



*Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School*

# The Way We Were 1965-2005





*40th ANNIVERSARY*

*“OLD BOY” INTERVIEW PROJECT (April, 2006)*

*BY*

*CHOI HUNG ESTATE CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL*

*3A ENGLISH CLASS*



# Acknowledgement

Thank you to the 43 ‘Old Boys’ who gave so generously of their time to share some history of Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School with 3A students. Without their help, this project would not have taken place.

Thank you to the administration and office staff of Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School for identifying and locating ‘Old Boys’ to participate in this project. Thank you also to Ms. Hau Y.C. for helping to design the cover and to Ms. Chau Kit Man for her time and patience while helping with the technological details of this project!

The ‘Old Boys ‘ were chosen to represent a year in which they were a student at Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School. This is not necessarily the year in which they graduated or the year that they left our school. In fact, it simply represents a time when they were a “Rainbow Boy”!

3A



Project activities



## ***“We remember; we celebrate; we believe!”***

These words are sung in my church as part of our Sunday service. Many times during the “old boy” interviews these words came into my head. I felt that this phrase described well what we were doing!

The Purpose: The “old boy” interview was a project that my 3A English class was doing to help celebrate the past 40 years of Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School. The objectives of this project were: to let my class have a chance to use English in a real life situation; to allow the students to practice their report writing skills; to learn and share some information about the history and successes of our school.



NET TEACHER  
**Ernestine Arnold**

The Method: Beginning in November, 2005, with the help of the administration and teachers of the school, we contacted one “old boy” from each year that our school has existed, 1965-2005. Since there are 43 students in my English class, we listed 3 additional “old boys” so that all students would enjoy the experience. Each 3 A student met his “old boy” and asked a series of 20 questions to find out about the life at our school in the past and to find out some information about the “old boy” today. Some interviews were completed via the telephone since personal meetings were difficult to arrange. Conversations were recorded so that the students could refer to the tape script to help with the reports. Students then had to write the report using the information that was given in the interview. All reports then were compiled with pictures to make an “Old Boy” booklet.

Outcomes: Needless to say the original objectives were all met. As well, I was pleasantly surprised with some unexpected outcomes. Many times as I sat back and listened during these interviews, I had tears of pride and delight as I literally saw young students “grow” before my eyes! These young teenagers conducted themselves as young men as they seriously asked the questions to the “old boy”. Many could not contain their pleasure as they listened to the “old boy” speak so fondly and proudly of their school! Each student gained much needed confidence in using English. As a result, many have become truly motivated to do well in English! Thank you “old boys” for helping achieve these objectives!

So these are the reasons that the words from this church song seem so appropriate. The ‘old boys’ REMEMBER our school and through those memories bring its history alive for the 3A class. These memories are put together to CELEBRATE the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School. 3A students now BELIEVE that they are good English students. They believe that they will have to use English in today’s society. They believe that through hard work, they will continue to improve their English.

***“We remember; we celebrate; we believe”***

*Ernestine Arnold*





**Mr. JOSEPH LIU**  
**PRINCIPAL 1965-1979**

**Joseph Liu was the founding principal of Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School. He died in 1979.**

*He was a good leader and a firm principal. With his very valuable contribution to the early foundation of this school, he would be very proud of the prestige and development of Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School, if he were here today.*

*~ Choi Wai Man~  
'Old Boy' 1965*

## *PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE*



*Mr. Peter Wong*  
*Principal,*  
*1979-1990*

When I was invited, as a former Principal of Choi Hung Catholic Secondary School, to write a preface for this booklet by Mr. Job Li, I was honoured, but viewed the task with some trepidation. This was partly because I had only the description of it, given on the phone, but having now seen it, I am even happier to accept Mr. Li's invitation, and I hope these few words indicate my high regard for this work.

This booklet is the end product of an English project originated for the purpose of providing students with an opportunity to practise their spoken and written English and also give them the experience of approaching people who, although seeming to be total strangers, in fact had very strong ties with them. The sharing of the feelings and experiences of the school's past students, their love or hatred, their satisfaction or discontent, their aspirations or regrets regarding their mother school, will definitely touch or perhaps even inspire, the present students in one way or another. Through these interviews, the ties between past and present students will surely be drawn closer. The two generations, though seeming to be far apart before, may become close friends after working on the project. Therefore, the ingenious idea of bringing these students together is really worthy of praise and deserves a big round of applause.

The compilation of these articles could never have been attempted without the initiative of the NET teacher, Ms. Ernestine Arnold, nor achieved without the hard work of the students. Not only that, capitalizing on 'interviewing the big brothers', with its novelty value for the participating students, was an inspired approach.

The teachers and students involved should be heartily congratulated and thanks extended to all those who contributed so much to the publication of this literary work by the students. It bodes well for even greater achievements in the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Wong". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



## *PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE*



Mr. Job Li Po Hung  
Principal

From the “Parable of the Talents” in the Bible (Mt. 25:14) we know that God has granted every man tremendous potentials for development. In a Catholic School teachers aim at helping students realize these potentials.

One of the aims of this 3A Old Boys English Interview Project, in my eyes, is to realize one of these potentials – mastering a second language better. Of course other potentials, such as courage, patience, obedience etc. are also polished during the process.

In the recent curriculum reform 9 generic skills are emphasized and schools have to form these skills within students. This Project certainly demands skills in communication, critical thinking, self-management,

information technology etc. from the list.

So in this Project we see that students are living the Bible and responding to the appeal of the curriculum reform at the same time, which certainly yield fruit at the end.

We must not forget this is only a certain stage in the process of mastering English better and realizing some of the generic skills. Nor should we forget the students have come here a bit more than 2 years and they still belong to the junior form section for any activity. They have tried to do a job that is quite new to them and should be appreciated for it.

If this little booklet is of any value thanks must first go to Ms Ernestine Arnold, our NET, who not only initiated it but also has been spending much time on it. Thanks must also go to the 43 old boys who have kindly consented to be interviewed. As a matter of fact our old boys have been very helpful in other areas as well, such as donating money to subsidy the printing of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary magazine, coming back to hold career talks, acting as guest of honour in speech days etc.

Let us not forget our former principal, Mr. Wong Ho Wai, Peter, who has kindly written for us an inspiring forward, not to say his contributions to the development of the school during his principal ship.

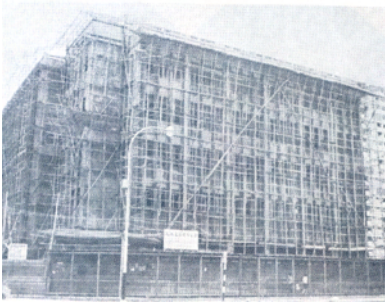
Students of CHECSS, please read every page and learn from your seniors. God has given you, in my eyes, not just 2 or 3 talents. The more you try the more you come to understand how abundant your potentials are. Make sure you come back home with more talents.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name 'Job Li Po Hung', written in a cursive style.

# Table of Contents

- 
1. *Pictures of the school*
  2. *1965 Mak Kan Hing*
  3. *1966 Chung Sze Yuen*
  4. *1967 Reverend Francis Tse*
  5. *1968 Kwok Wai Cheung*
  6. *1969 Choi Wai Man*
  7. *1970 Reverend Simon Li*
  8. *1971 Kwok Chi Keung*
  9. *1972 Kan Chung Fai*
  10. *1973 Tang Wai Ming*
  11. *1974 Ng Kwok Kwan*
  12. *1975 Chak Siu Lung*
  13. *1975 Cham Wai Kuen*
  14. *1976 Tsang Tze Fai*
  15. *1977 Reverend William Yip*
  16. *1978 Lau Yiu Hon*
  17. *1979 Hung Kwok Wah*
  18. *1980 Wong Yiu Kwong*
  19. *1981 Cheng Wai Keung*
  20. *1982 Poon Kin Hung*
  21. *1982 Samuel Ling*
  22. *1983 Tsoi Yat Cheong*
  23. *1984 Tang Chi Pang*
  24. *1985 Pun Lai Tun*
  25. *1986 Chung Kiu Leong*
  26. *1987 Fung Wai Hong*
  27. *1988 Wong Chi Wai*
  28. *1989 Reverend Stephen Ip*
  29. *1990 Sam Wai Kin*
  30. *1991 Cheng Hoi Kit*
  31. *1992 Tai Kam Ho*
  32. *1993 Hue Ka Yiu*
  33. *1994 Lee Chan Hang*
  34. *1995 Wong Sun Fat*
  35. *1996 Leung Chun Hin*
  36. *1997 Cheung Kai Man*
  37. *1998 To Chi Hang*
  38. *1999 Hung King Luk*
  39. *2000 Wong Kwok Kai*
  40. *2001 Cheng Tse King*
  41. *2002 Chan Kam Ho*
  42. *2003 Ng Ka Pong*
  43. *2004 Law Shu Kei*
  44. *2005 Lai Wing Kwan*





**1965**



**1975**

**As it was in the beginning**



*Is now*



**And forever will be  
“Rainbow Boys”**

## MAK KAN HING

*Doctor,  
Kwong Wah Hospital*

*"Be prepared to work"*

Mak Kan Hing first attended Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School in 1965. He was a student here for 5 years. He left in 1969. During this time, Mr. Joseph Liu was the principal (the first principal of this school) and Mr. Au Yeung Po Wai was the discipline master. However, at that time, a lot of the discipline was done by the supervisor.



At that time, students had very few rules to follow. They had to attend school and lessons punctually. If any of these rules were broken, the student would have a warning. Sometimes there would be a black mark in the student's record.



Mak Kan Hing was in the Science Club. He did some experiments and some of them were done outside the school premises. He said that they used to go to get some plants on the hillside and grow them in the school compound.

When Doctor Mak was a student at Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School he loved the hillside across the road. Because they didn't have a quiet place for revision (there was no library at that time), they studied and read books on the hillside. There, it was peaceful, comfortable and quiet. He sometimes told jokes and all the students laughed very loudly and happily!

There were no awards given to students in those days. Students were expected to work hard and obey the rules. They were not rewarded for doing what they were supposed to do. However, they were punished if they did not do their work well.

Mr. Ko Yue Wa stands out in his mind as being a very special teacher. He was the Chinese literature and History teacher. Sometimes he taught them the bible. He was their guardian for all the 4 years in Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School. At that time, Mr. Ko was a fresh graduate from University. He was a fresh teacher and they were fresh students so they learned quite a lot from him. He met Mr. Ko many times outside the school after he left Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School.

Doctor Mak's favorite place at CHECSS was the chapel. He got baptized there in Form 3. He went there every Sunday. He lived in Choi Hung Estate so he loved the community he had. His school, his home and his recreation all happened in that compound. They went to the hillside after school and on Saturdays. It was a very good recreation area.

Doctor Mak left our school because there was no Form 6 or 7 in Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School at that time. So he went to King's College. It was very far to go there. He had to take a bus then a ferry then another bus. If he could live his school life over, he would



want to have Form 6 and Form 7 in CHECSS so he wouldn't have to change schools. Changing schools was not very convenient for him. He had to leave home around 6:00 a.m. for a very long trip! Later he went to University and studied medicine. He then got a job working in a hospital in Hong Kong.

Doctor Mak now is a surgeon in Kwong Wah Hospital. He thought that Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School taught him stimulation, knowledge and the right attitude to be a doctor. He wanted to help people so he wanted to be a doctor.

Doctor Mak thinks that English in his daily job isn't important. But in supporting and summarizing or writing a medical report, it is very important. In reviewing the trends in his work, it is very important. In his daily work, he works with people who can't speak English so he uses Cantonese. To get updated in knowledge and skills and to communicate with other people for professional advancement, he uses English.



*Mak Kan Hing and Marcus Tam*

Doctor Mak said. "The most important thing today for students to learn is language. If your language is good, you can present things to others easily. You can get updated, from the newspaper. You can communicate with others and you can express yourself. You should train your thinking and logic. It takes a lot of training to be good at language but it is so important!"



**1968 (FORM 4C)**

## CHUNG SZE YUEN

*Doctor of Psychiatry*

It was in 1965 that Chung Sze Yuen first attended Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School. He was a student here for 5 years. He left in 1970. During this time Mr. Joseph Liu was the principal.

At that time students had many rules to follow. They must wear their tie and jacket tidily. When the weather was cold, the students couldn't put their hands inside their pockets. It was not what a young man should do so they had to master the cold! Mr. Chung was a good student and a head prefect so he was never punished. But he knows if students didn't obey the rules, they would have detention for one or two classes or have to copy lines.

There weren't many activities to join at that time. Mr. Chung joined the Science Club. He remembers visiting another school to see the labs. They just had one or two activities.

When Mr. Chung was student at CHECSS, many funny things happened in the school. Around 30 to 40 students lived in Choi Hung Estate, including Mr. Chung. Some of the students' flats could look into their classroom. From the classroom they could see the people in the housing unit. One day, a student didn't go to school and he could see them from his flat. He was waving to them wanting the students to look at him saying "I'm here; you have to be in school in the lesson!" Then the teacher saw the student standing healthy and well and not in school. He thinks that student was punished for not going to school that day.

Mr. Wong Ho Wai stands out in Mr. Chung's mind as being a very special teacher. Mr. Chung was very impressed with Mr. Wong. Mr. Wong was Mr. Chung's Form 3 teacher. Mr. Wong taught the students well and was quite good to the students. He played with them and told the students jokes.

Chung Sze Yuen spent five years at at Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School. At that time, they had a high spirit. He joined the school in 1965(the first year that the school opened). The teachers worked very hard. Most of the students got "A"s so they had high achievement. They were in a new school. Most of the students came from the labor area so the results were impressive! When Mr. Chung was a student at CHECSS, he loved the school spirit. There were very enthusiastic teachers who worked very hard. If Mr. Chung could live his school life again, he wouldn't change anything. He said that he could not expect a 100% perfect school. He enjoyed the 5 years of learning and studying.

After Mr. Chung left our school he went to another school for two years. Later he went to university to study medicine. He is now a Psychiatrist working in Hong Kong. When he was





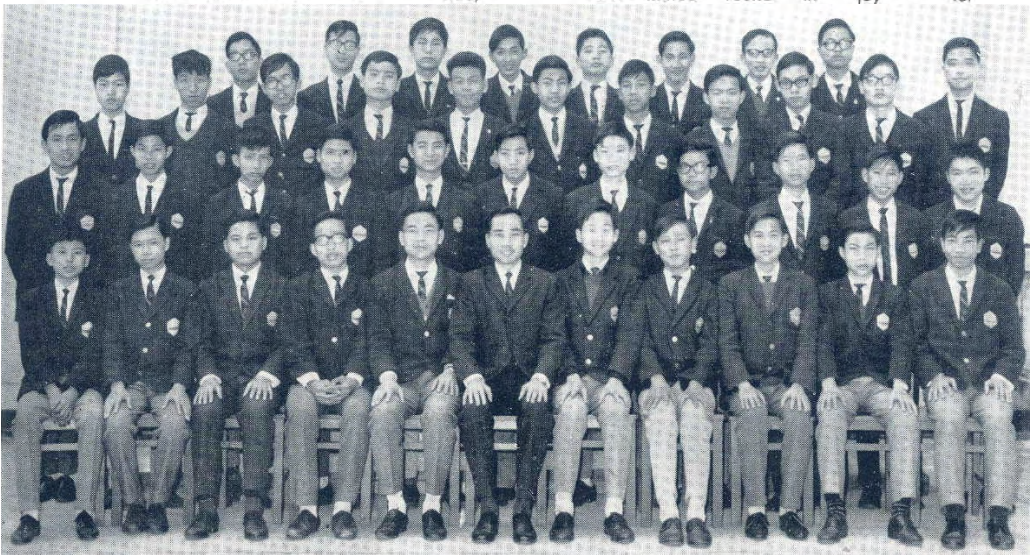
a student at Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School he learned to work very hard. He came from a humble background but he had spirit! This spirit and hard work prepared him to work in his present life.



