

## 華光點滴

### Snapshots of Huaguang Family



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廣西省南寧市苗圃行動華光女子高中(華光)是中國唯一一所純慈善公益性民辦女子高中。學校宣導「金鳳工程」，即倡導少數民族貧困女童爭取上高中的權益，為廣西少數民族貧困女童提供免費接受高中教育的機會。學校由熱心教育的劉光華女士於2000年創建，前身為廣西南寧華光女子中學，每年招收老、邊、少、偏、窮地區的貧困少數民族女生。苗圃行動約在10年前和同一藍天一起資助及參與營辦，學校名聲及學生成績每年都有所提升，去年高考成績卓越，94.6%的學生考上大專或本科院校。本人有幸在去年加入成為學校的理事會成員之一，去年五月更邀請到香港著名藝人陳玉蓮女士(小龍女)出席2013-2014年度的畢業禮及晚宴，為同學們打氣。其實陳玉蓮女士早於6年前已探訪華光，因而對華光之感情非淺。

Nanning City Sowers Action Huaguang Girls' High-School in Guangxi Province is the only purely non-profit charitable high school for girls operated by private sector in Mainland China. The "Golden Phoenix Campaign" put forward by the school fights for the rights of impoverished ethnic minority girls to receive education, and provide opportunities for ethnic minority girls in Guangxi to enjoy free high school education. The school, formerly Guangxi Nanning Huaguang Girls' High-School, was founded in 2000 by Ms. Liu Guanghua, a lady highly devoted to education. Every year, the school enrolls ethnic minority female students from old and poor frontier regions populated by ethnic minorities. About a decade ago, Sowers Action started to collaborate with Uniskies to support the school by providing direct subsidy and assistance in operation. Under the support, the school has been achieving better academic results and wide recognition year by year. Last year, its students did extremely well in the National College Entrance Examination, in which 94.6% of them gained college or university admissions! It is my honor to become a member of the school's council since last year. Ms. Idy Chan who had visited Huaguang 6 years ago, had joined us to take part in the school's 13-14 graduation ceremony and the banquet last May, to show her support to the students and her strong affection to the school.

本人更在當天認識了兩位有機會出國到挪威聯合世界書院留學的魏小雲和哥斯大黎加聯合世界書院留學的許展飛同學，在和她倆交流後才真的感受到智識能改變命運的道理。這兩位小妮子留學回來，已脫胎換骨，其後更拿到全數獎學金去美國升讀大學。據知還有3位華光同學——蘭美慧、覃西燕和黃翠蓮，也都去了孟加拉聯合世界書院就讀，只是無緣見面！對於聯合世界書院可能大家較陌生，其實全世界只有13間，而香港李寶椿聯合世界書院也是其中之一，聯合世界書院之特色是國際共融（即小小聯合國）。例如香港李寶椿聯合世界書院雖只有200多名學生，但卻是來自40多個國家。現時中國聯合世界書院之兩位領導人都特別關顧華光之學生和特別給予面見機會！

自從出任華光理事以來，一年內已作多次探訪，以加深對校務運作的了解。華光深受各界支持，去年底新曄電子（深圳）有限公司的首屆慈善公益活動更組織20人之自駕車隊，到訪華光，並捐贈物資給學生。

去年聖誕節，香港有10位義工到華光作親慈探訪，受到師生熱情款待。除有交流會外，更有篝火晚會和家訪等活動。

今年5月底，我和太太（華光財務組長）帶同善長到華光考察，適逢江蘇省邳州電視到華光採訪及拍攝學校情況，更遠道到訪其中一位畢業生藍美慧（現就讀於亞洲女子大學）於馬山縣里當鄉的居所拍攝。村莊四周被高山環抱，既沒有公路又缺水無電，下車後要走個多小時山路才能到達。電視台希望把藍美慧同學當年往返學校的艱苦情況為華光製作宣傳片，期望日後華光能透過此片的宣傳，得到更多資助！

On the same day, I made friends with two graduates, Wei Xiaoyun and Xu Zhanfei, who had the opportunities to further their study in United World College in Norway and Costa Rica, respectively. After chatting with them, it was the first time I genuinely felt that “knowledge reshapes fate” is a truth. They were like reborns after going overseas and had been subsequently granted full scholarship to study in the universities in the United States. I heard that three more fellows of Huaguang (Lan Meihui, Tan XiYan and Huang Cuilian) were studying in United World College in Bangladesh. Just that we were not fortunate to meet each other that day! United World College may sounds a bit unfamiliar. In fact, there are only 13 of them around the world and Li Po Chun United World College of Hong Kong is a one of them, all characterized by multicultural integration (little United Nation). Li Po Chun UWC has only over 200 students but they are from more than 40 countries. Two leaders of China’s UWC, are very supportive of the students of Huaguang and promised to provide interview opportunities for them.

Since serving as a Council member of Huaguang, I have made several visits to the school during the year to better understand the ongoing and operation of the school. I can see that Huaguang is enjoying huge public supports. Last year, Sun Wah Electronics (Shenzhen) Co., Ltd. launched its first charitable activity and arranged a 20-person team to drive all the way from Shenzhen to visit Huaguang and donated supplies to students.

Last Christmas, 10 Hong Kong volunteers paid a charitable visit to Huaguang and received warm hospitality from the teachers and students. Besides gatherings, the volunteers participated in a campfire party and several home visits.

At the end of May this year, I accompanied some donors in a trip to Huaguang with my wife, who is the financial team head of Huaguang. It happened to coincide with the shooting and reportage of the school by the Jiangsu Pizhou Television. The crew took efforts to reach Li Dang Village, Mashan County, the home of Lan Meihui, a Huaguang graduate who is now studying at the Asian University for Women. Surrounded by high mountains, isolated with no water and electricity supply, you have to walk in the hill for over an hour before arriving the village. The crew wanted to make a promotional video for Huaguang, showing how difficult it was for Meihui to travel to school while she was studying. It is my hope that this video will help attract more financial supports for the school!



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本年度華光高考成绩不俗，68人參加高考，本科上線有15人（其中有11位同學已被二本院校取錄，其中包括廣西外語大學、廣西財經大學、廣西民族大學及北京科技大學等），二本錄取率為16%。其他52人考上高職或高專線，遺憾有1位同學未能考上線，而此成績應是歷年來最好！

各位會員和義工下次有假期不妨考慮，親身到訪華光為師生們打氣！

Huaguang achieved encouraging results in the College Entrance Examination this year. Out of the 68 students who took part, 15 reached the admission standard, among which 11 have been admitted by second-tier universities including Guangxi University of Foreign Languages, Guangxi University of Finance and Economics, Guangxi University for Nationalities and University of Science and Technology Beijing, achieving an enrollment ratio for second-tier universities of 16%. The other 52 students have been admitted into vocational and professional colleges, though one student cannot make it just yet. Overall, this is the best results ever!

Our dear members and volunteers, will you consider visiting the teachers and students in Huaguang during your next vacation? It will definitely make a difference and mean a lot to them.