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THE PASSIONATE PROJECT OF FSA: OUF



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The Overseas Universities Fair 2015@MCS held on September 23 received positive review from students, parents as well as the attending universities and educational specialists. Gratitude to both sections of the School, especially Miss Melaine Lee and Mrs Josephine Lo in providing venue, staff support and facilitation in many aspects. We owe our laurels to the hard work of not only teachers, but also student helpers who have been courteous and helpful at their work posts, demonstrating a sense of responsibility and the spirit to serve. Of course, there were also our die-hard FSA Exco Members, guest helpers, alum speakers Benita Chick and Iris Lau, Career Team head Mrs Alice Lui and Ms Camilla Tsang (parent). Thank you Sister Marilu for being there and Br Steve too! The Fair couldn't possibly have flowed as seamlessly with the absence of any one of you. Thank YOU!

Post-secondary higher education is about much

more than the local universities, Ivy schools or Oxbridge institutions. There is so much more on the horizon! As former students, we want to maximise exposure of our students in this respect, and to offer them with more options, more facts, and more momentum on the springboard to achieve what they aspired for. By hosting the Fair at our school, we have benefitted our students not only with direct access to many tertiary education choices under one roof, but also with the newly built relationship with the universities, which could be passed on to future Maryknollers. The intrinsic benefit of a handshake with the institutions close to home is invaluable.

At OUF, we opened our doors to our neighbouring schools and did service to our community in true Maryknoll spirit. In a way, the Fair impacted students' families as well, as learning of new options would have triggered decision processes that might not otherwise have been considered.

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It is not easy to put together any event, let alone one that involves institutions from all corners of the world. We had this idea of holding a university fair of our own late last year. We teamed up with Purdue Club Hong Kong (the alumni group of Purdue University, USA) in putting this fair together. We kicked off the preparation work in May with a meeting with the school management. Invitations were sent to various universities. As this was our first attempt in organizing similar fairs, much had to be done to convince the overseas schools that MCS was a worthwhile stop on their recruiting trails. Thanks to the great effort of Mr Nicky Lee and Mr Billy Man of Purdue Club Hong Kong and Miss San Lee of the University of California, Davis, more than 50 universities from the USA, Canada, the UK and

Europe were represented at the fair. We also secured the support of the University of Notre Dame, USA and the Council of International Schools in promoting our fair to overseas institutions. In addition to the main fair attended by universities, we also held talks on university applications, test preparations, scholarships and other related disciplines.

Last but not least, thank you President June Lo for being all-in and giving the event energy and certainty! To all participants and co-organisers of OUF who gave us this opportunity to learn and to grow as a team and organisation - thank you and thank you and thank you!

Maggie Chau (85) & Joyce Wong (94)

JOIN HANDS FOR MARYKNOLL



Dear Maryknollers,

In 1991, we organized the first JOIN HANDS FOR MARYKNOLL project under the chairmanship of Dr Henrietta Ip, with a view to building the new wing for MCS secondary school. With the staunch support of our then patron, the late Dr Pauline Chan, and the teamwork of the committee which included, among others, Barbara Hung, Abbe Wong, Catherine Yeung, Eleanor Ling, Francine Kwong and myself, we organised a film premiere, a fun day at school and other events, and quickly raised \$10m. Then we went to the Jockey Club for a matching grant. I still remember the working breakfasts that Miriam Lau, patron of the MCS Educational Trust, and I had with then Chief Executive, General Guy Watkins. The rest is history, and the building was officially opened in 1995, and still serves our students well.

The MCS Educational Trust was formed as a result, but five years ago, Mrs Lydia Huang told me that the Trust "was running dry". With the encouragement of Sr Jeanne Houlihan, and under the new chairmanship of Emily Ngan, we revived the JOIN HANDS project, and as you all know, raised over \$10m during a 5-year campaign, and thanked our major sponsors at a recent plaque unveiling ceremony (see photo).

Asked how we "did it again", as it was, I can safely say that the Maryknoll spirit is alive and well, and that teamwork once again prevails. What is more, this time we learned to make use of all the resources available at both the primary and secondary schools, and at this point, I need to thank the Sisters of the Maryknoll Regional Governing Board and both school Principals for their unflinching

support. For example, the first fundraising event was the calligraphy and art exhibition cum sale of primary students' works, which happily raised over \$1m. Then we made use of the benches in the secondary school and drew the support of over 5 decades' worth of alumni in the "Name a Bench" project, and raised over \$2m. June Lo and the MCSFSA joined in the fun, and with the imaginative sale of cookies, chocolates and the many wonderful souvenirs, raised over another million. The annual walkathons and appeal letters also helped solidly to bring in more funds on a regular basis.

But the really fun and pioneering touch was the 3 pun choi, or heritage bowl lunches, we held in the secondary school courtyard, that in total, raked in the last \$4m or so. Our PTA helped tremendously, and our parents and alumni and present students did us proud. And I know that Barbara Hung, our MCS Foundation Chair, is organising new thematic fundraising projects to add value to our students' skills, which makes me feel I am finally passing on the torch after 25 years!

Above all, we really thank the major sponsors whose names are on the plaque, be they individuals or graduating classes. Look carefully, and you will find classes going back to the 1950s, and that proves once again that the love and learning experienced at Maryknoll live on forever in our hearts.

