**Interview with Miss Grace Liu**

L= Miss Grace Liu K= Kimberly M= Myra

K: What category of books do you read the most? Why?

L: I prefer reading fiction books the most. They are very interesting to read. It seems like I can get away from reality when I read them. My favourite category would be detective stories. I’m particularly fond of Maigret, a series of French detective stories. What I love about detective stories is that their plot is always very intense, making readers eager to continue reading the book, hoping to know whether the main character can finally solve the case. I highly recommend you to read them as they can be good training for your brain.

M: Do you have a favourite book? Why do you like that book so much?

L: My favourite book is a book called Escape from Camp 14, by Blaine Harden. This book is based on a real story about a man escaping from North Korea camp 14, where political prisoners are kept and are closely watched. The book is very detailed, it describes thoroughly about how the man escaped from the camp, like how he betrayed others and how he was almost caught, showing how difficult it was for him to finally escape. Although the topic is sensitive, it really exposes the ugliness of humanity and the seriousness of the problems in North Korea. This is definitely a book that is worth reading.

K: Do you have any habits when reading?

L: When I read, I need to really pay attention to every line of the book to get the content, otherwise, I may get lost in the middle of the book. Of course, speed reading may be used for the less important parts in order to save time. Other than that, I would sometimes watch the movie before reading the book. Watching a movie only takes me about 2 hours while a book definitely needs a lot more than that. After watching the movie, I would be more familiar with the content, allowing me to be more involved in the story when reading. However, a movie can never compare with a book as it can never have more description of the emotions of a character than a book.

M: Have you cut down your time occupied for reading after the arisen of smart phones?

L: Although a lot of people surf the net or play online games for leisure these days, I would prefer reading. When I was little, I would normally read real books. But after the popularization of smart phones and computers, I would usually read e-books or listen to audio books. Audio books are recordings of people reading the book. Both of them can be easily accessed on different platforms on the net and are easier for us to store than real books. They are surely more convenient for busy city people as technology is so advanced nowadays.

K: How do you occupy your time after you became a teacher, so that you have time for reading?

L: After I became a teacher, I hardly have time to do anything except for marking, marking and marking. Reading became a leisure activity ever since. Whenever I have free time, instead of surfing the net or playing video games, I would listen to audio books on the internet as they are the easiest to access. I would close my eyes and listen to them, reading and relaxing at the same time, so I can at least “read” for 15-20 mins a day. Reading is quite an essential activity as it is a way to improve one’s self both in knowledge and mindset.