

The 46th Student Union Inauguration Ceremony

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The 46th Student Union Inauguration Ceremony was held on the 10th of October in the Hall. Following the Student Union Chairlady's speech, the light-passing ceremony began.

This symbolic gesture continued as the flame was shared with each member, one by one. As each candle lit up, it signified that *Astra*, the new cabinet, was ready to take on their duties.

The cabinet name *Astra* means “star”. The Student Union chose this name to symbolize their goal of representing the unique wishes of their classmates. Each star represents an individual member, shining their own light while contributing to the collective brilliance of the union.



The chairlady of the 45th Student Union, Wong Yi Ching Melanie, lit a candle and passed the small flame to the chairlady of the 46th Student Union, Leung Pui Yung.



For the year 2024, the representative colors of the Student Union are purple and yellow. These colors were incorporated into the design of their logo. Purple symbolizes wisdom and gratitude, while yellow represents hope and optimism. The ultimate goal of the Student Union is for its members to strive and pursue their aspirations, with the logo serving as a reminder of their original intentions.

After the event, we were glad to have a chance to conduct an interview with Miss Alison Yu Chui Yee to know more about her inspiring journey as a Paralympic athlete and advocate for inclusivity.

A Story of Perseverance: Miss Alison Yu Chui Yee



An English reporter interviews Paralympic athlete Miss Yu Chui-yee, who inspires students with her journey.

Miss Alison Yu Chui Yee, a fencer who has represented Hong Kong at the Paralympics multiple times, has an extraordinary story of overcoming adversity. At the age of 11, she lost her left leg due to bone cancer. Her journey into fencing began serendipitously when she encountered fencers training at the same swimming pool she visited. Despite the challenges she faced, she rose to compete

on an international stage, becoming a symbol of determination, perseverance, and inclusivity in sports.

Miss Yu aspires to build a society that values equality in all aspects—including sports, where everyone, regardless of their circumstances, can participate without restriction. She hopes to see increased support and recognition for athletes at the Paralympics, shining a light on the disabled community and inspiring a better, more inclusive society.

Life Lessons Learned Through Sports

Miss Yu's journey as an athlete has taught her invaluable life lessons. After being diagnosed with bone cancer as a child and losing her leg, she learned the importance of never giving up, even in the face of overwhelming challenges.

Through fencing, she embraced the values of sportsmanship and respect for her opponents. Reflecting on her experiences, she emphasized the importance of respecting the end result, putting in the effort to improve, and focusing on the process rather than solely on winning.

Her story is one of resilience and courage—a testament to overcoming obstacles with determination. Like a warrior, she has faced and conquered the challenges life has thrown her way. Her journey inspires us to be courageous and steadfast in the pursuit of our goals.

Advice for New Student Union Members

When addressing the new Student Union members, Miss Yu Chui-yee shared several principles for creating a positive impact within their community.

First, she highlighted the importance of understanding both rights and responsibilities. Members should engage in open discussions to clarify the responsibilities they are willing to take on, fostering a sense of ownership.

Additionally, she emphasized the necessity of respecting the majority's decisions while ensuring no member feels pressured. Miss Yu also encouraged members to acknowledge and appreciate the extra efforts made by their peers, recognizing the value of teamwork and collaboration.

Finally, she advocated for promoting harmony within the group, as it is essential for building a supportive and positive environment. Her words serve as a guiding light for the incoming Student Union members as they embark on their journey of leadership and service.