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## President's Message



As the Aug. 5, 2023 school bell rings in another Fall semester at Mun Lun School, it reminds us that another school year has begun. To all our students we are reminded of what Confucius taught over 2000 years ago. “師父領進門，修行在個人 Shi fu ling jin men, xiu xing zai ge ren. Teachers open the door, you enter on your own.”

Since our Spring Newsletter at the end of May, four students graduated from Mun Lun School on May 20, 2023. Principal Shan planned our Graduation ceremonies, parents and Directors were invited and our Alma Mater was played on our brand new piano that was donated by Director Emeritus, Stanford Yuen.

See Principal Lily Shan's report.

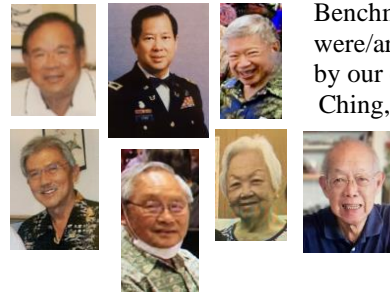
In April of this year, through the generosity of a former MLS teacher, Mrs. Stella Wong (Lau Sin Sang), who had passed away during Covid, our school was gifted a donation of her remaining Jewelry and Art Objects. Our Board of Directors gratefully accepted this donation from the executor of her estate, Attorney Barry Graczyk, and agreed that the best way to benefit the school and take care of these items, would be to have a private donation/sale for our BOD, administration, staff and Alumni and Friends as soon as possible. This very successful event in June



garnered over \$16,000 in revenues from our Board, Alumni and Friends, for our General Fund. The remaining items will be put to bid at our November 10, 2023 Alumni and Friends Banquet. See flyer insert.



Our surprise visitor July 8, 2023, was Consul Wang Qi, Director of Consular Affairs Section, of the P.R.C. Since Principal Shan was in Shanghai at the time, 1st Vice President Tina Tin and I, had the pleasure of giving Consul Wang and her Assistant, a tour of our Mun Lun School Facility and the Saturday classes that were in session.



Benchmark 80th Birthdays were/are being celebrated this year by our esteemed Directors Dr. Kin Ching, Emeritus Director Wesley Fong, and Director Douglas Wong. To our Directors that already celebrated this memorable year, Director Emeritus

Stanford Yuen last Oct, Tom Lai, Luane Fong Lau, and Gordon Au, Congratulations and much happiness and good health to all, and their families. We wish you all 福如東海，壽比南山 (fu ru dong hai, shou bi nan shan “Happiness/Good Fortune as deep as the Eastern sea, Longevity as the Southern mountains”) Our Board of Directors acknowledges their contributions in financial and legal advice, community oriented and technical skills and monetary gifts to Mo Hock Ke Lock Bo. Our school will be forever grateful to all of them.

On a sad note, is the passing of our former Director Emeritus, Jensen Hee, who served on the Board of MHKLB for over 50 years as Past President, Treasurer, and Investment Committee member. See Remembrances of Jensen Hee.

This is my final message as President of Mo Hock Ke Lock Bo these two years. Needless to say, it was a humbling and exhilarating experience to be the first female President in Mun Lun School's 112-year history. Being on the Board since 2007, brought me much insight into the running of Mun Lun School and all the wheels that make the wagon go, or the paddlers that power our canoe. I work with dedicated and hard-working members who contribute continuously to its growth and survival during all these years, including Covid to the present. I will be forever grateful to all our Directors and mentors and alumni and friends who help us carry on the legacy of our parent's generation to impart our language and precious culture to the youth of Hawaii. We should be in good hands with this continuity with our next President, Tina Tin, our youngest Director of MHKLB.

多謝大家 (duoxie da jia—Thank you everyone) for a great two years!

Maylani Chang, President  
MHKLB dba Mun Lun School  
2021–2023

# Principal's Message



Amidst the blossoming beauty of spring, I am delighted to welcome you to this edition of our newsletter. As we transition from the splendor of the closing ceremony to the profound significance of our graduation ceremony, let us reflect on the remarkable achievements of our students and the

bright future that awaits them.

