

# Visit by Permanent Secretary for Education

Permanent Secretary for Education, Ms. Michelle Li Mei-shueng paid a friendly visit to our school on 7 July 2021 with an aim of learning more about the school and meeting the staff and students.

On the day of Ms. Li's visit, our school was holding a "National Costumes Day" so many students were seen excitedly donning their country's national costumes on the day. Ms. Li toured various areas of the school such as fitness room, the Culture Square, the History Gallery, the STEM room, and the Home Economics Room.

Many parents from different parts of the world such as China, Philippines, Nepal and India had prepared delectable dishes on the day. Students also demonstrated their cultural dances such as Lion Dance, Nepalese Dance, Indian dance and Tango.



## PTA office bearers 2020-2021

Post	Parent-Committee Members	Names of Child(ren) at School
Chairperson	Mrs. Rachel C. Galang	Philippe Edward C. Galang S6A (15)
Vice Chairperson	Mr. Subodh Kumar Ojha	Soumik Ojha S6A (20)
Hon. Secretary	Ms. Marian Bautista Leung	Leung AJ Wing Kei Bautista S5A (4)
Public Relation	Mr. Eduardo Z. Talledo	Talledo, June Eduard S5A (21), Talledo Tamara Miyonette S4B (11)
Hon. Treasurer	Mr. Dulal Ishwor Prasad	Dulal IshanClass : S6C (7)
Activity Coordinator	Mr. Samson L. Igloria	IgloriaChloe Faye S2D (5)
Public Relations Officer	Mrs. Chan Violeta Domondon	Chan Pui Yi Gabrielle JadeS5B (1)
General Affairs Officer	Mr. Mohammad Nadim	Murtaza Ali Class : S5B (13)
Auditor	Mr. G.S. Batra	Ex-student member

## TEACHER-MEMBERS

Mr. Lee Tung-ching (Principal)
Ms. Wong Pik-wah (Assistant Principal)
Mr. Chan Chi-man (Assistant Principal)
Mr. Prasad Manoj Kumar (PTA Ic)
Mr. Law Ho-lam (Principal's Meeting Coordinator)
Ms. Dunn Ling (Treasurer)
Ms. Hung Fei Kei (Public Relation)
Mr. Khan Zubair Ahmed (Activity Co-ordinator)
Mr. Thapa Chura Bahadur (Secretary)

# Sir Ellis Kadoorie Secondary School (West Kowloon)



## PARENTS-TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION 2020-2021 PTA NEWSLETTER NO. 29

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### Message from the principal Mr. LEE Tung-ching



It is with joy and excitement that I write to you as the newly appointed Principal of Sir Ellis Kadoorie Secondary School (West Kowloon). Starting from the 2021-2022 school year, I have succeeded Mrs. YEUNG KWONG Mong-ha as the principal. I am truly honoured and delighted to be part of the SEK family. Along with the teachers and staff, I will work hard to continue the legacy of success established by Sir EK through building strong relationships with parents, students and community partners.

To me, Sir EK is a very special school students coming from different countries, races, and cultures. They are lively and cheerful, full of vigour and vitality, and are endowed with different talents. The teaching team and I will work together to provide equal learning opportunities for all students to ensure that each and every student can fully develop their talents and be fully prepared before setting foot in the society. Besides, the school will also strive to create a caring campus so that students can learn the spirit of tolerance, mutual respect and friendship.

In the past two school years, due to the pandemic, face-to-face classroom teaching and learning as well as other learning activities were greatly affected. I am glad to see the pandemic largely coming under control and social activities gradually return to normal. It is hoped that in the foreseeable future, students will enjoy a normal learning life. Before everything returns to normal, students still have to face various challenges. I hope that parents will continue giving your children the company as you have been doing, care about them, listen to them, give them support and encouragement, and let them grow up in a loving environment. At the same time, I also hope that you will continue your close contact with the school, work together with the school and trust the school so that we can provide the best quality education for your children. Thank you!

