



Wendy Siu, Officier de l'Ordre National du Mérite, France  
1979, F5  
Founder of Heather & March

### **Cultivating French Art of Living**

Wendy Siu (also known as Wendy Kwok) has been engaged in French lifestyle business for more than 15 years and founded Heather & March in 1998 after her corporate life working for different U.S. and British conglomerates. Her company specializes in promoting the French 'l'art de vivre' (art of living), and imports French luxury tableware, interior products and home accessories for its retail, wholesale and hospitality business. Wendy has been bestowed upon with a distinctive national knighthood medal as Chevalier of the National Order of Merit of France and later promoted to become Officer of the National Order of Merit of France by the government of France since 2005, which is one of the highest civilian honors given by the French Republic in recognition of her contribution and dedication to promoting French business and culture. She has been acting as the French Trade Advisor reporting to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in France to facilitate business exchange between Hong Kong and France since 2013, and she has also been helping to promote French culture and language in Hong Kong as a Board member and Vice President of Alliance Française de Hong Kong.

Wendy felt that the school life in SPCS had influenced her in early days, equipping her with a strong foundation which had helped her tremendously with later life development. For example, Wendy enjoyed all sorts of extra-curricular activities such as sports and singing, and particularly loved the rich theatre activities the school offered. She was the chairperson of the Drama Club in Form Four, had a taste of being a theatre director and played "Viola" at the Shakespeare's play "Twelfth Night". In Form Five, she was given another chance to play "Cornelius" at an interclass musical theatre play "Hello Dolly".

Wendy also had lots of fond memories of the school. Inside the classroom, it would be the great and high quality teachers, and the fun she had with her classmates. She recalled the beautiful campus at that time, with elegant French windows and infrastructure, and authentic French flooring tiles and staircases. Domestic Science classes taught by Mrs. Hui were Wendy's favourite lessons. She could use the beautiful cooking room that always smelled so good and the interesting cooking facilities & utensils to learn how to bake scones, cakes and pastries, to properly clean and brush shoes, and to acquire all the western etiquette that really fascinated her as a young girl.

Wendy's life at SPCS was filled with lots of dynamic and enriching training, activities and experiences. All these experiences gained at school had definitely helped her to grow as a dynamic and all-rounded person, not afraid of exploring new ventures and connecting with people.

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