

献大礼—石头

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母校的校园二侧,矗立着二块石头;分别刻着隆根长老的墨宝,"饮水思源"及"爱我菩提"。

这是校友会在2010年创会二十年时,献给母校的大礼。原本是要送一块"大石头",后觉得"大"石头给人的感觉较沉重,有距离感,不容易亲近,最后确定送二块高矮各一的石头,布置上会比较灵活,对小学生而言也不至于高不可攀。立石的目的是要让学弟学妹们,离开了母校的校友们,能有一个缅怀母校,作为今后共同记忆的校园地标……

隆根长老的刻字,秉承了传统,并赋予了石头生命;希望"饮水思源"的回馈精神能在校友群中永续发展,也希望"爱我菩提"的情怀能长存在校友们的内心深处。这在趋于功利的现今社会,尤显意义的重大。

随着社会的变迁,发展的需要,母校几经搬迁,面貌也变化很大,尤其是我们芽笼时代的老菩提,更是有景物全非之感觉。但不论母校现在何处,变成何样,我们对母校精神上的认知,却不曾改变;母校今日的成就,也让我们深感自豪!

悠悠菩提心,涓涓校友情。敬爱的校友们,不论您现处于人生那一阶段,不论您的人生际遇如何,在"敦品励学"校训中培育,在苍苍的菩提叶下长大的菩提人啊,我们对母校都会有共同的、无法割舍的感情……请你们常回母校看看,看学弟学妹们如何传承菩提精神,看菩提幼叶如何在菩提园中茁壮成长,并在饮



接友会情系母校二十余载

2010年7月31日,菩提校友会在母校举行了盛大的创会二十纪念晚会。大会嘉宾为佛教总会主席,菩提学校董事会主席释广声。校友会送给母校的大礼,"饮水思源"及"爱我菩提"二块园景石在当晚亮灯揭幕。当晚,约有四百多位校友出席了盛会,场面热烈。

表演节目非常丰富,有校友会管乐队,菩提武术队及舞蹈表演等。此外,还请到南少林舞龙队及难得一见的舞虎。所有节目都很有水准,非常精彩,都赢得台下热烈的掌声。

校友会管乐队的团员都是刚离校不久的校友。这批校友在母校就读时,在学校老师的指导下,队员们的努力下,连续拿下多个奖项,是支表现突出的高水平小学乐队。员们离校后,对音乐的热情不减,团员们仍有强烈的归属感,因此,便有让乐团继续的展的念头。校友会在知悉了学弟学妹们的便成为了校友会管乐队。

由于经费有限,校友会管乐队演出时须借用乐器。当晚菩提的现任校长,周美丽校长,为了表示对管乐队的支持,献唱了一首歌,呼吁校友们捐些款项,为乐队购乐器尽份力。这即兴的节目,掀起一阵高潮,在场的校友都纷纷踊跃捐献。大家都抱着有一分热、发一分光的精神,希望能让这批年轻的学弟学妹们的愿望,早日实现。

校友会二十年来的成绩是有目共睹的。 校友们心系母校的情怀,都表现在实际的行 动上。校友会颁给在籍学生的奖学金,助学



金等,每年从不间断。校友会更利用周末时,开办教育课程给在籍学生;每年的教师节,校友会必送礼报答师恩;母校的各项庆典,都少不了校友会的一份。校友回馈母校,母校也在校内分配一办公室给校友会,让校友会设立秘书处,并大力支持校友会的各项活动。这二十年来,校友会与母校以这种圆融的共生关系,很好的生存下来,并能不断地寻求突破与发展。

二十年在历史的长河中,可能是很短的时空;但对一个完全靠校友的服务热情,回馈母校的意志支撑起来的义务团体,是非常不容易的生存考验。菩提校友会决不是富豪俱乐部,也决不会沦为麻将俱乐部;它是真正干实务,真正让校友回馈母校,真正让校友以身为菩提人为荣的公益团队!

