

Happily Reconnected with QESOSA (Ontario) - at AGM 2010

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My journey of reconnecting with QESOSA (Ontario) began when I attended a reunion dinner with my former teacher Miss Fung Lin Foon in the summer of 2010. There I met my QES “Big brothers” and “Big sisters” from FA70’s and 80’s residing in Toronto. It was a delightful dinner gathering, with lots of fun stories and school day memories of Queen Elizabeth School, my beloved home school in Hong Kong.

The dinner discussion brought back precious memories of the faces of former teachers and schoolmates, the images of the beautiful school building on the hill, the green green grass of the soccer field and the unique school camp in Sai Kung. We also shared the updated news of QES alumni.

To my surprise, I was the youngest attendee for the event, and was “awarded” a disc from Miss Fung that contained all the past issues of QES yearbooks. This collection is, without doubt, state of the art. It records the brilliant history of QES in the past 57 years, and provides a glimpse into the history of Hong Kong and the daily lives of its people during that period. I am also astounded to discover that QESOSA has sponsored the yearbook as early as in my QES era (1989-1993). It is amazing and great to see that QESOSA has been offering their support to the yearbook for so long! It also proves the strong connection between the overseas QES alumni organizations and that in Hong Kong. I am now committed to taking my time going through all these past issues.

Invited by Barbara, past president of the Ontario chapter, I attended the 2010 AGM dinner in November. My favourite moments of this event were

singing the school song together and watching the slide show that included updates of QESOSA schools in Hong Kong. It is encouraging to see those awarded students receiving scholarships from the QESOSA Education Promotion Organisation (EPO). Isn't this the best representation of our school teaching “修己善群”; and giving back to the community?