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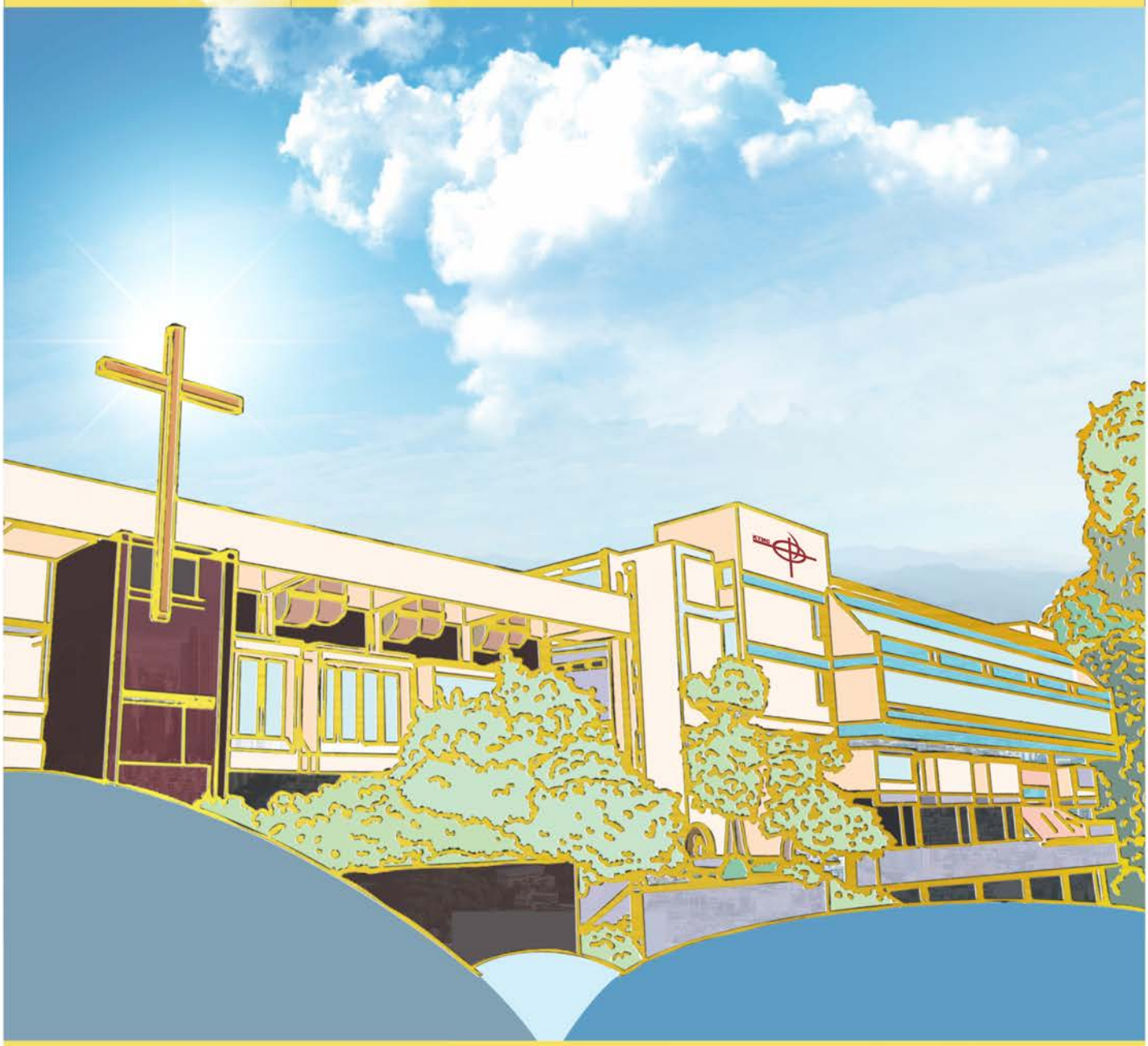
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55th Anniversary Open Day
Connecting Hearts and Minds for 55 years and Beyond!

