



## ***A Report by the Student Ambassador***

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### **STUDENT AMBASSADOR SCHEME**

This is the tenth anniversary of the Student Ambassador Scheme. It was launched by the Past Students' Association of Wah Yan College, Hong Kong in 1986. In 1990, the scheme started to be co-organized by the PSA of both Wah Yan. It is my honour to be elected the ambassador at this special occasion.

Although this is the tenth year of the scheme, to many Wahyanites, especially the lower form students, the scheme is unfamiliar. Some may know more about the scheme. However, many misunderstand that the only task of the ambassador is to visit overseas chapters and have a free journey. In fact, his task is not only that. He has to act as the representative of the student body in the PSA and a bridge between the alumni and the school. The mission of the ambassador is not an easy one.

In order to fulfil the mentioned task, I have attended several functions of the PSA since late November after the Speech Day. I have participated in the regular meetings every month at the Chinese Club. During the meetings, I was supposed to inform the Exco-members of the PSA the current development of the Wahyanites. Sometimes, I also took part in activities of the PSA. In December, I was appointed the co-secretary of the 5th International Conference. I also gave a helping hand in career talks, the recruitment of new members and the Annual General Meeting. I also attended the PSA bi-monthly luncheon and International Networking Committee meetings. I am pleased to have the opportunity to take part in the events of the past students.

Certainly, the main task of the ambassador is the visitation to the overseas chapters. Every Easter holiday, the ambassador of Wah Yan College, Kowloon, with one from Wah Yan College, Hong Kong, visits one of the thirteen chapters all over the world. During the journey, the ambassador has to attend all the activities arranged by the alumni of that chapter, such as visitation to the past students and universities, meetings and meals. The alumni are always enthusiastic to ask questions about Wah Yan. Thus, the ambassador has to report the development of the school to them.

This year, I am fortunate to be elected to visit the elder brothers in Sydney with Edward Lau Fu Keung, the Student Ambassador of Wah Yan College, Hong Kong. I will never forget this memorable trip.

## MY TRIP

28/3 ( Fri )



Edward Lau, the Ambassador of Wah Yan College, Hong Kong and I arrived at the Hong Kong International Airport at 6 p.m.. Special thanks should be given to Mr. Ronald Tse, Mr. Joseph Leung, Mr. Bernard Cheng, Mr. H.L. Ng, Mr. George Tam and Mr. W.S. Lo for their coming to the airport and wishing us a good trip. We departed from Hong Kong at 8:30 p.m. with an exciting feeling. For me, and Edward Lau, it was the first time to visit Australia.

29/3 ( Sat )

After an eight-hour flight, we finally arrived at the Sydney International Airport at 8 a.m.. The weather and scenery were so good that we expected the journey to be a relaxed and enjoyable one. Although we did not have a good sleep the night before, we were not tired. It was because we were too excited to see our elder brothers. Mr. Eric Wong, the President of the Sydney Chapter and Andy Lam, the International Convenor of Sydney Chapter, came to the airport and welcomed us. After we had taken a rest at Eric Wong's friend's home, we started our journey and went to visit the Royal Easter Show in the suburban area of Sydney. Royal Easter Show is an important event for the Australians. It is held every year during the Easter holiday. There were stalls selling Easter presents and exhibition centres showing different products of the same category, such as dairy products, chocolates, etc.. For those who do not like shopping and exhibitions, a variety of games, ranged from simple ball games to Hi-tech mechanical ones, could be found. Snacks, including ice-cream, pizza and noodles, were sold everywhere to the visitors. Although the place was larger than Ocean Park, it was still crowded with visitors. The atmosphere was fervent. After we had spent three hours in the show, we went

to have our lunch in the Chinatown. We settled down at Johnson Leung's home after the lunch. Johnson Leung, a police officer of 40, is a past student of Wah Yan College, Hong Kong and the host of our trip in Sydney.

At 5 p.m., we went to a club house nearby to attend the 21st Annual General Meeting of the Sydney Chapter. We met thirty alumni and their family there. We chatted with them about Wah Yan and our life before the meeting. Many of them are still studying in universities. As a result, our friendship was developed easily. After a formal report by the President of the Sydney PSA, Eric Wong and a discussion of affairs concerning the chapter, we had a buffet dinner. A magician was also invited to give us a magic show. Edward and I gave a brief report to the

alumni about the current development of Wah Yan separately. When I showed them the CD-ROM Shield, they applauded. The alumni were keen to ask questions. We had a happy moment together. The meeting ended at 11:30p.m..



