



## DSOBA AGM

The DSOBA AGM was held on Tuesday, May 11, 2004 at the Chinese Club. Our IPP Selwyn Chan provides his report of the past year and also welcomes in the newly elected President Stanley Fong and other General Committee members.



## Message from the new President 2004-05

Dear Fellow Old Boys and DSOBA Members,

Having served as a General Committee member in the association since 1996, I am honored to be elected as President of the Diocesan School Old Boys' Association at the 2004 Annual General Meeting.

In order to better serve and add value to our membership, the association is continuously evaluating its services and event offerings. In addition to monthly lunch gatherings held in central where old boys can 'shoot the breeze' and catch up with each other, we have also planned a host of events for the coming year. Notable among these is our University Day to be held at the school in October, during which old boys will share their university experiences with current DBS students.

The following is a summary of our social events planned for the coming year: Poolside Party, Old boys Teams @ the Inter-house Swimming Final, Dinner Talk with Robert Chung (75), DSOBA President's Cup Golf Day, Old Boys Teams @ the Apple Race,

## DBS Homecoming Concert

The Homecoming Concert 2004 was held at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre on 2 July. The star studded list of performers included old boys, family and friends who all contributed so much to make the fund raising event such a success.

男拔萃於會展舉辦《回家的日子》籌款音樂會，三千六百張門票售清，估計可籌得一百五十萬元。音樂會的重頭戲是由舊生阿Lam與學弟「jam歌」。



Games Day, University Day, School Fete, DBS 135th Anniversary Dinner, Dinner Talk 2, Reunion Dinner and Dinner Talk 3.

The annual ball is our most important event in that the income derived from this event goes toward contributions to the school and the operation of the association. 2004 marks the 135th Anniversary of DBS. This year DSOBA will give up its traditional annual ball and gladly join with the school in its big gala dinner celebration.

In addition to social events we have also adopted suggestions from old boys and will be introducing the following new services:

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## DSOBA Race Box

As the attendance to the Race Box of DSOBA at Shatin Race Course has kept on dropping for last few years, we have no alternative and regret to tell you that the DSOBA Race Box will have to be terminated for this season. Thank you for your support during the past years.

Chow Kee Wing (63)  
Convenor-Race Box

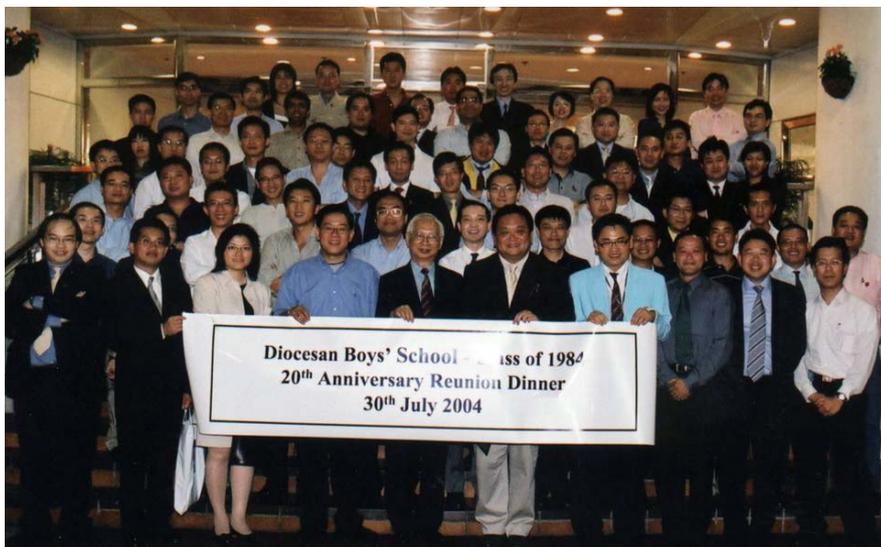
## A word from the editor

To see the full version of articles, please visit [www.dsoba.org](http://www.dsoba.org)!

A new online DSOBA membership directory will be ready soon for pilot use. If you have not updated us with your current email, please contact Amy ([amy@dsoba.org](mailto:amy@dsoba.org)) now so we can create your login account.



Daniel Ma (76)  
Editor



### The Unfailing Legend of Class 84 after 20 Years

The DBS Class 84 20th Anniversary Celebration has finally taken place at the end of July and the beginning of August of this year. It's another miracle performed by God to help us to make this historical event come true.

The title of our 20th Anniversary Celebration is 'A Dream of 20 Years' and it's a dream that I and everyone of us have waited for 20 years. We have different dreams in our lives and the DBS Dream is always our most treasured. It's my biggest dream and ideal in the past twenty years to organize this event and gather our fellow brothers together once again.

Darwin Liu (84)  
Chairman and Class Agent of Year 1984

### Class of 55 reunion

Amazing and incredible, but true. On the 10th of April 2004, thirty-two DBS 55 classmates, including several schoolmates of 53-56 reappeared at DBS on Kadoorie Hill in Mong Kok, alive and well after fifty years, i.e., half a century.

