

Priscilla Law 1977, F5 Head of Financial Services, InvestHK

Interview with Ms. Priscilla Law

An interview with Ms. Priscilla Law on a sunny Sunday afternoon brought us to see a Paulinian manifesting the characteristic qualities which SPCS seeks to infuse in its students as stated in the School Mission¹.

Her career

Priscilla is now the Head of Financial Services of InvestHK, a government department whose mission is to attract and retain foreign direct investment, which is of strategic importance to the economic development of Hong Kong. InvestHK's vision is to strengthen Hong Kong's status as the leading international business location in Asia. Apart from promoting Hong Kong as an attractive spot for foreign investment, according to Priscilla, InvestHK is also working closely with financial regulators such as the Hong Kong Monetary Authority and the Securities and Futures Commission to maintain the good reputation of Hong Kong as an international financial center.

Before joining InvestHK in 2001, Priscilla had been working in the private sector of investment banking for more than 15 years. For a capable lady such as Priscilla who had already excelled in her career after years of dedication, one would, no doubt, wonder what brought her the thought of joining the government. It certainly requires courage to venture a change in career, particularly so for those who have been so successful such as Priscilla. And it should be a kind of "drive" stemming from conscience for a successful person such as Priscilla to join the government. Priscilla responded to our curiosity with a smile saying that her present job is meaningful and interesting. Yes, just as simple as that!

Her days at SPCS

During the interview, whenever Priscilla talked about her reminiscences of her days at SPCS, she repeatedly praised our school for having provided an all-round education for

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¹ School Mission:The school aims at providing an_all-round education, based on Christian values, that enhances the quality of life, both spiritually and materially, for our Paulinians so that they can contribute positively to their home, profession and society with Clarity, Conscience, Confidence, Courage, Creativity, Competence and Commitment.

Paulinians that we have pursued so well in various disciplines in addition to academic studies.



Priscilla (standing, far left) with her class netball team

When Priscilla was studying at SPCS, she joined the School Choir and various sports activities including netball, badminton and swimming. She also took part in cultural activities such as drama. Just to name a few types of activities any Paulinian took part in during her school days is already proof of what is meant by being "all-round". Priscilla also felt grateful towards the teachers for their open mind and liberal attitude, which encouraged students to think independently and to ask questions.

When Priscilla was invited to appraise Paulinians from the perspective of an alumnus, she said that most Paulinians are all-round, who are good in a wide spectrum of interests. Our school has provided a lot of interesting activities with varieties that help build up a Paulinian's all-round personality. Moreover, from taking part in various types of extra-curricular activities organized by our school, Paulinians had plenty of opportunities to make contact with different types of people. If one has an all-round and friendly personality, it is certainly an asset and it is also an enabling factor in one's success no matter which field a Paulinian belongs to after graduation.

Postscript

Some values, particularly the noble ones, are quite abstract. One has to make effort to search for these values and pay extra effort to acquire them! However, if you ever have the chance to talk to Ms. Priscilla Law in person, you will have no difficulty getting a clear image of a typical Paulinian, a lady who displays *confidence*, *competence* and *commitment* through her contribution to the society.