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Principal's Talk: In Search of a Universal Language that Composes Harmony



Dr. Raymond TAM
Principal

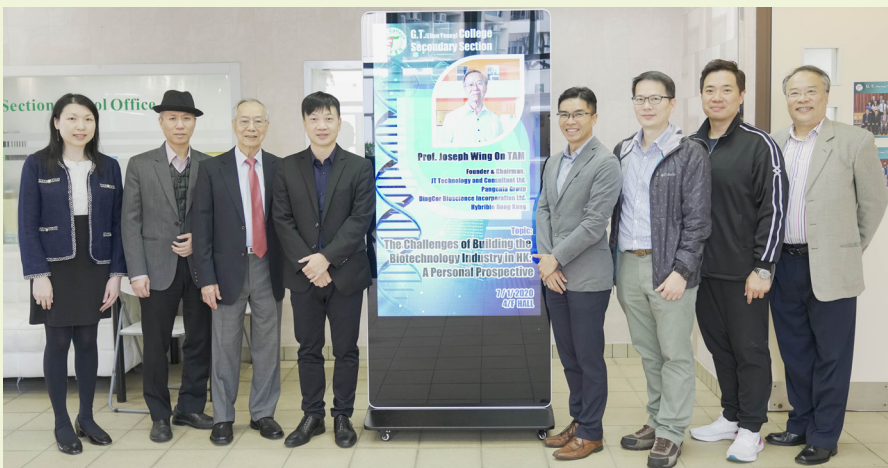
If I am asked about a common language used by our GT kids at GT College, I would not hesitate to answer: music and food. Living in such a techie's world, music is an even more shared and embraced language among students nowadays than their first and second languages.

When I recollect the fond memories of the Singing Contest in December 2019 or the Music Performance by the players with their own disabilities and special needs in November 2019, I cannot help but give my tribute to the power of music. Just a wild guess, if the players just want to showcase their own talents in commanding their instruments, or the Conductor simply yearns for a performance that reflects his or her own philosophy of music, what will become of the whole performance? When it comes to this question, we must not deny the fact that music does not merely manifest a universal language in humanity; but it also reveals some key features of teamwork or existence: In creative work or making success, the players all play a role in contributing themselves and compromising with their teammates. It involves not just passion and diligence, but also humility and respect.

Gorgeous GT musical performance has its message to us. It offers relevance to us in its close attachment to the individual's need of humility and respect in the pursuit of harmony. What does it suggest to us today about 2019, 2020, and the years ahead? Maybe, after the protests in 2019 and the coronavirus pandemic in 2020, we can see better that nothing can be taken for granted. Things can change for the worse. Eventually, what constructs the world as respect and harmony must stand; what is more subjective as individuality might be compromised at times.

Shakespeare must be a romance, cuisine, and music fanatic. He had openly declared that "if music be the food of love, play on." So true, let's savour the food of music and love around us. Let the passion for harmony play on!

Science and Mathematics Special Assembly – Prof. Joseph Wing-On TAM



A group photo with Prof. Joseph Tam (from left to right: Dr. Christine Yu, Mr. Paul Chan, Prof. Joseph Tam, Principal Tam, Mr. Albert Hong, Mr. Alex O, Mr. Richard Yiu, and Dr. Joseph Liu).

In order to enhance students' insight about the dynamic future of biotechnology and to inspire greatness in students, it is our great honor to have Prof. Joseph Wing-On TAM, Founder and Chairman of JT Technology and Consultant Ltd., Pangenia Group, DiagCor Bioscience Incorporation Limited and HybriBio Hong Kong to deliver a talk and a sharing session on 7 January 2020. Prof. Tam gave a talk entitled "The challenges of building the biotechnology industry in HK: A personal perspective" in which he shared the history of biotechnology industry development in Hong Kong, his vision and valuable experiences in the founding of biotechnology industry. In the sharing session, Prof. Tam shared his personal stories and life challenges, showing that perseverance and determination have been the keys to his success. He also highlighted that contributing to society was important in making a society better.