At our reunion, a programme proposal entitled "Spirit of DBS" was drafted for discussion. It was designed to encourage and nurture DBS students in the excellent tradition and Spirit of DBS, guided by Old Boys who advocate the growth of these future leaders.

### Report on the progress of DBS Primary Division

1. Our primary division (p.1-p.6) started without delay, as of 1st September, in a smooth manner.
2. The secondary division has not been unduly disturbed.
3. Traffic flow for both divisions are tolerable, and under control.

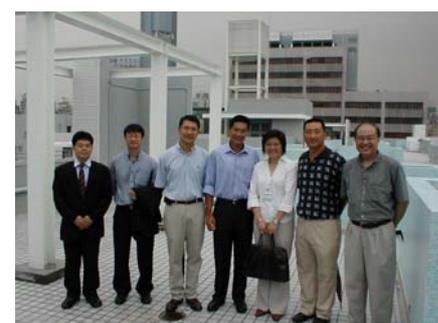
You may like to find time to visit the primary division, and help to bring about the finishing touches.

Martin Tam (63)

*Note: one single incident reported on the morning of day 1, regret that the headmaster bumped into the super-cleansed glasswall and hurt himself.*

### Visit to DBS Primary Division

The DSOBA made a visit to the new Primary Division in Aug 04, kindly hosted by Phyllis Lo, the new Head Teacher.



### Class of 67 reunion





## Squid fishing-a Fish story

It didn't look good. Hong Kong was hit by a signal 8 typhoon just one day before our squid fishing trip. Thankfully the typhoon passed quickly and the weather actually turned out fine for our event on July 17. A total of 35 brave souls and a fearless Pekinese (dog) stuck with the program and we cast off at 7pm from Tsim Sha Tsui pier. Dinner was buffet style and as usual there was more than enough food for all.

Once anchored everyone was eager to try their hand at catching some squid...or something. Scores for the first half was DSOBA team 0 vs. marine life 0. Then Jessica Fong caught a puffer fish, which was released. Then Samson Yeung (99) hooked a nice size squid, kept that one. Then it was Angela Hui's turn, she caught another puffer fish (hope it was not the same one), released that. The last person to catch something was Fredrick Ho (88) who caught a beautiful foot-long silver scabbardfish.

Stanley Fong (78)

### Quick notes:

Wanchai District Councillor **Steve Chan Yiu-fai** (75) was interviewed by TVB in May, 2004. He is also running as an independent for a LegCo functional constituency seat.

**Kenneth Suen** (58) received Vancouver General Hospital's "2004 Clinical Excellence Award".

Hanson Lau (Chairman 04/05)  
DBS Vancouver BC

**Tony Wong Chee Wah** (64) is in Toronto, recently elected member of [Ontario Provincial Parliament](#), MPP.

The new [Class of 1970 Yahoo!Group](#) is set up by **John Tjia** (70) who lives in Pleasantville, NY

**Mr Joshua Law Chi-kong** (75), Permanent Representative of the HKSAR of China to the World Trade Organization, will take up the post of Permanent Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works (Transport).

## Lowcock report card

Last Saturday evening, I had the pleasure of looking at Mr. Lowcock's DBS report card for the summer term of 1947 at which time he was in Class 2A (equivalent to Form 5). At the time Mr. Lowcock was 16.7 years old while the average age of his 24 member class was 17. This information is contained in a recently published book by Anthony Sweeting, titled Education in Hong Kong, 1941-2001: Visions and Revisions, HKU Press, 2004.

On English, Mr. Lowcock was ranked 10th in his class of 24 and he got a score of 54 points. The English teachers comment: "A very careless and untidy writer. His oral work is good. Not afraid to ask questions. He has improved in steadiness and also a little in restness recently. Has some very good ideas". In Math, Mr. Lowcock ranked 1st in his class of 24 with a score of 81.2.

The teachers comment include: "An excellent and most exploratory student, most earnest and diligent". For elementary Cantonese, only two in the class and Jimmy came first. The class teachers comment on Jimmy (from Mr. Goodban) was "Shows promise to others and thinks for himself, generally interested in his work. He ought to be severe in his own carelessness". The headmasters comment (again Goodman) was "He has done very well for his age, and is a pleasant boy to teach".

Steven Chow  
DBS Class 64

## DBS Journal Project

It is often said, good headmasters help students set goals, but great headmasters inspire students to achieve them.

I am, like many of my classmates, indebted to this great and exceptional headmaster the Rev. George She, for his inspirational teaching and guidance.

The DBS Journal dedicated its first issue to paying homage to Rev. She. It can be an annual serial publication in parallel with the DBS Steps. Whereas Steps is for students, the DBS Journal is an intellectual playground for us old boys. Please send your articles to [tedtleung@aol.com](mailto:tedtleung@aol.com)

Ted T. Leung (58)  
Editor, DBS Journal

## Suchart Jaovisidha (56)

His Excellency Suchart Jaovisidha is the current Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand and he delivered a keynote speech at the Euromoney Asia Pacific Bond conference in Hong Kong to-day. In 2003, he was the Minister of Finance.

