



Wendy Doong

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Private Banking Managing Director and Chief Operating Officer

A Life Lived to its Fullest with no Regrets

On a very sunny Sunday afternoon back at school, I had the pleasure to meet and interview the very elegant Ms. Wendy Doong, a private banker and mother of a teenage daughter. Elegance has always been the hallmark of SPCS girls, and, in this respect, Wendy is a true Paulinian.

Paulinians are also versatile and fearless. They love challenges. I can see that these character traits paved the way for Wendy's hugely successful career. After graduating as an arts-stream student in high school, young Wendy obtained a Company Secretaryship and Administration Professional Diploma at The Hong Kong Polytechnic and an MBA at the Aston University, U.K., then became a management information consultant at the then Arthur Andersen, and later entered the investment banking world, with long tenure at JP Morgan and Morgan Stanley. She later joined the Bank of China International (BOCI), where she applied the knowledge acquired from global institutions in setting up one of the very first private wealth management platforms in BOCI.

Wendy firmly believes that if you try your best, doors will be opened for you. To her, Paulinians are positive and all-rounded. They are persistent but pleasant ladies. "We may not be academically supreme, but growing up in a school with classmates from different strata of society, Paulinians know how to respect people and are girls with integrity." These attributes got Wendy very far in her career life. Holding a senior management position in a bank, Wendy is always under immense pressure to perform and make money. Wendy is a "people person" with high morale and integrity, and has done well in her work. It should not come as a surprise that Wendy's career has turned out so different from her original arts-stream student background: she was an English editor of the SPCS yearbook, chairman of the Voluntary Services Group in form 6, and a member of the Prefects' Board. All the good training, exposure and leadership opportunities had equipped Wendy for her career and challenges in life!

Today, Wendy is a member of our alumni choir. Back then, she was also an active member of the school choir. Her fondest memories of her choir days were, of course, when the Gregorian Choir won a first prize in the Hong Kong Schools Music Festival and appeared in newspapers as well as the annual Christmas caroling when they performed at The Furama, The Excelsior, and The Peninsula. Now, every Christmas, she would still take her daughter, who also loves singing, to tea at The Peninsula – for the Christmas afternoon delights, and of course, the choir.

Wendy has no regrets in life. And as she is planning on possible retirement and more active participation in charity work, our school's 160th anniversary celebrations have brought her back closer to the school than before, and she looks forward to celebrating and reliving the Paulinian spirit with her fellow Paulinians!

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