Dr. Christine Yu

Department Head of Science and Mathematics



Principal Tam presenting a token of gratitude to Prof. Joseph Tam



Prof. Joseph Tam sharing his personal experience and life challenges in the Q & A session hosted by Dr. Christine Yu and three students: (from right to left) Hui Marcel, 11E; Chu Tye, 11E, and Mok Yan Hei, 11E

Tchoukball Geneva Indoors



Our M15 boys' defense stymieing the Spanish high-powered offense in the tiebreak

I am so glad to be one of the participants in both Tchoukball Geneva Indoors Tournament and Nations Cup, battling with teams from European and African countries such as France, Germany, Spain, and Tunisia. Being the captain of the team, I found it hard to boost the morale of our team; luckily, I was always supported by my friends and I enjoyed the moments on the field with them too. During the matches I kept improving my skills. Not only did we enhance the strength of our team, but we also made some new friends. Thank you Professor Li, Principal Tam, and all the teachers for providing us with the chance to reach a higher stage of development in tchoukball.

Brendan Man (11D)
Captain of Boys M18

The opportunity to join this international Tchoukball competition in Switzerland was a real eye-opener. We met a lot of brilliant opponents; our skills have improved too. We also joined a day tour to visit different remarkable attractions which enriched our understanding of Swiss culture and history.

Ivan Yeung (8F)
Captain of Boys M15



Our boys' team taking a group photo with the Switzerland team before vying for the M18 championship



Students benefiting tremendously from experiencing an international competition in Switzerland for the first time



Our girls' team enjoying their time with their new friends from Tunisia



Our teams being the first runners-up in boys M15 and M18 in Tchoukball Geneva Indoors

I am very grateful to have this opportunity to go to Switzerland and to have participated in the Geneva Indoors Tchoukball Competition. Not only did I learn a lot of tchoukball skills but I also experienced the culture of Switzerland; I enjoyed the astonishing view and met a lot of foreign tchoukball players. The trip has also encouraged us to persist in advancing our tchoukball skills and aiming for better results in the future.

Gloria Chan (10D)
Captain of Girls M18

Music Talent Christmas Concert

In the evening on 20 December 2019, G. T. (Ellen Yeung) College (Secondary Section) and the Parent-Teacher Association presented the 2019-2020 Music Talent Christmas Concert at the school hall. Over 60 musicians participated in the concert, featuring exciting solo performances given by celloist Ida Kan (8F), harpist Hebe Kan (9A), soprano Sian Lee (9B), and recorderist Jaison Yung (9B) under the baton of Dr Ken Cheng. Among the audience, there were more than 100 parents and guests. The concert concluded with a rousing chorus of Hacken Lee's "Red Sun" (紅日) sung by the school choir and attendee teachers.



It was my first time to cooperate with the Orchestra. I felt amazed and fascinated. I hope to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Cheng for inviting me to take part in it. I also thank the School as well as the Parent-Teacher Association for their tremendous support in organizing this meaningful concert.

Cello Solo
Ida Kan (8F)



It is indeed a superb experience to immerse myself in the serenity of Baroque music with the tiny and unfamiliar sopranino (recorder). The seemingly impossible solo performance turned out to be a remarkable feat through practice and passion.

Recorder Solo
Jaison Yung (9B)



I would like to take this opportunity to thank Oriana Cheung for coming and performing this concerto with me. I hope that there will be chances to play with different musicians.

Harp Solo
Hebe Kan (9A)



This concert was remarkable. I'm extremely grateful for having this opportunity to perform and sing in front of hundreds of people. It was a great experience to express myself through the music that the orchestra and I jointly created.

