## The 17th China Daily '21st Century-VIPKID Cup'

## National High School English Speaking Competition

5E Alanis MAN Lok-yiu Morissette was awarded the First Prize, which recognized her as one of the top 24 candidates from across China in the 17th China Daily '21st Century-VIPKID Cup' National High School English Speaking Competition Senior High School Category Grand Final organized by the 17th China Daily '21st Century - VIPKID Cup' National High School English Speaking Competition Organizing Committee in Hangzhou.

The competition has been regarded by educators as a good platform for improving young Chinese people's ability to use English. This year, more than 500 contestants broke into the finals to orate their ideas after six months of screening and preliminaries across the country, involving tens of thousands of passionate English learners. Alanis was shortlisted as one of the two representatives out of 1053 contestants to join China Daily's '21st Century Cup' National English Speaking Competition after being awarded the First Runner-up of the Senior Division in the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups English Public Speaking Contest 2019.

In the Grand Final, Alanis was requested to deliver a 3-minute prepared speech on the designated topic 'My Love of Learning Chinese History' and took part in an impromptu Q&A Session. In her speech, she not only stressed the importance of learning from History, but also emphasized that learning history is the responsibility of each and every one of us. Alanis's thought-provoking speech and personal charisma were highly commended by the judges. Prior to the Grand Final, she gave a speech on 'My Sense of Responsibility' in the Semi-final, in which she demonstrated excellent public speaking skills and complete confidence.









