

## **The 45th Student Union Inauguration Ceremony**

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The 45th Student Union Inauguration Ceremony was held on 6th October 2023. The only cabinet, Serein, running for the Student Union this year had showcased their carefully designed platform during the Student Union Election Manifesto on 29 September 2023. With excellent presentation, ideas and logo with wonderful symbolism, Serein received much approval and support from our students and successfully became the official Student Union of Year 2023-2024. Congratulations!



Facing criticisms from the students, the members of Serein stayed calm and solved the misunderstandings and worries professionally.



The chairlady, Wong Yi Ching, was presenting the logo of Serein to the audience.



The cabinet members of Serein (暮霞) were answering questions collected from students from different forms. The quick reactions and clear explanations to clarify their principles and activities helped the audience gain a lot more confidence in them during the Student Union Election Manifesto.



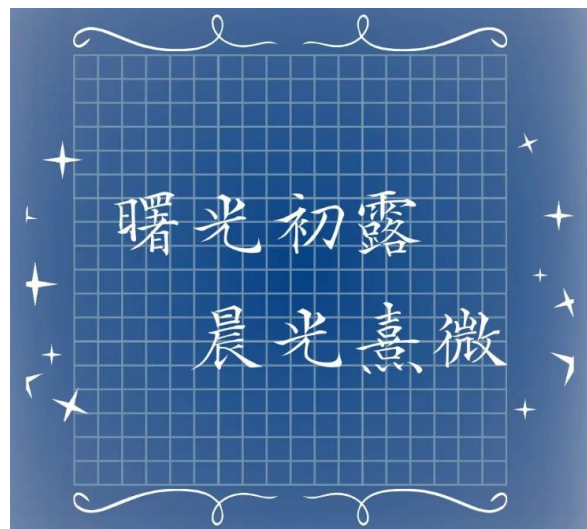
The Promotion Officer of Serena, Suen Bok Nga Bianca, was introducing herself and her working partner, Kwok Ka Yui, on the stage.



The Recreational Officers, Lau Yuet Yee and Chan Cho Kiu from Form 4, further explained the planned activities in detail.



**Waiting for the audience to enter the venue, the members of Serein were really excited to meet the students as a member of the Student Union for the first time.**



**Before the election, Serein had come up with the above slogan and introduced it to the students at the school entrance every day.**

## Serein and afterglow

The official English and Chinese names of the Student Union of Year 2023-2024 are Serein and 暮霞 (afterglow) respectively. The names, together, give a wonderful picture. Serein represents the fine rain from the clear sky, and 暮霞 (afterglow) refers to a broad arch of pinkish sunlight in the twilight sky. These imply that the Student Union will brighten the days of our students and bring students hope and courage to face their everyday challenges.

The logo of Serein was mainly formed by two colours, yellow and blue, which means that the Student Union is trustable and courageous to take any challenges this year. The rain from the clear sky formed a crystal in the middle of the logo. It represents the chairlady, Wong Yi Ching, who will unify all the cabinet members and the students as one, and maintain high transparency of the Student Union. The two blue flames around the outer ring represent the two vice chair ladies, Cheung Hoi Yiu and Yip Ho Ching, who will guide the 12 cabinet members, the smaller flames around the crystal, throughout the year. Despite the representations of the cabinet members, the four teacher advisors are included in it as four torches placed at the four cardinal directions. This implies that the teacher advisors will assist and guide the Student Union through all the ups and downs. What a wonderful and meaningful logo!



**This is the logo of Serein, the 45th Student Union of Hong Kong True Light College.**

Unlike in the past, the Student Union Inauguration Ceremony was held at True Light Hall. This gave everyone a brand new experience! After the speech given by the chairlady of the 44th Student Union, she lit the candle in her hand and passed the flame to a member of the 45th Student Union on the stage. The candle-light passing on ceremony was much more splendid and stunning as the audience sat a lot closer to the stage where the candles being lit up one after one was more clearly visible, and the solemn yet moving atmosphere was spread to the entire hall. Amazed by the ceremony, students were all invited to sing "Pass It



**Passing the flame carefully, the members of Serein**



On” together to celebrate the rise of the new leaders in our school and the legacy of the True Light spirit. Following the lead of the new chairlady, Wong Yi Ching, the Student Union pledged to give their all for the welfare of their schoolmates despite their hectic schedules and demanding schoolwork.

While the audience thought that they had experienced the most touching moment of the ceremony, the audience was surprised with one of the most cheerful, inspiring and important contributors in the society, Dr. Gigi Au-yeung, to share her views on being a leader and self development.



**Representing the Student Union, the chairlady, Wong Yi Ching, thanked the students for their support and encouragement over the month.**

Dr. Au-Yeung is a passionate and creative scholar and consultant in the field of Science and technological innovation. She has attained academic achievements of different majors in Singapore, Israel and Hong Kong, and the most significant was believed to be her Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Material Science and Engineering (MSE) in Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. Her recommendation about thinking and exploring the demand and market of the world five years later in the sharing was mind-blowing. This really had the audience all ponder whether they should still consider and aim at taking traditional jobs in the society! As to encourage our students to always be hopeful and enthusiastic in chasing their dreams and planning their career paths, she revealed much of her school life as a student at Ying Wa Girls' School. Her strong self-discipline and courage to go forth to the expanse were truly impressive and worth learning. Also, to Dr. Au-Yeung, studies are never the most important factor to success. Apart from studying hard to ensure that one is capable of learning further with strong foundations of different subjects, students, she suggested, should also actively look for the subjects and activities that they find rewarding, and they are really great at and interested in. In the end, she introduced the golden rule 'FATHER' and a new concept 'IKIGAI' to help students make better life decisions and become a good leader, and presented a meaningful gift, a gaslight, to the new chairlady.



