

6-7 September 2018

School Opening Ceremony

Good morning, teachers and students. On this occasion of the School Opening Ceremony and prize presentation ceremony, I would like to share with you some encouraging words.

This year, there is an overall significant advancement in the performance of our students in the HKDSE Examination. There is also a sharp increase in number of students obtaining Level 5. Actually, their experience matches the saying "no pain no gain". Little is your labour, little are your gains. Boys and girls, as your senior schoolmates can do it, I strongly believe that all of you can also do it. Take action now and work hard.

This year, our school has three major concerns: The first one is to enhance the learning and teaching effectiveness with various strategies. The second one is to help students develop a balanced lifestyle and achieve a holistic growth. The third one is to foster career and life planning education.

This year, we have a new school theme. The new school theme is: “**With perseverance, we soar high** (逆風毅行，展翅上騰)”. “Soar” means “to fly very high in the air” or “to rise quickly and smoothly up into the air”. Perseverance is the quality of continuing to try to achieve a particular aim or goal in spite of difficulties. In other words, boys and girls, you have your dream, and you fight for your dream. In so doing, you face a lot of difficulties. In spite of this, you keep on fighting and never give up. Because of your perseverance, you finally arrive at your destination and achieve your goal. You soar high and fly high in the air. This is similar to the scripture read at the beginning of the ceremony (Isaiah 40:31 “But those who are waiting for the Lord will have new strength, they will get wings like eagles, running, they will not be tired, and walking, they will have no weariness.”) **With the help of Jesus, we can soar high with perseverance.**

Boys and girls, to echo the school theme this year, may I invite all of you to soar high with perseverance? Try to fly high in the air in spite of difficulties. Try to continue your effort to achieve your goal and dreams in spite of hardships and difficulties.