

# The STEPHENIAN



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## SSS Production Presents A School of Possibilities

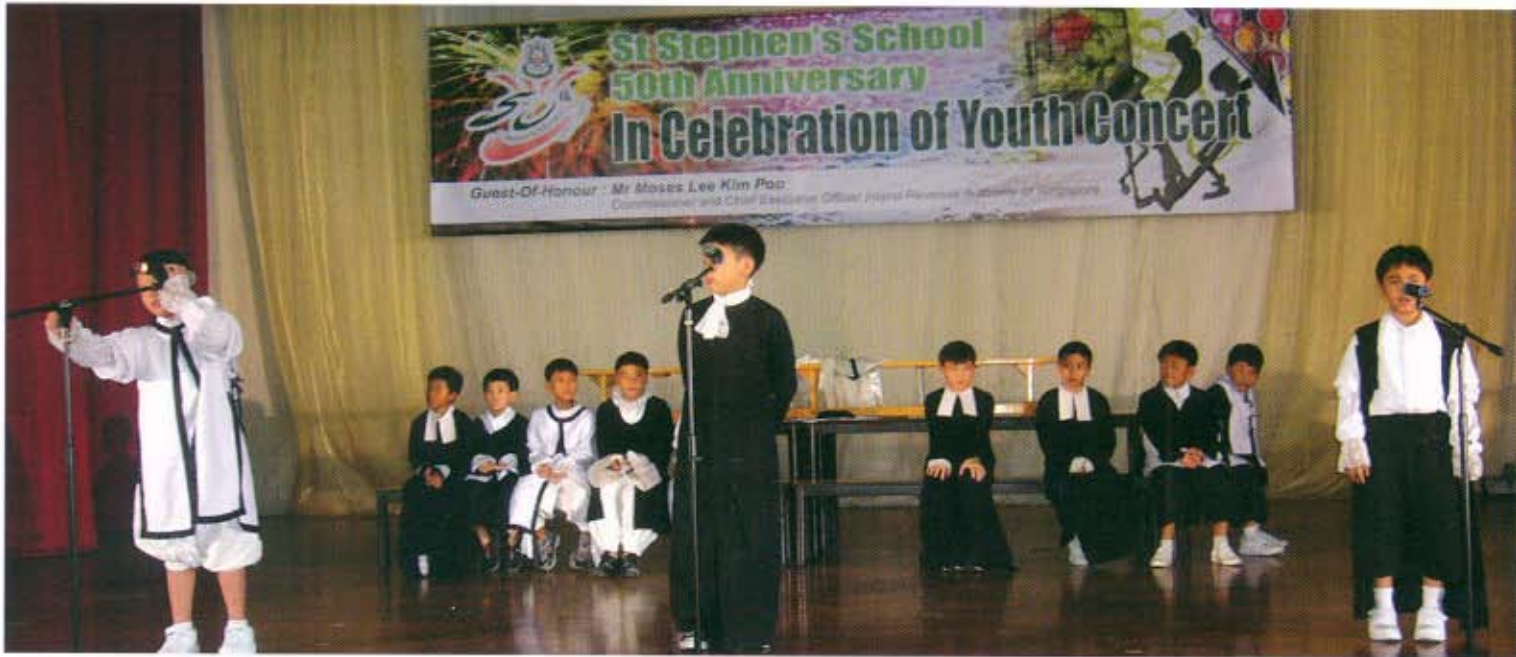
"... let's seize the moment to sail ahead, into the bright and exciting future that we can already see. Together, let's transform (St Stephen's), and make this a special home for every one of us."

*Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, National Day Rally Speech 2007*



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**To Believe, To Serve**



**"In Celebration of Youth" Concert, 30 June 2007**

"In Celebration of Youth Concert" was a part of the school's 50th Anniversary celebration. The concert provided a platform for our talented and creative pupils to showcase their aesthetic abilities. There were the sale and silent auction of art pieces done by staff and pupils. To inculcate the value of "Men for Others", proceeds from the sale of artwork, postcards and silent auction were donated to the Viva Foundation for Children with Cancer. Eight of our pupils portrayed characters from famous art pieces. They charmed the guests with their wit and eloquence. One parent commented, "They are so entertaining!" Comptroller and CEO of IRAS, Mr Moses Lee, a Stephenian, was the Guest-of-Honour for the event. He was very touched by the pupils' work and performance. The event also surfaced the team spirit of the staff in St Stephen's School.



**SSS Annual Mass Run, 8 August 2007**

East Coast Park was awash in red as Stephenians in all shapes and sizes, togged in the national colour, descended upon it. The Annual Mass Run/Walk was organized in conjunction with National Day celebrations on 8 August. The Guest-of-Honour, Dr Barry Pereira, a Stephenian, Honorary Secretary of the Eurasian Association, graced the occasion. The walk/jog aimed to foster a closer bonding of the school community and at the same time, helped to build cardiovascular fitness of our pupils and staff.



