

THE RAFFLES WAVE



**RAFFLES
GIRLS' SCHOOL**
*Nurturing Daughters
of a Better Age*



Happy 135th Birthday Raffles Girls' School!

HIGHLIGHTS

135th Founder's Day

RGS held its 135th Founder's Day on Saturday, 23 August 2014, to celebrate the history and legacy of the school and its achievements. The Guest-of-Honour was Mr Lim Siong Guan, Group President, GIC. In line with the school's 135th Anniversary celebration, the audience was brought back in time to the humble beginnings of the school through a musical titled *'The Cradle of Vision'*, which was penned by Year 3 students from the Raffles Academy (Literature). To view and purchase photos from the event, please click [here](#).

THE RGS ALUMNAE

The RGS Alumnae was formally registered on 22 July 2014. Seeking to connect members with RGS girls, the RGS Alumnae hopes to inspire, enable and engage Daughters of a Better Age across the years as ambassadors for education and equality. For more information on membership, you may visit their website [here](#) or email admin@rgsalumnae.com



The RGS Alumnae Pro-Term Committee members, led by Ms Chong Chiet Ping, Vice-Chairperson (1st from right) and Ms Leong Choi Fun, Chairperson (5th from right).



'The Cradle of Vision', scripted by Year 3 students from the Raffles Academy (Literature), tells the story about the humble beginnings of Raffles Girls' School through song and dance.



2014 Rafflesian Award winner Grace Tern Jia Wen, with Honourable Justice Judith Prakash, Chairman of the RGS Board of Governors. Grace was also awarded the Lee Kuan Yew All-Round Excellence Award 2014.

SINGAPORE YOUTH AWARD 2014

Two RGS alumnae, Jane Lee and Nurulasyiqah Binte Mohammad Taha, are recipients of the 2014 Singapore Youth Award. Presented by the National Youth Council, the Singapore Youth Award winners were selected from more than 115 nominees. They were honoured for enriching the lives of others and those of the communities they influence, as well as bringing distinction to the nation.



"You cannot lower the summit, so you must raise yourself."

Jane Lee, 30, is the first Southeast Asian woman to successfully climb 'The Seven Summits' - the tallest peaks on each of the seven continents. She is also one of the first Singaporean women to ski across Greenland.



"Be brave to try new things and change what troubles you. Believe that you can be brave."

Nurulasyiqah Binte Mohammad Taha, 29, did Singapore proud by winning two gold medals in Boccia at this year's 7th Asean Para Games. Born with Spinal Muscular Atrophy, she is a strong advocate of an inclusive society that allows people with disabilities to discover their talents.

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SAILING INTO THE HISTORY BOOKS

RGS Year 3 student Samantha Yom sailed into the history books as one of two sailors to clinch Singapore's first-ever gold medals at the Youth Olympic Games. She participated in the women's Byte CII event on 24 August 2014.

"The race was rather intense, but I just told myself to give my all and the results will fall in place," said Samantha in a televised interview.

TRAILBLAZERS IN EDUCATION

Former RGS Principals, Mrs Chee Keng Soon and Mrs Carmee Lim, were honoured as Pioneer Educators by the Ministry of Education. The School would like to thank them for the trailblazing efforts in education and extend our heartiest congratulations to them!



Mrs Chee Keng Soon
RGS Principal (1980 to 1988)



Mrs Carmee Lim
RGS Principal (1988 to 1999)

Tributes

To Mrs Chee:

"...under your guidance and leadership, RGS was truly a community of teachers, students and parents who gladly and willingly worked together to give the students a school experience they will never forget... You were my mentor and inspiration," said Mrs Maureen Ting nee Danker, former HOD, Guidance Management at RGS.

To Mrs Lim:

"You were hands-on, and modelled the values of creativity and vitality. You inspired us by singing and dancing without inhibition... Thank you for being a champion of the Arts. A sense of pride never fails to well up in me as I describe to others how you picked up drums at the age of sixty!" said Ms Ruth Ling (Class of '96), Founder and Producer at Red Roof Records, and recipient of the 2013 Young Artist Award.

INAUGURAL PERL SYMPOSIUM 2014

On 25 July 2014, the RGS Centre for Pedagogical Research and Learning broke traditions of a conventional symposium by opening up the school's classrooms to teachers from other schools to have them experience and observe the RGS teacher in action, student interactions and class dynamics. This was in a move to nurture professional discourse within the educational fraternity through the sharing of effective pedagogical practices and peer observation. The second part of the symposium saw participants attending a keynote address by Professor Lee Wing On, Dean of Research Education at the National Institute of Education, and also concurrent sessions on effective pedagogical practices conducted by presenters from both educational and non-educational institutions. The symposium saw a turnout of over 300 participants, and included educators from both local and overseas institutions.



Assistant Head (Chemistry), Ms Ng Zhao Yue opens up her classroom to other teachers at the inaugural PeRL Symposium 2014.



Alumnae in their school uniforms - it's like they never left!



Former Principal Mrs Julie Hoo together with current students.

HOMECOMING III

On 2 August 2014, close to a thousand alumnae, former Principals, Deputy Principals, teachers and staff returned to RGS for Homecoming III - one of the school's 135th Anniversary activities. That day, the RGS spirit was experienced in full as the RGS community, past and present, came together and shared memories of their time here at RGS.

Thank you to all who came home. What you have brought back and brought home with you after that day are priceless. Please click [here](#) to view more photos from the event.



The event also brought joyful reunions between old friends.

STUDENT LEADERS' INVESTITURE 2014

More than 150 student leaders were invested on 7 August 2014 during the annual Student Leaders' Investiture, an event that formally bestows upon student leaders the authority to lead their peers and act to the best of their abilities in service of the school community.



Recitation of the Student Leaders' Pledge, led by Head Prefect Clara-Ann Cheng Ling.



Newly invested Head Prefect Clara-Ann Cheng Ling addresses the school.