On a pleasantly warm morning on 8 February 2026, our school celebrated its 55th Anniversary Open Day. Unlike previous years, when only part of the campus was accessible to parents and primary students, this year's event was held on a much larger scale. Almost the entire campus was open to visitors, welcoming the local community, alumni, parents and students to join in the festivities and experience the school's vibrant atmosphere.

To prepare for this major occasion, teachers and students had been working diligently since June last year. Each subject panel and section designed creative and engaging activities, merchandised the most suitable materials and set up various spots, aiming to showcase students' diverse talents. Originally planned for 30th November 2025, the event was postponed due to the fire in Tai Po earlier. Thankfully it was resumed smoothly in early February with great enthusiasm and participation.

The campus was divided into six zones — A, B, C, D, Annex and Open Playground. Visitors followed the directory to tour around the campus, collecting stamps at each spot and redeeming attractive prizes at the covered playground. Every classroom hosted its own exciting activities, featuring crafts, interactive games, and theme-based exhibitions. From art and science to music and sports, each corner of the school buzzed with creativity and laughter, while the student performances added a lively festival atmosphere.

The Parent-Teacher Association and the KTMC Old Students' Association also hosted exhibitions and offered refreshments respectively, showing their support for the great occasion. Thanks to the tireless efforts of teachers, staff, student helpers, parents and alumni, the event was a resounding success. Many old boys joined, sharing fond memories and expressing pride in the school's progress. The friendly energy and heartwarming smiles of everyone truly reflected the spirit of unity that defines our school community.

By the afternoon, the school grounds were filled with joy and nostalgia. Teachers, students, and parents alike celebrated this milestone moment together by singing our school song, marking the end of the school's 55th anniversary Open Day with pride and affection. Every smile, every greeting carried not only deep appreciation but also a shared sense of belonging — a testament to the strong bond within our school family.























A Night of Warm Memories:
Celebrating Our 55th Anniversary Together











The 55th Anniversary Banquet, held on 10 July 2026, was a resounding success! Thank you so much to all our alumni and guests for your incredible support in creating such a warm and unforgettable evening. It was a wonderful night that brought our big school family back together.

