

N.T. Heung Yee Kuk Yuen Long District Secondary School

Open Day - Know China, Know your heart



The whole school was full of laughter and festive atmosphere as it opened its door to the public on 7th March, 2008. '**Know China, Know your heart**' is the theme of this year's Open Day, hoping to provide our students and the public with a chance to understand various facets of our motherland.

With reference to the theme, there were five areas covered under the titles: **History & Cultural Development, Chinese Art, Dreams of Chinese Aerospace, Relations between China & Hong Kong** and **Sports & Olympics**. The exhibits of the first four areas were displayed at the Hall while the last one was shown at the covered playground. All participating clubs and groups were allocated in these different areas and cooperated with each other instead of working on their own. It was an unprecedented practice but it has never been more successful and educational.

Before guests arrived at the hall where most exhibits were displayed, they were greeted by colourful labels placed at each step of the staircase leading to the first floor, and welcomed by the music performed by our students. This conveyed a warm message of welcome amid a strong festive atmosphere.

There was an impressive array of exhibits. Many of these exhibits were informative and interactive, being presented in a nice blend of colours and with a variety of activities. Helpers and demonstrators entertained our guests with games, quizzes, prizes and above all, warm smiles and friendliness. Information and activities ranging from paper cutting, CEPA, to launching a rocket and a satellite were well-received by guests and students. The Gu-zheng, Chinese orchestra and Chinese dance performances gave our guests a glimpse of other dimensions of school life at the school.

With students from sixteen primary schools joining the occasion, our Open Day was blessed with an additional touch of youthful vitality. The primary school students were very involved in the games and found their visit very rewarding.

To boost the enthusiasm and involvement of both helpers and visitors, visitors were invited to cast their votes on the best exhibits. The Dreams of Chinese Aerospace, the biggest winner, won most of the awards including the Award for the Best Content, the Award for the Best Stamp Design, the Award for the Best Design and Decoration, and the Award for the Best Demonstration and Reception.