我们不能仅回顾过去二十年做了些什么,都已成过去。我们要放眼未来,为校友会的明天描绘愿景。但更重要的,我们要珍惜当下,让更多的校友参与活动,壮大我们的力量;让各年龄层的校友都能凝聚在一起,使会务基业长青;让母校得到更大的帮助、使菩提叶更加茂盛翠绿……



菩提学核核友会教育基金奖学金领奖礼



校友会教育基金自1999年成立以来,获得校董、校方及校友的热烈响应和积极支持。

教育基金每年都颁发助学金以协助那些家境困难 的学生渡过难关。每年母校举行的颁奖礼, 我会也颁 发奖学金给考获全级(小一至小六)优异成绩的学弟 学妹们。每年小六会考最优异成绩的学弟妹们也获我 会颁发教育基金奖学金, 鼓励他们继续努力向学。









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The Maha Bodhi School Alumni Band (MBSAB) was conceptualized in the year 2005 by the Resident Conductor of the Maha Bodhi School Concert Band, Mr. Quek Book Hui when he brought all of us back for a combined recording project. The alumni remained largely dormant until 2009, when ex-members of MBS Concert Band were once again involved in a performance with the MBS Band in a school concert named "Odyssey II". With success in this project, some members decided to materialize the existence of a permanent alumni band with the following objectives in mind: To provide a platform for the ex-members of MBS Band to play music together once again; to allow our members a meaningful and fruitful avenue to spend their time, and to provide support to the juniors in MBS Band whenever the need arises.

Alas, the first Executive Committee was formed by the end of 2009. At the helm of this Committee are the Band President Mr. Clement Ng

(Class of 1999), currently an NTU Bachelor of Engineering graduate; Vice-Presidents Miss Joceyln Ng (Class of 2002) and Mr. Low Kaili (Class of 2001) who are currently pursuing their Bachelor Degrees in Biological Sciences at NTU, and Business at SIM respectively. Over the past three years of operations, **MBSAB** the had several routine activities including the "demonstration band" in helping the juniors prepare for their biennial SYF Central Judging Competition. The MBSAB had also been playing alongside the juniors at their annual "Odyssey" concert series. We had also successfully staged our first solo concert on 25th June 2010, "Reminiscence" (忆韵菩提)



One of the most recent projects that the MBSAB had organized and executed was a three-day Summer Leadership and Cohesion Camp in the June of 2011. This was organized for the members of the MBS Concert

Band to cultivate cohesion, leadership teamwork and skills in these children. With the help of dedicated alumni members who played their roles as game masters, the children experienced a series of team-building and enrichment activities which were fun but beneficial at many levels. It would not have been successful if not for the Camp Committee, led by Miss Chua Jinyu (Class of 2007).

The next major project will be the second of our biennial concert, "Reminiscence II" (忆 韵菩提II) which will be held at the Singapore Conference Hall on 29th December 2012. This concert will prove to be an interesting one we bring on stage with us, juniors from the MBS Concert Band. Apart from building rapport between the young children and the youngat-heart, this opportunity will also provide the children with the exposure of performing for a large, ticket-selling audience. We look forward to support from fellow MBS alumni, parents, as well as the school's staff and students.

新加坡东西49公里,南北27公里,面积仅710平方公里。但校友们平日却难得见一次面。这也可以理解;工作、家庭、亲朋戚友、种种社交活动的承诺,都把时间排得密不透风。得知2月4日校友会团拜时间,便赶紧为自己开个小差,赴会来了!

当日傍晚,身着休闲装,脚踩休闲鞋,轻轻松松地来到母校校门。一进门,操场正中的"敦品励学"四个大字便映入眼帘,心中即刻响起的校歌中的一段"敦品励学莫相忘……"。操场二边,多了二块石头,分别写着"饮水思源、爱我菩提"八个大字。说也奇怪,现在的母校校园与我当时就读的34巷校园虽有天渊之别,但作为菩提校友的归属感却即刻油然而生……

今年的团拜一改往年做法,不在礼堂举行,改在操场边的多功能有盖空地举行。改变的目的,是要让回校参与团拜的校友们,在更休闲的场地,无拘束的进行交流。因此,今年团拜也没设表演项目,让校友们能够聚焦于与各校友接触。场地旁设自助餐,也设了烧烤台,校友们能非常自在地、随意地、又交流又聚餐。

我非常享受此种方式的聚会。我们在悠扬悦耳的新年歌曲中感受到年的气氛,与老同学们、老师们一起剥橘子,享受新年的欢愉。吃着自助餐,拿着水杯,随意站坐,天南地北地谈古论今;或者来个满场转,到处与校友打打招呼,寒寒暄,真是一大乐趣!