Congratulations to **James Tien** and **Tommy Cheung** who have been re-elected to Legco via their geographic (N.T. East) and functional constituencies respectively.

## Obituaries

### Sir Oswald Cheung (37)

We are deeply saddened by the passing away of Sir Oswald Cheung, a beloved and respected member of the School Committee. He served DBS starting in 1945 as Acting Headmaster. From 1966 for over 30 years, he has dedicated himself to the management of the School as a member of the School Committee. His unparalleled efforts will always be remembered and praised.

**Chan Chiu Nup** (74) of the HK Police Force suffered a heart attack while at a Badminton competition last week. He represented DBS in Badminton and was also in our Table Tennis Team. He was always being put to take the heat during competition. His style could boost the team spirit. He was always proud to be a DBS student.

Ali Lee (73)

**Robert Choy** of Potomac, MD passed away while playing tennis on Friday, July 2, 2004. He lived life to the fullest, enjoying fine wine and exotic food, playing and watching sports, and traveling all around the world. He will be dearly remembered for his sociable nature and his ability to make and maintain lifelong friendships.

Veteran journalist **Tommy Lewis** (58) passed away peacefully on Sunday, 25th July.

*President's Report (con't)*

**1. Caring Fund for Needy Past Teachers:** With the donation of seed money by several old boys, DSOBA will soon be operating a fund designated for needy past teachers of DBS. We see this as one meaningful way of paying respects to our educators. Should any old boys and current students wish to contribute to this cause, please contact DSOBA.

**2. Mentorship Program:** By linking old boys who have extensive experience in certain professions or industries to those who are interested or new in that field, we hope the neophytes will receive no nonsense, straight from the gut insights from their mentors and gain a better understanding of the specific challenges of the industry.

To broaden our membership base I hope to attract more of our recent graduates to join and become active participants in DSOBA.

I look forward to the challenges in the coming year and hope to earn your continued support.

Stanley Fong (78)  
DSOBA President 2004-05



**DSOBA General Committee 2004-05**

General Committee

- President Stanley Fong (78)
- Vice-President (Hon) Terence Chang (65)
- Vice President Desmond Yip (82)
- Victor Tan (80)
- Hon Secretary Desmond Yip (82)
- Hon Treasurer & Finance George Hongchoy (79)
- Immediate Past President Selwyn Chan (77) IPP

- Race Box Convenor Chow Kee Wing (63)
- Rules Revision Lau Pau (76)
- George Hongchoy (79)

Committee Members:

- Tony Choi (75) PP
- Raymond CK Chu (78)
- James Hong (67)
- Sunny Lee (77)
- Henry Leung (74)
- Richard Leung (71)
- Frederick Lui (75) PP

Sub-Committee Chairmen:

- Social Function Victor Tan (80)
- Membership Development Horace Chan (66)
- Club-Activities Lawrence Lee (74)
- Newsletter & Internet Daniel Ma (76)

- DBS 135th Anniversary Dinner Committee S.A.L. Rahman (71)
- Selwyn Chan (77)
- Victor Tan (80)

**Class of 64 donation**

On the morning of Aug 21, 2004, **Phaithul Tejasakulsin** and I went over to DBS and on behalf of all the donors of Class 64, presented a check for HK\$500,000 to Mr. **Terence Chang**, the headmaster of DBS. Of this amount, HK\$400,000 will be given to DBS primary school for naming of one of the classrooms. The other HK\$100,000 will be deployed by DBS for their needs.

Steven Chow  
Class 64 Fund Raising coordinator

**IPP's Report**

**General**

Over the past year, we have an increase of 37 new Life Members, maintaining the same level of growth as the previous year (40).

**Social Activities**

There is a continuation, since 2002, of the gradual revamp of social events organized by DSOBA. Some of the less well-attended events had been replaced by a host of new activities added to our social calendar. We tend to think that these new events are either more conducive to the mature social interaction of old boys or bringing DSOBA closer to our mother school, DBS.

**Financial Status**

Our reserve fund is maintained at just above HK\$1.7 million as of 28 April 2004. As usual, the successful operation of DSOBA is financially dependent on the income raised during our Annual Ball. This year the funds raised again exceeded HK\$200,000 and out of this amount, we have contributed close to HK\$70,000 to DBS. The Race Box is still disappointingly a financial liability to DSOBA, making an annual loss of approximately HK\$40,000. Its continuation will be seriously reviewed at the outset of the next term.

With the donation of seed money by several old boys, DSOBA will soon be operating a fund designated to care for needy past teachers of DBS. We see this as a meaningful way towards paying respects to our educators. Should any old boys want to give towards this cause, please contact DSOBA. Currently, we already have HK\$60,000 in the fund.

Finally, I wish to thank all of you who have helped me run this organization over the last 2 years. I shall not name every one of you, but you know who you are. Thank you.

S.Selwyn Chan (77)  
President 2003-04