During the closing ceremony, our students showcased their talents by singing the MLS alma mater, performing the traditional Chinese song 'Descendants of the Dragon,' and presenting a captivating folk dance. It was truly a proud moment for our school community. Following these incredible performances, I had the honor of presenting awards to our students for their outstanding achievements. These accolades included the Most Improved Award, Best Performance Award, and scholarships that recognize their hard work and dedication.

The graduation ceremony, a momentous event, took place right after the closing ceremony, on May 20th. It was a heartfelt occasion filled with gratitude and hope for the future. Our lower-grade MLS students opened the ceremony with a touching rendition of our alma mater. In their speeches, the graduates expressed their appreciation for Mun Lun School and their parents for sending them on this educational journey. We take immense pride in providing them with the opportunity to explore and learn the Chinese language and culture, which equips them with invaluable language skills for the future. To celebrate this milestone, our former presidents had the privilege of presenting Lai See to all the graduates, a gesture of goodwill and encouragement. We earnestly hope that our graduates will continue to enhance their Chinese language skills as they move forward.

On another note, I had the pleasure of meeting Professor Yiping Zeng, Director of the Chinese Language International Promotion Center and a professor at the School of Chinese Language and Culture, Jinan University. Professor Zeng also serves as a doctoral supervisor and oversees the "Certificate for Chinese Language Teachers" program at the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office. During our meeting, I introduced the illustrious history of Mun Lun School, gave him a tour of our campus, and shared insights about our past leaders. Our discussion encompassed topics such as Chinese textbooks and an overview of our current school status.

Today, I am delighted to share some truly exciting news. This Fall, we have witnessed a remarkable surge in enrollments, and I believe it's a testament to the continuous growth of Mun Lun School. A significant contributor to this surge is the introduction of free extra-curricular classes, offering a diverse range of interests including Go chess, Kungfu, lion dance, ink wash painting, and more. We firmly believe that providing these diverse opportunities to our students has had a positive impact on our enrollment. Beyond numbers, it signifies Mun Lun School's enduring commitment not only to the teaching of the Chinese language but also to enriching our students' profound understanding of Chinese culture.

We were honored to receive an invitation to participate in the 3rd "Chinese Bridge" Chinese show, a prestigious event jointly organized by the Education Section of the Chinese Consulate General in Los Angeles and Maryknoll School. Our Mun Lun students made us incredibly proud with their remarkable achievements, securing 1st place in the middle school group and an impressive 2nd place in the elementary school group.

Additionally, we recently hosted "The Charm of Chinese" short film contest school-wide. This contest provided a unique platform for our students to showcase their proficiency in the Chinese language, their deep knowledge of Chinese culture, and their incredible talents in Chinese arts. We were thrilled to receive an impressive total of 45 student video submissions.

We are committed to sharing our students' accomplishments and talents with a wider audience. You can find these impressive videos on our website and social media platforms. Please join us in celebrating the achievements of our Mun Lun School community, and stay tuned for more updates.

Best wishes  
Lily Shan, Principal



Celebrating Tradition: Former Presidents Inspire and Reward Our Graduates with Lai See.

Left to Right: Kin Ming Ching, Stanford Yuen, Daphne Shiu, Stacie Lee, Yuki Kimura, Ying Yin Situ, Baldwin K. S. Au, Wesley Fong.



Second graders shine as they embrace their cultural heritage, singing 'Descendants of the Dragon,' while a talented student demonstrates impressive Kungfu skills.



Principal Lily Shan engages in a meaningful discussion with Professor Yiping Zeng, Director of the Chinese Language International Promotion Center. Together, they explore Mun Lun School's storied history and delve into important topics such as Chinese textbooks and the school's current status, fostering collaboration and cultural exchange.



