

Sing Yin Secondary School Education Foundation

Fundraising Brochure





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I / Introduction

"I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full" (John 10:10)

Sing Yin Secondary School was founded in Lam Tin in 1970 under the sponsorship of Divine Word Missionaries (SVD), with a view to nurturing the complete and integral human development of each student. The school's fundamental goal was built upon the grace of God, the teaching of Christ and the mission of the Church.

Under the able leadership of Rev. Fr. Patrick Canavan, the founding principal and supervisor for more than twenty years, Sing Yin quickly developed into a well-established school where students receive a top quality, all-round education.

Sing Yin was relocated to Choi Wan in September 2011, with the aims to continue to deliver a first-rate education, to sustain the capacity to create diverse opportunities for students, and to secure adequate space and facilities conducive to effective teaching and learning. With a new campus designed to be Hong Kong's first environmental demonstration school, Sing Yin has since taken up the mission to

promote environmental protection through various programmes, encouraging students to lead a green life, while also promoting sustainable development to hundreds of organisations and more than 10,000 public visitors in about 5 years. In recognition of Sing Yin's role in environmental education, it was named the "Greenest School on Earth 2013" by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC).

While recalling its journey of blessings spanning beyond four decades, Sing Yin takes pride not only in the students' academic achievements and contribution to society, but also in the school's distinctive sense of identity and bonding. For all these Sing Yin could never be more grateful for the selfless devotion and concerted effort of the staff, teachers, parents, alumni and friends in the community.

Approaching its 50th anniversary, Sing Yin is committed to building on its strengths and continuing to deliver the finest education with a global perspective for boys in the local community. Your generous support, as always, would be most important to paving the way forward for the future generations of Sing Yin boys.



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11 / First-rate Education

1. Nurturing All-round Talents

Our students attain pleasing results in public examinations in general. In 2012, the first year of holding the HKDSE examination, Sing Yin student Chan Chun Ho became the top scorer in Hong Kong, with an outstanding achievement of obtaining 5** in all eight subjects (including Mathematics Extended Module 2). In 2015, Sing Yin had an average credit percentage of 65.5% in HKDSE, and above 70% of our graduates were admitted to university degree programmes, while most of the rest were admitted to other tertiary institutes.



▲ Left: Oriental Sunday (21/8/2012);
Right: Sing Tao Daily (21/7/2012)

In recent years, Sing Yin graduates have been pursuing a wider range of programmes in their further studies. Apart from their long-established edge in Mathematics, Science, Medicine and Engineering, Sing Yin alumni also developed a growing interest in humanity subjects such as Environmental Studies, Urban Planning and Law. Such growth is the fruit of Sing Yin's relentless pursuit of excellence in teaching and learning, and its increasing variety of educational initiatives, field trips, community projects and extra-curricular activities such as the Mock Trial Club and the Liberal Studies Club.



2. Environmental Education

As the first environmental demonstration school in Hong Kong, Sing Yin is equipped with a range of green facilities and energy-saving devices. The school is committed to promoting environmental education and contributing to the sustainable development of our society.

Sing Yin adopts a whole school, interdisciplinary approach to realize its aim for environmental education. A wide array of programmes are implemented, such as organic farming, the food waste collection and composting programme, the Teachers and Students Low Carbon Cooking Competition, the Bartering Activity, the Environmental Protection Week, and numerous other competitions and projects. It is particularly remarkable that students take the initiative to organise or volunteer in these activities, with many of them also serving in the 60-strong Environmental Prefect Team in senior forms, or as the Environmental Monitor of each class in junior forms.



▲ Sing Yin students won numerous prizes in the ZCB Student Ambassador Scheme organized by Zero Carbon Building



▲ Teachers and students worked together on the organic farm



▲ Sing Yin held an Environmental Exhibition on Endangered Species Protection in Choi Tak Estate

In order to encourage environmental protection in the wider community, Sing Yin has organized projects such as the Green Family Fun Day, the Environmental Exhibition on Endangered Species Protection and the Household Energy Saving Campaign. School tours with detailed introduction to our green facilities are regularly arranged for different organisations, ranging from kindergarten and elderly centres, to community groups, professional bodies and overseas delegates.