*Chung Sze Yueng and George Lau*

Dr. Chung thinks English is very important for his present job. He is a medical doctor specializing in psychiatry He spends hours writing. He spends most of his time preparing reports. First he assesses the patient then writes report 30 or 40 pages long. That report is written in English. He said, “In fact, it was different from my training. In my years at CHECSS, my English was not good. I failed Form 7 English. Medical school does not teach a lot English. We had to learn ourselves so I read and wrote a lot. The school life lays a foundation for your future life and work.”

Dr. Chung tells us we should work hard and always be prepared to learn new skills, which will help us in society.



**1968 (FORM 3A)**

## REVEREND FRANCIS TSE

*Vice-Chancellor of Diocesan Chancery*

Although it has been 41 years since Tse Francis first attended Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School, he remembers many things about his secondary school life. He first came to Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School in September, 1965 and stayed until 1968. Mr. Joseph Liu was the principal at that time. He has since died. His tomb is in Happy Valley Cemetery.



At that time, all the students were very obedient. They listened to the supervisor, the principal and the teachers. He doesn't remember any serious punishment because he didn't break any rules so he didn't get any punishment.

He didn't receive any special award but every month they had tests. The student who scored high marks that month had the school fee returned to them. He thinks he received the fee three times.



While Tse Francis was a student at CHECSS he seemed to be a very good boy. He could think of only one funny thing. There was one incident on April Fool's day. One of the students approached another student who was a little bit slow. Then the smart student said, "The Head Master is looking for you! Go up to see him!" So the student went to the principal's office. Later, he realized that he was teased by the fellow students because it was the April Fool's day. All of the students laughed at him!

Rev. Tse said, "In my mind, there were a number of good teachers. Mr. Fong K. M. taught us Chinese Literature. When Mr. Fong recited the Chinese poem, he was always moving around and seemed to enjoy reciting the poem. The next teacher was Mr. Patrick Yau. He had a son studying with us sitting next to me in the classroom. Mr. Yau taught us bible and many of us scored high marks in the tests because of Mr. Yau's son. Another teacher that I remember is Mr. Chow Ti. He taught Biology. He was the only teacher with a Master's degree. Mr. Chow put on a cap every time he gave a lecture in the classroom."

His favorite part of the school was the hall. The chapel was there. Very often he stayed there for a short time before he attended his classes. The chapel was a special place. Also he remembered a special time at the School Hall, the day of the opening ceremony. It was held in November. Bishop Lawrence Bianchi visited the school and blessed the whole school. At that time Francis Tse was able to get close to the late bishop and he kissed his ring.

After he left Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School, Francis Tse spent a year in a vocational school studying commercial subjects. Then he joined an order firm and became an order clerk. Later he joined the seminary and became a priest. He said that he has no job in a strict sense. He is a priest and it is called a vocation, not a job. He is working in the bishop's office and on weekends he goes to a parish to say mass, to carry out the liturgy of the church.



Now he is Vice-Chancellor of the Hong Kong Catholic Diocese. So he doesn't have a job; he has a vocation!

He is happy about his life at CHECSS. He said that he received his vocation from this school. Every Thursday, every Catholic student had to stay behind to learn Catechism. There were more than a dozen Catholic students. He thinks it was these moments that he treasured. The Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School environment and the education he got there prepared him for his vocation. The religious environment was very useful to him. He would put more emphasis on this catechism training if he could live his school life over.



*Reverend Francis Tse and Paul Wong*

He thinks English is very important in his every day life. He has to communicate with many dioceses outside of Hong Kong. He has to communicate with the Vatican in English.

When asked for some advice for Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School students today, he said, "I would like them to meditate. I would like them to think of the school motto 'Hope and Salvation'. Students should have hope in God and, at the same time, be able to share the fruit of his Salvation."



*The official Opening Day of Our School (1966)*

# KWOK WAI CHEUNG

*Principal*

*Pok Oi Hospital Tang Pui King Memorial College*

“Find what is best for you”

Kwok Wai Cheung first attended Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School in 1965. He was a student here for 5 years. He graduated in 1969. During this time Mr. Joseph Liu was the principal and Mr. Au-Yeung Po Wai was the discipline master.



At that time students were very obedient. They came to school early. Traffic jams were very common around Choi Hung so the students were very worried that they would be late for school. The latecomers had to stand outside the school gate during the whole assembly and their names would be announced in the assembly. That was quite serious! None of the students liked that! Students who were late to school three times needed to attend a detention class after school.

There weren't too many clubs at that time but there were many extracurricular activities and student activities that were organized by the students themselves. For Kwok Wai Cheung's class, they joined the Jukebox Program run by RTHK, hosted by Uncle Ray. They wrote postcards and sent them to RTHK delegating songs to friends and students from other schools. It was a very hit radio program that gave them lots of opportunities to learn English. They also did some science activities. They had an Open Day. They had to do a demonstration to show the visitors what they had learned. They spent a long time preparing experiments for this. The experiments had to show some scientific information that they had learned.

Mr. Kwok had time for fun too. They had a Biology teacher called Mr. Chow Ti. He was the age of retirement. He had graduated from the University of Hawaii. He played the Hawaiian guitar in class and taught them how to Hawaiian dance. But they were told to stop by Mr. Liu because they were making too much noise!

At that time, Kwok Wai Cheung had a very deep impression of an English teacher called Mr. Yu Fong Ying. It was because of his serious attitude in teaching English and about the students learning. The students always thought of him when they were learning English. His influence on them was tremendous! This teacher later became a lecturer in the Polytechnic University.



Kwok Wai Cheung got medals in track and field. He was good at Physical Education and that is why he studied it later. When he was at CHECSS the school was very famous for track and field. They won many championships in the Diocesan School Athletic Meet for many years. The campus was very small so they had to go to the sports grounds to train themselves! He said that when he received the prizes he felt honored and proud of his performance. He also felt frustrated when he failed. He said, “Sometimes you are not beaten by others but are beaten by yourself! You maybe did not train well so that makes you feel frustrated!”

Every place in Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School was very valuable to Wai Cheung. He liked the small size because it was cozy. He liked his classmates. The teachers were very good too! Students could stay behind to do activities. Sometimes they would leave at 6 p.m. or later. The principal was very strict and spoke very good English. He was a good leader.

If Kwok Wai Cheung could live his school life again he would work harder He feels regretful because he wasn't too serious in academic work. In the past, he was not focused enough on his studying. He spent a lot of time in athletic training, basketball and outside activities. I think he was a busy man. He always did a lot of things, organized activities, athletic training and track and field activities. When he graduated he realized that he had the potential to do much better. (If I were he, I would feel very tired.)



*Jason Mak and Kwok Wai Cheung*

However, Kwok Wai Cheung feels that his school life had prepared him for his present job as a teacher. He was always involved in leading activities. The students respected him. He was an assumed leader. He learned how to handle people, how to organize activities. These were good assets to him as a teacher because he must handle people.

Because there was no Form 6 at CHECSS at that time, everyone had to look for a Form 6 vacancy in other schools. Kwok Wai Cheung left our school and went to Sir Robert Black College of Education. There he studied Mathematics and PE. After graduating from there he became a teacher. He returned to Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School for 4 months to do a block of teaching before going to Canada. He got his degree in Canada. He studied Biochemistry at Simon Fraser University in British Columbia. He also completed his teacher's certificate and taught one year in Canada before returning to Hong Kong. He came back to Hong Kong in 1979 and he has been teaching ever since. In 1990 he became a school principal. Is English important in Hong Kong? Mr. Kwok thinks it is. He said that Hong Kong is a bilingual city. Students need to know English and learn English well to get a good job. Until 1997 all the documents were in English. Now Chinese is the official language. It shares the same status as English. Mr. Kwok said “In Hong Kong, being an international city, English is important, not just for your job, but for personal usage.”

## CHOI WAI MAN

*Principal,  
Chang Pui Chung Memorial School*

Mr. Choi Wai Man was a student when Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School first opened in 1965. He was a student here for 4 years. He graduated in 1969. He just studied for four years because he had to study Form 6 at Ng Wah College since CHECSS had not yet started to operate a Form 6 class. During this time he had Mr. Joseph Liu as his principal-- the first principal of this school. Choi Wai Man thought he was a great principal because he paid home-visits to the families of students and showed care and concern for them. He said that Joseph Liu was a good leader and a firm principal.

At that time students had very few rules to follow because they were good students.

Wai Man joined the English Debate Club and the Science Club. In the Debate Club he had to gather information and speak in front of an audience. He could have more opportunities to practise English. He did some interesting experiments in the Science Club.

Although Mr. Choi Wai Man was a good boy at that time, he still did quite a lot interesting things. He remembered two interesting things that happened to him and his classmates.

Because many of Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School's students lived in the Choi Hung Estate they enjoyed playing football at the football playground just outside the school. (Unfortunately the place had later been reconstructed as the public car park). Another interesting thing was, from time to time, they went hiking and camping at Diamond Hill and Tsz Wan Shan near the school. They enjoyed BBQ and drinking freshly boiled sweet potato soup. He also practised English with his classmates over the telephone to prepare for the oral English exam in HKCEE. He said that this helped him very much!

Mr. Ko Yu-wah who was his form master of Form 5 is a teacher whom he remembers well. He was calm, patient and always looking young, very well dressed! He also remembers Mr. Yu Fong-ying, his English teacher. Wai Man said that Mr. Yu was very professional and a good gentleman as well as a good teacher. Then there was Mr. Chan Wing-on who was a great systematic Physics teacher.

When Mr. Choi Wai Man was a student at CHECSS he loved the walkway just outside





the classrooms. He chatted and shared learning experiences there during recess time, lunchtime and after school with his classmates. What attracted him the most when he was studying at Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School was the very good relationship among students and the politeness of the students. Classmates often visited one another so they got to know even their family members. He said that at CHECSS he had a simple and happy school life! So he wouldn't change a thing if he could re-live his school days!

After Mr. Choi Wai Man left our school, he studied Form 6 at Ng Wah College. He then went to the University of Hong Kong where he studied Chemistry and Biology. From 1977-2003 he was a government officer of the Education and Manpower Bureau (previously known as the Education Department). He served as the Chief School Development Officer of Wong Tai Sin (where CHECSS is located) and Sai Kung districts in 1998-1999.

He was very glad to have the opportunity to officiate at the opening ceremony of the School Improvement Program (roof floor) of CHECSS with Rev Bishop Tong Hon in 1999. In addition, he was also very delighted that he was invited to officiate at the sports day and speech day of our school in 1998 and 2000 respectively. From time to time, he talked with Principal Li Po Hung about the development of CHECSS and tried to offer support as much as possible. He really enjoyed his service during that period of time. He is now a principal of an aided secondary school at Tseung Kwan O. Both Chinese and English help him a lot in his present job. English is the language of correspondence with government departments, various companies and organizations including those abroad. He also uses English when he is working with the English panel of his school.

Mr. Choi Wai Man also gave a lot of useful advice for us. He said, "Keep the spirit and good tradition of CHECSS. Be proactive and work hard; well equip yourselves with knowledge and common sense. You should seize opportunities for more exposure and actively participate in social and community services. And above all respect your teachers and schoolmates."

While I was interviewing Mr Choi Wai Man, I found out that he used a lot of difficult English that I had never heard before. I also found out that when he was the student in CHECSS, he lived in Pak Suet House--- just like me!



*Choi Wai Man and Tom Yim*



## REVEREND SIMON LI

*Diocesan priest*

Simon Li first attended Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary in 1967. He left in 1971 after Form 3. During this time Mr. Joseph Liu was the principal and Peter Wong was the discipline master.

At that time students' rules were the same as now. Students must be polite to the teachers. They couldn't wear the bell-bottom trousers! If they didn't obey the rules, the prefect would give them a warning. If they did it again, he would send them to the discipline teacher. Mr. Wong then would ask them to stand in front of the students. If the situation were serious, he would ask the parents to come to the school and talk to them about what the child did.



Students had many choices of school clubs to join. . They could only join, at the most 3 clubs and at least 1 club in one year. Simon Li only joined the Music Club because he likes music and he could play the harmonica in it. The music club members would meet together once a month. They also prepared a team for the open competition for the Hong Kong music festival. But Simon Li didn't attend the competition. On the day of the competition, he missed hearing the announcement at the school so he wasn't allowed to go to the competition!

Simon left CHECSS over 30 years ago so he couldn't remember clearly many funny things that may have happened. At recess and at lunch, they liked to play marbles. They used the top of the table tennis to roll the marbles. They would just sit there and play this kind of marbles. It was fun at that time so Simon Li said!

He got an award in sports day for the cricket ball throw. During the prize giving, they made a mistake. They gave him the silver medal. He should have received the bronze medal. After he came back to the school he had to return the silver medal. But up to now, he still hasn't received the bronze medal back. It's like a joke.

Peter Wong stands out in his mind as being very special. He was the form master in Form 3. He was very nice. Simon asked him to be his godfather during his baptism. He also was the scout leader. He was a good teacher too.

Many things attracted him when he was studying in CHECSS. The first day of school the principal told them they didn't come here just for knowledge. They must know how to be a good human. This made a big impression on Simon Li. If he could live his school life over, he would change a lot. The main thing he would improve was his studies. He would work harder than before. In his childhood he suffered from Asthma so he was absent from school many times. So his results were not good. So if he could go back, he would try to work hard

himself. He went to a private school for his Form 4 and Form 5 study. After that he worked in an electronic factory making radios. He worked for 8 years and then furthered his studies in the seminary.

The years at Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School were most important in preparing Simon Li for his present job. When he came to CHECSS at first, he wasn't a Catholic or a Christian. He started to contact the supervisor, a priest. At that time they could choose to study in the Bible Studies class. Another Italian priest taught them catechism. It helped him to believe in God. At the age of 15, he was baptized in the school hall. This was the biggest influence of the school on him. If he didn't come to this school, he wouldn't believe in God. Reverend Simon Li is a Hong Kong diocese priest at the moment. He runs a parish now. I think it's a great job. It can help people and invite people to believe in God. English is very important in his present job. He has to talk to priests all over the world. He has to go to the churches in other countries. Also he has international meetings. Many people that Father Simon Li meets use English. So he must use English to talk to them. Simon Li must know English very well in his present job.



*Reverend Simon Li and Harry Cheung*

His advice for students attending CHECSS today is that they must work hard. “The most important thing is to try to learn the Christian values here. This will allow you to judge the things in society in your future. You must try to learn the Catholic spirit of the school. It is a Catholic secondary school so it is a chance to get the faith” said Simon Li.

