight  
**Day 2 Nov 05**  
Movie & Song Appreciation Week  
Cultural Project Week  
**Banquet Nov 18**

**International  
convergence**  
OUR GLOBE IN FOCUS • 2006

Organized by the Hong Kong Outstanding Students' Association



The International Convergence 2006, the first external project hosted in the Association's 20th anniversary, has proven to be a very auspicious beginning. Under the theme "Our Globe in Focus", the International Convergence 2006 brought together 70 top students from 27 schools around Hong Kong, who engaged in a comprehensive and interesting study of 7 different countries, culminating in a spectacular final banquet.

The project is a multicultural-experience scheme that aims to promote the understanding of cultural diversity and international cooperation through the learning and understanding of different countries' unique cultures. The emphasis, however, of the project is "experience", with the participants not only learning about the history, language and current affairs of

their given countries, but also undergoing a unique series of cultural visits and experiences that broadened their understanding of their countries' culture in a dynamic way.



Meeting the  
Spanish Consul General

|| InCon 2006 ||

# BEARINGS

Throughout the scheme, the participants underwent unique cultural experiences, ranging from cooking sessions, to temple/church visits, to dance and music workshops, to interviews with the Consul Generals of the seven countries represented – Germany, India, Israel, Mexico, South Africa, Spain and Thailand.

In addition, workshops were held to educate the participants on various topics such as globalization and international cooperation. The scheme culminated with a closing banquet, in which the participants presented their cultural experiences and conversed with representatives from the various consulates of the countries in Hong Kong.

Following the success of the inaugural International Convergence last year, the 20th Executive Committee further enlarged the scale of the project, adding a country, increasing the duration to three and a half weeks, the number of participants, the scope of the visits and even the addition of a Movie Appreciation Week, where participants were treated to one of their countries' famous movies and given an appreciation from a Guest Advisor to the project.



Indian Group Visit to  
The Khalsa Diwan Sikh Temple

Moreover, with the projects' emphasis on cultural exchange, the participants were exposed to many nationals from their given countries, including students from the Li Po Chun United World College of HK, Guest Advisors from cultural associations in Hong Kong, dance instructors, consulate representatives and even the Consul Generals of each of the countries! It is hoped that through this project, participants gained a deeper understanding of the importance of cultural diversity and global cooperation.

## Project Chairpersons

Angela HO  
Vicky LAM  
Joanne LAU

Closing Ceremony  
Grand Parade

Cooking Session  
For Germany Group



# BEARINGS

## SNAPSHOTS



## *Christmas Extravaganza Celebrations: REKINDLE*



### *“Rekindling Friendship”*

As part of OSA’s Christmas Extravaganza Celebrations, the Christmas gathering *Rekindle*, open to all OSAs and past participants of OSA projects, was held on 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2006 at Queen’s College.

*Rekindle* proved to be an unforgettable night filled with delicious food, hilarious drama, familiar songs, and most important of all, rekindled friendships. The entire hall was beautifully decorated with hand-made ornaments. Christmas lights were spread across the ceiling and a tall Christmas tree, where participants message cards written with their New Year wishes were hung, stood in the middle of the hall.

The gathering started off with the “classic” OSA ice-breaking game. Games that had been played in many of OSA’s past events were once again enjoyed by all the participants. This was then followed by a drama which was prepared and acted by past ambassadors. It tells a story of Chris, a past Interflow Camp participant, trying to

hold a reunion with her groupmates after a few years, at the same time recalling all the sweet and sour memories and friendships developed from this 3-day-2-night camp that lingered on to her life forever.

Afterwards, participants were treated to a delectable buffet meal. Everyone had a good time enjoying the delicious food, especially the chocolate fountain that we prepared while catching up with their friends and groupmates, relishing the days they spent together during OSA projects.

After a while, they all turned their attention to the screen, where a specially-prepared video clip of past OSA external projects were played. Everybody was given the chance to savor the memories of their own unique OSA experience once again.

The highlight of the evening came in the form of a campfire, symbolic of the rekindled friendships among participants. Following a most impressive

start to the session with a firebrand sliding down from the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor to the firewood placed in the middle of the courtyard that lit up the campfire, participants quickly learnt all kinds of exciting campfire songs and dances. The roaring fire raised spirits to a high and everyone enjoyed themselves immensely.

More singing continued during the karaoke session. Past ambassadors and organizing committee members sang pop songs on-stage, while participants joined in the performances every now and then.

The most touching moment of the night came when each participant's candle, symbolizing rekindled friendships and memories, lit up the hall. The hall was immediately surrounded with a heart-warming atmosphere. Last but not least, the night was concluded with a thrilling lucky draw.

We hope that all participants have enjoyed themselves thoroughly during the Christmas Celebration. The 20<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee was definitely happy to see so many OSAs and OSA Friends, who we haven't seen for ages.

