

**N.T. Heung Yee Kuk Yuen Long District Secondary School
40th School Anniversary Speech Day (20th December, 2007)**



Our school held its annual Speech Day on 20th December, 2007, celebrating a highly successful year of scholarship and wide-ranging achievements. We were greatly honoured by the presence of Mr. Michael Suen Ming-yeung, GBS, JP., Secretary for Education, and Hon. Lau Wong-fat, GBM, JP.

After a welcoming speech given by Mr Lau, Chairman of our school council, and a brief school report by our principal, Mr Suen presented graduation certificates and prizes to the awardees. Our honorable guest, Mr Suen then gave us an inspiring and encouraging speech.

In his address to the school, Mr. Suen encouraged us to overcome difficulties with all our might and a determined attitude. He said that it was unavoidable that we might confront failures in our life; however the key to success lied in our unbeatable spirit to overcome all the hardships. With reference to the Olympic Games, Beijing 2008 and the development of aerospace technology in China, Mr Suen highlighted that we should learn from their experiences and never-give-up attitude, well-equip ourselves to embrace challenges, and achieve our goals with great determination. He ended up his speech by praising the school's performance throughout the year and attributing its success to the hard work of the Principal and teachers.

The Principal, Mr Tsoi Chong-tat, announced that, for the HKAL, just as for previous years, our school achieved pleasing standard with 40 distinctions and 188 credits. There were seven subjects with 100% passing rate and ten subjects attained a distinction and credit percentage of over 50%. Top students, Liu Hin-yeung, Yeung Yuk-cho, Leung Yin-hung and Yeung Yuk-man attained 3 distinctions and 2 credits in the examination. There were eight outstanding sixth formers admitted to universities through Early Admission Scheme this year. As for the HKCEE, the school attained a record high level, with 177 distinctions/5* and 700 credits/5 or 4 in total. Four subjects obtained 100% passing rate and nine subjects got an over 50% distinction and credit rate. The leading student, Man Kwok-ho scored 7 distinctions and 2 credits; while Chao Lik-hang and Liu Hin-sing, 7 distinctions and 1 credit.

As the school has always stressed the all-round development of students, the 2007-2008 academic year found the impressive accomplishments of some students in various areas. Tang Ka-ki (S6B) won three Outstanding Students Awards in the HKSAR Outstanding Students Competition, the Outstanding Secondary Students of Leadership Competition, and the HK Outstanding Students Competition. Yeung Yuk-cho (S7B) won the Potential Engineer Student Award. Ng Ka-man (S6A) won the Hong Kong Outstanding Athlete Students Award. They all show excellent performances in both academic and extra-curricular activities.

In the last part of the Speech Day, the student performances offered guests lively touches of various dimensions of school life. It included a performance of the Chinese orchestra, a lively dancing piece entitled "Bowl Dance" and a fascinating small group singing. The school choir presented "Take these wings" to visiting guests, which captivated the audience by its harmonious blend of voices. Before the conclusion of the ceremony, students and graduates sang the school song proudly, remarking their renewed hope for the school and the future.