Hotung Secondary School

99 Hotung girls' heart-warming gesture speaks volume of our love for Founding Principal Mrs Kitty Cheung

by Ms Wong Yin-ling, Principal

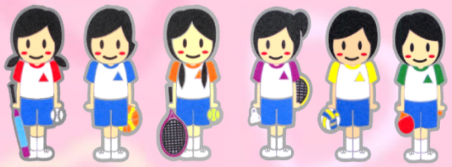
Our school is truly blessed with a Founding Principal who not only was a caring, visionary leader during the early years of our history but also remains a strong, healthy, charming, elegant and impeccably attired lady in her nineties. I have kept telling my Hotung girls this ever since I had the privilege of meeting Mrs Kitty Cheung after taking up the principalship at Hotung Secondary School. I am totally delighted that this sentiment is shared by our alumnae, especially those who grew up to be well-educated and well-mannered young women under the tutelage of such a remarkable educator.

On 12 March, 99 former Hotung girls, together with me, past teachers as well as three former principals, threw a Chinese lunch party at the dining hall of Centenary Building of Craigengower Cricket Club in honour of their mentor. The number of attendees was specially set as the occasion was meant to celebrate the 99th birthday of Mrs Cheung, which I think is a really sweet, thoughtful gesture to show their love, affection and respect for her.

Everyone eagerly looks forward to the start of the joyous occasion on arrival at the venue.

Hotung girls are thrilled to see their old friends and former teachers.

Everyone is ecstatic when Mrs Cheung arrives and gives her the warmest hugs ever.



Everyone seizes the precious opportunity to take photos with Mrs Cheung.

During the lunch gathering, all of us kept greeting Mrs Cheung with warm hugs and gathering around her to take photos together with her. Before the start of the celebratory meal, my fellow principals and I was given the delightful task of voicing our admiration for our pioneering predecessor and sending her our warmest wishes of joy, happiness and good health.

A historic photo of five Hotung principals sharing a table. (From left) Ms Fung Lin- foon (1999-2005), Ms Ho Kar-shuen (1991-1999), Mrs Kitty Cheung (1953-1967), Ms Wong Yin-ling (2007-present) and Ms Wendy Ho(2005-2007).

I wish Mrs Cheung many more happy, healthy years ahead.

Next came the presentation of several specially produced and beautifully designed birthday cards to Mrs Cheung, one of which was hand-made by my Art teacher and signed by all the current teaching staff.

The most touching moment of the function came when Dr Susan Ho Fung-lin presented her beloved principal with an original Chinese painting. At the same time, Dr Ho displayed a photocopy of the certificate in recognition of her having achieved ‘First in Art’ in Form One, which bore the signature of Mrs Cheung and which Dr Ho said inspired her to exert herself and realize her potential.

Dr Susan Ho (right) and Ms Amy Chan presents the exquisite painting to Mrs Cheung.

Dr Susan Ho (right) thanks Mrs Cheung for her warmest, kindest encouragement.

Naturally, Mrs Cheung was profoundly moved by the display of love, affection and respect from her past students and, subsequently, long-time friends. In fact, she was so deeply touched that tears streamed down her face as she spoke in appreciation of their heart-warming gestures. She also disclosed that she was initially reluctant to take up the principalship back in 1953, as she knew that the challenges ahead would be enormous. However, once she agreed to accept the mission, she put her heart and soul into transforming this small school into a wonderful place of learning, love, joy, fun, community and empowerment for local teenage girls.

Hotung girls prepare a most beautiful birthday cake for Mrs Cheung.

Mrs Cheung tours round the venue to voice her gratitude for and appreciation of her students' thoughtful gestures.

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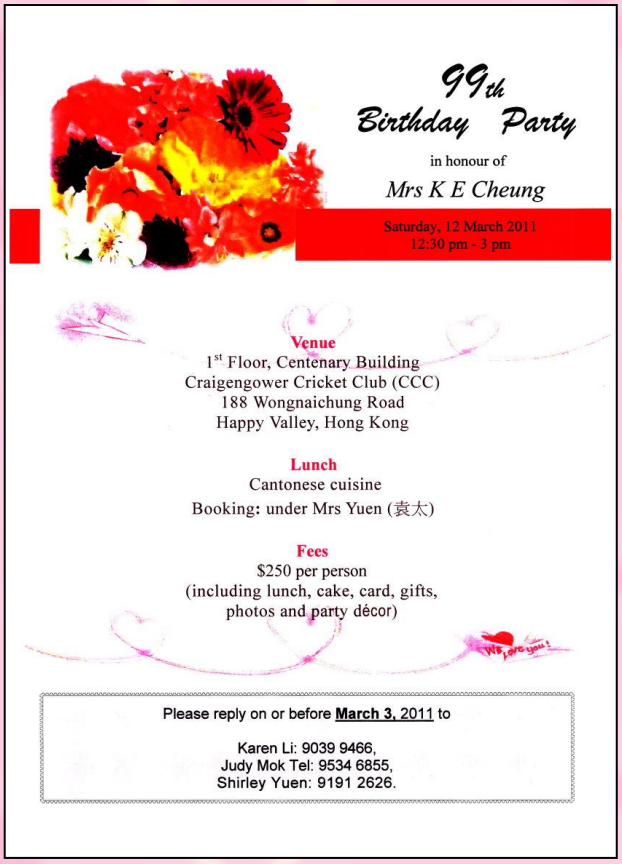
The birthday party ended on a high note as Mrs Cheung and all of us sang the school song loudly and spiritedly. As we bid farewell to our beloved Founding Principal, many of us were already talking excitedly about how her 100th birthday should be celebrated in style next year.