We would like to express our gratitude to all organizing committee members for helping out with the entire night's programme and most importantly, to thank each and every participant who attended our gathering. On a concluding note, we hope that you will forever treasure the friendships you have managed to rekindle at *Rekindle*.

#### **Project Chairpersons**

Vicky LAM

Jamilla LI

## *The Performances*



## *The Friendship*



## *The Fire*



## SNAPSHOTS



## *Christmas Extravaganza Celebrations: RELIVE*

As part of the OSA Christmas Extravaganza Celebrations, “Relive” – the Internal Gathering was held on 29th December 2006. The gathering took place at the Paris Café in Wanchai and involved a night of lively games, food and chattering.

Among a number of activities, one of the highlights was an OSA quiz, where OSArS had to divide themselves into small groups of different years without speaking. This was achieved by our ‘outstanding’ OSArS without difficulty, except one OSAr who cleverly mistook 21 as 12!

Subsequently, each group competed in an “OSA Quiz”, answering questions ranging from OSA’s first president to correctly saying the first line of OSA’s official introduction. The game allowed the OSArS from as wide a range as 14th OSArS to 21st OSArS to get to know each other. OSArS of the winning team were even awarded OSA phone straps as a token of victory!

The session was followed by a delicious dinner, during which OSArS were given the chance to catch up with each other, given in particular that so many had gone overseas. Unfortunately, time passed quickly and the night soon came to an end, culminating with a photo-taking session. The Internal Gathering also officially ended the OSA Christmas Extravaganza Celebration and began OSA’s 20th Anniversary. From the laughter that nearly cracked the ceiling that night, we are pretty sure that the gathering has proven a success!

**Project Chairperson**  
Angela HO



Group Photo at Paris Café!



19th to 21st OSArS



And also 14th to 16th OSArS

## *Mid-Autumn Gathering*

Our first internal gathering of the year, the Mid Autumn Festival Gathering, was held on 30th September 2006. Traditionally, the Chinese come together with friends and families to celebrate the festival, and we were delighted to have over thirty members of the OSA family joining us in this joyful occasion.

The gathering began in the afternoon at Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Wong



Distributing mooncakes at Wong Tai Sin District Elderly Community Centre

Tai Sin District Elderly Community Centre, where OSArS worked as volunteers to distribute mooncakes to the elderly in celebration of the Mid-Autumn Festival.

Following the meaningful service session, OSArS proceeded to the Waterfront Clubhouse for a well-deserved and warm dinner. During the dinner, OSArS competed against each other to guess traditional lantern riddles, and after a series of friendly fighting and wild guessing, the ones who didn't manage to get the answers sang Qing Miao for everyone! Later in the night, in the spirit of celebrating our Association's 20th Anniversary,

OSArS had an inter-group competition in which they had to create an object representing OSA's 20th Anniversary using candles and fluorescent sticks.

Needless to say, our OSArS created very outstanding designs and ExCo members serving as adjudicators were most impressed. The night ended with a frenzy of mooncake eating and photo taking. As a souvenir, every OSAr was given a miniature mooncake-paper weight engraved with the OSA's 20th Anniversary celebration logo.

In conclusion, the 20th Executive Committee would like to thank all OSArS who came to support us that day, and we hope sincerely that you enjoyed it as much as we did.



Afterwards, all OSArS received a hand-made souvenir OSA mooncake

## *Future Young Leaders' Forum 2006*



While learning leadership qualities can potentially be in the form of a boring lecture, the 20<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee showed with zest that leadership skills can be conveyed in a much more interactive and exciting way. The Association's participation in the Future Young Leaders' Forum 2006 was testament to such an extraordinary accomplishment.

Organized by the Outstanding Young Persons' Association and co-organized by the Hong Kong Outstanding Students' Association, the Forum took place on 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2006 at Queen Elizabeth Stadium. "Our Time to Shine", this year's theme as suggested by LAU, Joanne (2020) and adopted by TOYPA, meant the occasion would be a spectacular chance for many to demonstrate their talents. Many thought-provoking talks, sharing sessions and performances were held to inspire over two thousand students and equip them with the skills necessary in their quest to become future pillars of society. Guest speakers including Mrs LAW Fanny, Dr. WONG, Rosanna and Mr WONG, Yan Lung, were invited to share their views on developing personal qualities. Many OSArS were honoured to have

the chance to discuss student issues with them and pose insightful questions.

In addition, the 20<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee and other participating OSArS successfully led a session which became one of the highlight events of the day. Our president YAM, Felix (2138) gave an intensive yet simple dancing lesson whilst others showed everybody the meaningful steps of our Association song "Qing Miu". After a few rounds of practice, the stadium was filled with excited participants who then performed the dance to welcome the Secretary for Justice Mr WONG, Yan Lung – the atmosphere at this point with all 2000 students dancing the "Qing Miu" was simply awe-striking!