I hope I can do this job in the future.



# KWOK CHI KEUNG

*English teacher*

Kwok Chi Keung first attended Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School in 1966. He was a student here for 7 years. He left in 1973. During this time, Mr. Joseph Liu was the principal and Mr. Peter Wong was the discipline master.

At that time students didn't have special rules to follow. They had to wear the uniform and not be late. If any of these rules were broken, the student would have to stay after school. If he forgot to do his homework he would have to do it later. In his day they were good students so there was not much punishment. They were very afraid of getting kicked out of schools so they studied hard!



Kwok Chi Keung was in the Science Club. They were the founding members of the Science Club. While Kwok Chi Keung was a student at Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School, he thought the most interesting thing was when he was in the Science Club. The Biology teacher gave him some beans, cotton and water. He put the beans inside the cotton and water and watched them grow up. He said, "For us these simple things seemed enough!"

One funny thing that happened was the Biology teacher would bring the guitar to class. He taught them songs. One day he danced on the desk with special shoes. He already was an old man but he could still dance very well. Chi Keung still remembered the song that he sang: "We work while we work, we play while we play. That's the way we are happy and gay!"

A few very interesting teachers stand out in his mind. Most teachers were impressive. Each of them had very special things. There was his Biology teacher, Mr. Chow. Also he remembered Mr. Joseph Liu. He taught Catechism. At that time Chi Keung was not a Catholic but he wanted to become one. Later in Form 4 he was baptized. He became a Catholic ...all because of Joseph Liu. "We had many lovely funny teachers. They all were very good to us", said Chi Keung.

Kwok Chi Leung took part in a writing competition in the Sunday Examiner. Form 6 formed a student press group. At that time he got prizes for writing and speech competitions. He felt happy getting a reward after so much effort. He also felt happy that he could bring some glory to his school.

When Kwok Chi Keung was a student at Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School, although he didn't say he liked the classroom best, but I think he loved the classroom. Because he said he had many good times with his classmates in the classroom. Some were sporty; some had logical minds. He also liked the activities, the lessons, the teachers who were hard working and helpful. The people were the most important!



After Mr. Kwok Chi Keung left our school he went to university. He studied Sociology and Psychology. When he finished university he became an English teacher. Now he has been a teacher for 30 years. He thinks the teachers at Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School were a good model for him. He really admired the Chinese teachers. Their handwriting on the board was so beautiful. He also had some very funny English teachers too. Their teaching was a bit strange so he didn't do well in English. He had to make it up later. So he told me to work hard in English!



*Kwok Chi Keung and Rocky Fong*

English is very important in his job because he teaches English. He said that it is important in other jobs too. If we want to defeat our competitors like Singapore and Thailand then English must be our “trump card”.

If Kwok Chi Keung could live his school life again he wouldn't want to change, because he said that it was so good. He said “if we want to change anything... don't change the people, change the building because our school was so small.”

Mr. Kwok left me with some good advice. He said, “You should polish your English; build up a good relationship with God. Nowadays young people do some silly things. If we build a relationship with God, it will be good no matter what job we get.”

I enjoyed doing the interview with Mr. Kwok. It is interesting to hear how old boys feel about their school. Although I agree with what Mr. Kwok said that my school is very small but I have many good memories in this school. Although this school's size is small we can put many memories in it.



**KAN CHUNG FAI**  
*Space program Director*  
**HKU SPACE**



Kan Chung Fai first attended Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School in 1967. He was a student here for 5 years. He graduated in 1972. During this time Mr. Joseph Lui was the principal and Mr. Wong Ho Wai was the discipline master.



Chung Fai remembered only a few rules that they had to follow at that time. They had to line up and keep silent. If a student broke this rule, he would have to stand outside alone.

Kan Chung Fai joined the Sports Club and the Music Club. In the Sports Club they practiced and learned the skill of the sport. And in the Music Club they learned music.

The music teacher stands out in his mind as being very special. It was because he was not a qualified teacher. At that time you went through college then got a certificate and were a qualified teacher. Then there were those, not qualified, who were called “grade B” teachers but they were very devoted. Even though his pay was not as much as the other teachers, this music teacher spent a lot of time with the students and was much devoted to teaching.

As a student, Mr. Kan said that he was not outstanding. However he did get a number of medals in sports. He also got certificates in open music competitions. He felt very happy receiving these awards because it showed that all his efforts counted and it was very rewarding for him.

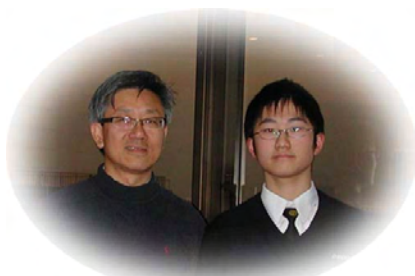
When Kan Chung Fai was a student at Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School, he loved the school hall. They had the badminton courts there. The music room on the fifth floor was also memorable. He spent about one hour each day there after school.

Kan Chung Fai thinks every student should enjoy the school. He also enjoyed the school. He enjoyed playing with his classmates very much! If Kan Chung Fai could live his school life again he would join the debate group. He thinks it would help his logical thinking and the way of presenting himself. He hopes we still have the debating group to join.

When Mr. Kan Chung Fai finished his secondary school life, he kept on studying and then found a job and earned his “bread”. He feels that is what people should do so they can pay for their studying and pay for their family. His present job as a program director at Hong Kong University is dealing with administration and a little bit of teaching.

When asked how his school life at Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School prepared him for his present job, Mr. Kan replied, “That is the time when I learned all the different aspects to be a good citizen. These days gave me the basic knowledge and how to deal with problems or problem solving. It was a training ground.”

English is very important in his job. English is an international language. When he meets some people, he will speak English. Another thing is English is a global language. Most of the publications are in English. He thinks that if we don't master English, we will have many problems!



*Kan Chung Fai and Harry Chan*

His advice for students who are attending Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School is: to have a global view and learn as much as we can. Learning is our own responsibility right now.

num-bers, Are Choi Hung boys so proud and glad, (Ref.) O - ver the  
rain-bow, we will climb, e - ver da - ring, e - ver true, to the  
King, to the King of love and hope



# TANG WAI MING

*Engineer,  
Structural Services Department*

Although it has been 38 years since Tang Wai Ming first attended Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School, he remembers many things about his secondary school life. He first came to Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School in 1968 and stayed here until 1975. Mr. Joseph Liu was the principal at that time and Mr. Peter Wong was the discipline master.



Many of the rules Mr. Tang Wai Ming had to obey as a student are the same as we have today at Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School. However, having to speak English during recess is the one that he remembers the most. If a student did not obey this rule, he had to give ten cents for each Chinese word he said. He also remembers that as a monitor he had to help keep the class quiet at the end of each lesson. One time they were quite noisy so he was summoned to the supervisor's office because he couldn't keep the class under control!



Mr. Tang Wai Ming joined the Science Club. He helped his club to make the board. He also was a member of the student press group of the Sunday Examiner. He enjoyed working with these clubs. He also enjoyed walking from the school to Shatin, swimming near Clearwater Bay, table tennis competitions and camping at Sai Kung!

Mr. Tang Wai Ming faintly remembers getting an award in Form 3 or Form 4. He was among the top of his class so his father was invited to the school to watch him receive the award. He was so nervous to see his father talking to the principal in the school hall. He also was nervous going up on the stage to get his award. Winning this award made him strive to do his best for the rest of his secondary years.

His favorite part of the school was the sports ground because he could play table tennis and basketball there. He spent a lot of time there before the school bell rang. He also enjoyed his time in the library. He especially enjoyed the English speaking in the school. He came from a Chinese medium primary school so he had to work very hard in Form 1 to catch up to the other students. If he could live his school life again he would want to get more development in music. In those days music was considered a luxury, not essential!

Mr. Yt Ng and Mr Cheng Kwan are the teachers that Mr. Tang Wai Ming remembers the most. He said that Mr Yt Ng, the English and Chinese teacher, inspired him so much that he still writes some Chinese poems these days. He said that Mr. Ng taught him to live his life and stand out from the flock regardless if he is successful or not. Mr. Cheng Kwan was the Physics teacher who took Mr. Tang Wai Ming and his classmates to the camp. Wai Ming



intended to go to Hong Kong Poly Technic College but Mr. Cheng talked him into attending university. Later Mr. Cheng left to work as a vice-principal in another school.

After leaving CHECSS, Mr. Tang Wai Ming went to Hong Kong University. There he studied Civil Engineering. He is now a senior structural engineer in the Architectural Services Department. He has been seconded to the Environment, Transport and Works Bureau for 4 years to work on public works projects, mainly drainage projects to prevent flooding.

He said that English is vital for his job. They use English for everyday writing. All the correspondence comes in English. He writes pages and pages of reports in English. "English is indispensable!" he said.



*Tang Wai Ming and Nick Cheung*

He feels that being a student at CHECSS prepared him for his present job because his study in Maths and Physics prepared him for engineering. He also learned to serve, as a student. "Honesty and integrity are never taught beyond high school", he said.

Mr. Tang Wai Ming left with some good advice. He said we should talk to our teachers more, and play with more schoolmates from other classes. He also thinks we should work harder and be persistent. He feels that they were deprived of the chance to do public speaking. So he wants us to be able to speak without getting nervous.

I enjoyed doing the interview with Mr. Tang Wai Ming. It is interesting to hear how old boys feel about their school. I think this school was also very good when it was an English-Medium school.



# NG KWOK KWAN

*Civil Servant*

*Highways Department SAR*

"Be sensitive to social issues"

Ng Kwok Kwan first attended Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School in 1968. He graduated in 1975. During this time Mr. Joseph Lau was the principal and Mr. Peter Wong was the discipline master.



At that time students had not many rigid rules to follow. They had to wear the school uniform. They had to be punctual or they would be kept outside. If any of these rules were broken, the students would have a warning for slight things. The punishment was usually kind. If they had major trouble they might be expelled from the school.



Students could join the Chemistry, the Biology and Mathematics Club. Kwok Kwan was in all of these clubs. He had an experience in the Biology Club. There was an Open Day. A teacher asked him if he was a member of the Biology Club. He was dumb – he just stood there because he didn't know what "member" meant so he couldn't answer him. Then he had to go back to class and was not allowed to help with Open Day.

Kwok Kwan could only think of one funny thing that happened to him and his classmates. When they were in Form 7 they had a chance to visit the San Miguel beer factory. They had a chance to taste the beer! But he enjoyed studying in Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary school mainly because he was a sportsman. He was an 800- metre sprint specialist. He remembered that he won a goal medal on the first day of the joint school athletic meet. "There weren't many participants so they ran the final on the first day. Students were shouting. It was great!" said Mr. Ng. He said he wasn't particularly strong in academics but he was three times individual champion in the school's athletic meet!

When Kwok Kwan was a student at Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School he loved Mathematics. They had very good math teachers to teach them. They worked on Mathematics even in other classes, especially in English class!

He had a few favorite teachers. Mr. Chan Wing On was his Form 7 master. He taught them Physics. He also remembered a Chinese teacher who was so inspiring that he learned from him easily.

If Kwok Kwan could live his school life again he would work harder in all subjects. Students then were very weak in languages. They were very lazy in English. They didn't write good English. He would try to read more English books and newspapers to strengthen his English!

After Mr. Kwok Kwan left our school he went to university to study Electrical Engineering. He thought, in Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School, he was given a good opportunity to learn science subjects to get good credits to get into university. Also being an athlete was helpful to get a good job. He said, “When companies hire people they look at the extra-curricular activities. So I think my extra-curricular activities helped me get a good job”. He is now working as a civil servant in the Highways Department of the SAR, Hong Kong Government.

English is quite important in his work. They have to present ideas, give rationale and write papers to seek funding, all in English. Sometimes they have to go to the District Council to present their case. They have to express themselves in comprehensive, neat and tidy English.

His advice: to be honest, he would prefer the students to be more sensitive to the social issues rather than just studying books. Of course, students should have the knowledge base, especially in languages, particularly English. That’s what he missed when he was at Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School!



*Ng Kwok Kwan and Nicky Chan*



*Inter Diocesan Catholic Schools Athletic Meet*



# CHAK SIU LUNG

Teacher CHECSS

"Work harder and play harder"

Mr. Chak Siu Lung first attended Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School in 1969. He was a student here for 6 years. He graduated in 1975. During this time, Mr. Joseph Liu was the principal.

At that time the principal always yelled at the students when they were walking up stairs. He told them to keep quiet when walking upstairs, keep the hands out of the pockets. Sometimes he scolded the students if they wore bell-bottom trousers. If a student did not obey the rules, the student would have to stay behind and the principal would scold him personally.



Mr. Chak was in the Science Club. At that time, Mr. Chow was responsible for that club. The students called him "bal head Chow" because he had very little hair. In this club they had film shows. Sometimes Mr. Chow played the guitar for them.

Mr. Chak could think of one funny thing that happened to him and his classmates. He and his classmate shared their money to buy a bicycle to ride after school. However they didn't trust each other. Rather than keep the bicycle at each one's home they locked the bicycle on the street. After a few days the bicycle was stolen. So both of them were the loser.

He remembered the teacher, Mr. Chow. He impressed Mr. Chak a lot. He sometimes played the guitar in class. He always told them about events that happened when he studied in university in America.

Mr. Chak always went to the tuckshop to chat or to buy something to eat. He went every recess. Mr. Chak especially liked the variety show that was held by the Student Union every year. If Mr. Chak could live his school life again, he would work harder and play harder.

Mr. Chak finished Form 5 and then he went to Canada for further study. Mr. Chak's present job is a teacher and he is teaching in this school, CHECSS. The familiar environment and the familiar daily schedule have helped in his present job.



Chak Siu Lung and Wilson Leung

He teaches senior forms Mathematics and Statistics so the subjects are all in English. So he thinks English is important.



Mr. Chak gave some advice for our students: work harder and play harder! Mr. Chak said. “If they don’t work hard and play hard, the students will be sorry later. They will have nothing nice to remember about their school life.”



## DR. CHAM WAI KUEN

Professor,  
Chinese University

Cham Wai Kuen first attended Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School in 1974. He was a student here for 1 year.



Cham Wai Kuen didn't join any clubs because he was a new student. He spent his time becoming familiar with the school.

While Cham Wai Kuen was a student at Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School there was one thing that was quite silly. In December, suddenly while he was in class, a teacher deemed him a new student, because he had a new hair cut. It was cut very short. The teacher didn't recognize him. The whole class laughed at him. He thought that was very funny and silly!

Mr. Wong stands out in his mind as being very good teacher. It was because the way he taught Mathematics was excellent. He still keeps his math notebook. He said that he thought all the teachers were very good. It was considered one of the best schools at that time! But if Cham Wai Kuen could live his school life again he would study even harder.

When he was a student at Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School he liked the school in all aspects. The teachers were good. They not only paid attention to student's studies, but also organized other activities. One year they organized a Christmas party and invited a girl's school. Before the party the teachers organized all the boys and taught them how to dance! It took about 2 hours of lessons to teach them to dance and the party was only 2-3 hours long!

