

# Sir Ellis Kadoorie Secondary School (West Kowloon)



## Episodes

### Speech Day



**T**his year, the Annual Speech Day was held on 11 December 2003 at 10:30 a.m. The Guest of Honour was Mr CHOI Chee-cheong, JP, the Secretary General for the Hong Kong Examinations & Assessment Authority. The Official Party included Mr Chris Wardlaw, Chairman of the School Management Committee; Mr TSE Sik-yan, the Principal; Mr Balvinder Singh, Chairman of the Parents-Teachers' Association; Mr Mohammad Boota, Vice-chairman of the Parents-Teachers' Association; Ms Ophelia CHEUNG and Mrs Cynthia LUK, committee members of the School Management Committee and Mr CHEUK Chun-yin, the District Commander of Mongkok.

The speech delivered by Mr CHOI Chee-cheong, JP, was very enlightening. Mr CHOI declared that "Examinations are no doubt important." So in this year, to encourage students to work hard for public examinations, the "Best HKCEE Results" award was introduced. There were two students who were awarded this prize. One was Aravind Sankar (S5 Science) and the other one was Villa Agatha Xaris Custodio (S5 Social Sciences).

Mr CHOI realized that our school "is aiming at developing all-round students with multiple intelligences." This was reflected in the special prizes obtained by our students. For the first time at SEKSS, a student was named "Student Dancer of the year 2002-2003" by South China Morning Post. Sharma Deepa (S5A) was awarded a distinction for dancing. Another special award was for the school Cricket Team, winning first

runner-up in the Interschool Cricket Competitions: Ted Wilson Trophy and Sir Ebrahim Eights. Furthermore, the three soloists who performed the English poems in the entertainment programme were all first prize-winners of the 55<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival.



Mr CHOI described Sir EK Secondary School as "unique in providing a multi-cultural environment for its students." The entertainment programmes were good evidence of this. The Chinese Role Play, French Role Play and the Hindi poem were performed by not only Chinese and Indian students, but also by Filipinos, Pakistanis, a New Zealander and an Australian student.

Mr CHOI explained that "being nurtured in a mini United Nations, students of Sir EK Secondary School will acquire the interpersonal skills necessary to thrive in a multi-cultural society." They will be "more tolerant of diversity" and "more likely to get along well with people from different cultural

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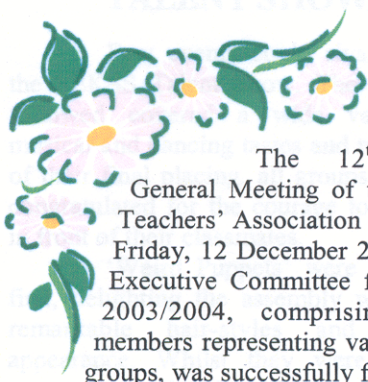


backgrounds." He emphasized that "to survive, one needs to be versatile, adaptive and resilient. Armed with these qualities, (the students of Sir EK) will stand a better chance of succeeding in the future." This is very encouraging to our students indeed.

Many parents and guests remarked that the Speech Day was very successful. A special "thank you" should be given to the parents, guests, principals and teachers of other schools who came to attend the ceremony and gave their encouragement and support to the School.



## Parents-Teachers' Association, 2003/2004



The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Parents-Teachers' Association was held on Friday, 12 December 2003 and the Executive Committee for the year 2003/2004, comprising parent-members representing various ethnic groups, was successfully formed.

