



Ying Wa School Campus Improvement Project
Indoor Swimming Pool
Newsletter – Fundraising Campaign for Old Boys (Target: HK\$10 Million)
30 September 2015

Dear Ying Wa old boys,

As you may be aware, the construction work of the School Campus Improvement Project (Swimming Pool) is running at full throttle now. It is going to be a great addition to the campus and will constitute an extra avenue to create an even more conducive and vibrant school environment for our students and the whole school community upon its completion. With such school needs in mind, it is high time that the school kick-started our fundraising initiatives and we elicit your generous support of your alma mater by making a donation so that ultimately, we can all share the abounding joy when the project comes to fruition.

The preparation of the Swimming Pool Project commenced in September 2012 with a view to providing more diverse and meaningful learning experiences to our students through upgrading and optimising our school facilities. Different stakeholders, including representatives from the school board, teachers and parents have been heavily involved in the preparation work. A professional architectural firm has also been employed for implementing the project.

An indoor 25-metre swimming pool with 5 lanes will be constructed at which the spectator stands are currently located. The football pitch will be slightly moved in order to provide enough space for the building of the swimming pool. Upon the completion of the construction work, the use of the football pitch will be resumed. The ground floor of the new building will consist of a multi-purpose room with a floor area of over 4000 square feet while the indoor swimming pool will be situated on the first floor. In addition, the roof area will be utilised for athletic training. A 50-metre long running track will also be available.

The construction work of the swimming pool has commenced in early July this year. It is expected that the swimming pool will be open in 2017.





This swimming pool project is so reminiscent of the older generations' adolescence when it was such a hassle having to travel all the way from the Oxford Road campus to Kowloon Tsai Park for swimming lessons. Now that we are on the threshold of the new development, we are more than happy to envision the increased opportunity for this new generation of Ying Wa boys to enjoy it as a sport and receive swimming training. Likewise, the old boys will certainly take delight in their easy access to this new facility and pride themselves on how the school campus will morph into something even more distinctive.

In this connection, both the College and Primary Sections of Ying Wa will be directly benefited from this project. Students of both Sections and old boys alike can take a dip in the swimming pool all year round. It is expected that we will be able to offer our students a head start in swimming training; swimming lessons in PE sessions and after-school swimming training for school teams will be in store for our boys.

Our fundraising target for old boys is 10 million dollars with due consideration of the expenditure to be incurred for the construction, operation and long-term maintenance of the swimming pool – costs directly attributed to the project. The projected aggregate costs amount to 82 million dollars approximately as at now. There will possibly be additional expenditure incurred such as variation orders, pertaining to features like the Multi-purpose Room underneath the pool. Operation

costs covering water and electricity costs as well as expenses for hiring qualified lifeguards will also be incurred. It is thus very evident that an enormous amount of school resources have to be earmarked for this project. Although the school will be in a healthy financial position in the years to come, the various facets of sustainable school development necessitate prudent use of normal income; therefore the indoor swimming pool project should not pose any financial burden on the school and fundraising for the project is highly necessary.

Hence, we are pinning our hopes on all of you, who are avid supporters of the ongoing development of your alma mater, to give generously to this project so that it can be materialised. We are counting on your support and will be deeply grateful for your contribution. A donation form is herewith attached and donations can be made via cheques payable to Ying Wa College.

Our precious Lord loves cheerful givers and will reward generous giving. Moreover, sharing, generosity and benevolence are our bedrock Christian values underpinning our school heritage. May the Lord continue to bless Ying Wa boys in the generations to come.

Maria Lam
Headmistress
Ying Wa Primary School

Allan Cheng
Principal
Ying Wa College

Ying Wa School Campus Improvement Project
Indoor Swimming Pool
Donation Form

To: The Principal
Ying Wa College

I have been notified about the particulars regarding making a donation in support of **Ying Wa School Campus Improvement Project – Indoor Swimming Pool**.

I opted to donate via the following method: (Please indicate your choice by putting a tick in the appropriate box.)

- ☐ As a one-off donation of \$ _____ with a cheque made payable to “Ying Wa College”
(cheque no: _____) attached herewith.

Tax-deductible receipts for donations of \$100 or more will be issued.

- ☐ Donating with a fixed contribution amount in a period of 2 years with specific requirements as below:

- Monthly donations of \$500 / \$1000 / other amounts * (please specify: \$ _____)
(* Please circle your choice)
- 12 instalments per year (duration: 2 years)
- The aforesaid fixed donation amount will be automatically withdrawn. Application forms for setting up an auto- debit account will be sent to you in due course. The payments will be automatically debited on the 15th every month.

Tax-deductible receipts for donations of \$100 or more will be issued once every tax year.

- ☐ Other donation methods: _____

Old Boy's Name: _____

Graduation Year: _____

Address: _____

Tel. No.: _____

Signature: _____

Note: 1. Please send this donation form and your cheque donation by mail to:

Ying Wa College, 1 Ying Wa Street, Shamshuipo, Kowloon

2. For further enquiries, please contact Mr. Mak Tak Cheung, Vice-principal of Ying Wa College at 2336 8838.