

Good morning, TYTCians! Welcome back to a new academic year at TYT! To our dedicated teachers, passionate social workers, and my dear students, it brings me immense happiness to see all of you gathered here today. A special shout-out to our Form 1 students, who are embarking on an exciting new chapter in their lives. Let's give them a round of applause to welcome them to our TYT family!

Over the summer, TYTCians have achieved remarkable success in various activities. Our Robotics Team made history by securing the First Runner-Up title in the Junior Division at the 2025 World Olympiad Robotics Competition (WRO) China Invitational Competition. This is the best result ever achieved by our team on the global stage. Meanwhile, our Quiz Team claimed its seventh championship in the Constitution and Basic Law Inter-School Quiz Competition.

Individually, Huang Ho Hin, our Form 1 student last year, also made us proud by earning the Gold Award in the “篇篇流螢” Reading Star Competition, achieving the highest score in Hong Kong.

Additionally, our Chinese History students participated in a five-day cultural exchange tour in Shanxi, where they deepened their understanding of our nation's heritage.

Some of these achievements will be showcased in our new **TYTCians Humanities Gallery (董中人文館)** on the second and third floors. The Humanities Gallery is established in preparation for the school's 40th anniversary 3 years later, aiming to immerse the history and achievements of TYTCians in our campus. This initiative seeks to deepen understanding, foster pride in the school's accomplishments, and strengthen the sense of community and identity among students and staff. You can visit the Dance Team Exhibition on the second floor and explore the world map and media displays on the third floor, including highlights of our Quiz Team's accomplishments. These spaces celebrate the hard work and dedication of our students and teachers. In the near future, TYTCians Humanities Gallery exhibitions will be integrated into every corner of the school campus.

Now, let's talk about academics. I am delighted to announce that our students have once again achieved remarkable results which exceed expectations in the 2025 HKDSE Examination, setting new records for our school. The percentages of 5\*\*, level 5 and level 4 or above, **reach a record high in TYT history**. Our students also broke the records in language subjects, with 100% achieving Level 3 or above in English and 98% in Chinese.

6A Wong Wang Chi achieved an extraordinary 7×5\*\*, making him the **Super Top Scorer** in Hong Kong and among all Po Leung Kuk schools. Following Chui Yi Nap in 2021, Wong is the second HKDSE Super Top Scorer from our school. Last Saturday, during the Form 1 Orientation Day Camp, both returned to school to share their experiences and study insights with the newcomers, demonstrating great dedication and commitment.

Eight of our graduates were granted the HKDSEE Outstanding Achievement Scholarships by Po Leung Kuk. The percentage of students meeting the 332A2 university admission requirement of JUPAS reached **a new high of 99%**, with around 60% of our graduates admitted to Hong Kong's "Big Four" universities – HKU, CUHK, HKUST, and PolyU.

Among them, ten high-flyers were admitted by the Faculty of Medicine of CUHK and HKU and the Faculty of Dentistry of HKU, while 71 students pursued STEAM-related disciplines. These extraordinary results reflect not only the hard work of our students but also the tireless dedication of our teachers. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to our Academic Committee, subject panel heads, and all teachers who have supported our students tirelessly.

To celebrate these achievements, our founding donor Mr. Pai and his daughter Dr. Pai, the granddaughter of Madam Tang Yuk Tien, hosted a special luncheon on August 22 to thank our teachers. Meanwhile, the mass media have been very eager to interview our top-performing students, showcasing their success stories and inspiring others across Hong Kong. Today, we will also share a news clip featuring Wong Wang Chi and other high achievers, which highlights their inspiring journeys. Let us now take a look at the exclusive interview with them by i-Cable News.

This academic year marks the beginning of our new three-year School Development Plan. This plan centers on two major concerns that will guide our growth from 2025/26 to 2027/28.