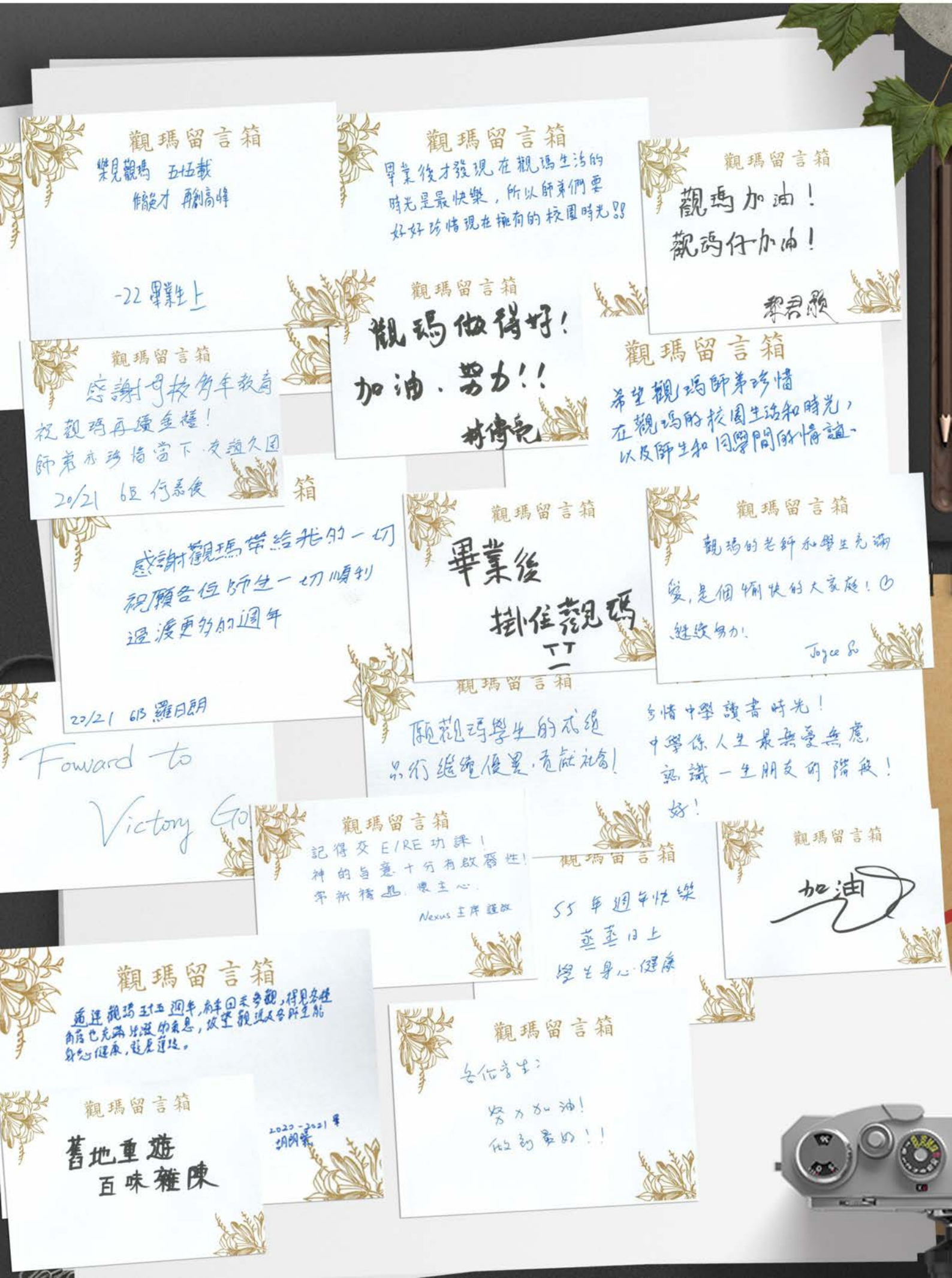
Nearly 500 guests—including our former principals, teachers, alumni, parents, and current students—filled the hall. It was a rare and precious chance for many old friends who had not seen each other in years to meet again. Everyone was so excited to catch up, chat about the good old days, and share fond memories. Interestingly, the delicious food on the tables became a second priority; guests were far more interested in feeding their souls with great conversations and enjoying the beautiful time spent together. The room was full of energy, laughter, and warm greetings. Guests also loved the beautiful decorations, especially the large 55th anniversary backdrop, the Jesus statue, and the mosaic wall. Holding special school-themed photo props, generations of our school family took photos together, creating beautiful memories to take home.

The programme was packed with exciting activities. For many alumni, the best part of the night was singing the school song. Arranged into a grand orchestral version by our alumnus Wu Hou Lam (2012 graduate F.7), our voices filled the whole room with pride. The cake-cutting and toasting ceremony was another meaningful moment, as we all wished our school a bright and successful future. Later, a fun game of Kahoot! made everyone laugh and cheer as we looked back at old school photos and remembered our dear teachers.

The 55th Anniversary Banquet successfully brought back precious school memories and showed the strong bond we all share. Thank you again to everyone for making this night such a big success!

INTERVIEWS WITH FORMER TEACHERS AND ALUMNI




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努力加油！
做到最好！！

Kowloon Region Outstanding Students Election and Kwun Tong Outstanding Students Election

Maryknollers exemplify not only academic excellence but also well-rounded personal development, embodying a holistic approach to education that nurtures every facet of a student's growth. Over the past five years, this commitment has been vividly demonstrated through their remarkable achievements in prestigious student recognition programmes. In the Kwun Tong Outstanding Students Election, Maryknollers garnered an impressive 20 Outstanding Student Awards and 17 Commended Student Awards. Similarly, in the broader Kowloon Region Outstanding Students Election, they secured 6 Outstanding Student Awards and 6 Commended Student Awards.

