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There is a person in black skin standing on the top of the world. He is the man who dedicates his life to politics. He is the man who struggled on and on to stand on the rostrum and proclaimed that 'change has come to America'. Within the mysterious two years, he has changed from ordinary to well-known, from black to

shining as if by magic. He is Barack Obama. Let's unravel the mystery.

The story began with an announcement on February 10, 2007. Obama announced his candidacy for President of the United States in front of the Old State Capitol building and in front of the blacks and whites. Throughout the campaign Obama emphasized the issues of rapid ending the Iraq War, increasing energy independence, and providing universal health care. That was his faith which won lots of fans' support. The process of the compaign was entertaining as though watching a sprint.

Another racer, Hillary Clinton, was leading him by a few metres. The distance between these two racers gradually decreased after a few contests. The supporters of each racer were at their heels with cheering and

clapping. Despite the mighty opponents, Obama was persistent to procure citizens' trust. The race was then remaining nearly tied. It attracted the audience from all over the world. On June 3, everyone was staring on the track looking forward to the result. With all states counted, Obama passed the finishing line first. At the same time, he became the presumptive nominee.



However, there are always hurdles getting in the way. He met his archenemy, John McCain. Another sprint began. At that time, lots of negative news about Obama was announced. "He is black. The whites won't vote for him." "He is too young, McCain is more experienced", said a punter. In spite of being looked down, Obama kept his faith - change. His



speeches touched the ones who supported him since February 10, 2007, touched the ones who had never intended to vote for him, touched his former rival Hillary and touched the whites. Hillary gave a speech in support of Obama's candidacy. After myriads of speeches and debates, Obama's dream came true, so did his supporters' dreams. He won the last sprint and became the first black president of America. However, he was not black at that time - for the limelight cast on him. He was shining on the stage.

wo years ago, Obama was sitting in the office. Now he is standing on the stage. Two years ago, Obama was an ordinary officer. Now he is a superstar. Have you experienced such extraordinary time? Great minds must be ready not only to take the opportunities, but also to make them. How your school life will be depends on you. Will it be meaningful? Will it be agreeable? The only one who can answer the question is you. If you are still living with laziness, living with anger, change your attitude. Obama said, "change has come to America." When will the change come to you?









Our Alumni Mr. Lau Kwok Fan

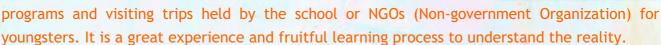
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Can you recognize the man in the photo? He is not only a member of North District Council, but also our alumni. His name is Lau Kwok Fan. After finishing F.6 and F.7 in TKPSS and graduating from the City University of Hong Kong, Mr. Lau started serving in the North District. Would you like to know more about him? Here we go!

R: REPORTERS L: MR. LAU KWOK FAN

R: What kind of school activities attracted you the most?

L: I participated in geography and Chinese culture outdoor investigation. Those activities attracted and impressed me the most. We all know a Chinese proverb that says "it is better to travel ten thousand miles than to read ten thousand books". There are a lot of exchange

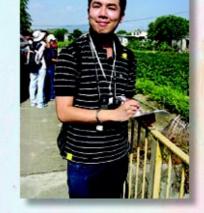




L: I asked the same question when I was at your age. Of course it was useful! Whatever you have experienced, it is worth. It just depends on what you think and what you want to do.



L: Mr Lee Yeung Shing, my Chinese History teacher, inspired me a lot. As we had the same interest, he encouraged me a lot and we always exchanged different viewpoints. Mr Chung Wai Tak, my Economics teacher, was amiable and friendly. I loved talking with him. His encouraging remarks gave me a lot of confidence. I developed an interest in Economics because of his vivid teaching methods.



R: What was your dream when you were in TKPSS?

L: I wanted to enter university and study public administration when I was in TKPSS. I thought it is excellent to become a public servant after I graduate.



R: Do you enjoy serving the Northern District?

L: Yes, of course! Serving Hong Kong citizens is one of my dreams! Being a District Council member enables me to help improve government policies. I am very close to the residents so I know what they want and need easily. I am glad that I can resolve their problems or difficulties.

R: Is there anything you want to tell the students in TKPSS?

L: In addition to studying, students should go out and broaden their horizons. You can get a lot of eye-opening life

experience in different fields. Try to join exchange programmes or study tours and become volunteers for community services. Also, don't be afraid of failure. I have tasted failure before achieving success. When you are pressured or frustrated, it is a good time to know about yourself and clarify what you need. Try more, ask more and participate more.

An interview with Ms Wong, Yee Che (儀組)

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Getting into the LSA room, we always see the janitor, Ms Wong, whom we often call "Yee Che" ('儀姐' in Chinese). She plays an important role in our school life. Have you ever talked to her? Do you want to know more about her? We have conducted an interview with her to have a better understanding of her and her work.



- 1. What do you usually do when your students cook?

 I have something important to do. I have to see whether students are doing something wrong or even dangerous. If they do, I have to remind them. What's more, I pay particular attention to the fire safety.
- 2. How would you describe our students' cooking skills?

 For the Form 1 students, I am really anxious because lots of them

 have very limited knowing of cooking. For the Form 2 students, I am less worried. Their cooking skills are overall good. Seeing the food cooked has a certain standard, I am joyful and satisfied.
- 3. What do you think about the students in our school?

 The majority of students are very well-behaved in every aspect. In my mind, students in this school are all brilliant and gentle.
- 4. Do you enjoy your job? Which part of your work is the most enjoyable?

 I do enjoy my job. I worked in a different field that I had to contact people from all walks of life. In this school, I get along with students who have simple hearts. I always feel comfortable and I think I am like a mother.

Among all my work, the duty related to cooking is the most enjoyable. I could plan my work and organize things myself. The teachers just tell me what students are going to do in the following lesson. After that, I decide when to buy the ingredients and where to put things. It is undeniably delighting and I enjoy it.



5. Are there any interesting or unforgettable things happened during your work?

Interesting things? They all happened in the LSA room. It is funny to see students' clumsy acts when they have their cooking lessons. After all, they are serious about their lessons. Any unforgettable event? It happened a long time ago. Because of the carelessness of a student, there was an accident. When the oil was added into the heated wok, a pillar of fire was formed. The wall became black also. Fortunately, this kind of accident no long happens.

From the interview, we know that Ms Wong enjoys her work a lot and we have a very positive impression in her mind. Remember to say hi when you see her!

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