Mrs May Liu acts as the choirmaster to ensure a rousing and heart-felt rendition of the Hotung school song.

Although I did not graduate from this school, I was filled with pride when Mrs Cheung told me that she saw me as a bona fide Hotung girl.

A group photo brings the joyous occasion to a successful close.



99th Birthday Party

in honour of

Mrs K E Cheung

Saturday, 12 March 2011
12:30 pm - 3 pm

Venue
1st Floor, Centenary Building
Craigengower Cricket Club (CCC)
188 Wongnaichung Road
Happy Valley, Hong Kong

Lunch
Cantonese cuisine
Booking: under Mrs Yuen (袁太)

Fees
$250 per person
(including lunch, cake, card, gifts,
photos and party décor)

We love you!

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Programme

Guest list

Table	Name
Head Table	Mrs K E Cheung
Head Table	Miss Fung Lin Foon
Head Table	Miss Jessie Ho
Head Table	Ms Wendy Ho
Head Table	Ms Wong Yin Ling
Head Table	Mrs Irene Chiu
Head Table	Mrs Gloria Ko
Head Table	Mrs Luk
Head Table	Ms Nancy Lau
Head Table	Mrs Shum Lai Lau Yuk
Head Table	Miss T Siu
Head Table	Mrs Ada Wong
RED	Fung Yau Mei
RED	Ho Kee Yee
RED	Lai Kam Yeung
RED	Leung Wai Man
RED	Yeung Pui Chun
RED	Yeung Po Yee Loretta
RED	Rona Lee
RED	Anna Au
RED	Ada Chan
RED	Cherry Chan
RED	Amy Chan
RED	Karen Li

Table	Name
ORANGE	Dr Susan Ho Fung Lin
ORANGE	Marianne Chan
ORANGE	Flora Ching
ORANGE	Hilary Fok
ORANGE	Kathy Heung
ORANGE	Helen Kwong
ORANGE	Violet Lai
ORANGE	Paddy Lee
ORANGE	Pamela Leung
ORANGE	Shirley Liu Moon Shan
ORANGE	Wong Man Long
ORANGE	Kitty Yau
ORANGE	Shirley Yuen
YELLOW	Betty Wan
YELLOW	Alice Yeung
YELLOW	Hetta Chan
YELLOW	Marianne Lee Kit Ching
YELLOW	Judy Mok
YELLOW	Mr Aron Lau
YELLOW	Carlye Tsui
YELLOW	Katherine Wong
YELLOW	Irene Wong
YELLOW	Judy Yuen
YELLOW	Flora Pun
YELLOW	Amy Kwok
YELLOW	Vivian Lai

Table	Name
GREEN	Jasmine Lee
GREEN	Jeannie Leung
GREEN	Amelia Kan
GREEN	Nellie Chow
GREEN	Debbie Lam
GREEN	Mary Anne Lo
GREEN	Victoria Yuen
GREEN	Vivian Lee
GREEN	Zonia Choi
GREEN	Gladys Lai
GREEN	Joanna Lai
GREEN	Elaine Wong
LIME	Mrs May Liu
LIME	Kathy Ko
LIME	Maria Cheung
LIME	Barbara Lai Fung Po Kun
LIME	Elvira Lee
LIME	Teresa Leung
LIME	Jessica Tsui
LIME	Ingrid Cheung
LIME	Lucy Cheung
LIME	Bella Fung
LIME	Clarice Leung
LIME	Shirley Man
LIME	Kea Tsang

Table	Name
BLUE	Brenda Li * Veg
BLUE	Winnie Chiu
BLUE	Dona Chan
BLUE	Janice Kwok
BLUE	Annabella Lo
BLUE	Julia Mak
BLUE	May Tam 1
BLUE	May Tam 2
BLUE	May Tam 3
BLUE	May Tam 4
BLUE	Katherine Tsang
BLUE	Cinda Yu
PURPLE	Edna Cheng
PURPLE	Diana Chan
PURPLE	Josephine Chan
PURPLE	Maria Chau
PURPLE	Lisa Cheung
PURPLE	Caroline Fan
PURPLE	Connie Shum
PURPLE	Juliana Sin
PURPLE	Vivian Wong
PURPLE	Nancy Yu
PURPLE	Patricia Lam
PURPLE	Margaret Wong
PURPLE	Denise Lo