The school's effort in environmental education has been widely recognized, winning the "Green School Award" twice and the Greenest School On Earth Award in 2013, among many other awards. At the level of individual students, in 2014-15, our student leaders won the Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards in the Outstanding Student Environmental Protection Ambassador Award organised by the Environmental Campaign Committee of the HKSAR, while in the ZCB Student Ambassador Scheme organized by Zero Carbon Building, our students accomplished an astounding result of two Platinum Awards, one Gold Award, three Silver Awards and six Bronze Awards.

To the school community, environmental protection is not just an idea to be promoted, but a way of life.

III / Outstanding Achievements

1. International Competitions Highlights

In 2004, Hong Kong first took part in the International Physics Olympiad, and since then Sing Yin students have been enlisted in the Hong Kong team almost every year, attaining an excellent record of two Gold Medals, five Silver Medals and two Bronze Medals over the decade.

Sing Yin students have also fared well in the International Geography Olympiad ever since the Hong Kong Geography Association started to select outstanding secondary students to join the event in 2012. Three Sing Yin students were chosen as Hong Kong representatives, later winning one Silver Medal and one Bronze Medal in 2014 and 2015 respectively.



▲ Chan Ka Kit won the Silver Medal in the 11th International Geography Olympiad



▼ Tam Pok Man won the Silver Medal in the 45th International Physics Olympiad



▲ Ngai Tsz Ue won a Second Class Prize in the 30th China Adolescents Science & Technology Innovation Contest

In the area of innovation and technology education, the Sing Yin team came off with flying colours in 2015 with their invention project of Chromotransition Sunglasses, a product which can be converted from transparent to coloured upon the exposure of the UV radiation. The project was awarded the Second Class Prize in the Science & Technology Innovation Category in the 30th China Adolescents Science & Technology Innovation Contest organized by the China Association for Science & Technology and the HKSAR Government.

III / Outstanding Achievements

2. Territory-wide Competitions Highlights

The Sing Yin Quiz Team has always been widely-known as the top player among Hong Kong secondary schools. In 2014-2015, the team won the Silver Award in the 9th Hong Kong Cup Diplomatic Knowledge Contest, the Champion and the First-Runner-up in the Occupational Safety & Health Quiz Competition 2014, the Champion in the China Champion 2015 Quiz, and the First Runner-up in the IVE BA Logistics and Current Affairs Contest 2014.

The Sing Yin Astronomy Club has a legendary history of over 30 years. Their success story has been written by cohorts after cohorts of exceptionally devoted committee members, who were self-directed in organising stargazing events and training their own competition teams, which constantly grabbed prestigious prizes in both the Joint School Astronomy Competition organised by the Joint School Astronomical Society and the Astroquest organized by the Astronomy Club of the Chinese University of Hong Kong every year.

Aspiring writers in Sing Yin have attained delightful results in numerous writing competitions in Hong Kong. One distinguished example was the 2014/15 Hong Kong Budding Poets (English) Award organised by the Gifted Education Section of the Education Bureau. Among more than a thousand entries from over fifty secondary schools in Hong Kong for the Secondary Section, the poems of Chiu Yue Ching were given the remarkable recognition of Champion and Second Runner-up.

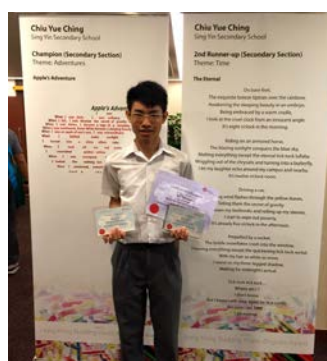
With their hard work and admirable team spirit, the sports teams of Sing Yin have attained prominent rankings in recent years, and they won prizes in inter-school competitions, for example, the Athletics Championships, Cross Country Competition, Football Competition, Handball Competition, Shuttlecock Invitation Tournament, Swimming Competition, Table Tennis Competition and Basketball Competition.



