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Dear Alumni,

The recent explosion of media coverage about Wah Yan College, Kowloon (WYK) has naturally and regrettably pained anyone who cares for WYK and raised doubts and worries about our new Principal, Mr. Warren Chung and the incumbent, Dr. John Tan.

We wish to first affirm there is no legitimate basis or need to make any change to the appointment made with Mr. Chung. He was carefully and unanimously chosen by the 7-member Selection Board (consisting of members from the Sponsoring Body, alumni of both Wah Yan Colleges and a Professor in Education), approved by JEB (Jesuit Education Board representing the Sponsoring Body) and our SMC (School Management Committee). Mr. Chung has made great contributions to his present school, moving the school from a lower banding to a higher banding situation in a few years. His two Supervisors, Fr. Ha and Fr. Chan both regret that he is leaving their school in spite of the harassment accusation brought up against him.

It was alerted to our SMC that there was such an accusation after the approval of appointment of Mr. Chung. He was invited to explain to JEB and SMC. In that meeting, Mr. Chung explained to us the accusation and showed to us the documents signed by the SMC and the Supervisor of his present school that stated their trust in Mr. Chung's intention, and that their SMC could not judge him guilty of the accusation. Our (WYK) SMC concurred and re-affirmed our appointment, which we still uphold. We can all understand how traumatic the experience has been to Mr. Chung. He has faced every challenge with great spirit of faith and magnanimity.

A close examination of Dr. Tan's resignation letter from the SMC shows that he resigned not really because of reservations of Mr. Chung's personal integrity. We all know what a principled leader that Dr. Tan is and gratefully appreciate all the positive reforms and improvements he has brought to the School. Such a strong leader naturally has dissidents who tend to repeatedly and instantly leak out internal and confidential debates and create storms over the School. In his letter jointly signed with Fr. George Zee addressed educators within WYK, Dr. Tan apologized for the wrong impression of condemning Mr. Chung's personal

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integrity that the media and many people seemed to have taken. We would also like to clarify that Fr. George Zee did not resign from the SMC as it was erroneously reported. He is working in great earnestness and unity with the SMC and the school.

SMC reaffirms that proper procedures were followed and trusts that Mr. Chung, will in time prove himself to be an excellent, open-minded, loving and capable leader of the School. May all stakeholders do our best to support and cooperate with Mr. Chung "in unity" (quoting Mr. Chung), for the well-being and education of our students and all at WYK, which is our common goal.

Fr. Stephen Chow, S.J.

School Supervisor and Chairman of the School Management Committee