30/3 ( Sun )

We arrived at the Chinatown at 8 a.m. to join a local trip to Melbourne arranged by Johnson Leung. We left Sydney by coach to Melbourne. The scenery along the highway between Sydney and Melbourne was beautiful. Everywhere was pastures where cows and sheep could be found. Tourist resorts could be found along the highway, such as Goulburn, which is a town where products of wool are sold. The remarkable figure of the town is a sheep-shaped shopping centre. After twelve hours of travelling, we finally arrived at the Hotel Enterprise at Melbourne, where we spent the following three nights.

31/3 ( Mon ) - 1/4 ( Tue )

The visitation to Melbourne began! After having a buffet breakfast, we visited the National Gallery of Victoria, Exhibition Centre and the Old Melbourne Goal, which was a prison two hundred years ago. After three hours in downtown Melbourne, we had our lunch at a famous Chinese restaurant in Chinatown. Then we travelled to Philip Island to watch the Fairy Penguin Parade. We had to be patient to watch the parade because the temperature there was as low as 5 degree Celsius. It was ten when we arrived at the hotel at night.

In the morning of 1st April, we travelled to the Sovereign Hill to experience the life of gold miners a hundred years ago. The street was decorated as that of the 19th century and the tunnels to the gold mines were maintained. In the afternoon, we went to see the Apostle Rock on the south coast of Australia. In the evening, we had our dinner at the Crown Casino.



2/4 ( Wed ) - 3/4 ( Thur )

We travelled back to Sydney on 2nd April. Mr. Johnson Leung and his wife picked us up in the Chinatown and drove us to enjoy the night of Sydney.

On 3rd April, my former classmate Michael Tam, who went to Sydney last year, led us to visit the downtown of Sydney. We joined a bus tour at 9 a.m. and visited several tourist resorts, such as Opera House, Darling Harbour, Sydney Aquarium, the Art Gallery of New South Wales, etc. After having lunch in Chinatown, we met Mr. Thomas Wong, who is an active member of the Sydney PSA, and visited Mr. Chung, who had taught in Wah Yan College, Hong Kong since 1930s for over thirty years. Mr. Chung was the founder and had been the President of the Sydney Chapter for ten years. He gained respects from all alumni in Sydney. We chatted with him for nearly two hours. He was enthusiastic in asking questions about the development of Wah Yan. He was keen to tell us his interesting and memorable experience in Wah Yan. We were honoured to talk with such a respectable person. After the chat, he showed us his valuable collection of ancient Chinese pictures and antiques. He also gave us each a silver Wah Yan spoon, which was his relay champion award. There were only twelve such spoons in the world. Chatting with Mr. Chung enabled us to know more about the history of Wah Yan. That evening, we had dinner with the Leungs.



4/4 ( Fri )

On 4th April, the second last day of the trip, Mr. Johnson Leung drove us and his friends to Canberra, the capital of Australia. Canberra is a well-planned city with wide and straight roads and plenty of green spaces. We visited the Parliament House, the War Memorial Museum, the Royal Australian Mint and embassies of different nations. In the evening, we were invited to have a farewell dinner at a Chinese restaurant in Chinatown. There were thirty alumni and their friends. I also saw two persons whom I have missed so much, Mr. Mark Wong and Miss Brenda Leung, who were former teachers in Wah Yan College, Kowloon. Mr. Mark Wong pursues his doctorate of Music at Sydney University while Miss Leung is going to finish her Master degree at the University of New South Wales. Both of them were happy in Australia and were concerned about the situation of the Wah Yan students. We brought the school annals of recent years to the alumni there. They were all happy when reading some interesting news and reports of accomplishments in the magazine. After the dinner, we chatted and joked with the elder brothers. In fact, most of them are only three years older than we are. They told us about the tertiary education in Australia, which illuminated us about our future studies. We said goodbye to one another and went back to Johnson's home to pack our luggage.

5/4 ( Sat )

We went to the Sydney International Airport at 10 a.m. with the Leungs. Eric Wong also came to the airport to bid us farewell. We left for Hong Kong at noon.

Time flies. The nine-day trip passed so quickly. Undoubtedly, this trip is memorable and valuable. We were glad to meet so many elder brothers in a foreign place. Once again, I was informed what Wah Yan Spirit is. Once again, I was touched by the sincere care of the Wahyanites. I will never forget my trip in Sydney!

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Mr. Norman So, the Principal, Mr. Yue and Mr. Leung, the Assistant Principals, Mr. Johnson Leung, our host in Sydney, Mr. Ronald Tse, the Chairman of the PSA, Mr. Bernard Cheng, Mr. Joseph Leung, Mr. Charles Chau and the alumni, both in Hong Kong and Australia, for their assistance and advice. Thanks should also be given to my dearest schoolmates for their support and help.

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