Later, Mr. Cham Wai Kuen went to the Chinese University of Hong Kong where he studied Physics for 1 year then he changed to Electronics. This is now called Electronic Engineering. He is now a Professor of Electronic Engineering at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. He feels that Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School gave him solid training in Mathematics, Chemistry and Physics to help prepare him for his present job.

English is very important in his daily work. He is required to teach in the English language. As well, he has to talk to researchers all over the world and English is the common language used. Even researchers from Japan, Korea and China speak English.

In addition, he gave some advice to our students. He said, "Make use of this golden chance and really study hard! Really work hard between the ages of 10-20. If we don't learn between that period of time we will find it very difficult to learn any subject. If we work really hard we will train ourselves for what we must learn after age 20.



*Dr. Cham Wai Kuen  
and Eddy Ho*

## TSANG TZE FAI

*Teacher CHECSS*

Tsang Tze Fai first attended Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School in 1969. He left in 1976. During this time Mr. Joseph Liu was the principal. Mr. Peter Wong was the discipline master.

At that time students had some rules to follow. They had to keep the hair short. When students had long hair, the discipline master would tell them to go to the barbershop and get a haircut. If any of these rules were broken, they had the deduction of conduct marks.



Student had few choices of school clubs to join. Mr. Tsang was in the Science Club and the Football Club. He usually attended football training on Saturday morning. He sometimes had a football match on Sunday. In the Science Club, he had to meet about once a month. The teacher advisor, at that time, Mr. Chow, always made him and his classmates laugh.

Mr. Chow Ti stands out in his mind as being very special because he was quite different from the other teachers. Mr. Chow Ti was a very humorous person. He always made the students laugh. He was teaching Biology and played with the students.

Mr. Tsang got two awards. He got distinction in Math and Physics in the Chinese University Entrance Examination. He got 'A' grades in both subjects and the school gave him two awards. He was very happy because he could go up on the stage and the announcer told everyone that he got 'A' grades. The awards were coupons for a bookstore so he could use them to buy books for University. There were many students who got many coupons that day!

Mr. Tsang liked the Physics laboratory because he loved Science subjects. They had laboratory work during lessons and the Science Club met there. So he spent a lot of time in the Physics laboratory. The students were also very happy to study Maths and he liked Maths very much at Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School.



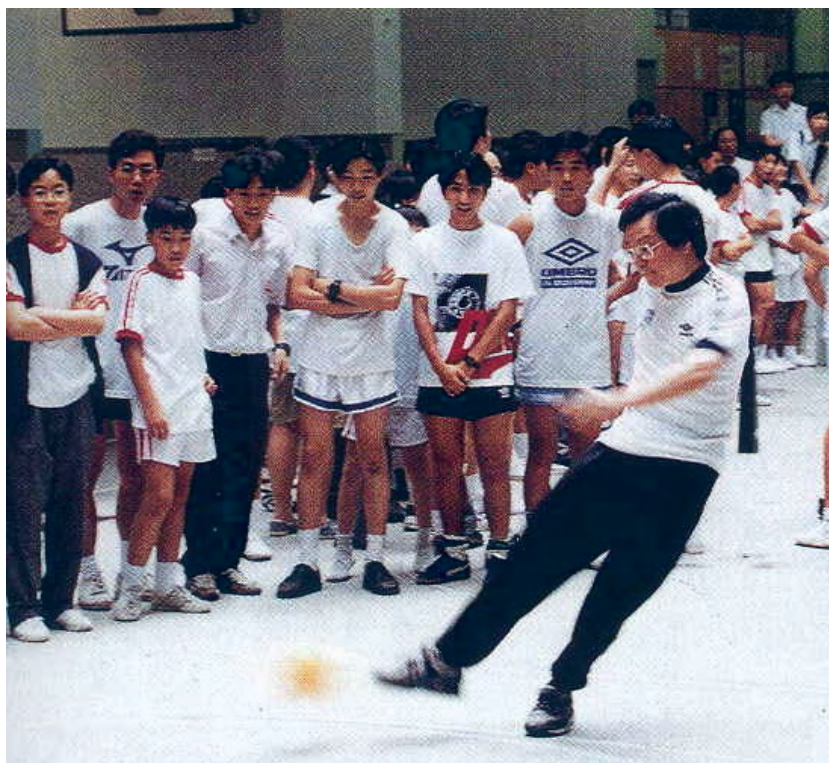
*Tsang Tze Fai and Kko Shui*

After Mr. Tsang left our school he went to the Chinese University of Hong Kong and studied Mathematics and Physics. He became a teacher. Then, he got a job working at Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School.

Mr. Tsang was very interested in Maths but he didn't know what his career would be. He didn't know whether he would be a teacher, a businessman or other jobs until he graduated from University.

Ten years ago, the medium of instruction at Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School was English. So it was important to know English. The medium of instruction at CHECSS changed to Chinese about six or seven years earlier.

If Mr. Tsang could live his school life again he would join more clubs to have more fun. At that time, he studied very hard and they had very few clubs. I think he was a good boy. He always studied in school. He advised me to be hard working too!





# REVEREND WILLIAM YIP

*Holy Spirit Seminary Lecturer*

William Yip attended Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School in 1969 and he left it in 1977. At that time, Mr. Joseph Liu was the principal and Mr. Peter Wong was the discipline master.

*“Life is much more than books”*



At that time students had to obey the same rules as today; be quiet in class; line up before going to the classroom and turn in the assignments at the designated time. If students broke the rules, they would have to stand outside the classroom or copy some pages from the book.

William Yip left Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School a long time ago, so he didn't remember what clubs he joined when he was a Choi Hung Estate Catholic

Secondary School student. But one thing he remembered was that he helped to prepare the school yearbook. He was one of the yearbook editors when he was in Form 6.

When Father Yip was a student at Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School, he got the school Chinese Calligraphy Competition Champion. In 1975 he got the award for the student with outstanding performance in HKCEE.

After Father Yip left Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School he worked at several jobs for a very short time. Then he began teaching in a private secondary school for one year. After that he was very interested in teaching so he entered the College of Education and spent two years studying there. After, he became a secondary school teacher. He taught for three years then he entered the Holy Spirit Seminary to study to become a priest. There he studied Philosophy and Theology.

At present, Reverend William Yip is a priest teaching Philosophy at the Holy Spirit Seminary. He said that he received good training in Chinese and English and in many other subjects at Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School. This gave him a broad knowledge and formed the background for his daily activity, which is dealing with people.



*Bruce Lam*

Father Yip thinks that English is very important in his job because he needs English to help him in many things. He studied abroad so he needed to use English and he also needs to speak in English to his priest friends.

Finally, Father Yip advises us to participate more in extracurricular activities. “Don’t just focus on books. Life is much more than books”!



## LAU YIU HON

*Education and Manpower Bureau  
SAR*

"Form study groups"

Lau Yiu Hon first attended Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School in 1971. He was a student here for 7 years. He graduated in 1978. During this time, Mr. Joseph Liu was the founding principal and Mr. Peter Wong was the discipline master.



At that time students had not many rules to follow. They could not talk, fool around or gamble in the class. He can't remember very specific rules. If you were talking the teacher would ask you not to talk. It was very rare to have corporal punishment such as bang a ruler on the hand! He remembers if a student was really bad the parent would have to come in and the student would be really scared if this happened. They also had a demerit system where marks were taken away.



Lau Yiu Hon joined the Scouting Club, Science Club, Athlete Club, and the Photography Club. When he was in Form 1 he was a member of the scouts. In Form 4, he was a scout leader. (Later he came back to school to run the scouts until 1989. Then he passed it on to another old boy.) In scouts he had to run activities like camping. When the school had an activity they had to stand in uniform and salute VIP's when they came. Also they had to do community service. He remembers that they had to clean Choi Hung Estate as part of their service to the community

While Lau Yiu Hon was a student at Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School he liked the scout room. They had a study group he really enjoyed. Every Saturday he came back to school to join the scouts to play around. They also would stay very late to study in the scout room. They helped each other. They stayed as best friends today.



Mr. Au,-Yeung Po Wai who was responsible to take care of the scouts, was special. Mr. Au-Yeung was very devoted. He would call them to his office after school to talk. Another



special teacher was Mr. Yam, the P.E. teacher. All the teachers were very devoted!

When Lau Yiu Hon was a student at CHECSS he got some sports medals. He felt great because he did his best and got a medal. It meant his effort had paid off. They had to do lots of training 3 or 4 times a week so it felt great when he won.

When Yiu Hon first came to Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School in Form 1, the school looked very huge to him because his primary school was small. When he got to Form 6 he found there was not enough space in our school. They managed by going outside to train.

His favourite area of the school was the table tennis area. They had to rush to get there first. He usually went to the library twice a week. So he liked the library too! He enjoyed his classmates and teachers. He got good results in HKCEE and he could have gone to another school for Form 6 but he stayed here for Form 6 and Form 7 because he enjoyed life here. If Lau Yiu Hon could live his school life again he would try to play more.

After Lau Yiu Hon left our school he studied at Hong Kong University. He studied Science. Later he got his Doctorate Degree. He works in a field related to education. He found that the scouts training gave him a lot of opportunities to organize activities and to be a leader. He felt he got “learning for life” as a scout. He had more exposure to the school and community as a scout. He felt this was a good background for his present job.



*Lau Yiu Hon and Craig Li*

English is quite important to his job. He has to use both English and Chinese. It is also becoming important for him to learn Mandarin. He feels that we now should know three languages.

Dr. Lau advises students attending Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School today to work hard and play hard. He also suggested that we form a study group. He remembers that all the students in his study group got very good marks.





# HUNG KWOK WAH

*Lecturer Polytechnic University*

*“Create a balance between  
study and play”*

Mr. Hung Kwok Wah attended Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School in 1972. He left in 1979 after Form 7. During this time Mr. Joseph Liu was the first principal and Mr. Peter Wong was the discipline master (Peter Wong also was the second principal of the school).



At the time, most students would obey the rules, for example, keep the hair short, be punctual and keep quiet in the lesson. They did not have punishment. They only needed a warning. For some students, who were worse than others, the parents were asked to come or there was some sort of demerit system. This was put in the student's record. If the students had too many demerits, they would get more serious punishment.



Students had many choices of school clubs to join. Mr. Hung Kwok Wah was in the Physics Club, the Bridge Club and the Music Club. In the Music Club, he learned how to play the Chinese music instruments. When he joined the Physics Club, he was a Form 6 student. They organized the inter-class science quiz for Form 4 students. They asked some science questions and whoever answered the most correct answers won. It was in the hall. He was the master of ceremonies so he had to ask the questions.

While Mr. Hung Kwok Wah was a student at Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School he always had fun. He told me about one funny thing that happened to him and his classmates. When they played volleyball, they had a special rule. When the ball touched the roof then they lost a point. He thought that was very funny.

When he studied in Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School, two teachers stood out in his mind as being very special. One was his English teacher in Form 5. He was called Mr. Michael Chan. He also was his class teacher. He treated them like brothers. Another teacher was in Form 4. He taught them Maths. He gave them a lot of exercises-- hundreds of them. The students called him “skinny boy” in Chinese!

At that time, Mr. Hung Kwok Wah got several prizes. He had the best results in Form 5 examinations. He got a certificate. In Form 6, he got a service award because he was the head prefect. In Form 7, he got the conduct award because the class teacher thought he was the monitor so he gave this prize to him. (In fact, he was not a monitor!) Anyway he got the conduct award. He was happy and proud to receive all of the prizes.

When Mr. Hung Kwok Wah was a student at Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School he loved the playground outside the school, because they could play football there, and no

one stopped them. They played about one to two hours every day. Also, he thinks they had less pressure of studying in our school. They had many chances to take part in sports events.

Kwok Wah got his science passion at Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School. Usually in science and mathematics the students got good results. If he could live his school life again he would not change anything because he does not see any unhappy things in his study here.



*Hung Kwok Wah and Billy Leung*

After Mr. Hung Kwok Wah left our school he studied in the Chinese University of Hong Kong. He had a major in Electronic Engineering and a minor in Computer Science. Later, he became a lecturer in Hong Kong Community College that was part of the Polytechnic University. He is now the program director. Besides teaching, he has a lot of administration work. When Mr. Hung Kwok Wah was in Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School, he got a good foundation in Science and Mathematics so he could study more easily at university. Also while he was here he was a head prefect. This experience helped him to do things more organized. Both these things help him in his present job.

Also, English is very important to him because the medium of instruction is English. So he teaches in English. All the documents are in English. When he teaches computer, the books are in English so it is very important that he knows English in his job!

Finally, Dr. Hung Kwok advises us to have a good balance between studying and playing. Also, the students should join more sport activities and spend time learning English.



# WONG YIU KWONG

*Owner of a Business*

Mr. Wong first attended Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School in 1977. He was a student here for 3 years. During this time Mr. Joseph Liu was the principal and Mr. Peter Wong was the discipline master.

*“Learn to solve problems”*



At that time students had very few rules to follow. They were not allowed to talk in the class. He never broke the rules so he didn't know the punishment. He could only think of one funny thing that happened to him and his classmates. He always played table tennis. They came in the morning at 6:00 a.m. . He thought it was a funny thing.

When Mr. Wong was a student at CHECSS he loved the playground and the library. He spent a few hours a day in these areas. He thought the school environment was the most attractive thing about the school.

Ms. Anna Tam and Ms. Hau Y.C. stand out in his mind as being very special teachers. They were so kind and patient.

After Mr. Wong left our school he continued his studies in another school. Later he went to work in a bank. Then he went to Canada to continue his studies in Information Technology.

He now has his own business, an Information Technology Company. Mr. Wong thinks studying in Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School equipped him to run his own business.



*Wong Yiu Kwong and Jack Tai*



He thinks English is important for his present job because some of his clients come from other countries, Canada, United States, and other places so they have to communicate in English.

He thinks students attending Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School today have to get used to facing difficulties. He said, “Don't be afraid. Don't hide from difficulties but solve them instead.”

## CHENG WAI KEUNG

Lecturer,  
Institute of Vocational Education

Although it has been a long time since Cheng Wai Keung attended Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School, he remembers many things about his secondary school life. He first came to Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School in 1977 and stayed here until 1985. Mr. Joseph Liu and Mr.

Peter Wong were the principals at that time and Mr. Kong was the discipline master.

Many of the rules they had to obey as students were the same as we have today. However, be punctual and wear the school dress are the ones that he remembered the most. If a student did not obey the rules, he might have a demerit or lose the conduct marks.

Cheng Wai Keung joined the Scout, Athletic and Chess Clubs. He was a member of the Student Union and a student helper in the library. He was the scout leader for many years in the Scout Club and the chairman of the Athletic Club. I think he enjoyed these activities very much. He got many certificates in the Student Union and as the student helper in the library. He also got awards for the athletic meets, including the Diocesan Joint School Athletic Meet.

His favorite part of the school was the scout room because the scout room was on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor. He went there for learning after school and to give lectures to the scouts. He liked the teachers and the friendship of his classmates. He also liked the scouting and being part of the athletic team.

His one regret about life at CHECSS was not getting the overall champion in the Joint Diocesan School Athletic Meet. The year that he was vice chairman of the Athletic Club, the school got champions in Grade 'A, C, D' but got first runner-up in Grade 'B'. He would arrange the athletes differently if he could live his school life over!

