Speech of Mrs Bette Li on initiating the Alumnae-in-Action Program at the Banquet to celebrate OLC 60th Anniversary

Tonight is an occasion for looking back, for warm memories, for sweet memories. But I'd like it to be also an occasion for looking forward, for development, for hope. When I was invited to be Advisor of the Organizing Committee for the celebration of our 60th anniversary, I thought, should the 60th anniversary be just an occasion for eating and drinking. chatting and photo taking? Or should we make this event more meaningful, more sustainable? Throughout all these years in my contact with you, I could see your great achievements. By great achievements, I don't mean just your success in your careers. I also mean your attitude to life, your behaviour as mothers, daughters, wives and sisters. Through all these, I could see the realisation of the OLC spirit, the OLC values. And I would like to see these values to be handed down to our future generation. On the other hand, I have no doubt of your sense of belonging, your love for your alma mater, your mother school. Your very presence tonight is evidence of your feelings. So I thought, 'Why don't we tap these huge resources for the past pupils to help the present students, to do something for the school?' That is why I initiated the AiA program. This



program is two-pronged: to help the students enhance their academic performance and to help them in their personal growth. As for details, I'll leave it to the chairman of the AiA program, Rebecca Choy, to elaborate them.

Your involvement is crucial to the success of this program. We need your money, your time and your energy. The donation form will be distributed later. BUT listen, this is important: if you don't feel like donating anything, if you can't find time to help out, it is perfectly all right. I don't want you to feel the slightest feeling of uneasiness. The main purpose of tonight is reunion. If you feel that you're being reunited, we'd feel that this event is a huge success. On the other hand, if you're willing to help us, we'd be extremely grateful.

Now, to get the ball of donation rolling, I'd like to donate \$20,000, as a token of appreciation to the dedication, the passion of the organising committee and the committee for this program, also as a token of gratitude to Our Lady's College where I spent 34 happy years, no, more importantly, 34 rewarding years, because I have students like you.

Thank you!