

# **The 4th Annual Report for Maryknoll Convent School Foundation, Inc.**

**18<sup>th</sup> of October, 2008**

- ***The Maryknoll Spirit meets life's challenges with courage and strives for excellence in becoming what we are to be.***

This report for the fourth AGM of Maryknoll Convent School Foundation, Ltd. demonstrates how magnanimously and expertly the members have determined that MCS will continue to develop young girls according to their ability and with the Maryknoll Spirit that seeks truth for home, country and the world.

The Foundation met in alternate months, usually on the 2nd Thursday of the month, for a total of five regular meetings.

The Council has successfully completed the Incorporated Management Constitution. A few members of the Council met with Mr. Lester Huang of PCC Woo to refine our document. In November, 2008 the Council will meet again to go over his suggestions. After the Council's approval the constitution for the IMC will be sent to the members of the Management Committee, the teachers of MCS and the Education Bureau. For a tedious and excellent task in guiding us in the making of our constitution, our thanks go to Barbara Hung, Maura Wong, and Wanda Tong. If the Constitution is approved the IMC would be established in 2009.

The judicial review by the Court of Appeals was cancelled as Director of Education Bureau, Michael Suen met with Cardinal Zen to discuss the IMC legislation.

The outdoor statue of Our Lady was put in place in late May. This statue was a gift of a former student, Miranda Poon, our first KATSO president in the secondary school.

- ***The Maryknoll Spirit is a willingness to share with others, fostering mutual support and trust.***

The mentorship programme for Form VI 2007-2008 continued and again achieved success. Form VI students, learning from the previous Form VI, shared their needs more readily and asked for more mature support. The mentorship programme followed the AGM. Amy Ho, our Vice-Chairperson was supported by committee members, Maria Lee, Kenzie Lau, Maggie Chau, Rosita Li and the Council. Miss Melaine Lee, Principal and several of the teachers of the secondary section assisted.

Amy's introductory speech and Irene Li's sharing of growth and development as a career woman were very insightful for our Form VI students. Thanks again to the former students, who shared their experiences as professional women.

Angel Wong's Two Rooms Catering Service provided delicious food as usual. What makes a difference is the attitude of generosity in providing these tempting tidbits.



➤ *The Maryknoll Spirit accords dignity to all.*

Janet Chang, Joanne Yau Yao, Melody Fung Landes' committee to gather professional data of our former students progressed . The gathering of this data will reveal the depth of our Maryknoll Alumnae throughout the world. The data will allow the Foundation to tap the expertise of our former students for the benefit of our present students.

Janet Chang, always a source of inspiration and leadership, gathered Abbe Wong, Kenzie Lau, Nina Tsao in the first round and Benita Chik, Amy Ho, Helen Lai, Samantha Tam and Judy Yuen in the second round to delve deeper into our Maryknoll spirit that can be passed on to our present students. At our last meeting of the Council Kenzie brought us up-to-date with their findings. The principals of the primary and secondary will work out a plan to keep Maryknoll Spirit alive.

- **The Maryknoll Spirit is a compassionate heart that embraces the whole world with selfless devotion, looking for and caring for people in need.**

From 1965-2008 Mrs. Lydia Huang has been an integral part of Maryknoll Convent School. She has been teacher, principal and supervisor. Each aspect of her service has been one of integrity, dedication and loyalty. We wish to thank her for her years of serving as the primary supervisor and regret her need to resign. However, we are privileged to have her as Council Member of the Sponsoring Body and as a member of the Management Committee. Thank you, Mrs. Lydia Huang. Our gratitude also goes to Meng, her husband, her children, Lester, Alison, Peter, Mark and Gerald who supported her in her service to Maryknoll Convent School.

Accolades also go to Dr. Henrietta Ip, the first chairperson of the working committee for changing the sponsorship of MCS from the Maryknoll Sisters to our present incorporated Foundation, has resigned her position as chairperson of the MCS Trust. When we look back over the months and years she has served, we realize how much and how seemingly effortless progress was made possible by Henrietta's leadership. Henrietta, your wisdom and contribution will always be remembered. Mee Chun Wong, also known as Abbe, faithful and careful protector of the Trust Funds, is the new chairperson.

Miss Lucy Lee, an active Council Member, has resigned. Thank you Lucy for your knowledge of diocesan matters regarding the incorporation of the school. Lucy will continue to assist us in canonical matters as our need arises.

Mrs. Helen Lai Yu is the new supervisor of our primary section. Helen's reputation for loyalty and service is well known.

The 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of MCS Primary Building and the declaration of the school as a monument was celebrated in May of 2008. Mrs. Carrie Lam, Director of Development, officiated at this ceremony. The Heritage Plaque was placed on the granite wall outside the amah's shelter. Our gratitude to Helen Lai Yu and Dr. Cindy Chu, Mrs. Josephine Lo and her staff for providing a memorable occasion for the many visitors and Maryknollers. The 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of MCS Primary Building and the declaration of the school as a monument was celebrated in May, 2008. Mrs. Carrie Lam, for Development officiated at this ceremony. Dr. Cindy Chu and Mrs. Helen Lai Yu and Mrs. Josephine Lo with her staff made this a memorable event.

A follow-up to the anniversary event will be a Commemorative Publication. The hands, hearts and heads of Amy Ho, Teresa Chan, Sandra Chang, Fiona Chung, Anna Fung, Grace Kao, Christine Lee, Josiah Leung, Irene Li, Amy Lo, Gidget Lun, Teri Tsang, Haminah Wahab, Coco Wong, Maggie Chow, Mr. Aloysius Lee, and Mr. Yan, are using their expertise to bring this to fulfillment. Mr. Joseph Kainz, Ms. Jenny Lam and Mr. Andrew Taylor are assisting us with the video.

- **The Maryknoll Spirit seeks and carries truth with passion to home, to country and to the world.**

The Foundation is privileged to have Mr. Lester Huang as our legal advisor and Mr. Thomas Wong as our accountant. Their service enables the Foundation to be legally and financially correct. Their loyalty and friendship are treasured gifts for us. Thank you.

Ms. Patricia Ling, the administrative, technology and janitor staffs of the secondary section thank you for your comprehensive assistance, cheerfulness and patience. We know that your contributions make our work easy.

To each of you who has become members of the MCS Foundation, the future of MCS is in your hands and hearts. I know that we can count on all of you and because of your support MCS has a bright future.

Last, but not least, I would like to extend my gratitude to Foundation Council Janet Chang, Maggie Chau Sister Rose Duchesne Debrecht ,Amy Ho, Barbara Hung, Gloria Ko Hilda Kwan, Lucy Lee, Maria Lee, Joanna Yau Yao, Helen Lai Yu, and Sister Marya Zaborowski for superb insights to move us forward in the 83<sup>rd</sup> year of MCS..