

特殊教育先驅 李思泌博士榮休

Veteran special education reformer Dr Albert Li retires

短跑好手蘇偉樺去年九月在殘疾人士奧運會再奪佳績，為其母校香港紅十字會雅麗珊郡主學校寫下光輝一頁，亦為在同月離任的紅十字會學校管理委員會主席李思泌博士帶來完美的告別。

自七七年加入委員會，領導委員會二十三年，李博士對本地特殊教育的貢獻和熱忱，實非筆墨可盡錄。

任內三所特殊學校、醫院學校及一所弱智人士宿舍發展迅速，由為身體弱能及傷病學童提供基本教育機會到今天多元化的全人教育；由小六課程擴至中五及預科；更為廿四小時依賴呼吸器維生的學童給予適切的教育服務，可見李博士所花的心血。

「辦特殊教育就是為擁有不同潛質的人提供發揮的機會。今天的成就同時有賴師生的勤奮及他們對自身的期望。」李博士說。李博士勉勵眾師生繼續發揚紅十字精神，並以「先了解，後關懷」的態度參予社會服務，回饋社群。

It was another glorious chapter for the Hong Kong Red Cross Princess Alexandra School when its alumnus So Wa-wai made significant achievement at the Paralympic Games last September. The awards came at a no better timing to coincide with the retirement of Dr Albert Li Sze-bay, who stepped down as the chairman of the Red Cross Schools Management Committee in the same month.

Joining the Committee since 1977, Dr Li had chaired the body for 23 years. It would surely take a long time and huge efforts to document his contribution and passion for special education development.

Under Dr Li's leadership, the three physically handicapped schools, hospital schools and a hostel for mentally handicapped people have taken a leap-frog development from providing basic education opportunities for physical handicap and sickness students to offering diversified and holistic education today. Over the years, the curriculum has been expanding from Primary

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Dr Albert Li, former chairman of the Hong Kong Red Cross Schools Management Committee.



接替主席的資深律師任錦光先生讚賞李博士為「不可多得的人才」。任律師將帶領委員會順利過渡至新管理模式，並積極擴展服務，例如增加學生宿舍和改善學後就業。

「我們須為畢業學生謀求更好的出路，讓他們將所學的回饋社會。」不過，在金融海嘯下，任律師認為增加服務之餘，拓展新的資源和捐款將會是未來重要的工作方向。

Six to Secondary Five and ultimately to matriculation. Adequate education services were also provided to 24-hour ventilator-assisted students. All these achievements were the results of strenuous efforts by Dr Li.

"All special education strives for are opportunities offered to different people to realize their various kinds of potentials," he said. "The achievements we see today are also made possible by the hard works of the students and teachers, and driven by the expectations of themselves," Dr Li said. To bid his farewell, Dr Li encouraged the teachers and students to continue promoting the spirits of Red Cross as well as trying to understand and then care for others through social services.

Succeeding Dr Li is Mr. Allen Yam Kam-kwong, who is also a veteran lawyer. Mr. Yam praised Dr Li as "the best talent" to lead the development in the field of special education. Mr. Yam will be leading the Committee to transit to a new management mode being formulated and continue to expand the special education services such as increasing the number of dormitory places for the students and unleashing employment potentials for the graduates.

"We have to pave the way for better career prospects for the students so that they can make contributions to society with what they have learnt in schools," he said. However, Mr. Yam said there are also needs to find more resources or donation in the future to meet those new service plans especially amid the current financial tsunami.



香港紅十字會學校管理委員會主席任錦光陪同教育局局長孫明揚參觀紅會的學校。
Chairman of the Hong Kong Red Cross Schools Management Committee Mr. Allen Yam accompanies Mr. Michael Suen, Secretary for Education, to visit one of the schools run by HKRC.