# Spotlight on Darryll Wong



Mun Lun School's logo "The Shining Star" which represents the five virtues of Confucius (Filial Piety, Diligence, Honesty, Patriotism, Fellowship) has literally fallen onto alumnus Major General (Ret) Darryll D.M. Wong '66. His storied career in the military began when he was commissioned a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the United States Air Force upon graduation from

the University of Hawaii in 1972. After C-141 flight school training, he flew numerous worldwide missions during the Vietnam War as a member of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Military Airlift Squadron based out of Norton Air Force Base. After the war, he returned home to fly for Aloha Airlines. He also joined the Hawaii Air National Guard and served successive assignments of increasing responsibilities which included promotions in rank and ultimately, he was appointed by then Governor Neal Abercrombie as the Adjutant General for the State of Hawaii in 2011. His command of over 5,500 soldiers and airmen of the Hawaii National Guard also included being the Director of the State Civil Defense/Hawaii Emergency Management Agency and other related government agencies, in other words he was on call 24/7 for all disasters or threats to the State of Hawaii during his tenure.

Rated as a Command Pilot with over 22,000 flight hours, General Wong was well trained and was qualified to fly at least eight types of military and civilian aircrafts. He attended senior level schools such as the United States Air War College, Joint Forces College, John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, University of Hawaii Executive MBA Program, the Homeland Security Executive Leadership Program, which enhanced his leadership skills.

During his career, along with his Pilots Wings, he has been awarded the Defense Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal and many other specific campaign and achievement medals honoring his service to a grateful nation.

But how does Mun Lun School play a part in his success? Please take a look at his response to the following questions posed to him about his formative days at our school and how it later helped his career.

*1. Who was your favorite teacher(s) that inspired you to learn the Chinese language?*

My Aunt JoAnna taught there, and I always enjoyed her. She was very passionate about teaching Chinese. Mrs. Ching was a favorite and also the mother of one of my classmates in Maryknoll School. There was one other male teacher that I enjoyed but cannot remember his name. I remembered him because he always smoked a cigar but was a very good teacher also.

One subject I enjoyed the most was calligraphy and using the brush and ink that we had to grind out to write.

*2. What was your favorite memory about school?*

There were a lot of favorite memories about the school. I had a lot of friends that attended. Before class in the summers, we would play basketball on the courts in the school. Also had paper wad fights before school started. Chinese Physical Culture Association (CPCA) also trained there on Friday nights. Therefore, as a member of CPCA I spent a lot of time on the campus training in Kung Fu and lion dancing with some of my Mun Lun classmates who were also members of CPCA.

*3. Did you use your Chinese language during your career?*

In the later years of my military career, I was used as the Senior US military leader accompanying 2 civilian leaders from Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) to engage with the Peoples Liberation Army (PLA).

What impressed the Chinese was my ability to write in Chinese, that I spoke some Cantonese, and have the knowledge of Chinese traditions like the moon festival and Ching Ming and many others. Their General Officers knew the history and the traditions very well also. This enabled us to form close relationships knowing my ancestry was from China and that even though raised in the US, I still knew the language and customs. A lot of that was taught from home but Mun Lun also celebrated those things and taught us the various customs from China.

*4. What advice would you want to give to the students enrolled in today's classes?*

The world today is a global world. With social media and many other ways of communicating time, distance and information flow is constant and instant. Learning another language like Mandarin will be very beneficial for anyone in their personal life as well as in business. Learn as much as you can about the Chinese language, history, and customs. You may not see its value now, but it is something you will be thankful for later. This is your ancestry. China and those that came to Hawaii has such a rich history.



Darryll Wong

Our school has been blessed with many students serving in all ranks in the armed services in the defense of our nation through many wars and conflicts and we are proud that alumnus Darryll has reached the illustrious rank of General Officer.