After leaving Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School, Mr. Cheng Wai Keung went to work at a holiday camp for three years. Then he went to the College of Education to study Physical Education to get his teacher's certificate. He is now working as a Physical Education lecturer at the Institute of Vocational Education. He feels that being a student at Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School prepared him for his present job because he had lots of experience as a scout leader and in organizing activities for the Athletic Club.

Mr. Cheng Wai Keung left me with some good advice. He said, "Enjoy your school life. Join clubs such as the Boy Scouts."

*"Enjoy your school life"*



*Cheng Wai Keung and Ki Chiang*



## POON KIN HUNG

*Pediatrician*

*Tuen Mun Hospital*

Poon Kin Hung first attended Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School in 1978. He was a student here for 4 years. He graduated in 1982. There were two principals during this time, Mr. Joseph Liu and Mr. Peter Wong.



The rule he remembers is: to be quiet in class and to line up properly. He said that he did have personal experience in receiving punishment. Once he was asked to stand outside the classroom for the whole lesson!

Poon Kin Hung was in the Physics Club. He told me that he organized activities for other students. They arranged to visit other companies like the electricity company and a battery company.

While Poon Kin Hung was a student at Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School he seemed to be a mischievous boy. He could think of a lot of funny things that happened to him and his classmates. Some mischievous students would put chalk on the chair of the teachers. Then there would be white marks on their trousers and all the students would laugh.

There were many teachers that impressed him a lot. His Maths teacher was very diligent. Also he remembers his English teacher, Mr. Michael Chan. He was very enthusiastic and he gave them extra tutorial in Oral English.

Many places in the school were favorites for Kin Hung. He liked the library because there were lots of interesting books. He also liked the physics room where they had the activities and the music room where they had the choir. He would go to these places whenever he got the chance!



If Poon Kin Hung could live his school life again he would do more in sports. He was not very good at sports. He said that he had put too much weight on academic studies.

After Dr. Poon Kin Hung left our school, he went to university and studied Maths. Later he studied medicine and he is now a pediatrician taking care of sick children. He said that the secondary school education was an important basis for university. If he didn't have good preparation he would not do well in university. He said that English is very important in his present job. In Hong Kong, Western medicine is mainly conducted in English. They read new information in English. They don't wait for translation. They talk about scientific discovery with other doctors in English. But when they talk with the patients, they use the patient's

language, Cantonese or English.

His advice to students attending Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School today is “enjoy your life at school; enjoy the homework, your teachers and make a lot of friends. These friends will last your whole life.”



## SAMUEL LING

*General Manager  
International Trading Company*

Samuel Ling studied in Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School from 1975 to 1982. At the time, Mr. Joseph Liu was the principal. Later in Form 3 the principal was Mr. Peter Wong.



Mr. Ling remembers that they had to be punctual and hand in things on time. He didn't remember any particular punishment but he did remember that all the students were very afraid of the discipline master. He thought there was some mark put on the student's record.

He liked Maths so he joined the Maths Club. He was the vice-chainman of the Mathematics Club. He took care of the treasury job. He would organize quizzes in the Maths Club. He was good at Maths because he has a good teacher to teach him. His Maths teacher was Mr. Lee Po Chuen. He taught them Maths and Physics. Also every week he had to go to the library to go on duty.

One funny thing he remembered was they had a teacher who taught them Chinese History. His lectures were quite boring. At that time, they found out the marking method of the teacher. It was not according to the content they wrote down. It was just according to the length of the answer. So one time, one of the classmates didn't know how to answer a question so he just wrote in the names of all the hit songs for his answer. Luckily the teacher discovered this!

He always spent most of the time in the classroom. He thought he was lucky to have good classmates. They spent a lot of time chatting in the classroom and in the corridor. He thinks he was also lucky to have good teachers. However he thought he concentrated too much on the academics subjects. If he could go back to being a student he thinks he should spent more time on extra-curricular activities.

After Mr. Ling left Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School he studied in Hong Kong University. His first degree is Applied Mathematics with a major in Mathematics and minor in Computer Science. He got his MBA after when he was working at his job.



*Eric Ma*



Mr. Ling works as the general manager of an International Trading Company. He doesn't think being a student at Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School has a relationship with his job but it prepared him for his college study. English is very important in his job. He has to communicate with people overseas.

He told me that now we have a valuable chance for learning so we must treasure the time and work hard. At the same time, we should spend time in extracurricular activities. We must also care about what is taking place in our society and other parts of the world.





## TSOI YAT CHEONG

*Business owner*

Tsoi Yat Cheong first attended Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School in 1979. He was a student here for 6 years. He graduated in 1985. During this time, Mr. Joseph Liu was the principal. Mr. Peter Wong was the discipline master. Later he was the principal of the school.

At that time students had many rules to follow. When Yat Cheong was in Form 1 he was always worried on English Speaking Day. On that day everyone must speak in English otherwise there would be a penalty. They would write down his name if he broke the English-speaking rule. If he broke the rule 5 times he had more severe punishment. He didn't like this rule very much! They were always encouraged to speak English.



Yat Cheong was in 80 % of the clubs in the school at that time. He was in the Chess Club, the Science Club and was a scout too! He was the first student to get the Queen's Scout Award, the highest achievement in scouting. The principal invited him to give a short speech in front of the school assembly. He encouraged the junior scouts to strive for this award. He said, "Although I was the first winner, I hoped I wouldn't be the last!" So when he was a student at CHECSS he loved the scout room best because he could find a lot of knowledge there. He said that he had many happy days there.

Yat Cheong remembered an encouraging thing that happened to him. When he was in Form 4, he was sitting beside the top student in the form. He said, "I was far from the top but I was so greedy that I wanted to compete with him. He helped me to work hard and to pick up my marks!"

He remembers many teachers. The English teacher, Mr. Michael Chan, was the panel chairman. He was the only teacher who had special arrangements in his class. He allowed the students to have a coke on their desk in class. He wanted them to have a warm environment for the English lessons.

If Yat Cheong could live his school life again he would work harder. He was in many extra curricular activities. He thinks he would surrender some of his outside activities. He said that he would strike a balance between his studies and the activities. He would give up at least 50% of the activities and start studying earlier. He left his studying until the end of Form 6 and then he found that it was too late—there was too much revision to do!

After he left our school Mr. Yat Cheong studied in City University of Hong Kong. He studied Electronic Engineering. Now he runs his own business selling electronic production equipment such as mobile phones and computers. His main customer is IBM. The main part



of his job is with the international market. Many of his suppliers and customers are English speaking. Whether English is the native tongue or not, they all use English. So he said, "If there's no English in my job, then there's no business!"

As advice for Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School students he said, "Spend time on studies and activities. Be well prepared for the examinations. Take part in some activities. I recommend scouting as a good activity that has a variety of things to do. So you can balance the activities with your studies. Otherwise the mainland Chinese will get the good jobs. They are our main competitors in the job market today!"



*Tsoi Yat Cheong and Kitson Liu*



# TANG CHI PANG

*Principal*

*SKH Chu Yan Primary School*

*“ Be active to ask questions ”*

Although it has been 29 years since Tang Chi Pang first attended Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School, he remembers many things about his secondary school life. He first came to this school in 1977 and stayed here until 1984. Mr. Peter Wong was the principal at that time and Mr. Kong was the discipline master.



While he was a student at CHECSS, Tang Chi Pang joined the Swimming Club. He was the representative of the club and had the swimming training even in winter. I think he enjoyed this activity very much.

Mr. Tang got an award for good conduct. He said that it was an honor and encouraged him to do better.

He liked every part of Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School because he had such a good time at this school. A funny thing that happened was: once he had a mouse for an experiment in Biology. The mouse escaped from the cage so the students had to spend a lot of time to get it back to the cage. However he still liked doing experiments very much!

Mr. Wong Tai Keung is the teacher that he remembers the most. He said that Mr. Wong was nice and always was concerned about the students.



*Edmund Lee*

After leaving CHECSS, Mr. Tang went to The College of Education. There he studied Maths and Science to get his first degree. He is now working as a primary school principal at SKH Chu Yan Primary School. He feels that being a student at CHECSS prepared him for his present

job by teaching him knowledge, discipline and concern for others.



Mr. Tang left me with some good advice. He said we should be active to ask questions and to solve problems.

I enjoyed doing the interview with Mr. Tang Chi Pang. It is interesting to hear how old boys feel about our school.

## PUN LAI TUN

*Property Manager of an Estate*

Mr. Peter Wong was the principal when Pun Lai Tun attended Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School in 1980. He was a student for 5 years at Choi Hung. The discipline master was Mr. Kong who taught biology. He left the school a long time ago. After Pun Lai Ting left Choi Hung in 1985, he joined Hoi Ping Chamber of Commerce Secondary School for Form 6 and Form 7.

“What can you do for others?”



Mr. Pun had to obey many rules. Keep quiet in the lesson; be polite to the teachers and get high marks in the examinations are the ones he remembers. These are much the same as the rules for students in CHESS today. When the student didn't follow the rules, he would get some warning or a black mark would be recorded.

Lai Tun joined the Art Club. In the Art Club, he liked to go with his classmates to do some creative things. I think he enjoyed the club activity very much. When he was a student at CHECSS he received two service awards.

When I asked about the funny things that may have happened to him or his schoolmates, he made a smile instantly. He said that his schoolmates used to throw the blackboard duster out of the window and also the chalk.

Lai Tun remembered the teachers, Mr. Kong C. W. and Miss Hau.Y.C. I believe that they are very special teachers because Mr. Kong has remembered them since he left Choi Hung until today. Mr. Kong taught him biology. He always asked the students what is the purpose in living in the world. Mr. Kong inspired him a lot! Miss Hau, the art teacher, put a lot of effort in bringing them up.

He like the art room the best but he also liked the library. He said that it was a nice place to go because there were many books about art, for example art style. I think he spent a lot of time in the art room too. If he could live the school life over, he would spend more time on the sports activity such as basketball and volleyball. However, he doesn't want to go back to school life!



*Pun Lai Tun and Wayne Ng*



Now his present job is a property manager of an estate. In Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School, he learned about human relationships and how to interact with people. This has helped him in his present job as manager. English isn't very important for his present job. He hasn't many Westerners in the estate so he doesn't have to use it on a daily basis.

Finally, he gave us some advice. He said, "Ask yourself what you can contribute to society. I find young people today ask what they can GET from society. They don't think about what they can DO for the community. So think more about what you can do for others!"



## CHUNG KIU LEONG

*Pilot, Cathay Pacific*

Chung Kiu Leong is an old boy who attended Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School in 1982 and left in 1987.

“Have a good attitude”



Mr. Fung was the discipline master while Kiu Leong was a student in Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School. At that time, the rules were the same as we have today. He wouldn't use the word obey, rather they just followed the rules.” If you talk about the level of punishment, it depends on what the students did. If a student brought in an inappropriate magazine it would just be taken away. If it happened again, it would be a different punishment.” said Kiu Leong.

In his Choi Hung School life, what he still remembers is that there were twins in the classroom. One day one of them fell asleep and Kiu Leong took away his school bag and hid it somewhere. He got really mad...kid stuff!

The teacher who stands out in his mind is Mr. Michael Chan who was in charge of the English Department. He is now living in New Zealand. He was very young when he was teaching them. He spent a lot of time talking with the students. He also remembers Mr. David Leung, the Biology teacher. Miss Hau was also a very good teacher.

Kiu Leong was in the Athletic Club and the Volleyball Club. He always went out and competed. He enjoyed playing these sports. During the time studying in Choi Hung, he always got medals from the volleyball and athletic competitions. For the feeling of receiving awards in Choi Hung, he said seriously ” It feels great to win something like that but if I had the choice again, I 'd spend more time on my studies. I should have concentrated on academics rather than feeling proud of my sports. I was wasting a lot of time.”

Kiu Leong said what attracted him the most as he was studying at Choi Hung is everybody worked together. They tried their best. In HKCEE many students got 'A's. After he left Choi Hung, the school was banded.

If he could live Choi Hung life over, he admits that he'd probably spent more time on studying. He'd make a better balance of his interests and studies. In his opinion, although



Choi Hung was a very small school, he has the most memories from there because he met so many good friends. He still keeps in touch with many old boys. “If I had the choice again I would want to do my university in Hong Kong.” said Kiu Leong seriously. He thinks that wherever we are as a teenager we should enjoy teenage things rather than thinking of the future. He regrets a bit indeed!

After Kiu Leong left Choi Hung he went to Australia to look around and see what he wanted to do. So he went to Perth where he continued his high school and then studied Information Technology. When he was in Australia he had nothing else to do so he studied hard and he got better marks.

His own expectation was not to become a pilot. When he was younger, he always wanted to be a policeman. He became a pilot by accident! He filled out the application form to show his interest. They decided he was suited to be a pilot. “English is 100% important for a pilot” he said. “We talk to air traffic control in English. We work with a partner, usually the captain or first and second officer. They always use English on the job.”

The advice he gave for students attending Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School today was work hard. He thinks a lot of Hong Kong students only think of themselves. They forget about others around them. He thinks this is not right. In his opinion, in many organizations, we must learn how to work with other people – to help other people achieve the same goal. Students in Choi Hung can help each other – all go to university together. “Instead of thinking, ‘I am outstanding! I will go to university!’ If you have a good attitude, in the future when you go to a good company, in any area to work, you will have an advantage. Trust me” said Kiu Leong.



*Chung Kiu Leong and Stephen Chan*

After chatting with Mr. Chung Kiu Leong, I think he’s very gentle and modest. He taught me so many things about how to work with others. He emphasizes communication skills and co-operativeness. Aren’t these what a great pilot should have? Yes, these are. Actually, I absolutely appreciate him!

## FUNG WAI HONG

*Doctorate of Chemistry*

Fung Wai Hong first attended Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School in 1983. He was a student here for 6 years. He graduated in 1989. During this time Mr. Peter Wong was the principal. Mr. Kong C. W. and Mr. Law S.F. were the discipline masters.

"Know world events"



If Wai Hon left the school too late playing basketball, the principal would come to talk to them. They couldn't play in the classroom and if the teacher caught them they had to stay after school. These were some of the school rules and punishments that Wai Hon remembered.



Students had many choices of school clubs to join. Fung Wai Hon joined the Chinese Club, the Chess Club, the Art Club and the Photography Club. He learned to make many things in the Art Club. In the Photography Club he learned how to take photos with real film, not the digital camera. So that was very interesting! In the Chess Club, he played chess matches. He said that he learned more Chinese as a member of the Chinese Club. Apart from the textbook, he learned Chinese from other books.

While he was a student at Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary he liked to play basketball. At 6 p.m. all the students were supposed to leave the school. His classmates and he would play basketball and the teachers would come and send them home after 6 o'clock every day. He also liked the school spirit. At the sports days, they always sang the school song louder and louder to encourage the athletes.

Fung Wai Hon remembers the teacher, Ms. Hau Y.C.. She was his class teacher in Form 1. She taught him a lot and he said that he learned a lot about different things from her. He didn't know much about art and she showed him a lot about art. He also talked about the teacher who was teaching Chinese, but he couldn't remember the name.