**Dr. Ay-yeung was sharing how she had made life decisions with the concept, IKIGAI.**



**The chairlady, Wong Yi Ching, represented the 45th Student Union, received a meaningful gift from Dr. Au-Yeung.**

## **“Be the light of others at school”**

After the sharing, the 44th Student Union, Apricity, received the Golden Service medals and Certificates of Service from Principal Dr. Ng as a recognition of their wholehearted devotion to serving the students last year. Then, Principal Dr. Ng also presented badges to the 45th Student Union and wished them all success. The members of Serena were over the moon and led the audience singing “The Song of The Student Union” proudly. At the end of the ceremony, the hall was filled with joy and blessings.



**Principal Dr. Ng, teachers and the cabinet of Serein were invited for a photo-shooting after the inauguration.**

With the help and encouragement from the school, we, the Campus Reporters, were glorified and excited to have an interview with Dr. Au-Yeung after the ceremony. We have learnt a great deal on leadership from her!



**Dr. Au-Yeung, Principal Dr. Ng, Campus Reporters and their teacher advisors gathered for a photo.**





**The campus reporters were listening to Dr. Au-Yeung shared how she assigned a colleague who had studied Psychology to the marketing department and how this helped both the colleague and the department become better.**

*From Biotechnology to Environmental Sustainability and Education*

Dr. Au-Yeung has been really active in different fields. Throughout the years, she has always pushed herself to predict what will be demanded by the society in 5 to 10 years. Apart from how meaningful it is to help with people in need, since she, at that time, realized that the need of human health care was everlasting, that could ensure the knowledge learnt could be useful and up-to-date in the future for decades, she decided to study for a PhD in MSE and chose Biotechnology and BioScience on heart disease as her research topic. At the moment, Dr. Au-Yeung is working on ensuring customers' safety when using different products through Biotechnology in multiple Science and Technology research institutes and organizations. Besides, Dr. Au-Yeung has also brought some new concepts to different fields in society and tried her best to make Hong Kong a better place to live and study. Since she has great passion towards green living and she has always been thinking of how to balance between protecting the environment and maintaining the standard quality of living, she established an online trading platform, Dun Dum, for people to trade their second-handed furniture in 2015 and successfully enhanced people's awareness and willingness towards environmental sustainability and reusing furniture respectively. Other than introducing environmentally-friendly lifestyles, she also devoted a lot to education, youth development and woman empowerment. To Dr. Au-Yeung, it is a sense of responsibility to contribute to these areas as she had benefited a lot from her mentors, teachers and a lot of established seniors in the past. She was very grateful for the knowledge,

experiences and opportunities shared and given by them, and therefore, she stood up and offered the same to the juniors when she had the ability to.

## ***“Challenge yourself towards what you are fearful of.”***

### *Take The Challenges*

Instead of sitting back and enjoying what others did, Dr. Au-Yeung would rather explore the uncertainties. Talking about facing challenges as an individual, Dr. Au-Yeung never shrinks away, but pushes herself to make her goals come true and challenge herself to know her actual limits. For instance, when she just graduated from her PhD, she avoided doing anything with business as she was more used to staying in laboratories in research centers and universities, her comfort zone. However, the urge and desire to protect the environment pushed her to establish Dun Dum. She was shocked by how easy it was to start a company, and as a result, she realized that challenges are only scary and difficult if she does not take them or start working on them. For the challenges encountered when working as a leader in a team, to Dr. Au-Yeung, they are to make the best decisions, help teammates excel their strengths and maintain a friendly and encouraging atmosphere in a team. She suggested that a leader should trust and delegate tasks to the teammates and empower the teammates to unleash their potential to make them feel fulfilled in the team and become more willing to work for their leader, instead of taking up all the workload.

### *A Leader, Not A Pleaser*

Successful leaders listen to the opinions of teammates and the outside world, but most importantly, they bounce back from sharp criticisms and make decisions rationally. Dr. Au-Yeung always asks her teammates to voice out their concerns and discontent during the first 10 minutes of the team meetings. She values the ideas and feelings of each and every teammate a lot. She believes that the opinions can definitely help her better understand the situations and think of what can be done or done better. Before discussing how to handle criticisms and personal attacks, Dr. Au-Yeung emphasized that it is fair play for leaders to take achievements, receive appreciation from others and bear criticisms and negative comments. There are two sides to every coin. Therefore, leaders should be mentally prepared to be criticized. When there are criticisms, one, as a leader, may feel discouraged and sad. However, never should leaders let the criticisms and negativity bother themselves for too long and please everyone in or out of the team. A great leader always recovers quickly and continues carrying out plans for the best outcome.

Last but not least, Dr. Au-Yeung wished the 45th Student Union, Serein, all the success and fun during the year!