The first major concern is **to unleash students' full potential to embrace their studies in the ever-changing 21st century**. In today's world, where technology and knowledge are advancing at an unprecedented pace, we aim to prepare you to adapt and excel. Our focus will be on **nurturing self-motivated lifelong learners** through innovative teaching methods such as flipped classrooms and project-based learning. To equip you for the future, we are also introducing coding workshops, AI and information literacy programs, ensuring that you are ready to **embrace the opportunities and challenges of a tech-driven world**. Finally, we will **implement tiered teaching and**

**learning strategies** to help each student reach their personal bests, whether in academics, sports, or the arts.

Today I will stress more on the second major concern, which is **to reinforce students' positive values to support holistic and healthy development**. We believe that academic success must go hand in hand with character development.

**Responsibility is the foundation for personal and social success.** Students will be encouraged to take accountability for their actions, whether it be completing assignments on time, contributing to group projects, or participating in community service. Leadership opportunities, such as organizing school events and activities, will also be provided to foster a sense of ownership and initiative.

Life is full of obstacles, but **resilience enables us to adapt and persevere**. Through sports, competitions, and resilience-building programs, we will teach students how to cope with setbacks and view challenges as opportunities to grow. Teachers will share inspirational stories in 'Heart-to-Heart Sharing' and strategies during class discussions to help students develop a positive mindset and greater confidence in their abilities.

**Respect is essential for building a harmonious school and society.** This year, we will emphasize empathy, inclusivity, and appreciation for cultural diversity. Activities such as National Education programs, the Sister School Scheme, and exchange initiatives will deepen students' understanding of their identity as both proud citizens of Hong Kong and responsible global citizens. Respect for the environment will also be promoted through sustainability projects.

By focusing on these two major concerns, we aim to develop TYTCians who are not only academically competent but also compassionate, resilient, and forward-thinking individuals. These concerns will guide our school's direction for the next three years, ensuring that every student is prepared for the challenges and opportunities in the ever-changing 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**Your mental and physical well-being is at the heart of our mission.** To support this, we continue to introduce four Cheering Days, scheduled for October 10, December 5, March 13, and May 8. On these days, everyone can dress casually – students in PE uniforms and teachers in casual attire – and participate in relaxing and enjoyable activities designed to help you recharge. Additionally, our TYTCian Charity Carnival will take place on December 20, providing a platform for students, alumni, and staff to come together and give back to the community on the stated Saturday.

As we embrace technology in our classrooms, I want to remind all of you about the importance of managing your screen time. Mobile phones are powerful tools, but overusing them can affect your focus, mental health, and relationships. Instead of spending hours on your devices, I encourage you to engage in meaningful activities like reading, sports, or simply talking with friends and family by face-to-face interactions. Remember, your time is precious – don't let your mobile phone control it. So, **'put down your mobile phone'**.

Before I conclude, I want to take a moment to reflect on our school motto: **"Treasure the past with a grateful heart and embrace the future with confident humility."**

The first part, "Treasure the past with a grateful heart," reminds us to appreciate the efforts and sacrifices of those who came before us – our Principals, teachers, parents, and peers who have shaped the opportunities we enjoy today. Gratitude helps us stay grounded and reminds us to give back to our school and community.

The second part, "Embrace the future with confident humility," encourages us to face challenges with courage and determination while remaining humble. Confidence without arrogance allows us to keep learning and improving. Together, these values form the foundation for a meaningful and fulfilling life, both inside and outside the classroom.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to everyone in TYTC. As we embark on this new academic year, I encourage each of you to embrace every opportunity to learn, grow, and make a positive impact.

To our Form 1 students, welcome to the beginning of an incredible journey.

To our Form 2 and 3 students, continue to explore your potential and build strong friendships.

To our Form 4 and 5 students, take pride in your leadership roles and responsibilities.

And to our Form 6 students, make the most of your final year and aim for excellence in your public examinations.

Let us work together to make this year a year of growth, achievement, and joy. Thank you, and may 2025/26 be your brightest chapter yet!