



Rosaryhill School Old Students Association

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School Improvement Project



Do you remember the old Accounting and Administration Building in our school? The one where you paid your school fees on the first floor, where you changed your PE uniform and smoke in the ground floor changing rooms, brought your school tie and exercise books in the stationery store, where you saw the school nurse in the sick bay and played ping pong in the basement.

With funds from the government, the school demolished the old 3 storey Accounting and Administration Building and replaces it with a new 7 storey building.

The new building will host an auditorium, playgrounds, sick rooms, changing rooms, the administration and accounting offices, teachers and staff rooms; language and computer rooms; conference rooms and activity centers; and music rooms and other multi-purpose rooms.

The funding granted by the government could not fully cover the school's requirements. The school needs additional funds for furnishing the new auditorium and the other facilities. In addition, the school would also like to refurbish the school hall. It is estimated that the school will need an additional HK\$ 2.5 million.

The school is looking towards to your generous contributions to help equipping the school for educating of future generation of Rosaryhill School students.

The new Accounting and Administration Building was inaugurated at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, 18 December 2005. The guest of honor of the inauguration is Rev. John Tong, Auxiliary Bishop of Hong Kong, other invited guest including Fr. Bonifacio Gracia Solis, Hon. Arnaldo de Oliveira Sales and Legislative Councilor and alumni; Hon. Bernard Chan.



An interview with Fr. Francisco de la Heras



"I came to Hong Kong in 1972 when I was 25 years old and I was ordained as a priest in June of the same year in Rosaryhill School."

OSA: Fr. Francisco, We would like to take this opportunity to find out a bit more about you and your works with the School.

I am old enough to remember you first arrive in Hong Kong as a young man and you was not a priest yet at that time.

Fr.: I came to Hong Kong in February 1972 when I was 25 years old and was ordained as a priest in June of the same year in Rosaryhill School.

OSA: What did you do before you came to Hong Kong?

Fr.: I studied for nine years as a seminarian with the Dominican Order in Spain to become a priest.

OSA: What lead you to join the seminary when you were a teenager?

Fr.: It is very common for boys in Spain to learn in a seminary. My father and my brother studied in a seminary too, I am the only one who becomes a priest.

OSA: Fr. Francisco, why did you decide to come to Hong Kong?

Fr.: First, the Dominican has a

substantial present in this part of the world.

Also, when I was in the seminary, a lot of our teachers spent some time in Asia. They were missionaries in China, Vietnam, Philippines, etc. My teachers inspired me to come to this part of the world. Before, I came to Hong Kong, I have a good understanding of Asian culture, life and society.

OSA: You were my Spanish teacher in 70's, other than teaching Spanish, what other role and responsibility do you have in the school when you first arrived?

Fr.: While you were learning Spanish, I was studying English and I also took some Cantonese lessons. I was also in charge of the school buses then.

OSA: Fr. Francisco, you must have better English teacher than I had for Spanish. Nevertheless, I do recall you have much better Spanish student than I was.

I also remember that you were away from Rosaryhill School for a while in late 70's. What did you do?

An interview with Fr. Francisco de la Heras (continued)

Fr.: I went to England in 1976 for 2 years to complete a Diploma in Education and to improve my English.

OSA: When you come back, I have left the school; can you tell me what did you do when you came back to Rosaryhill?

Fr.: When I came back to Hong Kong, I taught religion and I also ran the accounting and administration office. Then in 1981, I returned to England to complete my degree in education in Hull University.

For 10 years, I was the Principal of the Primary Section. In 1993, I became the Principal of the Secondary section. In the same year, I also became the Supervisor of the School until 1999.

Currently, I am the Principal of both Primary and Secondary sections. This year, I have again taken up the Supervisor role.

OSA: Could you say a few things to the old students?

Fr.: The Rosaryhill School's old students are part of the school community; we are looking forward to seeing more activities among the old students itself and together with the school and the wider community of students, teachers, parents, and staff. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.



Reporter:
Patrick Rozario, Form 5B, 1978



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2005 Ten Outstanding Young Persons



Mr. Barrie Ho

Among the 2005 Ten Outstanding Young Persons, there are 2 past students. They are Mr. Barrie Ho and Mr. Daniel Cheung. Both Barrie and Daniel are Form 5 graduates of Class 1984. Both Barrie and Daniel went on to study architecture in the University of Hong Kong. Barrie was awarded for his career as designer and Daniel was awarded for his career as an architect.



Mr. Daniel Cheung

Rosaryhill School Fund Raising 2005

Our school, the Fathers, teachers, parents, students, ex-teachers and ex-staff and old students are getting together to organise different events to help raise the required funds for equipping the new Accounting and Administration and for renovating the old school hall. Please visit the school website rhs.edu.hk and the RHSOSA website: rhsosa.org for the upcoming fund raising events and donation scheme. Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. Kitty Ho, Deputy Principal by phone: 2835 5127.

- Rosaryhill School Fund Raising Walkathon 2005 – Sunday, 27 November 2005
- X'mas Dinner @ Home – Saturday, 10 December 2005
- Dress Casual Day – Friday, 10, February 2005
- Love on a Fallen City (新傾城之戀) by the Hong Kong Repertory Theatre – Saturday, 9 April 2006
- Rosaryhill School Students Variety Show – July 2005

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Rosaryhill School Fund Raising Walkathon 2005

The Rosaryhill School Fund Raising Walkathon 2005 was held on 27 November 2005 in the Tai Tam Country Park. It was a bright and sunny morning, hundreds of students, parent, Fathers teachers, staff and old students participated in the event.



X'mas Dinner @ Home

The Rosaryhill School Old Students Association organized a Christmas dinner in the school. This is truly a school event with over 250 old students, Fathers, teachers, staff, parents, students; and retired teachers, staff and drivers joined the dinner. In addition to delicious and festive dinner, there were entertainments presented by the school choir, the old students of the 90's, the 80's and the 70's.

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