Parent-member	Office held	Ethnic origin
Mr. Singh Balvinder	Chairman	Indian
Mr. Muhammad Boota	Vice-chairman	Pakistani
Mr. Syed Jamil Raghbi	Honorary Secretary	Pakistani
Mr. Bawa Kulvinder Singh	Honorary Treasurer	Indian
Mrs. Marietta Chengalath	Committee Member	Filipino
Mrs. Gemma Oconer	Committee Member	Filipino
Mr. Phagami Ganesh Bahadur	Committee Member	Nepali
Mr. Russell Vincent	Committee Member	New Zealander



Teacher-member	Office held
Mr. Tse Sik-yan (Principal)	Vice-chairman
Ms. Cheung Yeuk-mong, Julia (Assistant Principal)	Committee Member
Mr. Lam Hon-ching (Assistant Principal)	Committee Member
Ms. Josephine Chung	Honorary Secretary
Mr. Prasad Manoj Kumar	Honorary Treasurer
Mr. Chan Ying-kit	Committee Member
Mrs. Yau Kwong Tse-wai	Committee Member

### Textes en Fête 2003

On 22 November some of our S3 to S5 French students participated in the French Speech Festival held at Hong Kong Baptist University where they performed a short drama and recited some poems and prose. Not only did they gain experience in public speaking and stage performance, but they also learned a lot from their counterparts from some of the

most prestigious secondary schools and universities in Hong Kong. **Cheng Ma Irene Chin Yee (S5A)**, who came first in French in the 2002-2003 Final Examination after learning the language for just two years, performed admirably in a short drama 'Au Restaurant' winning rapturous applause together with her teammates. Our linguistically talented students and their performances were as follows:



Congratulations to all these students!

Chanson: On ne s'aimera plus jamais (Larusso)	Jerica Bianca Alvarez Tang (S4D) Jaramillo Aldrich Brian Lapitan (S4A)	Li Lapchi Iglesias (S4B)
Jeu de rôle: Au restaurant	Cheng Ma Irene Chin Yee (S5A) Kaur Harpreet (S5A) Piwaphong Nung (S5B)	Gregory Dorothy (S5A) Kaur Jasprit (S5A)
Poème: Dèjeuner du Matin (Jacques Prévert)	Fonda Mary Valesco (S3D) Lui Tam Judith (S3D)	Leung Kwan Lan (S3D) John Chan Tat Man (S4A)
Poème: Refrains Enfants de Spectacle (Jacques Prévert)	Lam Evonne Nenette Tiu (S4C) Mohammad Nuzhat Razaq (S4C)	Mohamad Zobia (S4A) Tse Mary Jean Ambrosia (S4B)
Prose: Contribution Mystérieuse	Man Fang Cristina (S4D)	

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## TALENT SHOW

Few events could rival that of the SEKSS Talent Show. The acts that followed covered a wide variety of musical and dancing tastes and regardless of their final placing, all groups must be congratulated for the courage to perform in front of their classmates.

'Weird Puppets' were on stage first, delighting the assembly with their remarkable hair-styles and overall appearance. Whilst they were a little nervous, partly brought on by the shivering cold, they performed very well.

Act Two had a difficult task in following the first group, however did

The final band, 'The Disciples', took to the stage dressed in Christmas attire that captured the attention of all the audience. SEKSS most experienced band performed a number of polished items that got the feet tapping and despite the fine efforts of the other groups, were the clear winners of the Musical section of the Talent Show.

With the proceedings taking a short break, lucky door prizes were handed out to many happy recipients. The Principal Mr Tse obviously delighted to hand over the prizes to the excited winners.

As with the bands, all the second section of dance acts delivered polished performances that kept the audience thoroughly entertained. Acts one and two offered high-intensity routines, with the

Traditional Nepalese dancers taking a more 'revealing' approach to their piece. Whilst their act slowly unravelled before the audience, they must be congratulated for persisting despite the challenges they faced. Well done girls!



In the end, 'Ek-Nep-Gurls' ran out with the prize for first place. However all acts can be very satisfied with their performances.

Special thanks must go to the student comperes for the Show who did a wonderful job keeping the talent running smoothly and introducing all the acts with flare. Let's hope that next year the outside temperature can match the feverish heat of all the fantastic acts!



very well and kept the audience entertained with their strong lyrics. Acts Three, Four and Five performed pieces of different topics, covering the notions of lost hope, as well as love. Whilst technical difficulties played a hand at times, all acts were extremely professional in their ability to carry on regardless of any problems and seemed to really enjoy the opportunity of performing their musical items.