Darryll is married to the former Teresa "Tiki" Ching and has four children and three grandchildren. His twin brother Derrick as well as his sisters Linda and Wendy and paternal cousins all went to Mun Lun School and graduated with their respective classes

Historically, Darryll has the distinction of piloting the last flight for Aloha Airlines upon its closing in 2008. Currently, he is the Director, Indo-Pacific Region for the Sierra Nevada Corporation and serves on Boards for many other organizations. Darryll has displayed all the virtues that Confucius emphasized and that is probably why all the stars appeared on his shoulders.

by Baldwin Au

## Board of Directors

President, Maylani Chang; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, Tina Tin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, Cy Feng; English Secretary, Velma Akinaka; Assistant English Secretary, Rosalind Mau; Chinese Secretary, Donna Chang; Treasurer, Baldwin Au\*; Assistant Treasurer, Luane Lau; Auditor, Kin Ming Ching\*

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Directors Emeritus: Marietta Eng, Wesley Fong\*, Stanford Yuen\*

\*Past President

# Jensen S L Hee



(Aug. 11, 1927–June 5, 2023) Remembrances: Although many of our present BOD would not have met Jensen Hee; I recall in my earlier years as a MHKLB board member Jensen was an articulate and authoritative stalwart of procedure and correctness. Back in those days our meetings were only 1.5–2 hours long (tops), that was it. Then it would be time for

lunch. I think he was past president, treasurer, finance investment committee etc. for a long time. He was also the State of Hawaii Director of Finance in his working career.

—Wil Chee, Past Pres. and Director, MHKLB

I first got to know Jensen when we were officers of Mun Lun School. I always found him to be knowledgeable and practical especially with his financial background. He always helped us keep on track during our board meetings. He was a respected professional and an asset to the school.

—Wes Fong, Past Pres. and Director Emeritus, MHKLB

Jensen is great guy. I work with him on the MLKLB budget and finance statement I also learn a lot from him how the state B&F budget process works.

—Cy Feng Director and 2nd VP, MHKLB

Jensen Hee devoted over 50 years to Mo Hock Kee Lo Bo Board serving as treasurer and a knowledgeable director. With his extensive experience in finance and budgeting, he contributed tremendously to Mun Lun School.

—Rosalind Mau, PhD and Director, MHKLB

I have had coffee at Kahala every Wednesday for at least 20 years. There were three people: Judge Richard Lum, Dr Joseph Young, Jensen Hee and sometimes Stanford Yuen. They were the guides for financing Mun Lun School (MHKLB)

Jensen was very instrumental in knowing the financial health of our state. I understood he was financial advisor for the state. He was always a gentleman and a true friend of MHKLB

—Dr. Kin Ching, Past Pres. And Director, MHKLB

I feel very lucky to have worked with him during his tenure as a loyal and key member and officer of Mo Hock Ke Lock Bo. Jensen's business expertise as an administrator and problem solver, especially with any financial issues, was unmatched and amazing! His times. He was always right on target! I always enjoyed his company at meetings and school events because I learned a lot on how to keep an organization "well oiled" and focused on the tasks at hand. His wry sense of humor and his wisdom will be what I will remember most about him. He will be missed. I feel honored to have known him and consider him to be one of the leading pillars on our Board of Directors.

—Velma Akinaka, English Sec. and Director, MHKLB

Jensen was a very reasonable person. During the initial planning for the Centennial book, many old-time BODs expressed concern on the idea of having a book because of costs and other uncertainties. Jensen asked a few good questions and waited patiently for the old-timers to air their concerns. He then made a motion to allow \$25,000 seed money to get the book started. Motion carried and the old-timers were on board from then on. Again, thanks to the book committee and others who made the centennial year, banquet (80+ tables) and book a very special and memorable year.

—Stanford Yuen, Past Pres. and Director Emeritus, MHKLB

It too has been my great honor meeting and working with Jensen in my fifteen years on the MHKLB Board. He was so supportive of our Education Committee's dream of making use of

our facility for a daily pre-school. He took the time to do the initial research in getting information on running such an early learning program at MLS. As such, he was an early supporter of this initiative that we are still considering till this day. He leaves MLS a better institution, and we will miss his stoic and no-nonsense advice.

—Maylani Chang, Pres., MHKLB 2021–2023

To all of you who have expressed sympathy and made statements about my dad, our family thanks you. We are doing fine and are supported by the fact that dad passed peacefully.

Dad was born on August 11, 1927 and passed on June 5, 2023. We haven't submitted an obituary to the newspaper yet.

