

## **New ECOL School Plans to Embrace Links between School and Community**

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Cognitio College (Kowloon) is pleased with the announcement of the Education Bureau that Cognitio College Foundation Ltd, the sponsoring body of Cognitio College (Kowloon), has been allocated the new school premises in the Kai Tak Development Site 1 A-2 in place of the present campus.

Cognitio College (Kowloon) plans to develop an environmentally proactive, creative, open and learning (ECOL) school which provides strong links with the local community and enhances the development of the new district.

The ECOL concept, the brainchild of the School Supervisor, Mr Poon Shun Kwok, underlies the importance of the links between the school and the community. He shared with the staff in a meeting that “a school is not a building.” He believes that learning should not be bound by physical boundaries and that a successful school should reach out to the community as well as allow the community to reach in. Central to the ECOL plan is the school’s vision to promote sustainable development and enrich the cultural life of students and the local community. Environmental education and creative arts education will be the key focuses. The school plans to build a harmonious community by “opening” the campus for providing various environmental education programmes, cultural and artistic performances and event management services to the public. The school will continue to be a “learning” school, aiming to facilitate whole person development and student learning by equipping them with skills, knowledge and values required in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

This academic year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the school. The Principal, Ms Au Yeung Wai Yin, said with glee, “The successful application is the best birthday gift to the school. It is the culmination of a shared vision and a milestone in our path towards establishing the school as one of the best in the territory.” She added, “The ECOL plan is ready to roll now and our school will be fully committed to providing the best quality education to our students.”

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## 金禧校慶最佳禮物 文理書院〈九龍〉獲批遷校

文理書院〈九龍〉非常榮幸獲得教育局分配新校舍，新校舍將會坐落於九龍城啟德發展區〈第一區 A-2〉。文理書院〈九龍〉利用遷校的機會，希望打造一所全新概念的「ECOL 學校」，結合環保(environmentally proactive)、創新(creative)、開放(open) 與學習 (learning)的特色，藉以加強學校與社區的聯繫，協助九龍城區的發展。

文理書院〈九龍〉潘順國校監提出「ECOL 學校」，展現新校舍與社區緊密連結的概念。潘校監引用文理書院開校時香港大學教育學院韓德遜教授所說的一句話：「學校不是一座建築物。」他相信，學習是一個沒有牆的世界。一所成功的學校應該與社區雙向協作，共同發展。首先，「ECOL 學校」將以實現可持續發展的概念為目標，藉以豐富學生與社區的文化；而發展環保教育和創意藝術正是邁向此目標的途徑。此外，學校還打算將新校舍開放予公眾，為環境教育項目、文化與藝術表演和項目統籌服務等社區活動提供場地，協助建造和諧社區。最後，學校搬了新校舍，仍會推展全人教育，裝備學生的技能，加強學生知識與價值觀的培育，迎接多變的二十一世紀。

今個學年是文理書院〈九龍〉的金禧校慶，歐陽惠賢校長欣然地表示，「新校舍申請成功絕對是金禧校慶的最佳禮物，亦標誌著文理書院〈九龍〉邁向成為區內其中一所最好的學校的里程碑。」歐陽校長補充，「學校準備全力以赴，配合新校舍的建立，為學生提供最好的教育。」

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