The day began bright and early with an adrenaline-pumping cardio-workout that set our hearts a-thumping. Then, armed with little Singapore flags, Stephenians and friends set off on their walk-a-jog, their flags fluttering in the sea-breeze. Early morning beach goers were pleasantly surprised to be handed the national flags.



## 50th Anniversary Dinner Celebrations, 31 August 2007

The celebrations of the school's Golden Jubilee culminated in a dinner held in school on 31 August. The Guest-of-Honour for the event was Brother Michael Broughton, the Supervisor of the Christian Brothers Schools in Singapore. Many distinguished guests like pioneer teachers, principals and vice-principals as well as parents and Stephenians took time off from their busy schedule to celebrate with current staff and pupils. After the opening addresses, Brother Michael rang the school bell used in the early 60s to announce the start of dinner. There was a wonderful spread of international and Asian cuisine together with live stations and even a chocolate fondue fountain! Everyone had their fill that night.

Entertainment for the night was provided by a 5-piece band led by Stephenian Mr Jason de Hammel, Mr. Darren Sandosham, Mr. Donald Magness, Mrs. Patricia Magness and Mr. Paul Low reminiscing experiences of their school life with those present.

The dinner is the last in a series of 50th Anniversary celebrations. We would like to thank all parents, Stephenians and friends for their generous support and assistance in making each of these events a success.



## Racial Harmony Day 2007

Racial Harmony Day was celebrated on two consecutive days on 19 and 20 July. The pupils had the opportunity to savour traditional food of the 4 main races in Singapore. The Chinese stall sold food such as *miah chee*, malt candy, *ang ku kueh*, candy floss and

yam cake. The Malay stall sold halal food like curry puff, *pisang bola manis*, *lapis sagu* and assorted Malay *kueh*. Samosa, *vadai* and *putu mayam* could be bought from the Indian stall. The Eurasian stall had Devil's curry and shepherd's pies.

There was an assembly programme in the school hall. A group of P3 pupils performed on the Chinese drums with their bare hands akin to the Malay and Indian ways of playing their traditional drums. There was also a *wushu* demonstration, a Bhangra dance and a skit on the legend of Radin Mas.

Throughout the day, classes were rostered to play traditional games of yesteryears like chapteh, paper ball, pick-up sticks and kuti-kuti.

## Teachers' Day, 31 August 2007

Pupils sent in tributes and letters of appreciation to teachers in a PowerPoint presentation every morning in the last week of term to usher in Teachers' Day celebrations. On 31 August, teachers were treated to a scrumptious breakfast by the Management. This was followed by a concert performance by our ever-talented pupils.

Our teachers reflected on their calling and vocation, and recited the Lasallian Teachers' Pledge to reaffirm our dedication to our pupils.

Our ex-pupils also came back for a visit, to reminisce the memorable days they had spent in the School and show their gratitude to their teachers. It was a fitting end to the term.



## ACT 3 Theatre Performance, 13 August 2007

ACT 3 Theatrics put up a drama entitled "Home Together". Our pupils were tickled pink by their performance and at the same time, the National Education message of the importance of racial harmony and helping one another was



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## Primary One Registration 2007

The total vacancy at St. Stephen's School in Year 2008 for Pr 1 is 210. There will be seven Primary 1 classes next year with 30 pupils in each class.

St Stephen's has become a school of choice for parents seeking quality education. In Phase 2B, 59 parents vied for 55 places. The vacancy for Phase 2C stood at 56. 78 parents tried their luck in getting their sons into SSS. Balloting was conducted for both Phases 2B and 2C.

## Staff News

### Congratulations

to Ms Fang Swee Im on being awarded the Public Administration (Bronze) Award and to Mdm Lee Hong Lee on her Long Service Award (25 years).

### Attachment:

Ms Rosidah is on attachment to Overseas Family School

### Farewell:

Ms Benji Chan on her appointment as IT manager  
Ms Judy Gomez  
Mrs Cecilia Ng

### Wedded Bliss: Congratulations to

Ms Nicole Tham and Mr Christopher Lee  
Ms Siti Nor Rafidah and Mr Ismail  
Ms Jasmine Hon and Mr Leandro Soliano

### Birth: Congratulations to

Mr Makki and Ms Rozita on the birth of their daughter Nur 'Alya Makkiyah and  
Mdm Junainah and Mr Zurairi on the birth of their daughter, Nur Iffah binte Zurairi.



### Welcome (from left to right):

Mdm Lily Chan, Ms Pek Yu Cui, Mdm Chew Lee Ming,  
Ms Norjannah and Ms Yasmin Angullia

## A Note to Parents

### Bringing Valuable Items to School

We appeal to parents to closely monitor and discourage our children from bringing valuable items to school. Teachers have mentioned that our boys bring their parents' branded MP3 players, handphones and even sports equipment to school and often without the knowledge of their parents. This has caused some instances of great unhappiness when the items were damaged, lost or when the boys argue over the loan or use of such items. Some boys have also been found to carry large sums of money to school. We would like our staff and pupils to focus their attention on learning and energies in school should not be taken up daily by teachers having to mediate such incidents. We seek your fullest cooperation in this matter.