After reading the comments I want to add that dad's 30+ year career with the Territory/State of Hawaii, initially as a senior budget analyst and later as the Chief of the Finance Division responsible for, among other responsibilities, the cash management of the state and the issuance of General Obligation Bonds. After serving as the Deputy of Finance he was the Director of Finance (head of department) for about six years. In retirement he also lent his expertise first as a volunteer advisor to the chairman of the City and County of Honolulu's Budget Committee and eventually became a hired staffer for the committee.

Dad had been an Assistant Auditor of Mun Lun School (an honorary title) before he retired from the state. Later he volunteered as an adviser to MHKLB dba MLS treasurer and became assistant treasurer. He was later elected to the Board of Directors and eventually elected as Treasurer.

—Michael Hee,  
Son of Jensen Hee

## Donor List

Thank you to all who donated (April–September 2023) to a grateful Mun Lun School and Mun Lun Alumni Association. Mo Hock Ke Lock Bo dba Mun Lun School is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, ID #99-0075245.

### **\$10,000 and above:**

Chinese Language and Culture Education Foundation of China, PRC

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Barry Graczyk, Baldwin & Florence Au, Maylani Chang, Howard Lau, Wilbert Chee, Dr. Kin Ming Ching, Stanford Yuen, Wesley Fong, Lawrence & Lillian Chun, Walter & Shirley Laskey (in memory of Jensen Hee), Rosalind Mau (in memory of Jensen Hee), Rosalind Mau (in memory of Wenis C.H. Leong)

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Mun Lun School Schedule and Fees for August to December 2023

班次 Class	日期 Dates	上课时间 Time	费用 Fees	备注 Remarks
周一至周五 线上/线下中文课 Daily In-person/Online Chinese Classes	08/07/2023 - 12/15/2023	星期一至星期五 Monday - Friday 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm	\$375	5/13/2023 前注册有\$10折扣: (每位学生只享受一次折扣) 5/13/2023 后, 第一位学生按原价, 同一家庭兄弟 姐妹第二位学生起减收\$10元。 Register before 5/13/2023 to receive a \$10 discount. * Only one discount per child.* After 5/13/2023, the first child is registered at the full price. Any additional siblings registered will get a \$10 discount. Tuition is a flat rate, no matter the circumstance. Prorated tuition was no longer available for Chinese classes. New online-class students should follow a new online schedule. Must commit to a full semester.
周六中文课 Saturday Chinese Classes	08/05/2023 - 12/16/2023	星期六 Saturday 9:30 am -12:30 pm	\$335	5人以上开班 Class may be canceled if enrollment less than 5
线上周六中文课 Online Saturday Chinese Classes	08/05/2023 - 12/16/2023	星期六 Saturday 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm		3-4人一班 3 - 4 students per class. Class may be canceled if enrollment less than 3 Online learning from home 8人以上开班 Class may be canceled if enrollment less than 8 *Please bring an iPad/laptop to school for class. 请自带平板电脑/笔记本电脑来校上课。
线上成人中文课 Online Adult Chinese Classes	08/05/2023 - 12/2/2023 17节课 (17 Classes)	星期六 Saturday 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm	\$510	7人以上开班 Class may be canceled if enrollment less than 7
少儿编程 人工智能 - 编程 AI - Coding 000 Scratch JR 001 Scratch 002 Scratch+AI 003 Python 005 Java	08/12/2023 - 12/2/2023 16节课 (16 Classes)	星期六 Saturday 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm *Saturday morning & more available schedule provided per request	\$480 Online 网课 \$528 Hybrid 在校 混合式教学	
少儿绘画 / 绘画 Pencil Drawing Oil Pastels Watercolor Ink & Acrylic Painting Mixed Media Digital Art & Animation	08/05/2023 - 12/02/2023 17节课 (17 Classes)	星期六 Saturday 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	\$510	
钢琴 Piano	8/05-12/02/23 17节课 (17 Classes)	星期六 Saturday 1:00 pm - 5:30 pm	\$510	一对一: 30分钟 1-on-1: 30 mins

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