



Annie Tang

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The Path to Deputy Mayorship

It was the summer of 1972 when Annie first attended SPCS and started her 5 years of high school education. She remembers when she arrived at the school, she was in a completely new environment with some young ladies in the same position.

In addition to supporting students' academic achievements, the school also encouraged them to participate in various extracurricular activities and explore their interests and talents. "I was honoured to be selected as a member of the school choir. I never thought myself so accomplished, taking on the challenge of singing my first folk song 'Today' together with guitar performance," said Annie. She thought SPCS had a well deserved reputation for mentoring young ladies to have the confidence to achieve more than they thought possible. It also inspired her that one should "connect oneself with opportunities which would facilitate one's dream", which is also her motto of life.

Looking back, Annie felt that high school was too short and it was the most memorable time in her life. The Principal and teachers were very committed to supporting students' well-being and personal growth. They created a positive and harmonious school environment. The school opened up opportunities for young ladies to progress on their paths and to realise their potentials, and most importantly, to build lifelong friendships. She believes that SPCS was the open door into the rest of her life. It created the fire in her heart, cultivated her dreams, this is where she began her journey and allowed her to achieve full potential of herself.



Annie in her school uniform

Many things happened during her secondary education, which eventually made her the person she is today. "There is no doubt that my position as the Deputy Mayor on the Council must, by necessity, require me an inquiring mind, an eye for detail, a heart to serve the community and also a modicum of patience. It was with the influence of SPCS that I have become a lady of integrity, with a sense of purpose, the ability to achieve full potential in all areas of endeavour and also the confidence in communication."

Annie was awarded the Top Ten Outstanding Cantonese Figure at the First Global Conference of the Cantonese in 2013. She considers the black & white oxford shoes her most prized memorabilia because they are identified with the school and they accompanied her through an important path of her life.

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