



## **Farewell Dinner for Tiger**

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For those of you who attended Pui Ching Primary School, I am sure you remember the very first classic Chinese Literature we learnt in P.5 which told about Confucius passing by Tai Shan and meeting a lady whose father-in-law, husband, and son were all killed by tigers. Despite all these tragedies, the lady refused to move away because, as she claimed, there was no tyranny in the area she lived. In conclusion, Confucius said, "Remember, kids, totalitarianism is more fearful than tigers."

I did not understand much what the lesson was about and after all these years, I still don't. All I know is that we 74-ers have been under the tyrannical regime of Tiger for many years. Tiger or tyranny, we have no choice.

It has been true for years, until now.

On September 19, 2000, some twenty classmates celebrated in the Royal Plaza Hotel for the upcoming ending of a tyrannical regime. Why? Tiger just moved to Singapore yesterday [September 27]! Twenty-one classmates gathered to bid farewell to our beloved Tiger: Wong Shui Fai, Chan Hung Ki, Fung Kwok Wah, Lee Jee Yin, Yung Yan Chi, Lam Wai Leung, Lau Kam Ying, Leung Chok Ming, Tseng Huei, Au Chun Sang, Yue Ka Choy, Kong Yeuk Pun, Chan Kim Ming, Chung Hay Kit, Lee Chun Keung, Wong Shui Wah, Tin Chee Sin and Tin Wing Sin attended the dinner while Chan Chi

Man and Chan Ching Hai joined the fun after they had taken care of their personal engagements.

Are we going to miss Tiger ? [You must be kidding.]

Tiger has been our chairman for many years and has always been very supportive to our class. He was instrumental in organizing and planning for the coronation we all enjoyed so much last year. In spite of his busy schedule, he always made effort to come to the meetings on time and attended all the functions we had. We at times might have different opinions but the whole committee worked smoothly, harmoniously, and with fun under his guidance. We truly enjoyed the close partnership we had in the year. One thing I should mention is that whenever we come to the part of work delegation, Tiger always advocates the old Chinese belief in that a gentleman should move only his mouth but not his hands! He certainly practices what he believes in ! Tiger, you are simply irresistible. You are the one we all love [to hate]. When we want to find an outlet for all the frustrations we face at work, you are the one we love to bing. We surely will miss you.

Dear Tiger, for all of us here in Hong Kong, I send you our heartfelt wishes and blessings. We all look forward to hearing [and neglecting] your fearsome roar again.

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