

Embrace hardships and failures with open arms- Speech Day 2018

Rosaryhill Secondary School Speech Day 2018 was held on 26 May 2018. An audience of about 300 parents, staff, guests and Secondary 6 graduates gathered in the Bernard Charnwut Chan Hall to witness and take part in this delightful and memorable event. This year we were especially honoured to have Professor Yuk-Shan Wong, President of the Open University of Hong Kong, to be our guest of honour and to address our graduates.

After the school song, the Head of the Department of Religion, Br. Bosco Xiong, led the prayer. Our ceremony then began with our principal, Ms. Cherry Wong's address. She emphasized the importance for students to equip themselves with a positive mindset to face the frustrations and disappointments that we confront when struggling with challenges. Despite the unpleasant moments and experiences we might face in life, she reminded graduates that despair can be overcome with the love and support from peers and family. She stressed that students should see hardships as lessons that enable them to gain positive qualities like perseverance, empathy, sense of responsibility and composure. With the skills and life wisdom they have gained, they will be more prepared for something greater and for a brighter future.

Following the address of our principal, our guest of honour, Professor Wong Yuk-Shan gave a heart-provoking and inspiring speech to our graduates. He shared the success story of the billionaire Alibaba CEO, Jack Ma and his humble beginnings to encourage students not to surrender when life is bumpy. Jack Ma was rejected and failed many times both during his education and early work-life. However, that did not stop him from dreaming bigger. His strong persistence and perseverance is the key to his success. He reminded graduates when they embark on the next stage of their lives, they have to give some deep thought to, and listen to their heart, what they would like to pursue, whether to continue study in a field of their interest or to find a job which they like. They have to grab the chance and seize every opportunity to learn. Instead of avoiding hardship and failures, embrace them with courage like the way Jack Ma did. As success in today's world not only relies on knowledge but also creativity, personalization and specialization, graduates should make good use of their strengths, wisdom and experience and set their sights on clear goals. At the end of his speech, he wished our graduates the best in their future endeavor.

The day was embellished with the impressive and beautiful performance by our school choir and school orchestra. After the ceremony, refreshments were served.

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玫瑰崗中學周年畢業典禮已於五月二十六日(星期六)上午十一時在學校禮堂舉行。今年，該校邀得香港公開大學校長黃玉山教授蒞臨致辭及頒獎。與會之嘉賓、畢業同學之親友，歡聚一堂，共同見證老師、同學多年來教與學的成果。

典禮當日，先由該校宗教部主管熊執事帶領祈禱，接著由黃碧瑜校長致辭。她指出學校的師長與朋輩間無限的關愛和支持，就是幫助同學驅散失落與絕望的良方。同學們不應因挫折而感到氣餒及迷失。反而，應接受挑戰，在解難的過程中，學懂更多處事方法，增添人生的智慧；至於提升良好的個人素質，諸如百折不撓的精神、對他人的同理心、個人的責任感等，亦不容忽視。校長更鼓勵畢業同學不要放棄追尋夢想，她深信青少年只要有毅力，發奮圖強，終有一天夢想會成真，成就非凡！

校長演講過後，接著由主禮嘉賓香港公開大學校長黃玉山教授致辭訓勉一眾畢業生。演辭中，黃教授以阿里巴巴集團主席馬雲先生的艱辛奮鬥史為例，鼓勵同學不要因環境的困迫而放棄追求夢想，反之可學習馬雲先生那份堅毅不屈的精神，對抗逆境。黃教授提醒同學思考個人的前途時，不妨依著自己心中的意願去想去做，抓緊每次良機，實踐理想。現今世代若要成功，不能單靠知識，還須要有無限的創意及個人的獨特性才華，他建議同學要好好的運用個人的強項、智慧和人生經驗發揮自我，開創前途；且更要目光遠大，放眼國家及世界，成功必在望。

接著，就是簡單而隆重的頒獎禮，主禮嘉賓頒發畢業證書及獎項予在學業或課外活動有傑出表現的學生。頒獎完畢，與會者一同欣賞了該校學生精彩豐富的音樂藝術表演。本年度的周年畢業典禮在一片愉快的氣氛中圓滿結束。