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Count Our Blessings

Good morning, teachers and fellow students.

Welcome back again! May God keep you healthy in your body, heart and mind!

As I mentioned in the School Opening Speech, this year PLHKS has reached its 40th anniversary. We've set our theme as **“Rejoicing at 40 years of God's grace and fellowship, and sparking future educational innovation (感恩同行四十載，積極創新迎未來)”** Before celebrating, let's **count our blessings** and reflect on what the LORD has done for us.

PLHKS started as a nameless school with a very low banding. With God's grace, under the great leadership of Dr. Hui Yin Fat, the founding Supervisor, and Mr. Ho Kuen Fai, the founding Principal, together with the hard work of all the teachers and non-teaching staff, PLHKS has elevated herself to become an EMI school with a high banding in the district. In the eyes of the public, PLHKS is a good school, and the students here are polite and obedient.

In terms of academic performance, over the past 10 years, we have put more emphasis into this area and many fruits were borne of this effort. In general, we have sustained quite good results in HKDSE. Take this year's results as an example. On the 2022 HKDSE, students obtained results as good as the previous year. In terms of level 4 percentage, most of the subjects have a much higher percentage than the Hong Kong Average. For instance, in Physics, the HK Average is around 50% but we achieved 64%. In Geography, the HK Average is around 37% but we obtained 82%. In History, the HK Average is 47% but we got 95%. In terms of JUPAS offers, around 75% of students received a DEGREE offer, and more than 45% of them have entered HKU, CUHK and UST. As is tradition, our students are fond of studying in CUHK. This year, there are 23 students entering CUHK, meaning nearly 1 out of 4 S.6 students have been accepted to CUHK, a new record high this year.

Apart from the above, it has been recognized by the public that we are a caring school with very good teachers who take good care of our students, and we have a well-organized Counselling team providing comprehensive service to our students. From

time to time, parents share their appreciation and thanks with me about how class teachers or teachers provided timely and suitable help for their kids. In the External School Review, the EDB highlighted and appreciated our efforts in building such a caring environment for our students.

In addition, we have sustained our school with a number of signature school activities. One great example is in drama. We are a five time Champion in the Hong Kong Drama Festival, winning an unprecedented 5 consecutive years in Chinese, English and PTH. It is a record that has not been broken. Also, we are the first school in Hong Kong to embed Arts Education into the formal curriculum. Apart from Drama, Our English debating, English public speaking, and Chinese debating teams have won numerous prizes over the years and have prepared a great many students to be strong debaters and speakers. These activities benefit thousands of students and make us well-liked by the public.

Like the “Promised land” of the Israelites, our school is “A land cared for by the Lord your God: the eyes of the Lord your God are on it at all times from one end of the year to the other.” That is why we have to be thankful for what the LORD has done for us. Thank HIM for keeping us and bringing us to new development throughout the 40 years. Praise the LORD!