

**Dr YL So's broadcast to all students on  
his first day as Principal of Wah Yan College Hong Kong**

“Dear Students and Gentlemen of Wah Yan,

I am your new Principal So Ying-lun. I would like to take this opportunity to greet you all on my first day back to Wah Yan (WY).

Do you recall how you felt on your first day to WY when you were in Form One? Let me share with you how I felt in the last few days. I felt both excited and anxious. I felt excited because I am deeply honoured to be able to serve my mother school and support development of our young gentlemen again. And I felt anxious because it was already 18 years since I last served WY. The school feels at once both familiar and strange to me. This morning before lesson, I strolled around the campus and I was greeted by students with smiles, nods, and even waving of their hands. Some also chatted with me. With your warm gesture of welcome, my anxiety has subsided!

Do you recall what you did on the night before your first day at WY? Let me share with you what I did last night. I wrote an email to my former WY teacher who has now retired to Canada. She taught me History in F.1 and was my Form-teacher in F.3 teaching me English. The email was a reply to her congratulatory message sent to me earlier. I expressed my deep gratitude to her and told her how much her teaching, care, and encouragements had meant to me when I was her student at WY.

In my last paragraph of the email, I said: “I shall report to duty tomorrow and I am excited, yet nervous. There is so much to learn, so many challenges to tackle and so much to accomplish. I don't know if I can meet the high expectations of all who care so much about WY. What I can promise is that I shall remember well the dedication and hard work of Fathers and teachers like you who have done so much for WY, and, in the same spirit, do my utmost.”

Yes, that was my promise to her, and that is my promise to you.

Dear Students, from this day onwards, there will be many chances when we shall bump into each other around campus or in various functions. Please

feel free to share with me whatever you are thinking or feeling about your studies, your school, etc. Of course, a simple word of greeting, a smile or even a nod would also be fine as a sign of connectedness.

I'll end my message here. Let me pass on to YUEN Chun Yeung of F.4K for school announcements..."

YL So, 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2013