



# WAH YAN COLLEGE KOWLOON Alumni Association of Ontario

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Mr. Anthony Ho                      *Staff Advisor*

**Upcoming Events**

**Niagara Winery Tour** – On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June we are going to visit the [Niagara Culinary Institute](#) complete with a wine tasting/greenhouse tour (\$8 per person) and an optional luncheon (\$28 + tax + gratuity per person). Please check our [website](#) for details.

**Dinner with Fr. Stephen Chow** – A dinner jointly organised with Wah Yan Hong Kong Alumni Ontario chapter in honour of the visiting School Supervisor of the two Wah Yans will be held on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> July. Please check our [website](#) for details.

**Dinner with Dr. Desmond Wong** – A networking dinner organised by the class of 1957 with Dr. Desmond Wong, a specialist on prostate gland, as the guest of honour. Dr. Wong will present a talk on prostate cancer. The dinner will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> July at the Emperor Restaurant in Richmond Hill. Please check our [website](#) for details.

**Terry Fox Run** – Last year we raised close to C\$6,000 for this worthy cause. Once again this year, WYKAAO will be participating in the annual Terry Fox Run, scheduled to take place on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> September. The location is yet to be determined. Details of the event will be put up on our website shortly. In the meantime please let us know if you are interested in joining the WYKAAO team via the ['Contact Us'](#) page in the website. Please also visit our [photo site](#) for pictures from last year's Terry Fox Run.

**Dinner with Fr. Coghlan**

Fifty guests from both Wah Yan Ontario chapters had a wonderful evening at the Brillinat Chinese Restaurant on 7<sup>th</sup> June with the visiting Fr. Sean Coghlan, S.J. All of us were delighted to hear his briefings on the latest developments in both Wah Yans. Pictures can be found on our [photo site](#).



WYK Group with Fr. Coghlan (sitting right 3<sup>rd</sup>)

Wah Yan College, Kowloon  
85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
1924 ~ 2009



**Spring Banquet**

Our 2009 annual Spring Banquet was held in the Century Palace Chinese Restaurant on the 28<sup>th</sup> March. Seven tables of guests from local GTA areas and from as far away as Ottawa and



Buffalo, New York attended the function. Mahjong game was followed by fine dining, bingo and lucky draws. MC Kelvin Chan announced the new Principa! Dr. John Tan's taking office and Mr. Anthony Ho and Mr. Laurence Tam gave introductions to the upcoming Cradle of Ink Painting exhibit. It was definitely a fun-filled evening enjoyed by all. You can view the [pictures](#) on our website.

**Cradle of New Chinese Ink Painting Movement Exhibitions**

The first of Mr. Laurence Tam's Cradle of New Chinese Ink Painting Movement Toronto exhibitions sponsored by WYKAAO was opened on 25<sup>th</sup> April at the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto and continued until 9<sup>th</sup> May. The second exhibit was opened on 5<sup>th</sup> June at the University of Toronto Richard Charles Lee Canada-Hong Kong Library and will run until 19<sup>th</sup> June. A seminar was also held in conjunction with the opening of the University exhibit on the subject of ink painting and art education. Please visit the Cradle Exhibit [website](#) for more details, complete with AV presentations.



(Photo left)  
CCC  
opening  
ceremony  
25<sup>th</sup> April

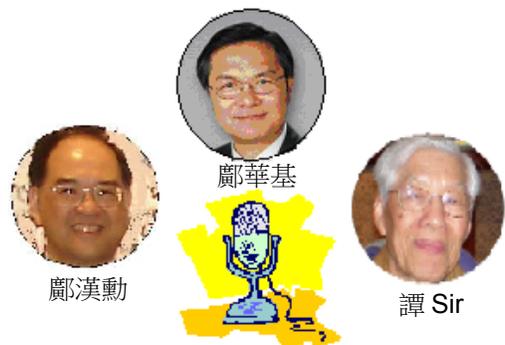


(Photo right)  
U of  
Toronto  
seminar  
5<sup>th</sup> June

**九華中文優良傳統又一見証**

前鄭華基老師 (1979~1995) 任職多倫多華語電台多年, 推廣中華文化不遺餘力, 深入淺出, 廣受聽眾歡迎。上月新水墨畫運動的搖籃展出前, 訪問前譚志成老師 (1956~1972)。兩位先後同事在直播室內談話, 即時播出。整個展覽的緣由, 歷程, 意義, 及其在中國水墨畫教育史上的地位, 一一順序道來。聽者有如昔日親臨教誨之感。節目結束前, 次任會長鄭漢勳以地道中文介紹在多倫多的展出。

