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My dear Students and Alumni of the WYK Choir,

### Message on WYK Choir Winning 1st Prize in the Busan Choral Festival & Competition

As a first-time participant of this Festival, you won the 1<sup>st</sup> prize, something that others or even you might have considered impossible. Congratulations!

Our Choir always put ourselves as our target of winning – to outperform how we did in the past. I have said that I did not expect us to win the 1st prize in Busan, because I thought a 2nd place or 3rd place might give us incentive to do better in this kind of festival next time, and that we, not being allowed to watch the other groups performing, did not know their standards of performance. Now that you have reached the top in the Classical Equal Voices Class of this competition, our direction for improvement seems to be the international stage beyond East Asia! The School will definitely support the Choir to develop in this direction.

I knew how hard you worked as a team in the past few months, and, as I witnessed, in the past few days, especially yesterday. Nothing is impossible, because hard work in the right direction can help us to achieve what we might once considered impossible. Although I am not with you tonight, I can imagine how happy you will be when you hear the M.C. announcing Wah Yan College winning and receiving the 1st prize! In the name of Wah Yan, your hard work has helped you conquer. I am really very happy for you all. I hope you can transfer this fighting spirit of hard work to other areas of your life, such as your studies, your ECA, your physical health, your future work ... because By this Sign, You Shall Conquer.

We Wahyanites do not compete just for winning the champion, but when we win, we joyfully accept the appreciation of others, give glory to God and do not boast our victory. Let us give thanks to God who gave us wonderful voices, give thanks to our parents who nurtured us until today, one of the crowning moments of your life, give thanks to Mr Lesley Chan who has been working so hard to fully develop your potentials, give thanks to the old boys who always show care and support to you, and many others...

Very well done, WYK Choir, may this experience in Busan today always give you strength to continue to conquer battles in your life! Thank you very much for being a great credit to the School and enabling me to enjoy such nice music in Busan.

Your Principal

John K Tan