When he was a student at Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School Wai Hon loved the school. He said, "It was

small but was nice." He liked the students. All of his classmates were very nice and helpful. They even voted him as class leader so he was able to get an award for good conduct in Form 2! The teachers were kind. If he could live his school days again, he would work harder. Then he wouldn't take so long to finish his university



*Fung Wai Hon and Felix Wong*



After Wai Hon left our school he went to the University of Hong Kong then he studied at the Polytechnic University. He got his Doctorate Degree in Chemistry in 1994. Then he decided to teach the Chemistry. Now he works as a chemist in a government laboratory. Being a student at Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School prepared him for his present job because he got a high interest in and learned a lot about Chemistry. He also learned how to treat other people.

He thinks English is important in his job. All the reports are written English. Sometimes he has to go to court to present evidence in a case so he has to speak in English and prepare all the written documents in English. He needs to talk a lot to others in English every day.

His advice to CHECSS students today is simple. He said, “You need to learn more English. Read the English newsletters. Read articles on the Internet. Listen to the BBC website so you will know what is happening all over the world. It is important!”



## WONG CHI WAI

*Court Prosecutor*

Wong Chi Wai attended Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School, as a Form 1 student, in 1983. Seven years later he graduated, in 1990. During this time, Mr. Peter Wong was the principal and a biology teacher, Mr. Kong C. W., was the discipline master.

*“Pay attention to language”*



At that time students had many rules to follow. They couldn't go to school before 7:00 a.m. or stay after 5 o'clock. They couldn't stay in the library after 4:30 p.m.. If any of these rules were broken, they might have to write a note of apology or to copy a passage from a book and maybe write lines a hundred or a thousand times.

Students did not have many choices of school clubs to join. Wong Chi Wai joined the Art Club in Form 1. He liked silk screen-printing but he couldn't remember any other details in the Art Club.

He could think of one interesting thing that happened to him and his classmates. He learned how to eat so fast because he wanted to play games after they ate the lunch box. He remembers there was a time when they had lunch boxes in the canteen. There were hawkers outside selling lunch boxes cheaper than the ones in the canteen. So when the bell rang they would all rush outside to the hawkers because there wouldn't be enough lunch boxes for everyone so they had to buy while the stock lasted!

Ms. Cheung stands out in his mind as being a very special teacher. She was a fresh graduate from Hong Kong University. He said that he learned so much from her. She was the English class teacher for Form 1 classes. In those days they did not have a native English teacher so she gave them a very solid foundation.

While Wong Chi Wai was a student at CHECSS he didn't receive many awards. The ones he remembered were some English awards. He felt glad and happy to get them but had no special feeling about it now. He remembered that the first class at Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School started late, at 8:45 p.m., later than other schools and they had a longer lunch hour. He thought they had 1 hour and 20 minutes for lunch and the other schools only had 1 hour. So he

enjoyed the longer time to play with his classmates.



*Wong Chi Wai and Tommy Ngan*

When Wong Chi Wai was a student at CHECSS he loved the school hall. It was only open when there were some special functions. He remembered a couple of services there during the school year. When they went there the atmosphere was solemn so they felt comfortable and at peace.

After Mr. Wong Chi Wai left our school he went to study law at City University. Being at student at CHECSS, certainly paved the way for his university education. Now he is working as a Court Prosecutor with the Department of Justice. In his job he has to be good at languages whether it is English or Chinese.

If Mr. Wong Chi Wai could live his school life again he would spend more time on sports. He would have loved more sports and that is what he regrets the most about his school days.

He had some words of advice for today's students. He said, " Pay more effort to the language. The students here at CHECSS put much effort on Mathematics and Science, I think the students now need more time to put on language because it is becoming more and more important!"



## REVEREND IP TING KWOK (Stephen)

*Diocesan priest*

Father Ip first attended Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School in 1986. He was a student here for 3 years. He left in 1989. During this time, Mr. Peter Wong was the principal.

At that time students had very few rules to follow. They had to respect the teachers and they couldn't do damage to the facility. If they didn't follow the rules some teachers made them write the chapter of the book maybe 50 times.



Stephen Ip joined the Catholic Society. He prayed every day afternoon at that club.

He could only think of one funny thing that happened to him and his classmates. When they had a P.E. lesson they must go to the car park. They were running around or playing football in the car park. Sometime the citizens would laugh at them. Also St. Benedict's students, (some were girls) were watching so the boys were very embarrassed. But he thinks it was a good experience to have the lesson outside.

Mr. Lee W.L. was a teacher who was remembered by Stephen Ip. He taught Maths and Physics. He had a physical handicap on his leg. Stephen Ip respected him because he was a Catholic and because he had a handicap so things were difficult for him. It was very difficult for him to walk up stairs but he tried very hard. Some of the students would help him. Not only Father Ip, but all the students respected him very much.

He liked the chapel inside the hall. They worshipped there. Every day when he went to school he liked to go to the chapel for a few minutes to pray. If he could return to be a student again, he thinks he would try his best to study more. At that time the students were very lazy. They didn't like to study. But after they graduated from Choi Hung, they knew study was important. So he said if he could go to the school again, he would try his best.

After Stephen Ip left our school he went to The Hong Kong Polytechnic University to further his studies. He took Civil Engineering. Then he studied in the Holy Spirit Seminary to become a priest. Father Ip said that being a student at Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School let him learn many things like respect for the teachers. He learned responsibility here. Now he is a good citizen because the school taught him how to respect people.

He said English is very important in his job because every Sunday he needs to say the homily to people who come to church. Many Filipinos come to the church to worship so he uses



*Reverend Stephen Ip and Kit Leung*



English frequently.

He thinks students today need to study more especially in English, Chinese and Maths, the basic subjects. He said, "If you go out to work and you don't know the English language, you'll find it difficult to communicate with people."



## SAM WAI KIN

*Statistician,  
SAR government*

Sam Wai Kin (Desmond) first attended Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School in 1985. He was a student here for 5 years. He graduated in 1990. During this time, Mr. Peter Wong was the principal and Mr. Law Sai-fong was the discipline master. Mr. Law nominated Sam Wai Kin for vice head prefect in Form 4.

"Use the "ASK" method"



One of the rules was that all students had to attend the morning assembly at the playground and prefects patrolled all classrooms to ensure that no one was staying there. Those students who talked during the morning assembly would be asked to stay behind with their names recorded.

Students had many choices of school clubs to join. Desmond Sam was in the Scouting Club, the 146<sup>th</sup> East Kowloon Group since Form 1. When he was in Form 5 he got the Chief Scout's Award. (He is still a scout leader. He has been with the scouts for more than 20 years.) He was also active in the Geography Club, the Bridge Club, the Catholic Society and the English Society. When

he was in Form 4 he was the chairman of the Geography Club. (He was a science student who did not take geography). He was considered suitable because he had been involved in organizing activities as a Form 3 student.

Mr. Chui Chor-Tin stands out in his mind as being a very special teacher. He mixed well with the students. Then there was Mr. David Leung. When he entered the classroom the first thing he did was draw a world map. He taught history and he wanted the students to know which country he was talking about. He shared his travel experience so he increased the student's interest in the historical developments of the western world. He aroused the students' interest in the political, socio-economic factors in Chinese society. Another teacher who stood out in his mind was Mr. Michael Chan. He was Desmond Sam's Form master in junior form. Sometimes he got angry when students did not respond to his questions. He expected students to respond. So one day he got very furious. He asked everyone to answer a single question—'how to say you understand the question'. Then he picked out Desmond Sam and asked him. Desmond didn't know but three words came to his mind so he said, "I got it!" Anyway this was the answer Michael Chan wanted. He said that learning English is special. You can learn it by heart and when you want to use it, it will come to your mind. Mr. Michael Chan taught the students English in a lively way so they understood it better and could use it better.

There were awards given to students in those days. Desmond Sam got many of them. He came top in each form from Form 1 to Form 5. He got good HKCEE results. He received the Sir Edward Youde Memorial Scholarship, which was given to two students in the school. He

received it in Form 4 and the other student was already in Form 7. It was given to those with good academic results and good conduct. As a result of receiving this award, Desmond Sam was chosen to go to the construction site of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, which was officially opened by Prince Charles in 1989. It was a memorable event for him because he later joined that university in 1992. He felt very encouraged by these awards. But he said that the awards were recognition of what he had achieved. It encouraged him to do better in the future; to continue his effort and keep high academic standings. He had to put a lot of effort into his school work and activities. Desmond Sam also received a prize for making the highest mark in the History in the final exam in Form 2. The History teacher, Miss Cheung Sau-chung wrote in his book, ‘We only live once but once is enough’! This saying was very meaningful to Desmond Sam.

When Desmond Sam was a student at Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School he loved the scout room. He had a private area during recess, lunchtime and after school.

If Desmond Sam could live his school life again he wouldn’t want to change anything because it was already wonderful. He loved the people at Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School. He said, “The teachers were nice and friendly especially when he compared them to the teachers in his other school. The teachers there were not all that friendly. They asked for good academic results only. The teachers at CHECSS looked after each student and looked out for their personal growth.”

After Mr.Desmond Sam left our school he went to Po Leung Kuk CFA No.1 College and continued his studying. Later he went to the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology to get a Bachelor’s Degree in Operations Management. He then completed a Master’s Degree in Finance at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. He then got a job working in the Census and Statistics Department with the government of Hong Kong. One of the reasons why he is a statistician today is he loved Statistics and Economics in high school. He scored a lot of 'A's. He got ‘A’ in both Additional Maths and Mathematics.

English is very important in Mr. Desmond Sam’s daily work. Most of their written documents are in English. They write in English every day with their correspondence. They use spoken English for some of their meetings. When foreigners are attending the meetings they always speak English.

Mr.Sam Wai Kin had some advice for students attending Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School today. He said that we should work harder and take advantage of every opportunity. He said, “In my school days I took advantage of all activities. I joined clubs to expose myself to many areas. All the activities can broaden your horizon. You can have a good time and make many friends. After university your friends are most important. You have to build your social network. You can do better in your work if you have friends. Always use “ASK”— Attitude is good; get all-round skills; and receive excellent knowledge. CHECSS teachers are superb and passionate and students should take advantage of this!”



*Kit So and San Wai Kin*

## CHENG HOI KIT

*Master's Degree Student*

Cheng Hoi Kit first attended Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School in 1986. He was a student here for 5 years. He graduated in 1991. During this time Mr. Peter Wong and Mr. Job Li were the principals.

At that time students had general rules to follow. They had to be quiet in class. They could not go outside at recess. At lunch they had to go outside! The rules were not really strict. If any of these rules were broken, the student's conduct mark would be deducted.

At that time there were some clubs in the school such as the Student Union and the Science Club. Hoi Kit was not an active student when he first attended Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School. When he was in Form 3 he was on the basketball team. In Form 4 he was in the Student Union and he was the editor of the twenty- fifth anniversary magazine. He liked the Joint Diocesan Schools Sports Days. The representatives of the Student Union got to help the students. There were about 500 students all wearing the same color shirt. Mr. Cheng said, "We had to go in front of them and lead the school song. It was fantastic!"



While Cheng Hoi Kit was a student at CHECSS he could think of one funny thing that happened to him and his classmates. Their changing room was in the washroom, so it was very small for 40 boys. They had to change their clothes in a hurry. They had to be very careful because the floor was dirty and they couldn't let their clothes touch the floor. He thought it was very funny.

Mr. William Lee, Mr. Lai Ming Ngor and Mr. David Leung stand out in his mind as being very special teachers. Mr. William Lee was so kind to the students. He comforted and encouraged them. He always helped the students to study for HKCEE during Form 4 and Form 5. Mr. Lai was a music teacher. Mr. Lai gave him many opportunities as a pianist and to join the school choir. He took them to competitions outside the school. He remembered that he also could run very fast! Mr. David Leung was so nice to the students that he liked. He wasn't kind to all the students but if he liked the student he was willing to give his all to him. Hoi Kit felt he was lucky that Mr. Leung liked him!

Hoi Kit had good results in the sports days. When he was the vice head prefect, he got many awards. He felt nothing special about getting them! If he could live his school life again he wouldn't change anything. He liked the years when he was at Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School.





After Cheng Hoi Kit left our school he went to the USA to finish his studies. He first attended some lessons in grade 12 that are like Form 6. Then he went to college. He studied Business Administration. Unfortunately he didn't get to finish the 4 years of college. He was in a car accident in year 2. He had surgery and was kept in hospital for 2 months in America. He then came back to Hong Kong and stayed in hospital for another 10 months. When he got out he took HKCEE exams again because the United States system is different from that of the British system used in Hong Kong. The American result was not recognized so he had to re take the examinations. He was self-studying at that time. He got into the Hong Kong Technical College and attended a program in Accounting. When he graduated from there he went to City University to finish his Bachelor's Degree. He studied Information Systems. He worked in the social worker department for three years. He is now a full time student studying for his Master's Degree in the Chinese University of Hong Kong.



*Cheng Hoi Kit and Samuel Lau*

Is English important? Mr. Cheng said that he is not a special man. He is an ordinary man who lives in Hong Kong. "English is a must because it is a 'no mind' language!" When he went to the USA if he had not learned English he would not have been able to communicate with people. The experience there and the education there were quite different. He said that many people around the world communicate in English so English is quite important.

His advice for us is to learn as much English as we can. Although he said that Chinese is important, it is English that is important in the world. Both languages are important so we should learn as much English as we can.



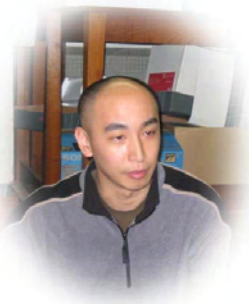
## TAI KAM HO

*Retail Shop Manager*

Mr. Tai Kam Ho first attended Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School in 1986. He was a student here for 8 years. He graduated in 1994. When he entered Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School, Mr. Peter Wong was the principal. When he was in Form 5 the principal became Mr. Li.



At that time students had very few rules to follow. For example, they had to wear the tidy uniform, be quiet and keep the class clean. The school had a conduct mark. If a student didn't obey the rules, his marks would be deducted.



Mr. Tai was the chairman of the Athlete Club in 1993. He enjoyed training the lower form students. He also had to make arrangements for the inter-school athletic meet. In his starting years, he got a lot of medals in swimming and running. It gave him a good feeling.

He remembered a funny thing when he was Form 1. Some lectures were very boring. So he skipped the lesson. He opened the gate and went home. But that only happened once!

When he was a student at Choi Hung he loved the canteen because he loved the noodles. He always went there during recess and lunch to get noodles with a soft drink.

He knows so many teachers in Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School. He sometimes joined dinner with one of his teachers. He thinks secondary school study prepared him to enter university. It gave him a foundation in academic work. As a result, he had little difficulty in university.



*Tai Kam Ho and Keith Lam*

If Mr. Tai could live his school life again he would work harder. He said that most of the students should have worked harder.

After Mr. Tai left our school he went to City University of Hong Kong. Then he worked for a business company in management. He is a manager in a retail shop. His major duty is training the new staff so he doesn't communicate with foreigners or use English much in his job.

Lastly, he said that he hadn't kept close contact with what was happening at Choi Hung. He didn't know what level the students are. He suggested the students focus on their studies---study is the most important thing.



