



KCPSA VOICE

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Alumni honoured at Kuo Chuan Presbyterian Schools Founders' Day Celebration

The Kuo Chuan Presbyterian Schools (Primary and Secondary) celebrated their 82nd Founders' Day on 21 April 2006 with the theme 'Celebrating God's Faithfulness'. This was the first time that KCPSS and KCPPS came together to commemorate the birth of the schools.

To mark the occasion, Kok Siew Hoong, a Presbyterian Boys' School alumnus and former chairman of the Board of Governors was invited to be the Guest of Honour. The evening also saw the opening of the Heritage Gallery and the unveiling of the plaque for the Flame of the Forest tree, a gift from KCPSA.

Founders' Day 2006

(by **Mrs Yap Dai Jee, Vice Principal, KCPSS**)

It was a night when we celebrated the successes and achievements of our students and staff members for their academic performances and contributions to the school.

Our Pride & Joy

What was heartwarming about this year's Founders' Day was the unveiling of the plaque for the Flame of the Forest tree, a symbol that has long been associated with the schools. The replanting of the tree was mooted by, and made possible through the effort of the Management Committee of the KCPSA. The tree with its scarlet flowers represents the spirit of the KCP family, one of vibrancy, resilience and strength.

Before Elder Kok Siew Hoong unveiled the plaque,

Performances by students of KCPPS & KCPSS



we had the pleasure of listening to Dr Han Boon Fong who shared about her school days in Kuo Chuan Girls' School, and how the teachers and principal impacted her life then. Dr Han recalled the activities that were carried out under the Flame of the Forest tree which stood tall in the grounds of Kuo Chuan Girls' School, and how 'under the tree', grace, warmth and friendship were developed between students and teachers.



Congratulations!

The finale of the celebration was the official opening of KCPSS' Margaret Dryburgh Heritage Gallery. This Heritage Gallery is a standing testament to God's faithfulness to the KCP family, and the fierce fighting spirit of its founding principals, who through their faith and commitment to God, served the school with love and devotion, pressing on even during the most difficult of times. In fact, the Heritage Gallery was named after Miss Margaret Dryburgh, the first principal of Kuo Chuan Girls' School because she was highly regarded by all who knew her, and her dedication and faithfulness to God never wavered even during the time she was taken as a prisoner of war when the Japanese invaded Singapore in World War II. Miss Margaret Dryburgh's music brought joy and comfort to many of her fellow prisoners. The Heritage Gallery was officially opened by Elder Kok Siew Hoong amidst the crescendo of Miss Margaret Dryburgh's *The Captive Hymn* sung by the KCPSS' Secondary One choir.



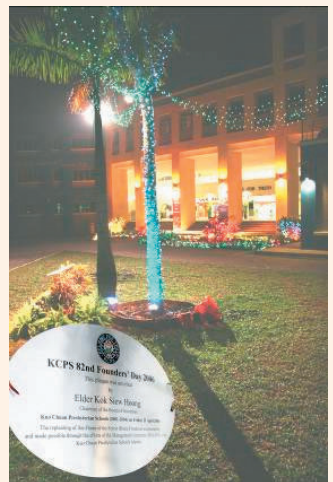
WellDone!

The Heritage Gallery is also a testimony to the rich heritage and deep affection that the alumni have for the schools. We are grateful to the Board of Governors, alumni, past and present staff members and students who contributed stories, memorabilia and artefacts to the gallery. At its opening, Elder Daniel Chan shared his story, and how his life was impacted by the education he received in Presbyterian Boys' School.



Dr Han Boon Fong

With such a rich heritage gallery in place, the schools hope to inspire a love and devotion in all the students who pass through their gates, and encourage them to continue being "afame for truth" as they graduate from Kuo Chuan Presbyterian Schools and lift the school name up high.



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Annual Dinner 2006

The KCPSA Annual Dinner 2006 will be held on Friday, 24 November 2006. Do plan to join to us. Details are as follows:

Venue: Yan Palace Restaurant
Block 531 Upper Cross Street #01-49
Hong Lim Complex
Singapore 050531
Tel: 6222 2516

Theme: Growing networks with you

Programme:

- 7pm Guests arrive
- 7.30pm Dinner commences
 - Address by KCPSA President
 - Presentation of cheques for best conduct awards to students of: KCPPS and KCPSS
 - Performances by KCPPS and KCPSS
 - Games and prizes
- 11pm Good night and wishing you and your family God's richest blessings

**For tickets and more information,
please contact Elliott Lee (tel: 9790 3429)**



Our Ex-students & Teachers at the Heritage Gallery



Mr Daniel Chan Thye Seng sharing his experiences as a student at PBS



Mr Kok Siew Hoong (left) & Mr Tony Low, Principal, KCPSS, remember Mr Bemarr Atherton (Principal, Presbyterian Boys' School, 1951-1958)



Alumnus and former teacher, Mrs Mary Tan (left) and Mdm Kew Mee Ying, Principal, KCPSS (right)



Alumnus and former teacher, Miss Hasna Alsagoff (extreme left), former clerk Mrs Erin Wickramasinghe (2nd left) viewing the exhibits with Mr Tony Low (2nd right) and Mr Kok Siew Hoong (right)



KCPSA Bowling Tournament

As is now a tradition, KCPSA held its bowling competition at the Civil Service Club Planet Bowl on Saturday, 9 September 2006.