▲ The Sing Yin Quiz Team has excellent performance in major competitions



▲ The committee members of the Sing Yin Astronomy Club gave a demonstration on the Open Day



▲ Chiu Yue Ching was the Champion and Second Runner-up in the 2014/15 Hong Kong Budding Poets (English) Award; Right: Ta Kung Pao(26/05/2015)

中小學英文寫作賽 聖言中學大贏家

【大公報訊】記者黃穎儀報導：香港中小學生英文寫作比賽2014至2015日前舉行頒獎禮，聖言中學成為中學組大贏家，囊括初中組、高中組「最具創意」金獎，以及初中組「最佳寫作」銀獎。大埔循道衛理小學和慈翠女小學獲最佳寫作和最具創意寫作的金獎。

中小學英文寫作比賽由亞洲兒童教育協會、生涯教育發展有限公司主辦，世界綠色組織和英基教育服務協辦。今年比賽以「環保」為主題，吸引75間小學和7間中學逾六千名學生參加，共18人得獎。主禮嘉賓之一的前衛生福利局副局長黃義達致辭，讚揚學生水準十分高，對有參加者善用莎士比亞的名句去寫作感到欣喜。亞洲兒童教育協會會長張家華說，今年是連續第三年舉辦比賽，冀透過活動提高學生英語寫作能力，並喚起大眾關注環保問題。

今年獲獎學校如下：大埔循道衛理小學榮獲「最佳



▲ The Sing Yin Athletic Team has outstanding achievements in recent years

IV / Sustainable Development of the School

Sing Yin is building on existing strengths while responding to evolving needs in society, and it is reflecting on changing times while remaining faithful to its values. Accordingly, the school has identified three major dimensions of sustainable development:

1. Enhancing Environmental Education

Sing Yin will continue to dedicate itself to the promotion of environmental conservation.



* Apple Daily (14/12/2013)

To this end, there are needs to provide for the management and maintenance of existing green facilities, which will ensure that educational visits and school tours for groups and the general public can continue to run smoothly. With adequate resources, further improvements works may also be planned, such as building an electric vehicle charging station in a bid to promote the use of environmentally-friendly electric cars in the community.

To educate students, existing environmental programmes with proven effectiveness and educational values will continue. Meanwhile, it is hoped that additional resources would allow the further development of particular schemes such as organic farming. Operating the organic farm at a larger scale brings the dual benefits of letting more students gain hands-on experience in organic food production, and making full use of the fertilisers from the current food waste collection and composting programme.



IV / *Sustainable Development of the School*

2. Promoting Language Education

Sing Yin aims to enhance language education facilities and programmes in order to nurture multi-talented young people who possess effective communication skills to meet the growing demand from all sectors of society.

One proposal is to set up a Language Room equipped with mobile learning devices, multi-media installations, video-recording facilities, flexible furniture and modern display technologies. These would facilitate the use of electronic learning, the arrangements of group interaction tasks, the development of multi-media language projects and the training of speaking and listening skills.

There is also a clear need to enrich the language environment through a wider range of programmes outside the classroom, which would not only engage students' interest, but also cater for learner diversity. This is especially important to Sing Yin boys, who often come from a humble background and are provided with limited language exposure. Activities may include English productions by students, writing workshops and study tours for high achievers that promote global cultural and language experience.



IV / *Sustainable Development of the School*

3. Upgrading Learning Environment

The basic facilities of the current Choi Wan campus were satisfactorily completed with the contributions from donors who helped fund the new campus at the time of relocation. Nonetheless, there is currently a pressing need to upgrade a number of specific school facilities, for example, the lighting system of the basketball court, the partition of the table tennis area and the audio-visual equipment of Sing Yin Radio and Sing Yin TV.

It has also been proposed that a memorial garden be built in tribute to the significant figures who played profound roles in the history of Sing Yin, and a heritage corner be constructed to celebrate the school' s progressively rich legacy and traditions.



V / Fundraising Campaign

1. Background

From the past to the present, in Lam Tin or in Choi Wan, Sing Yin has always shown unswerving commitment to the goal of nurturing the complete and integral human development of each student.