These accolades highlight the multifaceted talents of the awardees, who excelled consistently across multiple domains. Beyond achieving top-tier academic results, they displayed exemplary behaviour, strong leadership qualities, dedicated community service, and active participation in diverse extra-curricular activities. Their accomplishments reflect a balanced character that integrates intellectual rigour with ethical values, social responsibility, and creative pursuits.

Furthermore, many of these awardees have shown a deep sense of responsibility by actively mentoring and nurturing the next generation of Maryknollers. Through guidance, inspiration, and knowledge-sharing, they are committed to preserving and perpetuating the school's legacy of excellence—ensuring that the spirit of holistic development and outstanding achievement continues to thrive for years to come. This culture of passing on the torch underscores the enduring impact of a Maryknoll education.



Outstanding students in Kowloon Region Outstandings Students Election



Outstanding students in Kwun Tong Outstandings Students Election



Shaping the Future:
Our STEAM and AI Achievements!

Our students have reached incredible new milestones in innovation this term, blending cutting-edge technology with real-world problem-solving:

In the preparation for our upcoming STEAM Carnival (8 July 2026), students developed and showcased a self-developed AI app that analyzes sports postures. Focusing on darts, participants can host a vibrant funfair booth proving that data-driven posture adjustments directly lead to higher scores.

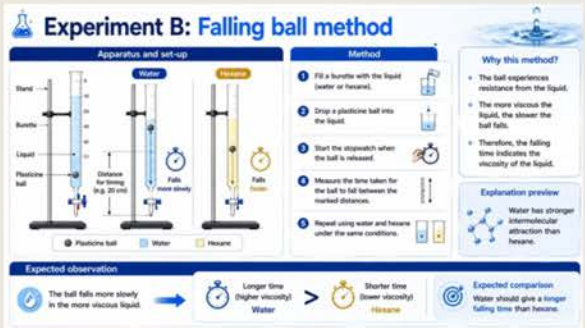
Embracing modern vibe coding, students built custom simulators for classroom presentations. This innovative approach transformed complex topics into highly engaging, interactive learning experiences that boosted peer collaboration.

Partnering with the University of Hong Kong and the University of Warwick, our students tackled a sophisticated research project. Investigating how metal ions impact plant growth, they designed an online database, wrote code, and ran simulations to map and explain their scientific findings.

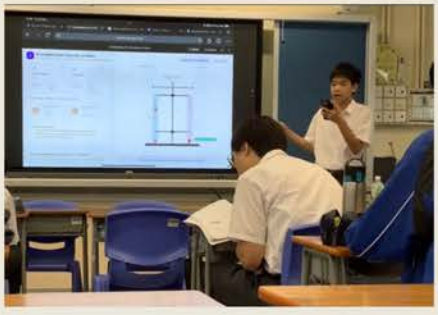
From sports analytics to elite university research, our students aren't just learning about the future—they are actively coding, simulating, and building it. Congratulations to our remarkable young innovators!



Designing our own AI apps



AI-generated presentation slide



Presenting with our AI-generated simulator

Effect of The Use of Sodium Chloride, together with Magnesium and Copper(II) salts with different concentrations on Arabidopsis Thaliana

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Kwun Tong Maryknoll College, partnered with the University of Warwick and the University of Hong Kong

Overview

Our modern world of agriculture is facing two massive challenges: rapid population growth and depletion of freshwater resources. High populations demand more food produced than ever before, yet the depletion of freshwater resources mean that less and less food can be produced eventually. Here is where our investigation comes in. We hope that through this investigation,we can find a solution that allows our crops to be grown with more efficient freshwater use,particularly by using a mixture of salts and minerals.