We would like to express our gratitude to Ms LEUNG, Doreen for her guidance and helpful suggestion of the performance "Qing Miu" and also to our advisor FUNG, Angela (1909) for showing continual support in the event. This year's Future Young Leaders' Forum reminded us that learning can be acquired through stimulating means and that we should all strive to make full use of our talents in contributing to society.

## *World Heart Day 2006*

### **“How Young is Your Heart?”**

The theme of World Heart Day 2006 matched the exuberance and whole-hearted devotion of our volunteers in the event. Co-organized by the Hong Kong College of Cardiology and the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals, this annual function was held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2006 at Happy Valley Racecourse with the Association showing support in the meaningful event in the role of event helpers.

OSArS and past participants helped out in many ways – besides providing basic logistics support in general registration, the volunteers also helped in various arrangements for the Eddie Wang Drawing Competition by distributing materials and maintaining order in the drawing area. Many even acted as ambassadors leading public members in the Global Embrace intergenerational walk aimed at

promoting the benefits of walking.

It is delightful to hear that many participants gained useful volunteer experience in this service opportunity and we sincerely hope the message of keeping a healthy heart can be brought across to the general public through the concerted efforts of the large-scale event.



ExCos at  
World Heart Day 2006



## *Miscellaneous Activities*



Dinner with HonAd Mr. Peter HUNG!



Our President singing at a fund-raising banquet on the invitation of Mr. Masher, Consul General of S. Africa!



Banquet at the HK United Youth Association  
HKSAR 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

## *Honorary Advisors*

The 20<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee would also like to thank all Honorary Advisors for their advice and support to our Association's activities.

**Mr. Frank BURBACH**

German Consul General in Hong Kong

**Prof. CHANG Hsin-kang**

President of the City University of Hong Kong

**Ms. Candy CHEA Suk-mui**

Awardee of the Ten Outstanding Young Persons' Selection 1992

**Dr. CHENG Wing**

Executive Director of CJR Education Limited

**Dr. Philemon CHOI Yuen-wan, SBS, JP**

Chairman of the Hong Kong Commission on Youth

**Prof. Paul CHU Ching-wu**

President of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

**The Hon. Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP**

Legislative Councillor

**The Hon. Rita FAN Hsu Lai-tai, GBS, JP**

President of the Hong Kong Legislative Council

**Ms. Christine FANG Mang-seng, JP**

Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Council of Social Service

**Ms. Dora HUNG**

Vice President of the Lion and Globe Educational Trust

**Mr. Peter HUNG**

President of the Lion and Globe Educational Trust

**Dr. Thomas IP**

Chairperson of The Outstanding Young Persons' Association 1998 - 1999

**Dr. IP Yan-ming, JP**

Chairperson of The Outstanding Young Persons' Association 1999 - 2000

**Prof. Lawrence LAU**

Vice-chancellor of the Chinese University of Hong Kong

**Mrs. Fanny LAW Fan Chiu-fun, JP**

Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption of the HKSAR

**Dr. LEE Wai-choi**

Chairperson of The Outstanding Young Persons' Association 2002 - 2003

**The Hon. Martin LEE Chu-ming, SC, JP**

Legislative Councillor

**The Hon. Eric LI Ka-cheung, JP**

Member of the National Committee of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference

**Ms. Doreen LEUNG**

Chairperson of the Organizing Committee of the HK Outstanding Students Award 1985 - 2005

**Mr. George LUNG Chee-ming, MH**

Chairperson of the The Outstanding Young Persons' Association 2003 - 2004

**The Hon. MA Lik, GBS, JP**

Legislative Councillor

**Ms. Emily MOK Fung-ye, JP**

Chairperson of The Outstanding Young Persons' Association 2004 - 2006

**Prof. POON Chung-kwong, OBE, JP**

President of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University

**Mr. SONG Li-young**

Chairman of the Chinese Speech Sub-committee of the HK Schools Music and Speech Festivals

**Mr. Paul TANG Kwok-wai, JP**

Director of Social Welfare of the HKSAR

**Prof. TSUI Lap-chee**

Vice-chancellor of the University of Hong Kong

**Mr. Camilo VEGA**

Spanish Consul General in Hong Kong

**Dr. Waruttama WARAMON**

Thai Consul For Politics in Hong Kong

**The Hon. Rosanna WONG Yik-ming, OBE, JP**

Executive Director of the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups

**Mr. Samuel YUNG Wing-ki, MH**

Chairperson of The Outstanding Young Persons' Association 2000 - 2002

\* In alphabetical order according to surname

## *Advisors to 20th ExCo*

The 20<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all the advisors (as listed below) for the unwavering dedication to our Association and the 20<sup>th</sup> ExCo's work.

