Dear Wahyanites, Parents and friends of Wah Yan,

Many a time during recess, lunch time and after school we ran, played, tumbled and fell together on our school grass football pitch, where we breathed and embraced the freedom and care our alma mater tendered. At other times, many of our sports team members gave their best on the pasture during practices and games. Most other times though, we were audience there to hail our schoolmates at matches and school athletic competitions.

Whatever we did there, our grass football pitch cradled our boyhood days with our schoolmates and beloved teachers when we were students at Wah Yan Kowloon ("WYK"). The grassland gave us a fond memory of schooldays. It used to be the hub of our school life.

Our School has been doing its best to preserve this meadow for our young boys over the years. Unfortunately, since the last decade the physical condition of the pitch had deteriorated beyond repair. The uneven pitch surface had become so acute that even jogging is almost impossible these days. Our students can neither play proper football nor run at ease on the pitch during PE sessions. Sport development in our School has been hampered by this poor condition.

In recent years, the funding from the Wah Yan One Family Foundation has enabled our School to hire professional coaches to provide extra training programmes for our sports teams. As a result, our school teams made visible progress by winning awards in different sports activities such as track and field, tennis, swimming, table tennis, basketball and football. We saw boys running around the campus and chasing after several balls on the "sandy" pitch again. Many alumni returned to teach and practise with our students on the tennis and basketball courts over weekends. The spirit of sportsmanship has returned on our campus. We felt we should do something to help further nurture these passions and spirit, as our young boys deserved a better environment to develop their characters, values and physique.

In November 2012, a group of dedicated alumni discussed a football pitch redevelopment plan with the School, the Past Students’ Association (WYKPSA), alumni
and other stakeholders. Gracefully, the plan had been shared with and approved by the School Management Committee ("SMC") of WYK, and a Committee for Sports Development Project for Wah Yan ("the Committee") was subsequently formed to implement the plan. The approved plan is to redevelop the grass football pitch into an artificial turf pitch (new 4th generation) with improved drainage and durable non-infill surface by 2014. The new pitch is the most environmental friendly among all types of artificial turfs since no infill of rubber and sand granules is required. The existing tracks alongside Wylie Road will also be refurbished. In the long run, we sincerely hope that the new pitch could be open to students and alumni of both Wah Yan in Hong Kong and Kowloon,benefitting all members of the Wah Yan community.

Our target is to raise HKD12.5 million for the Project before the end of 2013, a high order task that needs the ardent support from a lot of alumni and friends of Wah Yan. We have gratefully secured a pledged donation of HK$1.5 million to start with. Since the government would not appropriate any funding to support redevelopment project of such scale, we are now setting out to appeal to discerning people like you and your classmates, friends and peers to support this very worthwhile initiative. Please reply on or before 30th November 2013 and disseminate this appeal letter to your friends, peers and all Wahyanites you know of. Please call Mr Warren Chung on 2384 1038 or Mr Charles Tse on 9090 1325 if you need further information. The new football pitch will serve as a common ground to encourage the collaboration between the two Wah Yans. Let’s join hands to work together for the betterment of our alma mater, where the spirit of “Men for and with others” beckons.

With very best wishes,

Rev Stephen Chow SJ
Supervisor

Rev Alfred Deignan SJ
Chairman
The Jesuit Education Board

Warren Chung
Principal

Charles Tse
(WYK85)
Head, Committee for Sports Development Project for Wah Yan

Committee Members:
Sonny Leung Eric Lee (WYK82)
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(WYK97)

Ernest Lau
(WYK85)
Reply Slip

☐ I/We would like to donate HK$____________ to be a Patron to support the Sports Development Project for Wah Yan (HK$1,000,000 or above)

☐ I/We would like to donate HK$____________ to be a Sponsor to support the Sports Development Project for Wah Yan (HK$500,000-$999,999)

☐ I/We would like to donate HK$____________ to be a Patron Class to support the Sports Development Project for Wah Yan (HK$200,000-$499,999)

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Patron, Sponsor, Patron Class and Supporter will be entitled to display of name and logo in related communications and other channels of acknowledgement.

☐ Please issue an official receipt for the name below and send it to the address provided (for donation of HK$100 or above only)
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All cheques should be made payable to “Wah Yan One Family Foundation Limited” and returned to Wah Yan One Family Foundation Limited, 17/F Centre Point, 181 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong on or before 30 November 2013. All donations received will be transferred to Wah Yan College, Kowloon for bill settlements in 2014.

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- PROPOSED NEW FOOTBALL FIELD
- NEW SPORT PAVILION

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