## HUE KA YIU

*Officer,*

*Transportation Department SAR*

*“Study hard and play hard”*

Hue Ka Yiu first attended Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School in 1986. He was a student here for 7 years. He graduated in 1993. During this time, there were 2 principals. The first was Mr. Peter Wong then Mr. Job Li took his place as the new principal. Mr. Law was the discipline master. They called him “Big Law” because there were two ‘Mr. Law’s” at that time.



At that time students had very few rules to follow. The rules were very similar to today’s rules. They could not come to school late. They could not leave school early. They had to do all the lessons. There was a lot of punishment. It depended on which rule the student broke. If it was a small rule in class, the teacher might give a warning. If it were a severe rule that the student broke such as being late to school there would be a record on him.

Hue Ka Yiu joined the Library Club in Form 1 and he remained a member of this club until Form 7. Also he joined the Art Club, the School Magazine Editorial Club and the Basketball Club. He spent most of the time in the Library Club being a librarian. He helped the teacher manage the library. He had to help students borrow books and return others.

There were a lot of funny things that he remembered. For the PE class, they had to change the sport clothes in the changing room. The changing room was small, so they did a lot of things. They sometimes hid away some students’ shoes or pants. So the student who lost their things would have to run around asking, “Where are my shoes? I have no pants. I can’t go out!”

Ka Yiu received some awards as a CHECSS student. The most important one to him was the Sir Edward Youde Memorial Scholarship. Each year there were two nominations, one from Form 5 and one from Form 7. When he received this award he was a Form 5 student. He was very happy because this was a scholarship. So other than a certificate he got some money to help him buy books to further his studies.

All the teachers were very outstanding. There was a good relationship between Ka Yiu and all the teachers. Mr. Hau Y.C. was a teacher who really influenced him, not only with studying but also in his personal life. He said that she was interested in all his life.

Ka Yiu loved the atmosphere of Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School. Everyone was very close because of the limited space. At recess, they had to stay on the corridors. They could get to know the students from other classes and they could talk to the teachers and have fun. Hue Ka Yiu and his classmates spent every recess there. He also really liked the



relationship between the students and the teachers. If he went back to being a student he thinks he would not make any changes because his school life was the best time of his life, up till now!

Later, Mr. Hue Ka Yiu studied at The Chinese University of Hong Kong. His first degree was an undergraduate degree studying Business Administration. Then he finished his Master's Degree studying Transport Policy and Planning at the Hong Kong University. He is now working in the transport department of the Hong Kong, SAR Government. He thinks the training on the language skills that he received at CHECSS helped him. The training in both Chinese and English language helped him to prepare proposals and write reports in his daily job. He thinks English is important because he writes a lot of proposals and reports. He has to use as much English as he learned during his school life at CHECSS.



*Hue Ka Yiu and Howard Tsang*

As advice for Choi Hung boys today he said, “Study hard and remember to play hard, but in the proper way!”



## LEE CHAN HANG

*Engineer*

Although it has been many years since Lee Chan Hang attended Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School, he remembers many things about his secondary school life. He first came to CHECSS in 1987 and stayed here until 1994. Mr. Peter Wong was the principal for the first years then Mr. Job Li took became the new principal.

Many of the rules he had to obey as a student are the same as we have today at CHECSS. However, if students did not obey the rules, they had to stand outside of the room.



When he was a student at Choi Hung Estate Catholic School, Cham Hung joined the Photo Club. He learned how to take photos in the Photo Club. I think he enjoyed these activities very much. Also he got several awards as a student. He got an award in school for getting the number one position in his class. He felt happy getting these awards.

His favorite part of the school was the playground because he loved to play sports. He spent 2 and half hours there each day playing. He liked the school life. The teachers were good. They taught him lots of things other than books. He said, "I think the school gave me the basic knowledge about being a useful man."

After leaving CHECSS, he went to university where he studied Civil Engineering. He is now working as an engineer. He feels that being a student at CHECSS did not prepare him specifically for his present job. It gave him basic knowledge and logic. Even if subjects were boring, they can broaden the mind. Secondary school helped him develop his thinking and study skills for university. CHECSS helped him grow up. He said, "This is just a start of your whole life. You can get a job but without high qualifications your future career won't be very active. So secondary school gives us the basic knowledge to get into university. Then in university you learn how to become a professional. After you graduate from university, you learn how to do the job!"



*Lee Cham Hung and Ken Wan*

English is very important in Lee Cham Hung's job. Most of the time they spend speaking to foreigners such as architects or other engineers. During their meetings they have to speak

English. If he could go back to being a student again, he would put more effort in studying English. He said, "If you have very good English you can work in any career!"

His advice to us is to enjoy our school life but don't waste our time. At this age we have a lot of time for learning. If we lose this time we will look back and regret. "If you work hard," he said, "You will improve your whole life and have a good future!"

I enjoyed doing the interview with him. It is interesting to hear how old boys feel about their school. When I was 12 years old I came to CHECSS. Now I am 14 years. Many teachers see me grow up. When I leave CHECSS, I will remember CHECSS.

# 3A Activities



# WONG SUN FAT

*Salesman*

Wong Sun Fat was a student at Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School for 7 years. He entered the school in 1988 and he graduated in 1995. During this time, Mr. Peter Wong and Mr. Li were the principals. Mr. Law S. F. and Mr. Ip K. S. were the discipline masters.

At that time students also had some rules to follow. They had to come on time. They couldn't shout and talk to their classmates during class. If students broke the rules, teachers would deduct their conduct marks. For some serious things, they could lose up to ten marks or could leave the school.

Wong Sun Fat was in the Athletics Club. He was the chairman of this club. He designed some activities for the club. He thinks this job made sense. He had a special time in this club.

He thinks skipping the lessons and going to the library was really interesting. The school was small but he really liked the canteen because he could enjoy the food there. He also liked to watch the students play basketball during breaks. When Wong Sun Fat was a student at CHECSS, he loved the playground. He thought it was the best place for the students. He liked to play basketball with classmates during lunchtime at the playground.

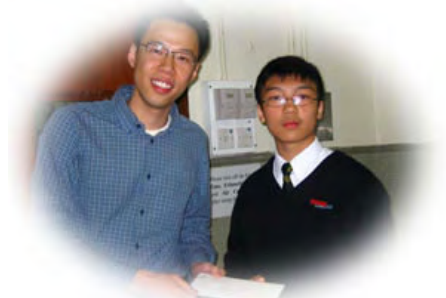
As a student at Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School, Sun Fat got a prize for being in the first position for Chemistry. He also got an award for being the most outstanding sportsman. However he can't imagine having to live his school life over. He doesn't want the school life again because he thinks studying was tough for him.

Among all the teachers, Mr. P.W. Lam stands out in his mind as being very special. It was because he used some special materials to teach and Mr. Wong really liked his class. Mr. Lam taught him much knowledge. Sun Fat really improved after this class.





After Mr. Wong Sun Fat left our school he went to the University of Hong Kong. He studied Applied Physics there. When he finished his school life he became a salesman for a Chinese product. He thinks his work is technical. It must have a lot of physics knowledge. As a student at CHECSS he studied Physics and Chemistry so he got the background for this job. He is grateful to have this knowledge.



*Wong Sun Fat and Marco Mak*

Mr. Wong Sun Fat advises today's students to learn English better. He didn't do well in English in 'A' level exams. With his years of experience, he can now communicate with his customers. He feels that English is very important for jobs. He said, "At the beginning of my job I could hardly speak English to the customers. I promise that through reading we also can learn many things. If we want to learn, we can learn at every place!"



## LEUNG CHUN HIN

*Financial Planner, HSBC*

Jean Leung first attended Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School in 1990. He was a student here for 8 years. He graduated in 1998. During this time, Mr. Job Li was the principal and Mr. Law S. F. and Mr. Yip K. S. were the discipline masters.



At that time the school rules were much the same as today's rules. The school rules have not changed much; for example: students couldn't smoke, couldn't fight, and couldn't talk in the classroom. Some students liked to have long hair or dye the hair but this was not allowed. If students broke the rules, the teacher or discipline master would talk to him or the conduct marks would be deducted. If it were really serious, they would talk with the parents.



Students had few choices of school clubs to join. Jean remembers in Form 1 there was no football club. In the 5<sup>th</sup> year the Football Club was established. He was the chairman of the Football Club. He also joined the Athletic Club. He trained for the long jump, running etc. in this club.

While Jean was a student at Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School he seemed to be a little naughty. Most of the silly things Jean still talks about with his former classmates. He was still laughing! At one time he played basketball with his classmates and the captain of the basketball team broke his arm. Another thing he remembers is the canteen boss had 3 sons who all studied at CHECSS. One of the sons was his classmate. One time he fell asleep. After school they all went out and left him sleeping. They went to the canteen to tell his mother. She went to the classroom and he was still sleeping. He received a terrible scolding! They are still laughing about that today!

He got a lot of prizes from sports. He got many athletic awards in 100 meter race and long jump. Also he got football awards. For academic, in Form 2, he got the highest score in Chinese History. That was quite impressive for him because most of the time this award goes to the student who comes first or second in the class. He was maybe the 20<sup>th</sup> or lower and he got the highest mark of a subject! He was very happy. Because of the sports awards, when Jean was Form 1, the older form students and teachers knew him. Even though the school was small, the academic results and sports were good. He was very proud of the awards. Most of the students were also proud of their school!

Jean said Ms Hau Y. C. was very friendly. Every Chinese New Year, the students went to her home to visit her. She wouldn't just say obey the rules. She discussed what was right or wrong. He thinks she was used to the minds of the student. What Jean liked the most when he was studying at Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School was the relationship with the teachers and the classmates. They were very familiar with each other. There was very

little gossip. The teachers knew them and the classmates were close. So if Mr. Leung could live his school life again he would work harder. He would not be so naughty to get the teachers mad.

After Mr. Leung left our school he went to City University and studied banking and finance for 3 years. Then he went to the UK and studied there for 1 year more. Now his present job is a Financial Planner with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited. This job helps individuals to analyze their financial status and to give suggestions to help them plan better.

He said that being a student at Choi Hung helped him with communication. Studying in this school he had many chances to communicate with good classmates and teachers from other forms. In athletics, clubs and activities he could communicate with every student. So this helped him to handle all types of people in his job. He works with Westerners every day so he uses English every day. He also uses Putonghua.



*Leung Chun Hin and Patrick Wong*

His advice to our students is, “Be proud of the school. Even though it is small the students can get good result. Be proud of yourself!”

I enjoyed doing the interview with Mr. Jean Leung. It is interesting to hear how old boys feel about their school. His English is very good. I can learn lots of English to add to what I learn in the classroom.



## CHEUNG KAI MAN

*Computer Programmer*

*Hong Kong University*

Cheung Kai Man first attended Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School in 1990. He was a student here for 7 years. He graduated in 1997. During this time Mr. Job Li was the principal.



The rules were similar to those that we have now.

Kai Man said that he didn't think that Mr. Li would have changed a lot of rules but the rules become more and more each year. If any rules were broken, the student would have deducted the conduct mark.



Student had many choices of school club to join but Mr. Wong was not an active student. He said that he was lazy so he only joined the Bridge Club in Form 6 just for admission to university. He played bridge with some students in the classroom after school.

Mr. Wong could not think any funny things when he was a student at CHECSS. The school had no trips and the classmates were lazy. He thinks girls have the energy to organize activity because at his university the girls did most of the organizing.

Mr. Wong was not an active student but he did get a conduct award and an academic award. His class didn't have any activities so it didn't win any awards either! He thought our school was too small, but he loved the library when he was a student. He always read books, newspaper and magazines. He thinks he was lucky because the library had many books but not many students borrowed them so he could borrow them all. He also liked the art room.

Ms Hau Y. C. stands out in his mind because she always helped him with academic or emotional things. Whenever the students had any problem, she helped them.

After Mr. Wong left our school he studied at Hong Kong University to get his Bachelor's and Masters degrees. It took him five years. He studied Computer Engineering. After he left university, he became a programmer in Hong Kong University but he advised students, if they are interesting in computer, not to be a programmer because it is a very



*Cheung Kai Man and Kelvin Wong*



harsh job. He said that he works long hours for very little salary. He became a programmer because he played many computer games and he wanted to write a games program. He said that he learned how to use his mind at Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School so he now can think critically.

He gave advice for us to study hard. He said, “Nowadays if you don’t get a Bachelor’s Degree, it is very difficult to find a good job. You also have to master Chinese and English to be successful”.



## TO CHI HANG

*Engineer*

Although it has been 15 years since To Chi Hang first attended Choi Hung Estate Secondary School, he remembers many things about his secondary school life. He first came to Choi Hung Estate Secondary School in 1991 and stayed here until 1999. Mr. Job Li was the principal at that time and Mr. Law S. F. was the discipline master.

*"Don't miss this opportunity"*



Many of the rules To Chi Hang had to obey as a student are the same as we have today at Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School. However, don't play and don't talk in the class are the ones that he remembers the most. He also said that they couldn't wear long hair and they had to always wear the belt. If a student did not obey the rules, he had to stay after school or deduct the conduct mark from 3 to 5.

To Chi Hang joined the Basketball and Computer Clubs. He designed the computer games in the Computer Club and organized competitions for basketball. I think he enjoyed these activities very much.

To Chi Hang got several awards as a student. He got an award for the highest score in the mock examination 'A' level Pure Mathematics and Applied Maths and Physics. To Chi Hang felt very happy and lucky getting these awards.

His favorite part of the school was the 5C class because To Chi Hang had a lot of happy memories from there. He spent two years studying there. To Chi Hang liked the canteen in the school. He loved the chicken legs that he could get there. He said that he could still remember the smell!

When To Chi Hang was a student he went outside to the same restaurant every day. Some days To Chi Hang had no money to pay. The boss would say, "You pay tomorrow." Then, To Chi Hang paid the money the next day.

Mr. Keith Chan is the teacher that To Chi Hang remembers the most. To Chi Hang said that Mr. Keith Chan was nice and was a very good teacher. Mr. Keith Chan took good care of his students.

To Chi Hang would start to study earlier if he came back to Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School as a student again.



*To Chi Hang and David Tang*

After leaving Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School, Mr. To Chi Hang went to Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. He studied Civil and Structural Engineering to

get his university degree. To Chi Hang is now working as an engineer. He feels English is important in his job, because if he doesn't know English, then he can't do very well at this job. He feels that being a student at Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School prepared him for his present job by giving him a good knowledge of Maths and Physics.

Mr. To Chi Hang left me with some good advice. He said, "Most of CHECSS students are very clever but many of them are lazy! So my suggestion is work hard and don't miss this opportunity!"

I enjoyed doing the interview with Mr. To Chi Hang. I feel my school is the best of all the schools, and we are the best students.





## Hung King Luk

*Professional engineer*

Hung King Luk attended Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School in 1992. He was a student here for 7 years. He graduated in 1999. During this time Mr. Job Li was the principal and Mr. Law S. F. was the discipline master.



At that time students had very few rules to follow. They shouldn't be late. They shouldn't use foul language. There were strict requirements about their appearances. They did have to wear the uniform sweater and student's hair could not be long. If students did not obey the rules, their marks would be deducted.

Students had many choices of school clubs to join. Hung King Luk was the chairman of the Photography Club and the vice-chairman of the English Club. He organized activities for his classmates. For example he had to take his classmates to take photos at the Sports Day. He loved the photography room at the back of the school where their Photography Club met. He spent about one to two hours there every day.