To sustain Sing Yin's ongoing educational initiatives and to support our future development needs, additional funding and resources are imperative. For instance, the maintenance and repairs works of all our green facilities are self-financed, with no support provided by the government. In addition, considering the disadvantaged background of the majority of our students, Sing Yin strives to create equal opportunity and support students with economic needs to develop their talents, such as providing full financial assistance to Sing Yin students who represented Hong Kong in the International Geography Olympiad in Poland and Russia.

We therefore appeal to you for your generous gift, which will be invaluable in enabling the school to realize our vision. We are delighted to let you know that the funds raised by Sing Yin in 2016 will be matched dollar-to-dollar with a cap of HK\$3 million by a charitable alumnus Mr. Wong Kun Kau.

We look forward to your kind contribution, which will help fund the sustainable development of Sing Yin, a school that embraces the value of quality education for all.



V / Fundraising Campaign

2. Fundraising Events

The following events will be organized for fundraising purposes.



▲ Sing Yin Fundraising Walkathon in 2001

1) Fundraising Walkathon

The event will take place on 11th December 2016 (Sunday). The walkathon will feature two routes:

The first one is the Challenge Route, which starts at the old Sing Yin campus in Lam Tin and ends at the new campus in Choi Wan. The targeted participants are mainly Sing Yin alumni, who will certainly show enthusiastic support, bringing with them all the fond memories of their secondary school years.

The second one is the Jubilee Route, which goes around the neighbourhood areas of the new campus in Choi Wan, passing by Choi Hei Road Park. Students, parents and alumni who participate will gain an invaluable chance to get to know the community.

2) Alumni Cup Charity Match

The first Alumni Football Cup was held in 2015, with 30 participating teams formed by over 400 alumni. Building on the previous success, the Sing Yin Alumni Association will once again organise an Alumni Cup Charity Match in late 2016. Now with both the football and the basketball categories, the Alumni Cup 2016 will promise to be a precious opportunity for sporty old friends to reunite and team up for some fun, exciting games as in the good old days, and for a most worthy cause.



▲ Winning teams in the Alumni Football Cup in 2015



V / Fundraising Campaign

3. Making Donations

All donations will be channeled into Sing Yin Secondary School Education Foundation Limited (SYSSEF), which is registered with the Government as a non-profit making organization. Donation of HK\$100 or above is tax-deductible with a receipt provided.

Donations can be made through the following methods:

1) Send a crossed cheque made payable to “Sing Yin Secondary School Education Foundation Limited”. Write your name, contact number and year of graduation from Sing Yin (if applicable) at the back of the cheque and mail it with a completed Donation Leaflet*.

2) Donate by bank transfer or deposit to the account of Sing Yin Secondary School Education Foundation Limited (004-808-729891-001). Send the transfer record / deposit slip with a completed Donation Leaflet*.

***Mailing address:**

Sing Yin Secondary School
38 New Clear Water Bay Road
Kowloon
Hong Kong
(Donation to SYSSEF)

V / Fundraising Campaign

4. Gesture of Appreciation

Special recognition will be given to major donors with donation reaching the amount set forth in the table below.

Donation Amount	Special Recognition
<input type="radio"/> \$300,000	Naming of a special room (Note 1)
<input type="radio"/> \$150,000	Naming of a facility (Note 2)
<input type="radio"/> \$100,000	Naming of a classroom
<input type="radio"/> \$50,000	Naming of the Organic Farm
<input type="radio"/> \$10,000	Name plaque
<input type="radio"/> \$5,000	Naming of a seat in the Language Theatre
<input type="radio"/> \$500	Acknowledgement on the school webpage

Note 1: Special rooms such as Language Theatre, Computer Assisted Learning Room, laboratories, Music Room, Geography Room, etc.

Note 2: Facility such as Sing Yin Radio, Sing Yin TV, English Room, Astronomy Corner, Gymnasium, Rock Climbing Wall, etc.

5. Contact Us

For any enquiries, please contact the Assistant Principal, Mr. Poon Wai Cheong, at 2349 6281. To learn more about Sing Yin Secondary School or the updates on the fundraising campaign, please visit our school website: <http://www.singyin.edu.hk>

