## The 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Speech Day

Officiating Guest of Honour Miss Alice MAK Mei-kuen, SBS, JP, Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs, presented prizes to students of N.T. Heung Yee Kuk Yuen Long District Secondary School and encouraged students to embrace challenges with courage, fostering gratitude and optimism (16 December 2024)

The 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Speech Day of N.T. Heung Yee Kuk Yuen Long District Secondary School was successfully held at our School Hall on 16 December 2024 (Monday). We were honoured to have invited Miss Alice MAK Mei-kuen, SBS, JP, Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs to be the Guest of Honour to address us and present prizes to our students. We also had the pleasure of the presence of honourable Mr. Kenneth LAU Ip-keung, SBS, MH, JP, Chairperaon of the School Council, members of the School Council and the School Management Committee, guests, parents and alumni.

The proceedings commenced at 10:00 in the morning with a solemn National Flag Raising Ceremony. After that, Principal YUEN presented the Annual School Report. Principal YUEN reported that our students have been excelling scholastically, gaining wide acclaim from the public. Our students attained excellent results in the 2024 HKDSE Examination, with a total haul of 51 Level 5\*\*. They attained 70.7% Level 4 or above, and 37.2% Level 5 or above in the total number of subjects sat. In total, 91.1% of our S.6 graduates have met the general entrance requirements for local undergraduate university programmes, and over 40% of them were admitted to the degree programmes of the three main local universities. WONG Ching-hong got perfect exam scores (5\*\*) across 7 subjects, including Mathematics Extended Part M2 and was crowned 'Super Top Scorer', Heung Chung's Second Top Scorer after Ms. YU Tung-ching, our Top Scorer in 2022. Other noteworthy mentions include YUNG Hiu-shun, attaining Level 5\*\* in four subjects and Level 5\* in two subjects and Level 5 in one subject; FONG Lok-yin, attaining Level 5\*\* in four subjects and Level 5\* in two subjects.

Heung Chung has put great emphasis on students' whole-person development, aiming to cultivate students' patriotic sentiments, sense of national identity, and positive values and attitudes through an array of activities aligning with the theme 'Be Grateful, Be Proactive, Be Positive'. Principal YUEN briefly reported a series of Patriotic Education-related activities and our students' outstanding achievements in various aspects including outstanding students awards, bilingualism and triliteracy, STEAM, community services, sports, and art. The different prizes and awards obtained show our students' excellence and their all-round development in both academic and extra-curricular activities.

Miss Alice MAK Mei-kuen, SBS, JP, Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs presented prizes to outstanding prize-winners and gave us an inspiring speech. She encouraged students to embrace challenges with a positive and optimistic attitude in pursuit of their ideals. She also emphasized the importance of being gratitude for the support and care of parents, family and teachers. After that, a vote of thanks was delivered by KONG Oi-yu, Graduate Representative of this school year.

We were then honoured to have Mr. Kenneth LAU Ip-keung, SBS, MH, JP, Chairman of the School Council present the Long Service Award to committed teaching staff for their unremitting devotion and contribution. This was followed by student performances: the Chinese Orchestra and Philharmonic Orchestra played 'Descendants of the Dragon' and a classic movie theme medley respectively while the School Choir sang 'It Don't Mean a Thing'. The Speech Day ended in the singing of the School Song.



The 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Speech Day starts with a solemn National Flag Raising Ceremony



Miss Alice MAK Mei-kuen, SBS, JP, Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs presents the prize to our graduate, Mr. WONG Ching-hong



Miss Alice MAK Mei-kuen, SBS, JP, Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs gives us an inspiring speech



Principal YUEN presents the Annual School Report



KONG Oi-yu, Graduate Representative of this school year, delivers a vote of thanks



Mr. Kenneth LAU Ip-keung, SBS, MH, JP, Chairperson of the School Council, presents the trophy to our graduate, Mr. WONG Ching-hong



Mr. MAN Fu-wan, BBS, Vice Chairperson of the School Council, presents the prize to our graduate, Mr. YUNG Hiu-shun



Mr TANG Sin-hang, Vice Chairperson of the School Council, presents the prize to our awardee, CHAN Cheuk-lai



Mr. LEUNG Fuk-yuen, School Council Member, presents the prize to our awardee, CHOY Kin-long



Mr. MAN Luk-sing, MH, School Council Member, presents the prize to our awardee, CHENG Ka-hang



Mr. CHING Chan-ming, School Council Member, presents the prize to our awardee, CAI Yiwen



Mr. TANG Che-keung, MH, School Council Member, presents the prize to our awardee, WU Chung-long



Mr. KWOK Wing-cheong, School Council Member, presents the prize to our awardee, CHEN Xuanming



Mr. WU Tin-yau, Gordon, JP, District Officer (Yuen Long), presents the prize to our awardee, CHAN Lok-hang



Ms. LEUNG Pui-ying, Chairperson of the Alumni Association, presents the prize to our awardee, LIU Hei-yiu Parisa



Ms. CHAN Suk-ha Karen, Chairperson of the Parents and Teachers Association, presents the prize to our awardee, MA Kar-wai



The Chinese Orchestra plays 'Descendants of the Dragon'



The Philharmonic Orchestra plays a classic movie theme medley



The School Choir performs 'It Don't Mean a Thing'



Master of Ceremonies: LIN Tsz-ki



Master of Ceremonies: CHIU Tsz-yau and CHIN Chun-fung (from left to right)



Girl Scouts greet guests at the school entrance, showing respect and warmth



Our Reception Team members warmly greet guests in the school lobby



Our Reception Team attentively hosts guests at the covered playground



Our Auxiliary Medical Service Cadet Corps members respectfully salute the guests



Our Uniform Groups await the arrival of our guests