## 55<sup>TH</sup> HONG KONG SCHOOLS SPEECH FESTIVAL

A total of 50 students competed for SEKSS at the 55<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival during the months of November and December. As the table records, the results from the entrants were fantastic, 8 students obtaining a place within their respective Prose Speaking category, another 12 students gaining marks high enough to receive merit certificates. All other entrants received grades high enough to be awarded a certificate.

NAME	CLASS	PLACE
John Keen F. Anano	1D	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Michelle Andrea Manuel	1D	1 <sup>st</sup>
Wong Kristine April	2C	1 <sup>st</sup>
Nathaniel Lam	3B	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Romea Christine B	3D	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Villa Daniel Isaac Custodio Jr	3D	1 <sup>st</sup>
Romero Toni Anne Lalic	5A	1 <sup>st</sup>
Mohammad Noreen	5B	3 <sup>rd</sup>



## Special Events / Activities

Events	Organizers	Date	Students
Inter-school Volleyball Competition	P.E. Department	1-2.11.03	School Volleyball Team
Volleyball Friendly Match	P.E. Department	3.11.03	School Volleyball Team
Inter-school Basketball Competition	HK Schools Sports Federation & Hong Kong Island and Kowloon Secondary Schools Regional Committee	5, 13, 18.11.03	School Basketball Team (Boys B Grade)
Talk on Panda & Fund-raising	Ocean Park & Environmental Education Committee	7.11.03	S1-S5
Sticker Selling	Community Youth Club & Guidance & Counseling Committee	15.11.03	S4-S5
Anti-Drug & Anti-Smoking Education	Discipline and Guidance & Counseling Committees	18.11.03-8.12.03	S1-S5
Drama Performance	English Department (English Enhancement Programme)	18.11.2003	S3-S4
Visit to Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (Chai Wan)	Careers Committee	21.11.03	S5C & S5D
Inter-House Football Competition	P.E. Department	1-9.12.03	S1-S5
The Future Young Leaders' Forum 2003	The Careers & Guidance Service of Education and Manpower Bureau, The Radio & Television Hong Kong, The Summer Youth Programme Committee & The Hong Kong Association of Heads of Secondary Schools	2.12.2003	S4-S5
Visit to Buddhist Ching Hang Elderly Home	Discipline Committee	12.12.03	S.2-S.3
Aviation Day	Hong Kong Air Cadet Corps	13.12.03	Hong Kong Air Cadet Corps members
Talk on Corruption	Civic Education Committee & Independent Commission Against Corruption	15.12.03	S3-S5
Talent Show & Christmas Class Party	Extra-curricular Activities Committee	19.12.03	S1-S5

### ‘Beneath the same sky’ – Racial Harmony Promotion Project

Nine S4 students were recruited as ambassadors to promote racial harmony in Hong Kong through the ‘Beneath the same sky’ Racial Harmony Promotion Project sponsored by Home Affairs Bureau. Attending a training camp at Lei Yue Mun Holiday Village and four training sessions organised by Hong Kong Playground Association Integrated Service for Children and Youths-Mongkok in October, the

School, Queen Elizabeth School, St. Francis Xavier’s College and Wan Yan College (Kowloon). “Our students have become more responsible, disciplined and positive in their behaviour and attitude,” said Ms Tsoi, our school social worker.

Having attended a kick-off day camp at Tso Kung Tam Outdoor Recreation Centre, each of these ambassadors recruited two to three

buddies from junior forms and together they participated in the Racial Harmony Promotion Exhibition and Racial Harmony Promotion Carnival held at Macpherson Playground. Well done, Racial



Harmony Promotion Ambassadors!  
You have created your own future!

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