Welcome Speech and School Report at Speech Day (21/5/2014)

A very good morning to one and all! On behalf of the whole team of Po Leung Kuk Vicwood K.T. Chong Sixth Form College, I have great pleasure on this wonderful morning in welcoming our guest of honour, Professor Albert Chan, President and Vice-Chancellor of Hong Kong Baptist University, who has kindly consented to officiate at our Annual Speech Day. I am also really delighted to welcome Sultan Dr. Vicwood Chong, Patron of our College, who has showed his generous support for our school ever since its inception. I would also like to thank our other distinguished guests and friends who have found time, amidst their tight schedules, to share every moment of this wonderful occasion with us. In today’s celebration our main heroes are our graduates, so let us welcome them and their parents too.

Here at the College, both staff and students have embarked on an exciting voyage of knowledge and enlightenment, and our staff have given their best efforts in discovering the hidden qualities of each and every student. This success lies in many factors, including a broad-based curriculum with varied and flexible elective subject combinations to cater for their needs, interests and abilities while at the same time preparing them for future success at the next level and beyond. We have also retained the small-group tutorial system and the mentor system that we successfully implemented for our past A-Level curriculum. This has provided more peer learning opportunities and stronger pastoral care. Our School also has multifarious measures in place to reinforce the academic and personal developments of our students; these include bridging programmes, enhancement and remedial classes in Chinese, English and Mathematics, additional tutorial and revision groups, our Young Mentor system, various orientation and training activities, to name but a few.

We are running 19 classes this year, and we admitted over 200 Secondary 4 students, most of whom came from our affiliated school, Po Leung Kuk Tong Nai Kan Junior Secondary College. We also admitted 11 Secondary 6 repeaters from other schools and received an exchange student from Denmark into one of our Secondary 5 classes. To further enhance the English environment of our School, we hired a native-speaking English tutor who has organized diverse English fun activities throughout the year and has guided the student editors of our school newspaper to produce 4 issues of *KTC Express*.

The performance of our students in the 2013 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary
Education Examination exceeded that of many other schools. In particular, the pass percentage of English Language was higher than the territory average, with a graduate from last year’s cohort having won the Government’s Scholarship for Prospective English Teachers. In addition, the percentage of our students meeting the minimum university entrance requirements was higher than that of the territory average, and eventually, one out of three of our students received a JUPAS offer.

For details and other information I have not mentioned here, you are most welcome to read the School Report contained in our official Speech Day programme booklet or the one on our College website.

So without wasting much time, let me round off my speech with a big thank you to the Education Bureau, our Patron Sultan Dr. Chong, our Supervisor, Directors and administrators of the Kuk, the Parent-Teacher Association, the Alumni Association, as well as my fellow colleagues for all the unwavering help and support they have rendered to me and to our College. I hope you all enjoy the morning as we celebrate the triumphs and share the joy of our next generation. Thank you!

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