

Principal's Letter

Dear Parents,

The new school year has just started for several days. After enjoying and relaxing themselves in the summer holiday, students are ready to re-engage in hard work and regular school life. All staff members and I would like to welcome them back to the campus again and we will work together for a new fruitful year.

In line with the general trend of education development, the school will further strengthen the application of IT in learning and teaching. In the past year, the school has been well prepared for network laying and hardware acquisition. In the coming year, we will focus on the development of school-based e-learning materials and the optimization of teaching to enhance students' self-learning ability and expand their leisure experience. To cater for the above development needs, the school has participated in the "Robot4SEN" program organized by the Hong Kong Special Schools Council and the "Electronic School-based Teaching Materials for Special Schools" program by the E-Learning for Inclusive Education Association. We will develop a series of e-learning materials, introduce robot class and implement novel and interactive electronic teaching methods to enhance teachers' effectiveness in teaching and stimulate students' learning potential and motivation to communicate.

As individual staff members have departed and the school has benefited from new education resources from the new government, starting from September, there are new members of staff joining us. They are teacher Mr. Sze , teaching assistant Mr. Tang and occupational therapy assistant Ms. Lui . Mr. Sze has taught in special schools and has years of experience in assisting and counselling students with special educational needs in mainstream schools. TA Mr. Tang has also worked as a teaching assistant in mainstream schools, mainly helping students with special needs. The occupational therapy assistant is a new position. Ms. Lui has worked in the adult service department of our Association, and she has had many opportunities cooperating with Ms. Chung, the occupational therapist of our school. Moreover, Miss Chan Sze Kei has become teacher this year, mainly teaching in the lower primary class. All new staff members have experience in counselling and training students with special education needs. Later they will have a chance to meet with the parents to exchange information about the situation of the students in order to gain further understanding of them.

The Mid-Autumn Festival is approaching. It is the first time Hong Chi Association launches limited edition charity mooncakes handmade by the students of our social enterprise bakery, hc:Bakery. The award-winning drawing by our student is used as the design of the packaging, fully demonstrating the art talent of the Hong Chi students. The Association hopes that students with intellectual disabilities can play to their strengths and be integrated into the society through the selling of the charity mooncakes. At the same time, we also hope to raise fund for the non-subsented projects of the Association. Hong Chi charity mooncakes are available for pre-order until 22 September. Your support not only provides opportunities for Hong Chi students to receive training and work, but also encourages them to integrate into the community. Should parents be interested in ordering, please pay attention to the notice issued later. For enquiries, please contact Ms. Wong at the school office or our social worker, Ms. Tse.

I wish you a joyful family reunion at the Mid-Autumn Festival!

Yours sincerely,

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