

**Officiating Guest Dr KO Wing-man BBS, JP, the Secretary for Food and Health of Hong Kong,
encouraged students of N.T. Heung Yee Kuk Yuen Long District Secondary School to embrace the
challenges in globalisation with the spirit of Lion Rock on 45th Speech Day
(21st December, 2016)**

The N.T. Heung Yee Kuk Yuen Long District Secondary School's 45th Speech Day was successfully held on 21st December, 2016 in the school hall. The ceremony was graced by the presence of Dr KO Wing-man BBS, JP, the Secretary for Food and Health of Hong Kong, Mr MAN Fu-wan, BBS, Vice Chairperson of our School Council, Mr LEE Kam-kwong, Chairperson of the School Management Committee and member of the School Council, Principal LAM Ka-yiu, members of the alumni, guests, parents, staff and students.

The ceremony commenced with the national anthem and a warm welcome by Mr MAN Fu-wan, BBS, on behalf of the Chairman of the School Council, Mr Kenneth LAU Ip-keung, MH, JP. In his speech, Mr MAN reminded students of the long-established history of the school and the spirit of "Heung Chung Yan". He congratulated graduates on their achievements and asked them to pass on the excellence and contribute to our society, with gratitude to the effort of the School Council, teachers and parents.

Our Principal, Mr LAM, announced in his school report that our students' performance in academic studies, other learning experiences and conduct marked yet another outstanding year. In the HKDSE 2016, our school achieved excellent results with a total accumulation of 47 Level 5**, 150 Level 5* or above and 319 Level 5 or above. 87.5% of our students fulfilled the university entrance requirements. The most outstanding students are as follows: KWOK Hiu-nam attained Level 5** in 6 subjects, Level 5* in 1 subject; LEE Chi-yin attained Level 5** in 4 subjects, Level 5* in 2 subjects; FUNG Cheuk-man attained Level 5** in 3 subjects, Level 5* in 3 subjects; LIU Yao-xin attained Level 5** in 3 subjects, Level 5* in 2 subjects; WU Yan-hang, MANG Hoi-wai and FAN Yu-yan each attained Level 5** in 2 subjects, Level 5* in 3 subjects; NG Yu-yan, SHING Kit-yan and POON Lok-yin Loreen each attained Level 5** in 2 subjects, Level 5* in 2 subjects; and CHENG Hok-yung attained Level 5** in 2 subjects, Level 5* in 1 subject.

Our students have been trying their best to excel in as many ways as possible, including English and Chinese Speech, Languages, Science and Mathematics, Physical Education, Art and Music. In 2015-16, among all the remarkable accomplishments in those areas, 3D WU Yan-yu and 3D YEUNG Yuet-sang were selected as two of the Top 10 Awardees in the New Territories Outstanding Student Selection 2016, organized by the Federation of the New Territories Youth. 5E CHENG Hok-lam and 4E MAK Miu-yin were awarded the Champion of the Student Group and the New Volunteer Group respectively in the Yuen Long District Outstanding Volunteer Election, organised by Social Welfare Department.

Dr KO Wing-man was invited to give a speech to our graduates after the prize presentation ceremony. Dr KO commended the extraordinary performance of our students and shared his perspective on the vitality of life-long learning and life planning. He highlighted the importance of equipping ourselves well when facing the challenges of globalisation. Through collaboration and collective effort, which is essentially the Lion Rock spirit, he believed that we could overcome such challenges. He urged us to maintain our humble gratitude for all we have, bearing in mind we humans are defenceless against natural disasters.

Afterwards, the vote of thanks by our student representative took the ceremony to a series of performances showcasing the vibrant talents of our students: A spellbinding Chinese dance "Dresses in the Sunshine" by the school Dance Club, a splendid traditional Chinese Orchestra performance titled "Dance of the Youth", and an enthralling School Choir performance named "We can make a difference". Finally, the strong bond of the school song joined by all staff, students, graduates and visiting guests concluded this magnificent 45th Speech Day.