播音可在以下網址收聽  
[http://cradle.wykontario.org/?page\\_id=349](http://cradle.wykontario.org/?page_id=349)。



**Newsletter Going Green**

While most of our members are already receiving their WYKAAO newsletters via e-mail, there are a few of you who are still receiving printed copies. If you want to continue receiving printed copies of the newsletter, please send us a confirmation either by letter mail to our official address on page one or by e-mail

to wahyan@wykontario.org or call Mr. Ho at 416-222-3020 in the evening and we will be happy to oblige. Otherwise, here at WYKAAO, we are doing our part to help save the environment; the newsletter will go paperless starting with our next issue.

**Letter from the New Principal**



President David Wong received the following letter from WYK's new principal Dr. John K. Tan. Here is what he wrote –

2 March 2009

Dear Mr. Wong,

As I begin my service as principal of Wah Yan College Kowloon today, I find it difficult not to remind myself that one of the greatest treasures of our school is the loyal support from our alumni. Being a Wah Yan old boy (WYHK 1981) who has lived overseas for some time myself, I understand that miles of distance and years of separation from the school campus do not diminish the bonding between overseas Wahyanites and their *alma mater*.

I thank you and Wahyanites in your Association for supporting our school throughout the years, and I look forward to welcoming you here in Wah Yan when you have a chance to visit us.

May God bless all of your members and the good work of your Association.

Yours sincerely,

John Kan TAN (Dr.)  
Principal

**Happy Corner**

Congratualions to the following Wahaynites –



Past President and current Director Sonny Sie (1960) and his wife Patsy for the birth of their first grandchild, Kaleb Griffin Sie Man-Chung, born: 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2008 *(Photo left)*

Former Director Cedric Ko (1994) and his wife Irene for the birth of their new baby Ethan *(Photo right)*



Marketing Director Eric Li (1995) on his marriage to Miss Irene Chen on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2008 *(Photo above)*

**WYKAAO Facebook Group**

Please join our recently created [Facebook group](#) and share your thoughts and fun.



## The President on Cool

Another kind of cool - David Wong

We have dreams. We dream of the ways we can never be. We dream of being the image of our idols. We dream of performing things that everyone would praise. We dream of gathering all the riches in the world. We dream of having everything under our commands. We dream of befriending the most beautiful women. We dream of better intelligence than Einstein. We dream of being COOL

That was what we did when we were young.

Then we found out there is only one Elvis in the world, whatever we did there was always criticism, just having wealth with no health is hell, beauty and money are in direct proportion, the more beautiful the women, the more money you need to keep them, Einstein was but an old fool who concocted up strange ideas and misled mankind for many years, and for all that, we called it reality.

Then we discover another kind of cool.

Being nice to the family is cool

Remembering Mother's day is cool

Remembering your anniversary is cool

Being angry with the wife and then forgetting it is cool

Being able to connect with high school buddies after 50 years is cool

Willing to help the less fortunate is cool

Keeping your sense of humour is cool

Being able to respect yourself is cool

We don't need to be heroes. We do not need to have plenty. We just need to keep on discovering the new kind of cool that brings us comfort of mind.

And of course the coolest thing in the world is to devote your spare time dreaming up schemes to drive your wife crazy ... ah, how cool can that be!!

## Milestones

### Mr. Wu Tien-Chor 吳天助老師 (1929~2009) R.I.P.

Mr. Wu taught at WYK from 1967 to 1992. After his retirement, he lived in Vancouver with this son, Ng Ming-Sai (WYK 1976). The memorial service for Mr. Wu was held in Burnaby on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2009. His [biography](#) shows his many talents and the Sing Tao Daily [article](#) describes his life in Vancouver. He will be missed by his students.



### Patrick Lee Sai-Cheong 李世昌 (WYK 1975), R.I.P.

Our dear classmate Patrick Li Sai-cheong (Class of '75) passed away on 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2009 in Hong Kong after a brief battle with liver cancer. He is survived by his wife Daphne. After graduation from Wah Yan, Patrick attended Mankato State University, (now part of University of Minnesota) and had lived in Australia for an extended period of time before returning to Hong Kong in the late 1990s.



During his battle with cancer, classmates James Wong and Kipling Chang in Hong Kong had been providing a lot of personal assistance.

Patrick's funeral was held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2009, followed by cremation at the Cape Collinson Crematorium, Chai Wan, Hong Kong.