

From Tin Wing Sin

September 6, 1999

Dear Fellow Classmates,

I am finally back to Hong Kong. What a letdown it is to face the real world after having such a marvelous time in Toronto. I wish I could be more expressive to share with you the joy I had in Toronto!

My mind was restless throughout the trip on my way back from Toronto to Hong Kong. The tune of our Class Song lingered. Snapshots of the past few days kept flashing back.

My emotion was a little bit jumpy in those three days. Jumpy not because something was bothering me but because I was deeply touched from time to time. Whether it be the singing of Class Song on the stage, the worship on Sunday, or just a simple hug or a warm touch, my eyes were filled with tears many times. Call me sentimental or emotional, if you wish.

I was particularly thrilled to have met so many classmates, some of whom I haven't seen for over 25 years while to some it was our first meeting. Regardless of how long or how well I have known you, you all look just as lovely to me. I felt I have known you for a long time.

I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to the Toronto Organizing Committee for organizing such a wonderful and memorable gathering in Toronto. Your attentive and hospitable care made our stay worry free. I appreciate how difficult it was for you to think of so many different functions to entertain us all. While the program you organized was a great one, to be honest with you, what counted the most was that we had participated all these functions TOGETHER. Even a simple midnight snack would not be the same when we went there together. I am sure all who attended the reunion had a great time.

Credit also goes to all the spouses and family members who have patiently supported our classmates. Whether you actually helped out the function or just stood beside our classmates to share our joy, your presence was most important to the success of our function. We are surely glad to have you among us.

I am really tempted to go to the San Francisco reunion this November. Unfortunately it will be difficult for me to leave Hong Kong at that time, especially the Hong Kong's reunion will just be one week from the SF's one. Regardless of whether I go to the San Francisco reunion or not, my heart and my prayer will be there with you. I know you will have a very successful reunion there. You all undoubtedly will have a good time.

The reunions in SF and HK are just two months away. While I am excited about the reunions, I am kind of scared when I come to think that there are so many things still out of hand. But I can assure you all we are going to have a heck of a time. If you are still wondering whether you should come or not, I can guarantee to you it is worth coming. I appreciate how difficult it will be for you to put aside all your daily work or probably your family during that time, but things will work out if you really try. The joy of meeting all these old classmates after all these years is beyond description. This will be a once in a lifetime moment that we all will treasure for the whole life. Do make effort to join us.

See you in November.

Your friends always, Wing Sin

From Yung Yan Chi

September 7, 1999

Dear Classmates,

Hi. It has been three weeks after the August Coronation in Toronto. I believe we all got back to our routine lives and have put the reunion experience behind us for a while.

Come to think of it, it was such a unique experience. To me, I feel that it is only the beginning of a new journey. I am not yet through with all those excitements and joys of meeting old friends. Our get-together was so short, and yet long enough to give us something to linger on for the rest of our life. To make it more facinating, there are two more reunions coming up soon. In November, there are another opportunities for us to meet again.

I can still recall the first day I went to Pui Ching Middle School. It was September 1962. I met the class of strangers whom I spent the following four years together. Of course, there were some that we got to know and became good friends. There were some that we hardly talked more than what we needed to. Then after more than 30 years in Toronto, we met these familiar faces again. We feel like we have known each other for life.

I remember many snapshots in the past that seem important to me. They come back to my mind when I see the faces associated with them. It felt so good that when we talked about these experiences, we shared the same feelings. (Of course, there are some that I recalled but no one seemed to know what was I talking about. Then I started to doubt my memory and amazed at the result of getting 'old'.)

I have to thank those who have always been good to me. After all these years, I still see the kind persons in you. And of course, many thanks go to the classmates in Toronto. Such good hosts you were!

For those who did not show up in Toronto in August, I hope you start to plan for the November reunions.

I attached some files of graphic snapshots from Toronto. I hope you are able to open them.

Yung Yan-chi

From Hsin Sheung Wing

September 8, 1999

Hi everyone:

It was very nice to read Win Sin's message on his impression of the Toronto event. I also attended the event and came back with a tremendously rewarding experience.

I decided to go only the week before, despite the higher costs in airfare, hotel, etc. I was originally planning to attend the HK event and play host to the SF one in November. I also was not aware that there were so many familiar faces in Toronto. Finally, two weeks before the event, I managed to work out my work and personal plan and made the decision to go.

I have never visited Toronto before and very seldom I go to the east coast. Besides the considerable travel expenses, it takes an entire day to fly there and another one to get back. After this trip, I still have not really seen Toronto. But I want to tell you that it was the best trip I have taken and it was worth the time and money, every bit of it. There were in fact many familiar faces, some dated as far back as Primary one. Then, you could feel this warmth that existed with the group which was seldom experience since we left school. I then figured that people who cared to make the effort to see their old classmates after all these years are most likely very decent people and to have over 50 decent people together was definitely an experience to treasure.

Of course, the other fun part was finding out what each other has been up to all these years and talking about old days. We also renewed some friendship along the way.

I am confident that the next two reunion gathering will offer great opportunities for all of us to relive some of these precious moments. I urge all of you to come.

Jim

From Wong Sau Kuen

September 9, 1999

For my family and myself, I want to extend a special thank you to all the folks who put together the Toronto Coronation Program. We all had a wonderful time. Your main program and side shows were all well thought out and organized. The amount of efforts which went into the planning of all these must have been tremendous.

A special thank you to Collin (Kai Ming) Chow, the transportation coordinator, who went out of his way to provide transportation for classmates and sacrificed his personal time to serve as tour guide.

I am deeply touched by the enthusiasm and the loyalty we have for Pui Ching, even after so many years. I am glad I went and I was part of this celebration.

I hope to see most of you again here in November. Come one, come all, the more the merrier!

Julie Wong Sau-kuen