### Message from Chairperson Mrs. Rachel C. Galang

Greetings to the Principal, Assistant Principals, Faculty and Staff,

I hope and pray that all is well with you and your family.

With all the challenges that we faced last year and continue to hurdle even this school year, we are just so grateful that the unity between the teaching staff and the parents of this school is so evident.

I would like to commend each one for undertaking their responsibilities so that we can give a better education for our children in spite of the pandemic. Sincere appreciation is due to the teachers of this institution.

To all parents; let us continue to support the school with our loyalty and unwavering cooperation so that our goals and dreams for our children will be achieved.

For six years serving in the PTA, it is with great honor and privilege to be working with the parents and the teachers who are so supportive and enthusiastic in every school activity. Let us continue to be in unity especially in this time of uncertainty believing that the best is yet to come.

More Power SEKSS!

Thankful to you all!



### Assistant Principal Ms WONG Pik-wah, Eunice

大家好! Hello! Namaste! Namaskara! Kamusta! Bonjour! Hola!

Like many parents, I am very delighted to see that all students can attend face-to-face classes since the beginning of the school year. To enhance students' whole-person development, the school has also arranged a variety of extra-curricular activities from 1:20 pm – 2:00 pm for students to stretch themselves and develop their interests. Hopefully, these arrangements can help students resume a normal school life to a certain extent.

Preparing S6 students for the HKDSE examination is always at the teachers' hearts. With the cooperation of parents and students and concerted efforts of all S6 teachers, S6 students have successfully resumed whole-day face-to-face classes on 2 November. I am sure they will treasure this opportunity and equip themselves fully for the challenges ahead. With confidence and perseverance, they can surely grow from strength to strength and overcome each and every hurdle.

Parents play a crucial role in helping their children meet the expectation of society, overcome challenges and foster healthy development. Let us join efforts to bring out the best of the students that we are endowed with.



### Assistant Principal Mr. CHAN Chi-man Benjamin



As time flies, I have been working as an Assistant Principal of Sir Ellis Kadoorie Secondary School (West Kowloon) for two years. During this period, I am glad to have the precious chance to teach students from multi-racial backgrounds who are nice, friendly and expressive. They demonstrate different talents, especially in sports, arts and dancing.

Sir EK is a big family that provides a good environment for students to develop all-roundedness and multiple intelligences with a good sense of social awareness and responsibility.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to the PTA chairperson, Mrs. Rachel C. Galang, as well as the executive members of the PTA, all the parents, teachers and students for their unfailing support to the school.

I wish the COVID-19 pandemic to be over very soon so that we could resume all of our wonderful school activities face-to-face in the very near future. May I also wish you all good health and prosperity in the coming academic year!

### Mr. Subodh Kumar Ojha



I am working with an International Financial Company in Hong Kong as the Director Of Data Specialist. I have done Post Graduate Degree in Mathematics with MCA and Azure Data Engineer, Certified by Microsoft. I have vast experience in Software development, Data Architecture, DWBI/ AI & Machine Learning Technologies around the world with multiple consulting companies.

Since 2014, I am living in Hong Kong with my wife and son who is studying in S6. My Interest is in teaching mathematics (taught Mathematics for more than 25 years) and doing social work for the unfortunate ones. Since 2018, I am also associated with PTA executive committee in Sir Ellis Kadoorie Secondary School (WK).

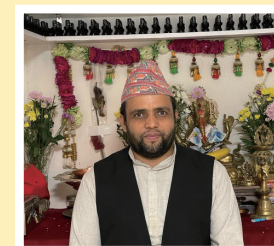
### Mrs. Chan Violeta Domondon

Hi everyone,  
Greetings,



I am Mrs. Chan, a freelance and full time mother to my 4 daughters. I have been a member of SMC of Sir Ellis Kadoorie Secondary School (West Kowloon) for 4 yrs previously & now I am a PTA member too. I want to encourage our parents to join any of the positions available for parents to support the school and to support your children's education. You can also share your knowledge or opinions to make the school life of your children more fruitful and to support all the students when they need parents. We parents should be joining our hands with full force with all the teachers in order to nourish our children's education for their good future.