Thank you, one and all!

Shelley Lee (66)

MCS Educational Trust: <http://newtrust.mcs.hk>

PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON 2015 AGM



Our Annual General Meeting was held on Aug 27 at the Shanghai Club in Central. We were honored to have our guests, Sister Marilu, Sister Marya, Mrs. Lydia Huang, Ms Melaine Lee, Mrs Josephine Lo, Ms Maria Cheng, Mrs Teresa Chow and Mrs Gloria Ko. It was a fun night of good food with a lot of chatting and catching up. Below please find our President's Report for the year 2014 to 2015.



FSA has organized a variety of activities. In April 2014 we had our regular Fun Baking at the DS Room of Secondary featuring the Maryknoll Breakfast Bread, an original recipe of the Sisters. A joint school happy hour with LaSalle Old Boys' Association took place in LKF Central in August. Our first wine tasting event was held in November, thanks to our alumna instructor Ramee Liu of Class 1982. A successful career luncheon of the legal sector took place here (Shanghai Fraternity Club) in January 2015 with over 4 tables of participants. We also took part in the packing and presentation of Christmas gift bags for all patients at Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital for Christmas.



In celebration of our 90th Anniversary, FSA created a beautiful box set chocolates featuring our unique Maryknoll penmanship. Thanks to the immense support from alumna, parents, teachers and students, we sold over 2800 boxes! And this year we have planned to offer the Little Maryknoll Cookbook and unique Fortune Cookies with special messages from our Maryknoll Sisters. Our sale proceeds for these items will be donated to MCS Educational Trust, Maryknoll Sisters and the Schools.



Our major project was joint hosting of the 90th Anniversary Pun Choi with MCS Educational Trust, which marked the grand finale of the Join Hands for Maryknoll Campaign. At last year's AGM, I had mentioned that we hoped that 100 tables would be sold. The outcome was a record breaking 125 tables and indeed a fun, joyful and noisy event.



FSA has been working hard to be a connector for all Maryknollers. We serve as a platform for our now extensive Maryknoll network, the Schools, our Sisters in HK and NY, MCS Foundation, MCS Educational Trust and Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital. We have a lot in mind hoping to do better, and we do not have enough hands and brains. This year we welcome some new EXCO nominations. We will continue to work closely with our partners, hand in hand, with trust and support and our Maryknoll spirit, which was passed to all of us by the Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic since 1925. Thank you!

- June Lo (83), President of MCSFSA

BREAD RUN JULY 2015



Joined Bread Run organised by MCSFSA, we had over 60 adults n kids participants. We have learnt that 1 in 4 kids and 1 in 3 elderly are undernourished in Hong Kong. 30 tonnes of edible food go to land fill and is wasted daily. When we ladies are whatsapping about where to lunch or dinner, or when we complain that our kids are choosy with food, or when we are saying we are too fat etc, let us remember there are others less fortunate around us, here in this prosperous city. Thank you our organisers - Joyce & Sam. We hope that this message can be spread to more friends. Thank you Feeding HK for serving this marvellous mission. For friends who are interested in donating or volunteering, please go to www.feedinghk.org.



MOTHERHOUSE WINDOWS RENOVATION PROJECT



FSA donated HK\$100,000 towards the project. We also helped spread the petition via email broadcast to FSA members and posted the message on FSA Facebook. The Maryknoll Sisters in Ossining raised USD \$400,000 from 5,000 donors worldwide in just two months after the request went public. Now over 200 retired nuns could enjoy the moderate temperatures within the Motherhouse in peace and comfort. Thank you to all of you who contributed to this worthy cause.

ANOTHER HAPPY HOUR - SEP 2015



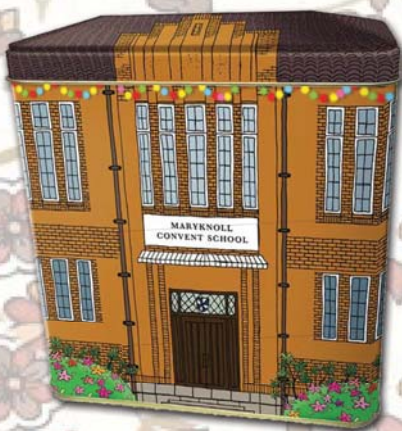
Joint schools' happy hour with La Salle Old Boys' Association was held on September 4 at Bit Point in Central. We are glad to see such great response from our girls from Class of 1980s to 2010s. It was like reunions for the boys and girls, meeting new friends also at the same time. The place was so packed that a lot of us had to gather on Wyndham Street!

FSA is ready to organize some casual events like this. We welcome your ideas in terms of venue and style, and we need your input. Please email us at enquiry@mcsfsa.com. See you in our next event!

FSA MATTERS

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13TH NOV 2015
See attached order forms!

GO GREEN!

Dear FSA Members,

Ever notice that you are not getting email messages from MCSFSA? Also, as responsible global citizens, we are going green and we have decided to start phasing out printed matters.

So please make sure we have your most updated PERSONAL email address so that you can stay connected to FSA and our alma mater.

Simply get back to us via membership@mcsfsa.com.

Thank you for your support!

