

QES 1955 - 1959
(For schoolmates who spent some or all of those years together)

Bulletin 5 (Nov. 2009)

Seasonal Greetings from Hong Kong !

This Bulletin is a continuation of the 50th Anniversary Re-Union Bulletin started by Ma Chi Keung and others aims to keep schoolmates (and other interested/related individuals) informed of news, events and activities of our group of schoolmates. The Bulletin is issued in English to ensure that even overseas schoolmates whose computers cannot process Chinese are still able to access the information herein.

- (1) Monthly Lunch Gathering This regular gathering on the Second Tuesday of Each Month will continue as usual.

Date: Second Tuesday of every month (e.g., 2010 Jan 12, Feb 9, Mar 9, Apr 13, May 11, June 8, ...)

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Place: Kum Tao Heen Chinese Restaurant (金陶軒) 8/F, Scout Association of HK, 8 Austin Road, Kowloon, HK
(Tel. No. 2730 8668)

Booking: All schoolmates and their spouses and friends are welcome. Those not normally residing in HK, but happen to be here at the time of one of these gatherings, are specially urged to come.
To facilitate booking of table(s), please call the day before if possible
Ma Chi Keung (9215 8792) or Lee Fun Fong Flora (2719 5171)

- (2) Re-union activities

Exactly two months have passed since some of us gathered in Hong Kong to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the completion of Form 5 of the QES Class of 59. The following paragraphs recount some of the activities.

- (c) A group of us spent two days in OCT East Resort and "Interlaken", Shenzhen, China. (Oct 15 and 16, 2009)



(c) Re-union Day Lunch and School Reminiscent Visit (Oct 18, 2009)



Schoolmates had lunch at Royal Plaza Chinese Restaurant of Royal Plaza Hotel near QES. After lunch, they walked over to QES to see whether it has changed from what it was like 50 years ago. The main building was still the same, the football field looked smaller than before, and a new wing has been added between the hall and the field. We have to thank Mr K K Tong, the current Principal of QES for making special arrangements to enable us to visit the school even though it was Sunday.



(c) Re-union Dinner (Oct 18, 2009)

This took place at the YMCA (Salisbury). as scheduled. There were 47 schoolmates, 3 guests, 8 spouses. Totaling 58.



Every attending schoolmate received, as souvenirs, a House Badge and a lanyard specially designed for the occasion. (Incidentally, readers may wish to know that "FA" stands for "Form Association". Also, the crown on the lanyard was cloned from the original official school badge design found in a document dated 1955.) In addition, the fortunate ones received valuable and memorable lucky draw prizes. We would like to record here our heart-felt appreciation to QESOSA which provided the 25 limited-edition QES Golden Jubilee dual-time wrist watches, 5 crystal paper weights each showing the evolution of the school logo in the past 50 years, limited-edition QES Golden Jubilee wallet sets by Fion, and 5 sets of QES Golden Jubilee commemorative postage stamps for use as lucky draw prizes.



Every participant was also entitled to two versions of the group photo. [Important Note : Those who left early and did not collect their copies of the photo please email qes.59fa@gmail.com or call Tsoi Heung Sang at 8100 4241 asap]

(c) Trip to HuangShan (Yellow Mountain) (Oct 20-24, 2009)

29 schoolmates, families and friends were able to join the trip. We sent to Nanjing, Hongchuan, Huangshan, Hangzhou and Shanghai.



(3) Other Events / Activities

(c) Monthly Tuesday Lunch (Oct 13, 2009)

In addition to our more "regular" participants, we had Ho Wun Ching (Bess) and Liu Shuk Fong (Elsa). Bess was on her way from Toronto to Sydney to visit her grandchild. Elsa came back to Hong Kong from the UK specially for our 50th anniversary re-union get-together.



(c) Monthly Tuesday Lunch (Nov 10, 2009)

This is a big day for schoolmate Ma Chi Keung. He now qualified for the "Higher Old Age Allowance". We celebrated his newly acquired status.



(c) Monthly Tuesday Lunch (Dec 08, 2009)

Several overseas "guests" joined the lunch --- Dr Arthur Hinton, schoolmate Au Yiu Bong Alan and his wife, Liu Lai Ming (Grace), To Shui Moon and Wat Kam Wah (Steve). Dr Hinton came from the UK for QES's 55th Anniversary. Alan and his wife were on their way from USA to Singapore to fulfill their roles as grandparents. Grace, SM and Steve would be joining the QES 55th Anniversary Dinner too.



(c) QES 55th Anniversary Home-Coming and Dinner (Dec 13, 2009)



QES celebrated its 55th anniversary. In the morning, Dr Hinton officially opened the re-turfed football field. This was followed by various ball games and open-day-cum-home-coming. In the evening, 100 tables of schoolmates, teachers and guests gathered in the Laguna Palace Restaurant, Fishermen's Wharf, Hung Hom.

In appreciation of QESOSA's provision of souvenir items (market value over HK\$12,000) for us to use as lucky draw prizes at our re-union dinner, and in recognition of the worthwhile work done by the OSA, we have made a "donation" of HK\$5000 to QESOSA to support their QES 55th Anniversary Fund Raising Campaign. As a result, we (i.e., "QES 59FA") became a Bronze Patron.

[Note : After deducting re-union activity expenditures and the above donation, we still have almost HK\$20,000 for the production of commemorative publication in either print or electronic format.]



(4) Next Major Get-Together

Some of us are already thinking and talking about the next get-together. Apart from the next "big" re-union gathering (say 5 years later), there is the possibility of an annual "smaller" get-together.

Schoolmates (mainly those from Canada/USA) have been coming back to Hong Kong to join trips into China in recent years (Silk Road, Jiuzhaigou, Three Gorges, zhangjiajie, ...). There is a suggestion that, perhaps, for 2010, Hong Kong and American schoolmates meet half-way --- how about everyone going to Hawaii for a cruise around the Hawaii Islands?

Do let us know if you are likely to join such a trip. Let us know too, if you have other suggestions.

Notices

1. Schoolmates who were at our 50-year re-union dinner, but who left before collecting their copies of the group photos please email or phone us asap. We'll arrange to deliver those photos to a location of your choice.

Email : qes.59fa@gmail.com
Phone: (852) 8100 4241 (Tsoi Heung Sang)

2. Have you taken photos at any of our events, or photos of schoolmates in other contexts? If you have, and do not mind sharing them, please send digital copies to us at <qes.59fa@gmail.com> or hard copies to Tsoi Heung Sang at the following address :

Mr Tsoi Heung Sang
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18 Tin Shing Road, Tin Shui Wai
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3. Do you like the "lanyard" (that is what the manufacturer calls it) we prepared as a souvenir for re-union dinner participants? The lanyard can be used for carrying a name tag, personal ID, mobile phone, digital camera, ... (see photo on page 2) We still have some extra lanyards. Readers who wish to have one (or even an extra one) please contact us by email, phone or mail.
4. For ease of transmission via email, photos in this Bulletin have been compressed. Readers who wish to have higher resolution versions of these photos (and others too) are welcome to contact us.
5. Call for volunteers : If you are ready, willing and able to help maintain this news bulletin, please email, phone or mail us.
6. **We are still in great need of all kinds of contributions to the envisaged 50-year re-union commemorative publication --- old and more current photos, words of greeting for schoolmates, articles and/or information about oneself, ... Do please help us realize the publication. Send your contributions to us by email or mail.**