

6-7 September 2017

School Opening Ceremony

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

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

This year, as our school is celebrating its 35th Anniversary, we have a new school theme. The new school theme is: **Inherit, initiate, Amass and Appreciate** (傳承、開創、凝聚、感恩). Let me explain the new school theme in detail.

Firstly, by **“inherit”** (傳承), we mean **“inheriting the mission from our forerunners, we nurture our youth”**. “Inherit” means to have qualities, physical features that are similar to those of our former students and teachers. The “school mission” statement of PLHKS is: “We strive to create an enjoyable teaching and learning environment in which students can be equipped to meet the challenges of the 21st Century”. (我們致力於營造愉快的教與學環境，裝備學生，迎接二十一世紀的挑戰。) “Forerunners” are people that came before us and had great influence on our school. They were our past school supervisors, school managers, principals, teachers and students. “Nurture” means to care for and protect somebody while they are growing and developing. The main goal is to help them develop and become successful. Boys and girls, our school will inherit the good qualities of our forerunners, including our past principals and teachers. We will inherit the school mission and continue to strive to create an enjoyable teaching and learning environment in which students can be equipped to meet the challenges of the 21st Century. As a result, while all of you are growing and developing, you will be nurtured and protected in our school.

Secondly, by **“initiate” (開創)**, we mean **“Initiating new ventures, we soar on wings like eagles”**. “Initiate” means to make something begin. “Venture” is a business, project or activity, especially one that involves taking risks. “Soar” means to rise quickly and smoothly up into the air. In other words, being members of PLHKS, we would introduce new projects and activities. With our initiative and passion, I am sure we can rise quickly and smoothly up into the air like eagles.

Thirdly, by **“amass” (凝聚)**, we mean **“amassing our hearts, we advance with God”**. “Amass” means to collect something, especially in large quantities. In the past, all students and teachers of PLHKS have experienced a lot of grace from our God. Let’s collect and amass all our past sweet memories and advance continuously with our God.

Fourthly, by **“appreciate” (感恩)**, we mean **“appreciating the grace of God, we stride into the 36th year”**. “Appreciate” means to recognize the good qualities of somebody and to be grateful for something that somebody has done. “Stride” means to walk with long steps in a particular direction. So, let us recognize the grace of our Lord and walk with long steps into the 36th year.

Boys and girls, to echo the school theme of this year, may I invite all of you to inherit, initiate, amass and appreciate. Try to inherit the mission from our forerunners; try to initiate projects that may involve risks; try to amass your hearts and advance with God, and finally, try to appreciate the grace of God.