

*40th
Anniversary*

*Thoughts on the 40th Anniversary of
Ming Yin College*



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It gives me great pleasure to have been invited by my Alma Mater to contribute a write-up on this auspicious and memorable occasion of Ming Ying College. Forty years is definitely not a short space of time by any measure and there are so many memories and thoughts that words cannot adequately express.

We've come a long way!

I joined Ming Yin as a Form 1 student in 1968, just two years after it was opened. Despite the passage of over 33 years since our graduation in 1973, the class still maintains (or rather re-established after a long hiatus) contact among ourselves and we recently realized our goal of getting “re-connected” with over 50 classmates. Many of them have by now participated in the 40th anniversary dinner held on 24th March, with a number

of them coming back from afar in the US, Canada and the UK. I personally have a lot of happy memories of my teen days at Ming Yin, many of them are as vivid as if they took place only a few years ago! For instance I can still recall clearly the Easter camping we did in 1971 with our Form teacher “Ma Sir”. Looking back it was as I could recall the Year of the Pig, like this year but already 36 years have slipped though!

My three ‘C’s of wisdom

Ming Yin belongs to the Hong Kong Council of the Church of Christ in China or in short CCC. If I may I would like to elaborate on three Cs which I believe have made a strong impact on my life.

The first ‘C’ I would like to talk about is “Change”. It has often been said that the world is changing so rapidly that “change is the only constant”. In all stages of one’s life, be it studying, working, social or business, we need invariably to deal with change. Those are unable to cope with change will sadly be left out in the strong current of change as was the case in redundant workforce or obsolete machinery. To cope with change requires one to think out of the box, to anticipate things before they happen and to challenge the status quo. One needs to equip himself/herself with new mind set and skill set, in a proactive, rather than reactive manner as well as taking oneself out of his usual comfort zone.

The second ‘C’ I wish to allude to is “Confidence”. With a rather open and westernized learning environment at Ming Yin, I had every opportunity to develop my self-confidence. I always believe that the most important mission of any educational institution, besides passing on knowledge to students, is to groom and develop confidence – confidence in studies, work, social, family and business life. With confidence, one will be better equipped to move up the career ladder in work, derive greater satisfaction in social relations and unleash completely one’s potential to achieve more than one can think of himself or herself.

The third ‘C’ I wish to describe is “Challenge”. The greatest challenge (and source of accomplishment) for people in business today is China. China is both an opportunity and challenge. It is by no means easy but for those that are initiated enough the rewards can be plentiful. Language is a key to communication and

hence success in this burgeoning market. Fortunately Ming Yin even at my time nearly 40 years ago must have been one of the pioneers in Hong Kong to be teaching its students Putonghua. Such not otherwise available in other schools curriculum has given me added convenience in my university life (where some lectures were done in Putonghua) as well as my career which requires Putonghua as an entry pre-requisite.

My gratitude

I am most grateful to my Alma Mater for having trained me to develop these three very important skill sets which have benefited me for the past 30 years since graduation, even up to this day. The happy memories will stay with me for many many more years to come. I take pride to have been associated with such a fine institution and would like to say a big “thank you” to Ming Yin or MY COLLEGE and wish it all the very best in delivering what I believe to be best education one could ever have in the years ahead.



Mr. Raymond, Yip Chak Yan (graduate of 1973), our Guest of Honour, making a speech



Token of gratitude for our Guest of Honour – Mr. Raymond, Yip Chak Yan