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1950s, P4

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### **A Remarkable Boy Paulinian**

Do you know that there were boys in SPCS primary section in the 1950s? Dr David Fang was one of them. He studied in SPCS from kindergarten to primary four. After primary four, all male students would leave SPCS. Whilst most boys carried on their studies in St. Joseph's College, he continued his studies in True Light Primary School at the age of 8 and later Wah Yan College. He was underage for St Joseph's because he had skipped one year at SPCS.

With very vague memory, he recalls the days in SPCS. Kindergarten days were filled with joy and laughter. Children were playing all the time. The school campus was located in the same lot as it is now, but it was completely different then. There was a huge playground and ample space. The school hall was located above the playground. Students lined up to enter the old classrooms every morning after assembly. The hospital was behind the school but was quite mysterious to him.

He clearly remembers the school principal Sr. Rose and her red face. Most classmates were girls and there was a mix in ethnicities. Despite classes being taught in English, and only Chinese being spoken at home, he could clearly understand the native British teachers and naturally pick up the language within days of starting school. He fully believes that language should be taught at a very early age.

Dr Fang has extensive ties with SPCS. His aunt Marian Fang was a remarkable teacher in SPCS. His sisters, brothers and cousins (Anson, Ninson, Frank and Christine) were all Paulinians. From 2002 to 2009, Dr Fang served as the medical superintendent of St. Paul's Hospital, succeeding his uncle Sir Harry Fang who had deeply influenced him in the path of musculoskeletal surgery and rehabilitation.

Being a Catholic, he shares the same values with the Sisters of St Paul de Chartres. The Sisters of St Paul came to Hong Kong with a solemn mission to serve, to preach and to educate. Likewise, Dr Fang is very devoted to medical and rehabilitation services in Hong Kong. He served in The Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation, the MacLehose Medical Rehabilitation Centre, the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine, Health and Development Advisory Board, and the Medical Council of Hong Kong. He is also an honorary professor in the Faculty of Medicine and Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, The University of Hong Kong.

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