When he was a student at Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School, Hung King Luk did some funny things. He gave nicknames to the teachers or classmates and their names fit perfectly to the people named. Of course it was a secret among a group of his friends so the teachers didn't know!

He remembers most of the teachers, but Mr. Cheung K.S. stands out. Mr. Cheung K.S. was his Mathematics teacher from Form four to Form seven. He said that Mr. Cheung was funny and a good teacher. What attracted Hung King Luk the most when he was studying in Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School was the good relationship between teachers and his classmates. If he could live Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School life over, he would want more computers to help them study.



*Hung King Luk and William Wong*

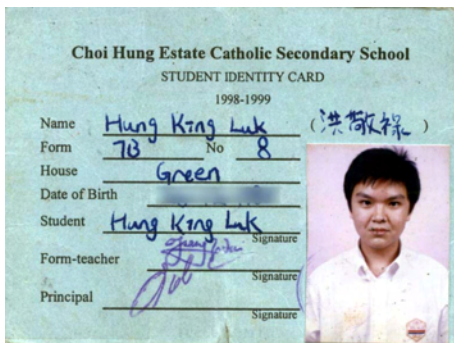


While Hung King Luk was a student in Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School, he got an English Writing Award from another Catholic School and he also got a Caritas award. Winning these awards gave him more energy to push himself to learn more.

After studying in Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School, Mr. Hung King Luk received his Masters and Bachelor Degrees from Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. There, he studied Engineering and Production Planning.

His present job is a Professional Engineer. The relationship skills and language skills that he secured as a student at Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School helped him prepare for his present job. His basic language training came from his secondary school. He had some of this kind of training in Hong Kong University of Science Technology, but the basic training happened in high school. English is a very important part of his job. He uses English as his means of communication. When his company has to communicate with the company in China, although the people in it are Chinese, they all use English.

Finally, he gave some advice for Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School students today. Hung King Luk said, “You have a good experience! You have a Western teacher to help you. You have a chance to meet old boys. So talk more, speak more and learn more English.”



## WONG KWOK KAI

*Salesman*

Mr. Wong Kwok Kai first attended Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School in 1992. He was a student here for 8 years. He graduated in 2000. During this time Mr. Job Li was the principal and Mr. Law S. F. was the discipline master.



At that time, Mr. Wong thought the rules were not very harsh! If the students violated the school rules, teacher would deduct the students' conduct mark. He said that he feels that the rules are more strict now!

Mr. Wong Kwok Kai joined the Scout Club. He played in the Scout Club on Saturday. The Scout Club has many outdoor activities such as camping and biking. Their meetings on the weekend generally were outdoor activities.

While Mr. Wong Kwok Kai was a student at CHECSS he seemed to be a mischievous boy because he liked to play tricks on their teacher. He would put chalk on the teacher's chair and then let him sit on the chair. He thought this was quite funny!

Mr. Chan Kwok Ming, the Biology teacher, really impressed Kwok Kai. He gave Mr. Wong Kwok Kai lots of freedom. This teacher inspired the students to learn Biology.

He remembered when he was a Form 2 student he received an award for the most improved student. He said that he had poor results when he was a Form 1 student. But with the encouragement of his teachers, he improved in Form 2 and was able to get the award at that time. He was very surprised when he got this award because he thought only good students got awards!

When Mr. Wong Kwok Kai was a student at CHECSS he loved the playground very much. He went to the playground every lunch ime. He also thought it was wonderful to have teachers who were always committed to doing something for the students. Because of this he choose to come back to Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School to take Form 6 and 7 even though he could have chosen another school.

After Mr. Wong Kwok Kai left our school he went to university and studied Biology. He is now working in a pharmaceutical company as a sales person. He said that being a scout

prepared him for every job he had. He works with medicines and he has to work with many doctors. So he must use English in his daily life. Many of the doctors are foreigners so they speak English.

His advice to us is to set goals. He said, “Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School Students seem to come to school without any aims. If a student wants to be successful or a worker wants to be successful in his work, they have to set their goals first!”



*Wong Kwok Kai and Louis Wong*





## CHENG TSE KING

*Student, Master's Program*

Cheng Tse King first attended Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School in 1994. He was a student here for 7 years. He graduated in 2001. During this time Mr. Job Li was the principal.



At that time students had many rules to follow. They had to wear the uniform tidily. They couldn't wear anything extra that they weren't allowed by the school to wear. If any of these rules were broken, the students would be first warned by the prefect and if they did it again, then they would be sent to the discipline master. For example, the students might have to study after school and do extra homework or just to stay a long period.

Cheng Tse King was the editor of the school magazine. He also was the vice chairperson of the Computer Club. He remembers when he was the editor of the school magazine he helped the school to organize and publish the school news in the magazine. This was a very good way for him to help to promote the school. The classmates liked to help with this.

Ms. Chan Y. M. stands out in his mind as being a very special teacher. She taught him Chinese language. She put a lot of effort to help him understand some complex Chinese paragraphs. He remembers Ms. Chan very well.

When he was a student at Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School Tse King spent most of his time in the library. There were many kinds of knowledge in the library, for example other text books and his other interests can be found in the library books. He liked the computer room best because he could search the internet to access more information about his interests.

Tse King did very well in the HKCEE examinations so he got several scholarships such as: Sir Edward Loude Memorial Scholarship and the Hong Kong Science and Technology Scholarship. After Mr. Cheng Tse King left our school he went to Hong Kong Polytechnic University and got his Bachelor Degree. Now he is attending university to get his Master's Degree. Electronic and Information Engineering is his major study. He has a minor study in Management. He said that the use of English is okay in his university life. He has many chances to speak English because many of their professors are foreigners. He has to use English to share his ideas. He feels that students should be more fluent in their English.

If Cheng Tse King could live his school life again he would be more mature. He said, "I would take more pleasure in my work. But that is why people grow up!"



*Ben Fan*



His advice to us is that we should watch more Hong Kong news. The current student doesn't know what is happening, especially with the political issues. He thinks students should pay more attention to that. It is because it is vital for them when they go out for a job.



**CHAN KAM HO**  
*Master's Student,  
Hong Kong University*

*“Learn English and Chinese”*

Chan Kam Ho first attended Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School in 1996. He was a student here for six years. He graduated in 2002. During this time Mr. Job Li was the principal and Ms. Li M. Y. was in charge of discipline.

At that time students had many rules to follow. They could not use correction fluid was one that he remembered well! If any of the rules were broken, the teacher deducted the conduct marks.



Students had many choices of school clubs to join. Kam Ho joined the Geography Club. He was the chairman of this club. Also he was the vice chairman of the English Club. One interesting thing that happened to him while he was a student at CHECSS was he had to organize activities for Open Day. He also organized some outings. He thought this was good training. He said, “Generally it was a good experience for me to study at Choi Hung!”

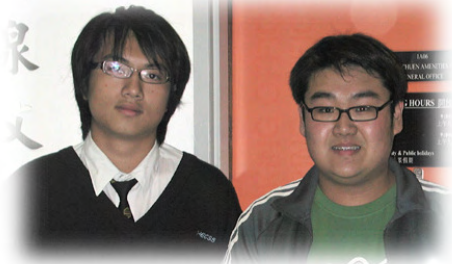
Chan Kam Ho received an English scholarship and the Sir Edward Youde Memorial Scholarship. He also got some prizes for the best performance in some subjects. Some of these were for academic achievement and some were for service achievement.

When Chan Kam Ho was a student at Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School he loved his classroom. A lot of his time was spent there. The teacher and his classmates were really nice to him. It was a very warm atmosphere. He made a lot of good friends.

Ms. Tang S.W., who taught him geography, stands out in his mind as being very special. She taught him knowledge but also taught him some very important morals. Ms. Tang has really influenced him a lot.

After Mr. Chan Kam Ho left our school he started to study in the University of Hong Kong. He majored in Biology. He is now a full time Master's student at Hong Kong University. He feels that

being a student at CHECSS prepared him to be motivated for his present studies. If he could live his school life over he would work harder on his Chinese. He would try to improve Chinese language because he feels his Chinese is not very good.



*Ming Sit and Chan Kam Ho*

He feels that English is so important for him in his life now. He has to use English to write literature. He also has to use English to communicate with his supervisors. His advice to us is, "Learn English and Chinese as well as you can! This is the golden time to learn English and Chinese when you are in secondary school!"



Geography Club



## NG KA PONG

### *Student placement*

Ng Ka Pong first attended Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School in 2001. He was a student here for 2 years. He graduated in 2003. During this time Mr. Job Li was the principal and Ms. Li M.Y. was in charge of discipline.

At that time he thought they had a very strange rule. They couldn't bring a correction pen to school. If they did not obey the rules, the Discipline Master would ask them to stay for a while in the car park.

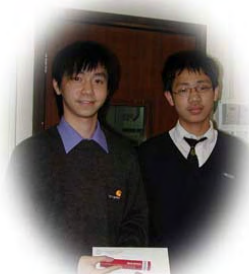
There were many clubs for Ka Pong to join. He was one of the vice presidents of the Art Club and an executive committee member of the Music Club. He taught some his schoolmates to play the keyboard in the Music Club. In the Art Club they had many activities. So he helped organize those activities.

Ka Pong remembered the Ethics teacher, Ms. Gertrude Lau. He said that she has since left CHECSS. He said, "She was very different. She behaved differently. I think she had her own view about many things in this school, some policies and some teaching methods. Her mind was very clear on these things". She taught English and Ethics. He loved the Ethics lesson.

When Ng Ka Pong was a student at CHECSS he loved his classroom. It was because it was very warm. They were always playing Chinese Chess in the classroom. He also enjoyed being the champion of the Chinese Typing Competition when he was in Form 6. If Ng Ka Pong could live his school life again he wouldn't change things. He would still join the Music Club, the Art Club and enjoy his classroom. He thinks his senior secondary life was quite good here. He could play and still revise his studies.

After Ka Pong left CHECSS, he went to study in The Chinese University of Hong Kong. He studied Information Engineering. Now he has a placement with the Securities and Futures Commission. He will work with this company for one year then he will return to university to finalize his studies. He feels that CHECSS equipped him with the power to overcome the 'A' level examinations. He said that studying for these exams was a very hard time for most of the students in Hong Kong,

English is important in his present job placement. Day to day communication is done by email. Everything they type is in English. Discussion or notices are all posted in English.



*Ng Ka Pong and Choi Yeung*



Mr. Ng Ka Pong left me with some good advice. He said, "Practice English. The students studying in this school are not so good in English. You all have to practice more. When you are studying in university everything will be in English. The notes, the lectures, how you communicate with others will be in English. You need to use English a lot!"



# LAW SHU KEI

*Student,  
The Chinese University of Hong Kong*

Law Shu Kei first attended Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School in 2002. He graduated in 2004. During this time Mr. Li was the principal and Ms. Li was in charge of discipline.



At that time students had a few rules to follow. They had to hand in all homework and not destroy things in the school. If any of these rules were broken, the student would have to stay at school and finish the homework.

Law Shu Kei was in the Chemistry Club. One thing that he remembered about Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School was one day

the whole class had lunch together. He really liked the library because he could borrow books there. He spent about 2-3 hours a week in the library. He also liked the school size. He said that the school was small so the students were very close.

Mr. Chak stands out in his mind as being a very special teacher. Sue Kai said, “ Mr. Chak always played with us. Although it wasn’t a school day sometimes he would call us to go out to ride a bicycle.”



*Pan Yip*

After Law Shu Kei left our school he went to The Chinese University of Hong Kong. He is still a student there studying statistics.



If Law Shu Kei could live his school life again he would learn more English. He said that his English is poor. His advice to us is good. He said, “Read more books. Students play basketball and online games but many of them don’t read books!”

I think he was a friendly and hard working student.

## LAI WING KWAN

*Student,  
Hong Kong University*

Lai Wing Kwan first attended Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School in 1998 and stayed here until 2005. Mr. Job Li was the principal at that time and Ms. Li M.Y. was in charge of discipline.

Mr. Lai thought there were too many rules to obey and can't talk when the teacher was teaching is the one that he remembers the most. If a student did not obey the rules, he had to copy a passage of a book. When the student broke the rules again, the discipline master would deduct conduct marks.

Lai Wing Kwan joined many clubs. He was chairperson of the Science Club. In this club he organized science activities and Science Week. As vice-chair of the Football Club, he organized intra-class football competitions. Mr. K.S. Chan taught him a lot in the Football Club. In the Mathematics Club he organized maths activities. I think he enjoyed these activities very much.

He got many awards as a student. He got many awards for football and for swimming. He also got a scholarship. He felt happy when he was getting these awards.

He thinks he would take part in a lot of sports if he could be a Choi Hung student again. He thinks he would have a better result in sports if he learned sports in Form 1 or Form 2.

Wing Kwan's favorite part of the school was Room 302 because he always played with his friends there. He spent 10 hours per week there and did his homework there too. He had some funny things when he stayed in room 302. He was inattentive in class, so he had to do his studying after school. He asked the Maths teachers to help him. He thought it was quite funny that the teachers couldn't leave the school until all his questions were answered!



After leaving Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School, he went to Hong Kong University to study Civil Engineering. He also has a part time job as a tutor .He feels that being a student at CHECSS prepared him for his present tutoring job.

He remembers many teachers: Ms. YY Chan, Mr. Cheung K. S., and Ms.Hau.Y. C. He said Y.Y. Chan always taught him how to communicate with others. He had a bad temper and he always argued with the teachers. He thinks being a student at Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School taught him how to get along with people.

Mr. Lai left me with some good advice. He said we should work harder. He said, “You won’t be able to have a good result if we only work hard in Form 5. You will find it very difficult to pass in HKCEE. If you can’t pass in HKCEE, you won’t get a good job. So, hard work is important to find a good job to take your place in society.”



*Kong Chu and Lai Wing Kwan*

I enjoyed doing the interview with him. It is interesting to hear how old boys feel about their school. I feel my school is small, but we always have awards in sports .My school students all are boys, but I think this is good for me to study and I feel I must be hard working. I think hard working is important. If I am lazy, I can’t have a good result.





## QUESTIONS FOR THE OLD BOY INTERVIEW

1. What year did you attend CHECSS?
2. What year did you leave CHECSS?
3. Who was the principal at that time?
4. Who was the discipline Master?
5. What were some of the rules that you had to obey?
6. If a student did not obey the rules what punishment did he receive?
7. Did you join any clubs while you were a student at CHECSS? Tell me some of the things that you did in the clubs.
8. Tell me some funny things that may have happened to you or your schoolmates while a student at CHECSS.
9. What teachers stand out in your mind and what made them special?
10. After you left CHECSS what did you do?
11. What subjects did you study at university/college?
12. Did you receive any special awards as a student? What were they for? How did you feel receiving them?
13. What area of the school did you like best? How much time did you spend there?
14. What attracted you the most when you were studying at CHECSS?
15. If you could live your school life over, what would you change?
16. What is your present job?
17. How did being a student at CHECSS prepare you for your present job?
18. How important is English in your present job?
19. What advice do you have for students attending CHECSS today?





*Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School*

# *J.30 A English Project*

*2005-2006*  
*2005-2006*

