



Doris Lau  
1972, F5  
Coordinator of Class of '72

### **Sweet are the Days of Girlhood**

In Doris, we see a sweet Paulinian. Speaking with a serene voice and an elegant smile, she translates her Paulinian story into sweet memory. After the interview, the taste of sweetness lingers in my mind. Yes, it is the sweetness communicated through her memory of her girlhood and her love to her dear old school.

Doris spent 13 years in SPCS from primary section to secondary section. "There was no pressure, no peer group pressure and all we had was a happy and carefree school life." Doris speaks with a sweet voice like a little girl in her tartan skirt jumping around eager to tell mommy how happy she was at school. Doris is also a collector of SPCS memorabilia. She keeps most of the school magazines of the 1960s, badges, school tote bag (which is still fashionable nowadays) and many old photos. Doris and her classmates produced a double DVD that captured all the valuable photos and information of the Class of '72 for their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary reunion in 2012. In the school magazines, we see the "fashion parade" of the primary girls; we see the ballet class for the primary 1 to primary 4; and we see the many happy faces in the old school campus. "SPCS has a unique culture that nurtures in its students a special character and temperament, an aura of elegance that you cannot find elsewhere, qualities that made us proud to be students of SPCS. In our days, the School emphasized on good manners and right conduct, we learnt many things that were not taught in textbooks, and I am forever grateful to SPCS for giving me such an excellent all-rounded education."

Active in Geography Society during her secondary school life, Doris enjoyed very much the opportunities that SPCS gave to its students via various clubs and societies and extra-curricular activities. Some of her classmates in particular benefited immensely from the choir training by Sr. Carmela, the legendary Choir conductor who made it possible for SPCS to win innumerable awards at Hong Kong Schools Music Festivals. "To this day, the Choir members still remember sentimentally how Sr. Carmela's tough training gave them the confidence that allows them to stand up to anything in the world!"

Doris is now an active coordinator for her schoolmates. “Our classmate Maria Lui has been holding the fort for us since 1972, as a result of which, we have been able to maintain contact with each other. It was through her hard work throughout all these years that we managed to gather 115 people to our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary reunion in 2012. Most of us are now retired, and it is wonderful that we can now spend more time to have fun together, going to outings, enjoying girl talk again, hehe...”



40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion Dinner of the Class of '72, November 2012



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Doris' endless love for the school is also manifested through the joint design of their 2012 reunion polo shirt, embedding the tartan summer dress, the navy blue winter uniform, the black and white shoes... This idea was borrowed by the 160<sup>th</sup> SPCS Anniversary Organization Team and developed into the special polo shirts for celebrating the 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Speaking about Paulinianhood, sweet Doris shares the same view with many other alumni. “Thanks to our alma mater, Paulinians have strong self-confidence and self-esteem.” Doris believes that Paulinianhood, built up in the old school days, is further strengthened and consolidated through close alumni ties.

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