A total of 11 teams, comprising four members each, participated. Apart from alumni members, participants included students, teachers and members of the schools' parent support groups.

Congratulations to the following winners:

Female Individual

- 1st - Theresa Tai (KCPSA Team2)
- 2nd - Grace Aw (KCPPS Student Team)
- 3rd - Evelyn Tan (KCPSA Team1)

Male Individual

- 1st - Victor Aw (KCPPS PSG)
- 2nd - Goh Khong Lin (KCPPS Teachers Team1)
- 3rd - Richard Cho (KCPPS Teachers Team1)

Team

- 1st - KCPSA Team 2 (Dexter Tai, Theresa Tai, Dexter Tai Jr, Webster Tai)
- 2nd - KCPPS Teachers Team 1 (Richard Cho, Goh Khong Lin, Mohd Najib, Tan Kim Seng)
- 3rd - KCPSA Team 1 (Foo Say Peng, Evelyn Tan, Jonathan Ng, Seah Siew Chye)

Most Promising Team (Best Student Team)

KCPSS Student Team 2 (Tung Chee Hoong, Lee Kuan Hon, Vincent Gay, Alson Law)

The Challenge Trophy for this year's competition went to the Kuo Chuan Presbyterian Schools Alumni.



Dexter Tai and family, proudly showing off their trophies.



Jonathan, receiving a consolation prize from Diana Chin, VP, KCPPS.



A strike in the making.



Grace Chua, VP, KCPSS, giving away a prize to a young team member.





Choo Chin Teck
President

Chin Teck is concurrently Director, Corporate Services, Keppel Land International Ltd, and Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary of Keppel Land Limited.



Yap Mui Teng
Vice-President

Mui Teng is a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Policy Studies, a public policy think tank.



Daniel Chan Thye Seng, PPA
Secretary

A retired civil servant, Daniel is actively serving the Katong Presbyterian church, among many other activities. He is also a jazz aficionado, critic and reviewer.



Jonathan Ng
Assistant-Secretary

Jonathan read economics in the UK, and is currently an equity analyst at UOB KayHian. He enjoys all sorts of outdoor sports and is a self-taught pianist.



Seah Siew Chye
Treasurer

Siew Chye is a Project Manager with E-Motive Display. His mottos are "Love your friends!" and "Work Hard & Play Hard!"

COMMITTEE 2005-2007



Benedict John Ho Chian Ching
Assistant-Treasurer

Benedict graduated from Kuo Chuan Presbyterian Secondary School in 1992. He went on to read Engineering at the University of Florida. He sings at the Cathedral Choir of the Risen Christ and enjoys playing soccer, tennis and golf. He is also a keen diver and a strong believer of life-long learning.



Elliot Lee Yin Fah
Committee Member

Elliot graduated from Kuo Chuan Presbyterian Secondary School in 1986. He is currently an Organizational Development Consultant for two consultancy firms based in Hong Kong and Singapore. He lectures in Professional Diploma of Training & Development on Planning Training and Business of Training.



Albert Poon Sui Kee
Auditor

Albert is a Safety Executive with Singapore Airlines Engineering Company. After graduating from PBS, he went on to obtain two diplomas (in Telecommunication Engineering and Management Studies) and two Bachelor's degrees (in Business Studies and Environment, Safety and Health) while holding down a job at the same time.



Wilson Tan Thiam Huat
Auditor

Wilson is currently a teacher-aide at the Coral Sec School. He has previously served as a boarding consultant at the Singapore Sports School, Assistant Director at the Chinese High School and Boarding Manager at the Raffles Institution Boarding School. He also volunteers his services at various organizations including MCYS, SCDF, Coral Sec. School and Kuo Chuan Sec. School.

Also in the committee are:

Dorothy Tay Wyn Hui, Committee Member

Kevin Yong, Committee Member



New Members

KCPSA would like to welcome the following new Members and look forward to their active participation in our activities:

Reginald Reynolds John
Jonathan Ng

Sim Tee Peng
Patrick Wee Huat Bee

Schools Activities

Both schools enjoyed a good and fruitful year.

At KCPSS, pupils did well in the 2005 PSLE examinations, with a 97.1% pass rate, close to the national rate of 97.4%. 78.2% went on to the Express stream, beating the national rate of 62.2%. 40% of the cohort were posted to KCPSS.

The school was also selected by the Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports to be a Family Life Education Centre. The sponsorship is for three years.

At KCPSS, pupils participated and won prizes at various national competitions. One of the three projects submitted to the Action Funding sponsored by Citibank won a \$3,000 grant. Two secondary 1 students came in 3rd out of 95 teams from 34 schools that participated in the Singapore Robotics Games. Shooting was another area that pupils have done well in, sometimes against much better-resourced competitors.

Well done!

Welcome to new V-P Mrs Grace Chua



KCPSA joins the staff and students of Kuo Chuan Presbyterian Secondary School in welcoming Mrs. Grace Chua into the KCP family. Grace joined KCPSS on 15 December 2005. She majored in Mathematics in the university, and had taught in Nanyang Girls' High School since 1993. Grace brings a wealth of experience particularly in the area of curriculum redesigning and instructional leadership. She embraces the school's vision and mission, and is glad to be part of this exciting and happening KCP family.

KCPSA Mission Statement

The mission of the Alumni is to provide former students with opportunities to interact and network, and the schools with support to be aflame for truth in the education of their students.

KCPSA Website: www.lucky.com.sg/kuochuan