Aims

- Investigate the adaptability of Arabidopsis thaliana (member of the cress and cabbage family) in salt water irrigation
- Investigate the possibility of alleviating the effects of salt water irrigation by supplementing with Magnesium(Mg^{2+}) ions and Copper(II) ions(Cu^{2+}).

Background information

How to prevent them from dying by dehydration, unbalanced nutrition and more?

- What if we dilute it?
- What about adding in salts that contain other ions? (e.g. NaCl / $MgSO_4$ / $CuSO_4$)

Methodology

Seeds of Arabidopsis thaliana are divided into 4 groups :

Group 1 : Watered with distilled water as a control setup.

Group 2 : Watered with 0.25% NaCl solution.

Groups 3 and 4 : watered with various concentrations of $MgSO_4$/ $CuSO_4$ as a Mg^{2+} /Cu^{2+}supplement.

The plants are grown in an outdoors environment to simulate normal crop growing conditions, occasionally skipping due to heavy rain. Photos detailing their growth are taken twice every week.

Photos taken twice a week

After the plants have completed their stages of growth of about 60 days, samples of their tissues are collected and dissolved via nitric acid, which is then analyzed using ICP-MS, ionizing the samples and quantitating the amount and concentration of ions in them,giving us insight into their growth and determine their health.

Result

Even a low concentration of 0.25% NaCl would stunt the plant's growth. Addition of Cu^{2+} ions cause poisoning instead and kill the plant before it even completes growth. Addition of Mg^{2+} ions slightly reduces the growth stunting effect of NaCl. But, signs of excess magnesium have been observed, including reduced shoot growth and reduced above-ground growth.

Table A : Comprehensive ICP-MS Elemental Concentration Analysis Across Treatments K1–K8

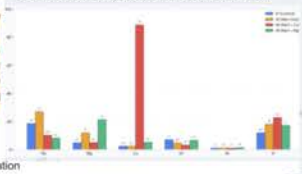


Table B : Toxicity



Conclusion

It was found out that a reduction in NaCl concentration reduces the effects of salt water irrigation, allowing for low amounts of germination and elongation. This aligns with established scientific knowledge of a lower NaCl concentration directly equating to lower NaCl influence on the plant overall.

Cu^{2+} ions causes poor growth in plants, aligning with established scientific knowledge[1] which states that copper negatively affects mineral absorption and photosynthesis in excess amounts,leading to a low amount of minerals absorbed when analyzed with ICP-MS and poor growth.



Example of a plant grown by CuSO4.Signs of ion poisoning such as chlorosis can be seen.



Example of a plant grown by $MgSO_4$ (left). Compared to the NaCl grown version (right), it has more leaves and is generally more well-grown, but is grown more disorderly due to excess Mg.

Mg^{2+} ions reduced the adverse effects of salt water irrigation,giving the plant better growth compared to the others by displacing sodium and maintaining cell membrane integrity. This also aligns with established scientific knowledge[2] stating that Mg promotes photophosphorylation, protein synthesis and chlorophyll formation,thus promoting plant growth. Effect of Excess Magnesium is also shown in other scientific studies, being limited growth and development,while not heavily influencing uptake and translocation of nutrients[3].



Next steps

- Investigate the effects of other kinds of ions (e.g. phosphate and zinc ions) under saline conditions on plant growth.
- They will continue to be grown in outdoors environments.
- There will be different concentrations of ions in different solution.

