



# 今日青華

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二零零六年一月

### 50th SPEECH DAY

## 昔日春風化雨

## 青年會書院 第五十屆畢業暨新翼開幕典禮

## 今朝桃李滿門

校董會主席呂元祥博士致辭

Principal Yuen, Supervisor Dr. Loi, Members of the School Board, Honorable Guests, Graduates & their families & friends.

Today is the 50th Speech Day of Chinese YMCA College and surely a great day to all of you graduates.

Thank you for the invitation for me to speak to you.

As we are a bilingual society and I know you are bilingual, I shall address you in English. There will be a Chinese transcript for your perusal.

Congratulations and my best wishes to each of you on your graduation. Also, I think parents should also be congratulated for supporting you throughout your schooling. For all of you, this means the beginning of something new with further studies at the tertiary level, careers, lifestyle choices and decisions. Your choices and your decisions affect your priorities in life, where and how you wish to live.

Decisions involve taking some risks and that is what I want to talk to you about today - about making choices, being proactive and backing yourself and your dreams and from time to time taking risks in your life.

You will not always be able to fully evaluate potential career or which course you should study. And in your lives, innovation, engagement and sensible risk taking will be essentially part of a successful life either in education or in your career. How you present and embody these characteristics will be key parts of how your teachers or employers assess you and how you are ranked in those all important performance evaluation reviews.

It is not as simple as one sports advertisement which says "JUST DO IT" as it involves responsibility for your action.

In a current survey of recently retired people, those surveyed were asked to nominate their greatest regrets. The three most cited regrets were:

1. Not fully engaging with or being open with their school or work colleagues and peers,
2. Not really or sufficiently enjoying their field of study, work or careers and,
3. The theme of my address - not taking risks in education or career decisions to achieve more than the ordinary, in other words to leave a mark, to do something out of the ordinary.

You will notice that there was no reference in any of these regrets to money. (to be continued on page 8)



### 學生分享

7A 韋婉兒

青年會書院第五十屆畢業典禮暨校舍新翼開幕典禮於二零零五年十一月四日假本校禮堂圓滿結束。是次典禮相當成功，也別具意義，因為今年學校一改以往於大會堂舉行畢業典禮的習慣，同時當天更是校舍新翼開幕的日子。

在這大型的典禮中，各個程序、各個表演單位，都能夠作出適當的配合，毫無瑕疵。當中新增的多個表演項目更令我留下深刻的印象。首先是由中一同學組成的合唱團，他們一連唱出兩首詩歌，分別為Laudamus Te & Shine Jesus Shine，對於練習不久的同學，有如此歌藝，實屬難得。另外，在樂器表演中，管樂團奏出Winterfest及Novena尤其出色。看着各表演的同學，心內充滿着羨慕和敬佩，羨慕他們演出的出色，敬佩他們對音樂的堅持。當中尤令我讚歎的是英語話劇，看到同學認真的表演，準確的發音，心中猜想以為是高年級的同學負責，殊不知原來是中三級的同學。而台下的掌聲也證明了各表演同學的努力是沒有白費，更不是枉然！

畢業典禮的成功不單是同學的精彩表演所構成，還有賴各位老師及幕後同學的努力。因為若沒有老師們的指導，同學亦難以有高水準的演出，由於表演項目增加，故負責音響及燈光的老師及同學亦需要反覆綵排，務必達至最佳的視覺效果。例如，在時間囊儀式中，過程雖短短十數分鐘，各項安排能配合得完美無瑕，全靠負責老師及同學的認真準備，所以他們的付出是功不可沒。

最後，不得不提的是各制服隊伍及負責接待的同學對賓客的熱情款待及對各項程序的協助。他們各盡其職，緊守自己的崗位，其認真及專注令人留下深刻的印象。

這次典禮正肯定了青年會書院在過往五十年的努力，在此，我亦盼望母校在往後的日子能繼續以「真理、自由」的精神培育下一代！