### Mr. Ishwor Prasad Dulal



It's about journey not about the destination.

Teachers, students, and fellow parents,

It has nearly been 15 months since the global pandemic started. There are many negative news around us every day. But even during all these challenges and difficulties, we have found the spirit of positivity within us and moved forward learning and experiencing new things.

This pandemic has helped us realize many things such as the value of relationship, togetherness, closeness. As the schools have reopened, I hope that the students are learning better in the face-to-face lessons and getting the support and environment they need for their study. I also hope that they are learning properly and peacefully without worrying about internet connections.

In short, I should say that after the Covid-19 pandemic, we have learned a lot and suffered a lot but as we grow and move forward together, the journey will be worth to remember. Let all of us move on with great hope, focus and determination.

## The 29<sup>th</sup> PTA Annual General Meeting and Executive Committee Election

Date: 20 November 2020

Venue: School

Due to prolonged social unrest, it was impossible to conduct the 29th PTA AGM at school scheduled in the evening of 20 November 2020 as per PTA constitution of our school. In this regard, an extraordinary PTA Executive Committee Meeting was held on 16 October 2020 at 5:39 pm at our school to discuss about the contingency measure for electing PTA Executive Committee members and SMC Parent representative. At the meeting, it was unanimously agreed that the PTA Executive Committee members will be elected by casting of vote by the parent and teacher members in secret ballot. A ballot box was placed at the school foyer on 17-18 November until 4:00 pm each day and on 19th November by 12:30pm.

The ballots were counted under supervision of the Principal, Assistant Principals, the PTA Chairperson and two teacher members on 21 November 2020 at 3:00pm in room 111 of the school.

PTA report for the year 2019-2020 including various activities were shared through PTA News Letter, sent to parents via their children.

Four Executive Committee meetings and were held in the school year 2020-2021.

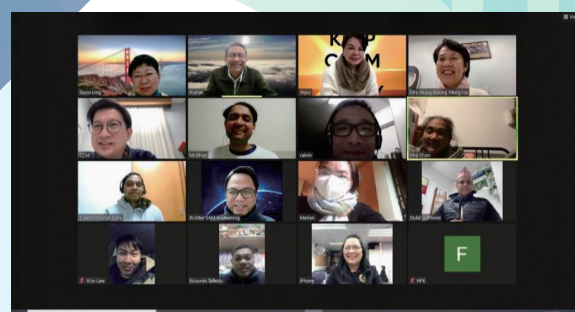


### Principal's Meeting with Parents 2020-2021

The rationale behind these planned meetings is to make use of every opportunity to maintain a harmonious relation and good communication with parents. In various occasions there can be candid sharing among principal, teachers and parents to enhance mutual cooperation and understanding. This is a good platform to share ideas and opinion of parents with the school. There were at least 7 meetings planned under "The Principal's meetings with the parents". Altogether 7 meetings were planned but due to suspension of face to face lesson in school with regard to Covid-19 measures only one meeting was conducted via Zoom.

Date	Event
1 04/06/2021	•Message from Principal •New School Development 2021-2022 •Promotion criteria •Support measures during suspension of face to face classes •Q & A session

Dates	Event	Participants
17-19 Nov 2020	SMC Parent Representative Election	Parents
17-19 Nov 2020	PTA Executive Committee Election	165 parents and teacher members
21 Nov 2020	Counting of votes	Principal, Assistant principals, 3 parent and 4 teacher members
8 Jan 2021	1st Executive Committee Meeting	Executive Committee Members
23 April 2021	2nd Executive Committee Meeting	Executive Committee Members
18 June 2021	3rd Executive Committee Meeting	Executive Committee Members
8 October 2021	4th Executive Committee Meeting	Executive Committee Members



## PTA Involvement in School Functions

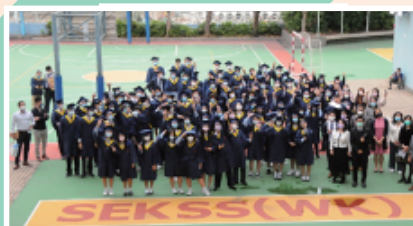
### Orientation Day for New Students and Parents