Vocal Solo
Sian Lee (9B)



Music Conductor Dr. Ken Cheng being very much in his music



Teachers and choir members enjoying their oneness



Parents and other audiences giving their round of applause



GT Orchestra performing with guest musicians



7A Lau Yat Po playing trumpet with Trumpeter Mr. Roy Wong

The Annual School Picnic

The Annual School Picnic on 6 December 2019 was a valuable opportunity for all teachers and students to unwind and let go of their academic pressure. Unlike the G7 and G8 grill-lovers who revelled in the barbecue and various games in Kam Tin Country Club, G9 adventurers explored the wildlife during their hike on Tung Lung Island. G10 and G11 ABC were exhilarated by the awesome rides in Ocean Park, while G11 DE couldn't resist the tempting BBQ in Tai Mei Tuk. G12 opted for Cheung Chau, where they were mesmerised by the variety of local snacks and stunning sea view.

Philip Kwan and David Chan
Extra-Curricular Activities Group



G9 students taking a group photo before embarking on a trip to Tung Lung Island



G7 students gathering around the grill



G7s looking at the food in anticipation



G8 students awaiting their scrumptious meal



G9 students watching the performance of their master chef



G10A taking a "family" photo



G11 students barbecuing with their teacher



G12C striking their pose



G12A relishing the company of their friends

The Annual Singing Contest

The final round of the Annual Singing Contest was held on 20 December 2019 with a total of 8 groups and 6 solo contestants vying for different awards. Finally, Sian Lee (9B) successfully beat all her rivals with the beautiful, uplifting song Rise Up, 3 groups won the heart of the audience as well as the title of “Most Loved Singers”. The contest reached its climax with the stunning voice of the invited teachers. After the contest, G12 classes gave wonderful performances to mark the end of their school life in G.T. Special thanks must be given to the Student Union and IB students who helped out in the event.

Philip Kwan and David Chan
Extra-Curricular Activities Group



G12 students having a memorable performance in the singing contest



2nd runners-up of the “Most Loved Singers”



Guest performance by superstar teachers Mr. T.Y. Wong and Mr. Leo Lee



G12 performing their “High School Musical” with Mr. Anselm Kwok



G12A performing their “Waiting for Godot”

Christmas Party

In the morning of 20 December 2019, G.T. came alive with festive atmosphere while students of all classes were mingling with each other through the thrilling games and Christmas feast which they had prepared by themselves. Under the guidance of class teachers, students learned how to serve their peers and work as a team. For both teachers and students, the Christmas Party was surely one of the most memorable moments in the year!

Philip Kwan and David Chan
Extra-Curricular Activities Group



Fun sharing among G10 students at the Christmas party



Students playing a team building game



Class 7B enjoying their Christmas party at GT



Teachers working together with students in games



G8D students having a great time at the Christmas party

An Awaiting: City Fieldwork in Geography can be Scientific and Systematic

G11 Geography students went to Shek Kip Mei and Sham Shui Po for fieldwork on January 15, 2020. Various hypotheses were tested, such as "land rent decreases with the distance away from MTR station" and "in the inner city, living environment in a redeveloped area is better than one with no urban redevelopment." Students were guided to collect research data with a wide range of digital equipment. After enjoying a meaningful lesson outside the school, they analyzed what they had found and finally gave an in-depth presentation.



Mr. Samuel Chan introducing the historical background and development of Shek Kip Mei public housing estate.

Mr. David Chan, Mr. Leslie Tam, & Mr. Roy Tse
Geography Department



G11 Geog students in great expectation about Mei Ho House

The 1st PTA meeting

The first PTA meeting was held on 12 December 2019. Principal Tam presented the certificates of appreciation to parent representatives of all classes. Moreover, the parents decided to sponsor a number of school activities including the G12 graduation dinner, Music Talent Christmas Concert, and the reception of sister schools' teachers for the inbound exchange programmes.



Principal Tam receiving the coupons from the PTA

On 19 December, the Chairperson and the Vice-chairperson of the PTA, Ms. Gigi Lee and Ms. Jenny Mark presented the coupons to Principal Tam as a token of thanks to GT teaching and our clerical support for the PTA.

Mr. Sunny Lui
Head of Parent Liaison Group



Parent representatives receiving certificates of appreciation



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