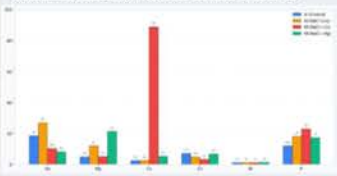
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Our results in the STEM Project (Salty Solution) organized by the University of Hong Kong and the University of Warwick

Table A

Element	K1 (Control)	K2 (NaCl only)	K5 (NaCl + 0.25% Cu)	K8 (NaCl + 0.25% Mg)
Na	−18.0	−7.9	−10.3	−9.2
Mg	−4.9	−12.6	−5.1	−21.4
Cu	−2.4	−2.5	**−88.7**	−5.2
Zn	−7.1	−4.9	−3.2	−6.7
Ni	−1.1	−1.2	−1.1	−1.4

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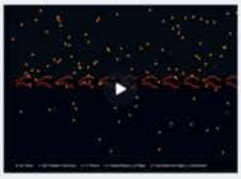


Data : Large difference in Na levels between K2 and K8

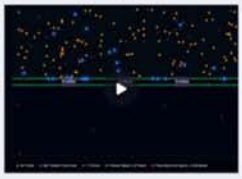
Reason : Stabilization of Cell Membrane Integrity

Result : Greener leaf, stronger stems etc.

K2



K8



The presentation slide with the incorporation of AI-assisted dynamic mechanism

Keeping the Tradition Alive:
Our Students Shine at the 77th Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival (2025)

English Speech

This year, our students achieved remarkable success at the 77th Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival (2025), earning championships and top prizes across multiple categories.

In Solo Verse Speaking, F.1 Kaden Yuen delivered a compelling recital of Peter Dixon's "*Shadow Collector*", captivating adjudicators with his expressive delivery and confident stage presence. F.6 Bilal also excelled in this category, winning the championship with a powerful and moving performance of John Jarmain's "*El Alamein*". F.5 Isaac Yee secured third place with his evocative rendition of J. Patrick Lewis's "*The First Men on the Moon*".

In Public Speaking (Team), F.3 Jaden Kwok and Jerry Hu, together with F.2 Mati Ng, claimed the championship with their insightful exploration of "Exercise and Mental Health." At senior level, F.6 Jacky Kwan, Kenneth Ho, and Franke Cheng achieved third place, showcasing teamwork and well-structured arguments.

In Public Speaking (Solo), F.4 Jerry Lam became champion with his creative speech on "A School Study Group Project," while F.5 Isaac Yee also captured the championship, thoughtfully addressing "The power to question is the basis of all human progress."

In News Feature Presentation, F.5 Mike Chan earned third place, impressing judges with his clarity and sense of audience.

Together, these achievements bring great pride to our school and alumni.



Maryknollers Shine at Speech Festival



Proud Public Speaking Team with Adjudicator

Chinese Speech

The tradition of excellence you helped build is still going strong! We are very proud to share the wonderful results of our students at the 77th Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival (2025) (Chinese Speech).

Our students took part in both the Solo Poetry and Prose Recitation categories and won excellent awards. During the competition, they put their whole hearts into their performances, showing the deep feelings and meaning of each piece beautifully. Their success shows the same hard work and passion that have always defined our school. We also want to say a big thank you to our wonderful Chinese teachers. Their patient training, guidance, and hard work truly made these great achievements possible. Seeing our current students keep up this proud tradition reminds us of the strong bond we all share.

Please join us in congratulating our talented students and dedicated teachers! Your support always inspires them to do their best. Let's stay connected, share this joy, and continue to support our students together!



77th Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival (Chinese Speech)



Champion
S1 Deng Yao Xuan

Passing the Torch:
The Inspiring "1+1 Tee" Initiative



Notes of Appreciation



KTMC Athletics Team

The seeds of the "1+1 Tee Project" were sown during the Inter-School Athletics Meet 2024-25, following an inspiring discussion with the Chairman of the Alumni Association, Rocky Poon. This meaningful initiative bridges generations of Maryknollers with a beautiful purpose: for every uniform purchased by an alumnus, a student athlete receives a sponsored team tee. The project aims to ensure all student athletes stand united in matching attire during the inter-school competitions, while allowing current students to experience firsthand the care and support of their seniors.