### National Costume Day



### Graduation Gown for S6 students on 26 February 2021



### Trophies and Medals for Inter-Primary School Story Telling Competition



### SEK Students Participating in Time-to-talk (Public Speaking Competition)



Two students from S5A, Ameerah Aguilar Usudan and Trishna Gurung, were selected to represent Sir Ellis Kadoorie Secondary School (West Kowloon) in the final round of 'Time to Talk' Public Speaking Competition organized by the Education Bureau's NET Section on 10 May 2021. The event took place in Kowloon Tong with student competitors from 18 different schools across Hong Kong.

Prior to selecting the students to represent our school at the external public speaking competition, an internal competition titled "First SEK Public Speaking Competition - Time-to-Talk 2021" was held in the school on 5 May 2021. Students from 5A and 5B participated in the internal round of the competition.

Through this activity, students had an opportunity to showcase their public speaking skills in a span of 3 to 5 minutes on a topic- The Role of Social Media in Our Everyday Life.

This internal competition also gave students a chance to develop their public speaking confidence in front of an audience as well as to hone their presentation skills.

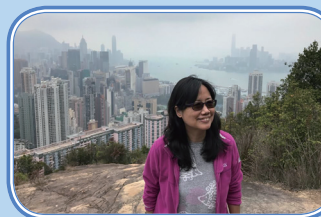


### Mrs. Seethalakshmi Senthil Home Economics teacher



I am newly appointed as the teacher for Home Economics and Life & Society. I am also the Class Teacher for S2C. I have lived in China for the past two decades and have worked for the American International School of Guangzhou for more than 10 years. Our family has recently moved to Hong Kong. My daughter is studying Law in the UK and son is in High School here at Discovery College. I am proud to say that my husband is a former student of Sir Ellis Kadoorie School - Class of 1987. It's a pleasure to be associated with this school, and with such a multi-cultural and multi-national student-community, I am very confident that it would truly be a wonderful experience here.

### Ms Chan, Shui-lan English and Geography teacher



Hello, everyone! I am Ms Chan Shui Lan. I teach English and Geography this year. I am so proud to join SEKSS (WK) family. Although I am an experienced teacher, it is my first time to teach students from such diverse backgrounds. I really want to learn from them and hope to travel to the places my students were born such as Nepal, the Philippines, Pakistan and India etc sometime in the future. I enjoyed teaching teenagers and share my life experiences with them. I hope that I can motivate them to love to learn and learn to love one another every day.

As for my hobby, I like hiking and wild-life observing. I would walk about 10,000 steps on average a day. Do come to chat with me when you have time.

As for overcoming challenges posed by Covid-19, just stay positive and optimistic, wear mask, clean your hands, drink more water, rest more and stay alert to your body conditions. I hope everyone will stay healthy.

### School Picnic- Visit to Ocean Park

Our school organized tour to Ocean Park as part of the School Picnic programme on July 6th and July 13th 2021. Junior form students visited the park on 6th of July while the senior form students visited the park on the 13th July.

School picnics in the past usually involved bringing students to country parks and allowing them to collaboratively cook and eat. However, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, country parks were not open and people were not allowed to gather and feast. Yet, students shared their memorable experiences visiting the Ocean Park on the picnic day.

### Mr. NG HO CHUN Chinese Language teacher



I graduated from Hong Kong Shue Yan University and became the Chinese teaching assistant for 2 years in this school. I feel very pleased to become a Chinese teacher in this academic year. Since the outbreak of Covid-19, our life style has changed unavoidably. According to the instruction from the government, we need to wear mask, use the "Leave home safe" mobile phone app and keep the social distance with others, etc.

Thus, our living habits have changed a lot. Although the world is facing the challenges from coronavirus, we can change our attitude to face the difficulties. As a teacher, I believed that one of the important things for facing the virus is to become optimistic and realistic. I believe that less stressful life can keep your body healthy.

