St Paul's Convent School Parent-Teacher Association Chairman Report 2009/2010 by Mrs. Lina Cheng

This Chairman's report covers the period from October 10, 2009 to October 9, 2010. We are convinced that parent involvement in school is a key to our children's personal growth and educational success. With this conviction in mind, the PTA has been maintaining a closer tie with the school as ever in facilitating and promoting effective communication and collaboration between home and school, as well as optimising the learning experiences of students in community services. In practice, we have also actively participated in the students' extracurricular activities and organised a number of parenting seminars/talks for members following the inauguration of 2009/10 SPCS PTA Executive Committee Members.

It is gratifying and encouraging to see that all the events have met with positive response and favourable feedback from our members and students under the joint efforts of the PTA and the School. The success of the PTA's activities relies not only on the support of member participants but also on the contributions of many parent volunteers who help in organizing the events. I wish to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt appreciation to the Principal Sr. Margaret Wong for her advice and trust, to the PTA Executive Committee Members and the Parent Volunteers for their passion and generous support to the PTA.

Executive Committee

Under the presence of the PTA Advisor Rev. Sr. Margaret Wong (Principal), participating PTA members and the School Teachers, the following 2009/10 Executive Committee Members were elected uncontested at the 3rd Annual General on October 10, 2009 held at the SPCS Secondary School Hall.



Chairlady	: Mrs. Lina CHENG
Vice-Chairs	: Mrs. Lilian HUI
	: Mr. LAW Siu Wing (Ex-officio Member)
Treasurers	: Mr. Anthony CHUNG
	: Mr. CHOW Chin (Ex-officio Member)
Secretaries	: Ms. Rebecca CHAN
	: Mr. YAM Tze Kay (Ex-officio Member)
General Officers	: Mr. K W CHAN
	: Mr. Eddie YIP
	: Mr. Lawrence TSE
	: Ms. Sabrina CHOW
	: Ms. Wanda HAU
	: Ms. Jacqueline Wong
	: Mrs. Rebecca TSE
	: Mrs. Jamie YU (Ex-officio Member)
	: Mr. K F TAM
	(Ms. Trix HAR stood in for Mr. TAM who
	resigned on Jan 15, 2010 for personal
	reasons)

During the Report Period, the Executive Committee has held eight meetings and has appointed Ms.Gigi Mak as the Honorable Legal Advisor and Mr. Patrick Tse as the Honorable Auditor for the PTA.

PTA Highlight's of the Year:

Parent Volunteers Briefing (7 Nov, 2009)

Over 60 parents attended the briefing session, during which they were briefed on the roles and duties of parent volunteers. Sister Margaret thanked parent volunteers for sparing their time and efforts in support of the school.



Speech Festival Escort (16 Nov, 2009 to 7 Dec, 2009)

A total of 50 parent volunteers assisted the school in accompanying the students to take part in 28 sessions of the Speech Festival.



Joint Green Campaign and Help the Needy (23 Jan, 2010)

142 students and their families showed their generosity by donating a total of 101 boxes and bags of recycled items during the campaign. This project has served the dual-purpose of instilling environmental consciousness in our daughters and the helping underprivileged at the same time.



Visit by Students & Teachers from Jiangnan Middle School (27 Jan, 2010)





80 students and 20 teachers from Jiangnan Middle School visited the school for the exchange of school learning and cultural experience. PTA co-organised the learning programmes with the School with the help of parent volunteers during their visit. A delicious lunch for the group was prepared by the parent volunteers.

Pilot China Field Trip to Liannan (02 – 04 Apr, 2010)

A total of 46 participants comprising 21 students, 2 teachers and 23 student's family members went to Liannan of the Mainland China, to provide service to the needy, to exchange school learning, and to explore cultural experience. With the joint efforts of all participants, a total of 20 book-shelves were built, painted and set up in the library of San Jiang Primary School. Some books donated to this library were collected during the Green Campaign in January. Participants divided into 8 small groups had also paid a visit to 8 local families in order to appreciate the different life style in the village.









<u>Seminars</u>



Ms. Mary Cheung "Professional Grooming and Proper Social Etiquette to improve Competitiveness"



Dr. Samuel Ho "Positive Thinking"



Mr. Ng Sze Yuen "Effective Communication With our Children"

Over 400 parents attended the three enlightening parenting seminars organised by the PTA over the year.

Comprehensive Review (Mar 2010)

A Comprehensive Review of the school was conducted by the McGlynn-Ross Education in Feb/Mar in 2010. PTA EXCO representatives had participated in the parents' meeting and the interviews by the CR team, giving our views on the school. A copy of the Comprehensive Review Report was presented to all PTA parents to share with them the excellent work and ongoing innovative endeavours of teachers, students and administration of the school under the excellent leadership of the School Principal Sr. Margaret Wong in July 2010.

Health Talk on Chinese Medicines & Cooking Demonstration (9 July, 2010)

Close to 50 participants including parent volunteers, students and teachers attended the health talk on Chinese Medicines & Cooking Demonstration by Mr Edwin Tsui, Executive Chef of Hospital Authority, a Chinese Medicine Practitioner from Eu Yan Sang International Co. Ltd., and the representative from Lisa Magazine. In the event, participants have the opportunity to share tips on how to live well at different ages and how to eat healthy with Chinese medicine.





Appreciation Award Presentation Ceremony for 2009/10 Parent Volunteers (12 July.2010)

To convey the appreciations from the School and the PTA, a ceremony to present the Appreciation Awards to the 2009/10 Parent Volunteers was organized during the Paulinian Show. 21 out of the 52 parent volunteers for 2009/10 attended the event and received the Awards on the day.



School Annual Stakeholders' Meeting (14 July, 2010)

Both the Chairlady and Vice Chairlady were invited to join the School's Annual Stakeholders' Meeting to share views and and give recommendations to the School Senior Management, Advisory Board and Leadership Team on school improvement ideas. Representatives from Student Council and Alumni Association were also invited to this sharing session.