间中有幸运抽奖, 奖品虽不是很丰富, 但校友们都乐在其中。

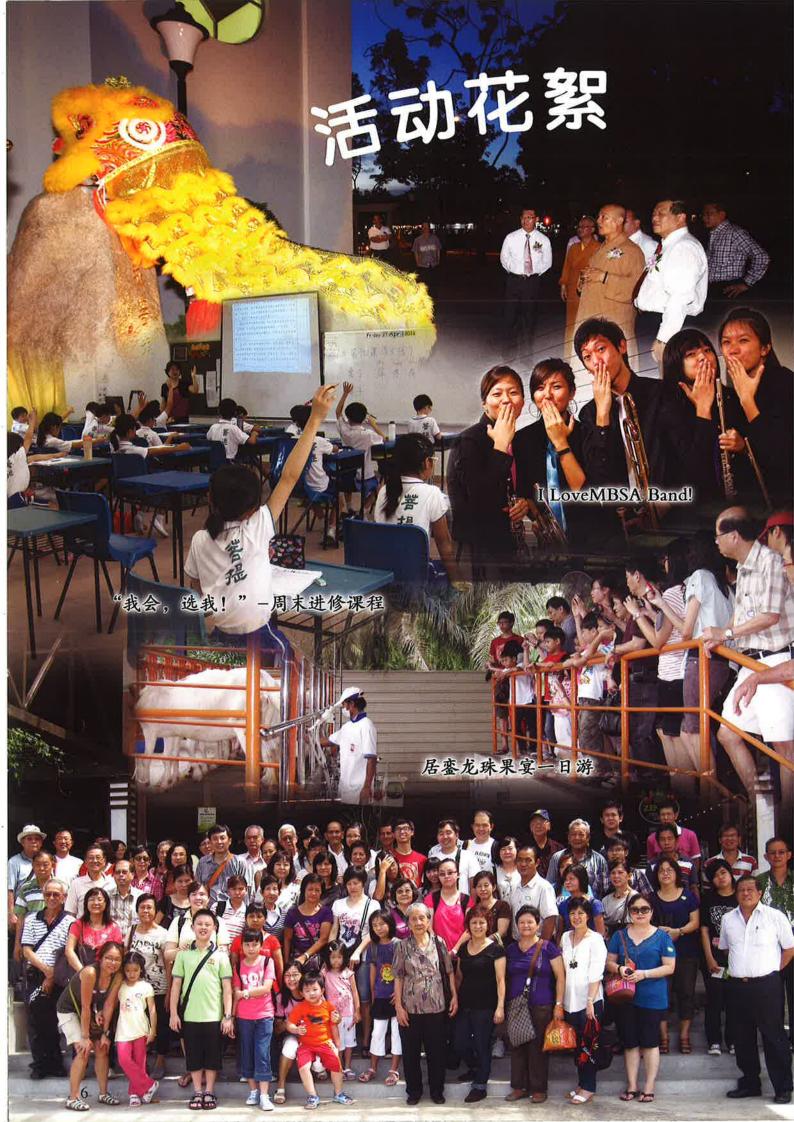
当晚还有猜灯谜游戏。猜灯谜是华族的传统庆典节目,它传承了华族文化的精华。当晚的猜灯谜吸引了许多校友参与,值得一提的,有许多年轻的校友(目前就读中学或大学的)也积极参与。被他们猜中的灯谜,应有一半以上。在大家哀叹华文水平日渐低落时,菩提毕业的青少年校友,有这么良好的表现,我们不禁要为母校的华文根基欢呼;我们老菩提们,都为学弟学妹的表现感到欣慰。