Designed with profound symbolism, the project features two distinct colours to differentiate the alumni from student uniforms. The artwork centres on the concept of "passing the torch" (薪火相傳). Strikingly, the alumni graphics depict the passing of a relay baton, while the students' graphics show the act of receiving it. When placed side-by-side, the two uniforms seamlessly balance into one complete, unified design.

Deeply grateful for this complimentary and precious gift, our student athletes have pledged to honour the Maryknoll spirit through rigorous training and by excelling in their competitions. Furthermore, they have promised to actively participate in Alumni Association activities after graduation, ensuring this exclusive tradition of giving back continues to uplift future generations of Maryknollers.



Connecting Mind & Heart

UK TOUR – BETT SHOW















Unity and Triumph:

27th Hong Kong Catholic Diocesan Secondary School Joint Athletics Meet

The 27th Hong Kong Catholic Diocesan Secondary School Joint Athletics Meet was successfully held on 24 January, 2026, at the Hammer Hill Road Sports Ground, and concluded on 28 to 29 January at the Kai Tak Youth Sports Ground. Aimed at fostering camaraderie among diocesan schools, cultivating sportsmanship, and promoting active sports participation, this year's athletics meet featured vigorous competition. With twenty-six boys' schools participating across Divisions one to three of the Inter-School Athletics competition, athletes pushed their absolute limits in pursuit of glory.

Following months of arduous technical and physical preparation from September to January, our school's athletics team delivered commendable performances. Our athletes secured 14th place in the Boys' A Grade, 11th in the Boys' B Grade, and a magnificent 3rd place in the Boys' C Grade.

Beyond the track and field events, the meet also bore witness to a historic milestone. On the final day, over a thousand students, teachers and principals from various Diocesan Schools came together for a Joint-school Tai Chi performance. After more than two months of dedicated rehearsal, this grand display successfully broke the Guinness World Record for the "Most Participants in a Tai Chi Event Promoting National Identity." This extraordinary achievement not only offered our students a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to make history, but also deepened their appreciation of Chinese culture, strengthened their national identity, and fostered invaluable lifelong values of physical well-being and sustainability.



Tai Chi Master



United



Our success

Walking in Faith and Gratitude:
KTMC Mentorship Programme Enters Its 11th Year









The 2025–2026 KTMC Mentorship Programme was officially launched on 17 April 2026, marking its 11th year of nurturing holistic student growth in the spirit of Catholic education. Rooted in faith and guided by the values of service and gratitude, the programme continues to strengthen the bond within the KTMC family.

This year, 50 alumni registered to serve as mentors. After careful selection based on students' interests and subject choices, 28 alumni mentors were invited to guide 112 Form 5 students, forming 28 mentorship groups. Through thoughtful matching, each group is able to build close and meaningful mentor–mentee relationships.

The kick-off ceremony featured inspiring addresses by the Principal, Ms. Caroline Sin and Mr. Rocky Poon, Chairman of the Alumni Association, encouraging students to treasure this valuable learning journey.

A key aim of the programme is to broaden students' horizons by enabling them to encounter people from diverse backgrounds, deepening their understanding of the wider world. Through regular interaction, students also develop essential interpersonal skills, learning how to communicate effectively and build respectful relationships.

At the same time, the programme strengthens the connection between alumni and the school, as mentors generously give back to guide the next generation.

Above all, the programme seeks to cultivate a heart of gratitude—to Jesus Christ, to the school, and to the alumni mentors. Guided by faith, students are inspired to grow not only in knowledge, but also in character, and to serve others with humility and love.

Alumni News Update

We invite you to take a moment to fill out your contact information so we can stay connected!
Starting from the next issue, Alumni News will be distributed through email only. To keep receiving it, please register your details now so that we can continue sending Alumni News to you.
Additionally, we look forward to sharing the latest updates from the school with you in the future.

Scan the QR code and register:

https://forms.gle/kquaosrgKGxYryci7

Thank you for your continued support of KTMC!

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