75th

Tradition Transmission Transformation



Ricci Hall 75th Anniversary Celebration

> Opening Ceremony Open Day Reunion Ball Ricci Festival Variety Show



Every Riccian, long or short haired, has a part to play

Rev Fr John C Coghlan, SJ, Warden of Ricci Hall

Just over 400 years ago Mateo Ricci arrived in China. He travelled so far from his native Italy because he was convinced he had something valuable to offer to the people of China. Very quickly he grew to respect and love the people, and because he loved and respected them, he found that he had much to learn from them which he could offer in turn to the people of the western world.

Just 78 years ago two Irish Jesuits, Frs Byrne and Neary, following in Ricci's footsteps, arrived in Hong Kong. Within 3 years Ricci Hall stood in solitary glory looking out over Green Island and the Western Harbour to Lantau Island...

The change in the western landscape of Hong Kong mirrors the changes that have taken place in China, in Hong Kong and in the University over those 75 years...

Riccians, I ask you to take a very active part in the social and political life of Hong Kong. I ask you to show the world that Hong Kong people are well capable of taking charge of their future.... Every one of you has a role to play, even those among you who, to my pain and grief, are sporting a very, very short hair style. I can't wait for your hair to grow again! However, no matter how long or short your hair, you have a part to play. Past Riccians have made a huge contribution to the development of Hong Kong. Present Riccians, follow in their footsteps and even surpass them.

Speech at 75th Anniversary Dinner, October 7, 2004



(From left): Mr Linus Cheung, Mr Andrew Wong, Professor Lap-Chee Tsui, Ms Bernadette Tsui (Director of Development & Alumni Affairs Office), Ms Christine Ma (EdD student, daughter of Mr Frederick Ma), Dr Yeung Sum



At the Opening Ceremony, Alumni Mr Andrew Wong 黃宏發(BA 1967), Mr Linus Cheung 張永霖 (BSocSc 1971; DipManStud 1978), Dr Sarah Liao 廖秀冬(BSc 1973; MPhil 1977; PhD 1985), Mr Frederick Ma 馬時亨(BA 1973), Dr Yeung Sum 楊森(BSocSc 1974; PhD 1990) and Mr Michael Suen 孫明楊(BSc 1966)