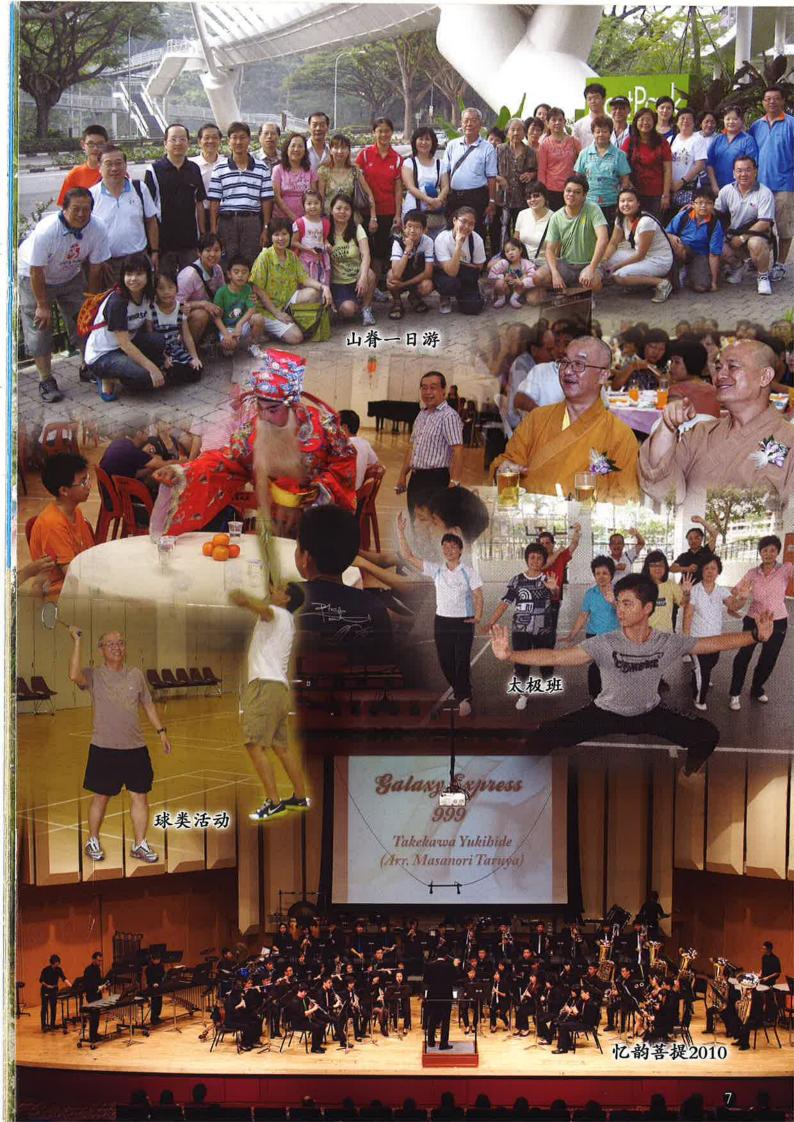
校友们都着不同的际遇,但大家对母校都充满感恩之情,对母校今日的成就都感到自豪。希望更多的同学能参与校友会的活动,特别是年轻的校友们,让校友会的活动能永续传承,生生不息……

这回聚会,见到了不少老同学。某位校友开玩笑说"我们年级也差不多了,再不见面,便可能只在报纸上看到了!"。这真是一言惊醒梦中人,我们忙忙碌碌地过生活,转眼间已年华老矣。我们真的要珍惜每次见面的时间。

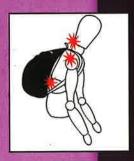
明年的校友团拜, 应是全体校友所期待的日子!





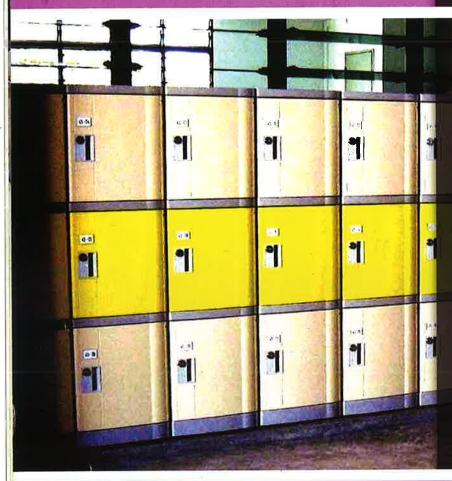


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