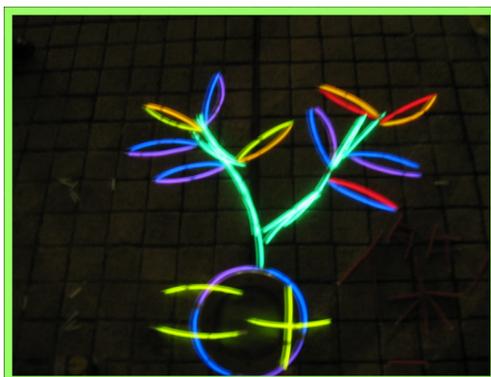
The Brainstorming Session was held successfully on the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2006 with some 13 advisors in attendance. The next advisor session will be held in mid-April to coincide with the 22<sup>nd</sup> OSAr's Orientation Day – we hope to see you there!

OSAr No.	Name
0301	Mr. LEE, Kai Ho Patrick
1118	Ms. NG, Ho Yee Janet
1229	Mr. TIEN, Kei Rui Keith
1304	Mr. CHAN, Lin
1329	Mr. TONG, Chi Keung Kenneth
1410	Ms. CHOW, Mei Kwan Jolie
1501	Ms. BOON, Joon Ying Yvette
1601	Mr. CHAN, Chun Ho William
1602	Ms. CHAN, Kit Yu Karen
1614	Mr. KAM, Hugh Alexander Tsun Ting
1706	Ms. CHEUNG, Yuk Man Carol
1736	Ms. WOO, Hiu Yan Connie
1739	Ms. YU, Ching Man Eva
1817	Ms. KWONG, Yuen Yan Stephanie
1819	Mr. LAM, Sheung Heng John
1831	Mr. TSANG, Chun On Anderson
1909	Ms. FUNG, Shuk Chong Angela
1918	Mr. LI, Lap Bong Eric
1924	Ms. NG, Man Wah Vienna
1927	Ms. SZE, Nga Yi Winnie
1930	Mr. TSE, Siu Chung Dixon
2003	Ms. CHAN, Man Hei Michele
2004	Mr. CHAN, Man Ho Karl
2006	Ms. CHAU, Ka Wun Kathy
2010	Ms. CHIANG, Ka Yan Fifian
2015	Mr. KAM, Bryan Alexander Tsun Hon
2025	Ms. LI, Man Annie

## *20th Anniversary OSA Quiz*

During the Christmas Extravaganza Celebrations, we hosted a short OSA Quiz for all those present. Here, we will be re-posting some of the questions as well as adding new ones – the 20<sup>th</sup> ExCo would like to invite all OSARs to send in answers for these questions to [info@osa.org.hk](mailto:info@osa.org.hk). Those who answer correctly will be given an OSA souvenir as a prize!

- I. What is the official introduction for the HKOSA as stated in the 20<sup>th</sup> External Secretary's Friendly Pack?
- II. Which three Honorary Advisors were most recently invited?
- III. What is the address of the HKOSA P.O. Box and on which street is it located?
- IV. In which ExCo year was the annual Interflow Camp created?
- V. Honorary Advisors of the Hong Kong Outstanding Students' Association are both famous for their contribution to society and their outstanding characters. How many heads of universities are our Association's Honorary Advisors?
- VI. There are currently 624 OSARs. Of those, how many have been executive committee members? (168)
- VII. In OSA Camp, at what time do you have to wake up and what is always the first activity? What is the male:female ratio for 21<sup>st</sup> OSARs?
- VIII. If Linda Lui's OSAR number, 1920 is added to Chan Wing Man, 0205, whose OSAR number will this equal?
- IX. What is the only English line in "Hui Yi"?
- X. Who was President of the 10<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee?
- XI. What are the four external projects that the 20<sup>th</sup> ExCo will be holding this year?
- XII. What is the correct, professional way to write your name at the end of any OSA email, proposal or document?
- XIII. Who's OSARs number is 1208?
- XIV. What is the name of the event in which OSA works alongside the Outstanding Young Persons' Association (TOYPA)?
- XV. What was the theme of the 2005 Hong Kong Youth Summit?
- XVI. How many OSARs are there from the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup>, with a surname that is "CHAN"?
- XVII. What are the three symbolic meanings of the OSA Logo?
- XVIII. Other than Ms. Doreen LEUNG, who was the first ever Honorary Advisor?
- XIX. How many email addresses does the entire ExCo have together?



# UNBEARABLES

## *Caption Adding Game!*

Over the last half year, the 20<sup>th</sup> ExCo has taken many photos, some of which are weird and wacky. Below, we challenge you to think up good captions for these – the OSAr who comes up with the best caption will be given a souvenir and the captions will be published in the next newsletter – Have fun!



|| *Caption Adding Game* ||

# A 20th ExCo Production

Felix  Jamillati V 

Joanne   Gillian   