

SMK Methodist (ACS) Sitiawan 44<sup>th</sup> Speech Day  
16 April 2016



SMK Methodist (ACS) Sitiawan celebrated her 44<sup>th</sup> Speech Day on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2016. It was officiated by the Guest of Honour, Mr. Ding Poi Bor, who is the MD of DKLS Industries Berhad –cum-Chairman of DKLS Foundation Board.

It was indeed a great day for ACS as she welcomed her ex-student, Mr. Ding Poi Bor, to her alma-mater. Mr. Ding completed his Form 5 education in ACS in 1972. In the ensuing years, he has demonstrated his business acumen and emerged as a successful entrepreneur. He expressed his great appreciation to the holistic development he received throughout his formative years in ACS, both academically as well as character building.



He recalled vividly that in the nurturing process, he was greatly inspired by ACS' s original school motto; ***“Veritas Lux Mundi”*** which means ***“Truth is the Light of the World”***. As a historical significance, he presented a pull-up bunting bearing the original school motto to Mr. Ding Kong Leong, ACS Principal. The original school motto roll-up bunting would serve as a constant reminder of the good value system of a mission school.

He emphasised that it was during his formative years in ACS that grounded him with sound knowledge and character development of his personality to face the world. In the character moulding process, students were instilled with good core values like honour, loyalty, principle oriented, humble, hardworking, cooperation and to stand firm for what is right and true..



Presentation of ACS's Original School Motto Roll-up Bunting by Mr. Ding Poi Bor (centre) to Mr. Ding Kong Leong (right) ACS HM

In his speech, Mr Ding made a pledge to donate RM100,000.00 to the development of STEM Education on behalf of DKLS Industries Berhad as a CSR gesture. The donation was officially handed over to ACS Principal, Mr Ding Kong Leong, during DKLS 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Dinner held on 08 October 2016 at a prestigious hotel in Ipoh.



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# Old ACS boy returns to give aid to school

BY MANJIT KAUR



Poi Bor (centre) donated RM100,000 on behalf of DKLS Industries to the school to help it improve the teaching of subjects related to science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

SMK Methodist (ACS ) Sitiawan celebrated its 44th speech day last week.

DKLS Industries Bhd Managing Director Ding Poi Bor, who is also **DKLS Foundation Board Chairman**, opened the event. Ding, an old boy of the school, says the school has come to represent holistic teaching, nurturing, and more importantly inspiring greatness.

He said through the efforts of the school's principals and teachers, many students had gained much knowledge and learning.

"ACS now needs the support, and encouragement from these successful former students for further growth, and development. It was in ACS during my formative years where I gained my knowledge, and built my character.

"So today, I attribute where I stand, and my success, to my educators," he said.

Ding said he strongly believes that current ACS students will be well prepared to face the world.

He said through its character-building process, the school instils in students the good fundamental values of being loyal, humble, hardworking, and the principles to stand firm for what is right.

He said, in return for the good values imparted by the school it is only fair that former students remember their alma mater.

"So on behalf of DKLS Industries, I have started the ball rolling by donating RM100,000 in support of the school's Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education.

"This donation is for the progress of the STEM education in ACS, and the donation comes at a suitable time because this is the only secondary school in Manjung district to follow the dual language programme," he added.

The ACS Board of Governors with the help of the company also managed to trace back the original motto of the school, "Veritas Lux Mundi", which means "Truth is the Light of the World"

The event was marked by Ding presenting a scroll with the motto to the school's principal Ding Kong Leong.

Ling Hee Huong, chairman of the school's board of governors, and DKLS Industries executive directors Sam Tuck Wah, and Ding Soo King were also present to observe the ceremony.



**Mr Ding Poi Bor, Managing Director of DKLS Industries Berhad delivering his speech.**

Encik Suhaimi bin Ramli, PPD Manjung  
Dr Ling Hee Huong, Chairman ACS Board of Governors  
Presidential OPA

Puan Teresa Ting, PIBG Chairman

Principals and Teachers, Parents, Students, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Thank you for offering me the honour to address all of you. Before I continue to speak, may I request our Chaplain Victor Leong to pray and bless the ceremony.

This morning, I feel young again, as I step into ACS. This is actually Homing Coming for me, after 40 years as an ACS Old Boy. It rekindled the story of a young man, who left ACS 40 years ago, looking for fortune and corporate success.

Allow me to speak the hard truth. Life will never be easy. For anyone to begin with, there are a lot of surprises if you are not well prepared. The quest for success takes more than just hard work and passion. You have to go through the storms to gain experience in life challenges.

It will be those formative years in ACS, grounded in knowledge, truth and patience that builds up our character for excellence. Many students in ACS eventually build a foundation that stood on solid ground before they leave the school. Those days, and I am sure even today and tomorrow, headmasters and teachers, love their students by choice. They share the students' burden and joy together. They are the ones who watch their students growing up, teaching them as they learn the real meaning of sportsmanship, loyalty and being professional in life.

Winners embrace losers, losers acknowledge champions as better opponent, winners honour coaches with due respect, losers takes the gentleman stand. In this connection, guiding them to be responsible, honourable and patriotic citizens will always be the way forward for our present and future generation to come.

Teachers and headmasters help create value in students as they grow up in ACS. Students will be taught to be respectful. They are taught to be helpful to one another. There will be continuous education, learning to be humble, hardworking and corporate, according to ACS Mission School standards. Right values will be instilled in students at school. Being young, energetic and vibrant, the students are trained to be eager, willing and able in our daily encounters.

Students are brought up in ACS to stand firm on what is reasonable, logical and fair. Committing to excellence, being principled and avoiding shoddy deals have always been virtues of good value that our Mission School believed in.

If you make the rules, let it be fair. That is how the headmaster and teachers create a conducive environment for education. This will transform students into good and responsible corporate citizens that treasured no hatred or biased mind. That is the atmosphere I grew up in.

Right virtues and values, religious reference attached to Mission School and character building, once you take it away, you lose your sting as a person of honour. Today, if I have to be alone, to stand firm on what is right and true, I have no fear. I was taught to be so, from this great Mission School. If you remember the story of Easter, even Jesus never change His rightful stand. Even though He alone, was not a majority.

We cannot and we shouldn't let the world frown at our School. A-C-S symbolise holistic teaching and nurturing. The traditions of this Mission School inspire Greatness. Preparing the journey to Greatness therefore, must go on!! For that, many of us today, became learned and educated. With due respect, let me encourage our principal and teachers. Continue to share a CARE for these adorable students. And for the students here, may you shine for your school.

With blessings from God, many of you would return to ACS with success and generosity. But we must also sing the song of reality. Today, the students need ACS to grow. Tomorrow, ACS needs these successful citizens to support the school. When we succeed in life, it is because we were well prepared, ground work was done in school. It is only fair that we remember ACS.

In this context, I believe CHARITY is not to be missed. We will not change or do things with pure lip service only. So today, let DKLS do the honourable thing. We will take the initiative to pour back a portion of our success to ACS. Therefore, I am pleased to announce, DKLS is happy to pledge Ringgit Malaysia One Hundred Thousand in support of ACS Commitment to Excellence through the Board of Governors.

May ACS continue to uphold her traditions and cultures, admired by many as the fore-runners of Nation Building.

This fund shall be dedicated to the glory of God for the progress of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education in ACS, in short, S-T-E-M Education.

I am certain ACS can contribute to making Malaysia a better place. The official presentation is fixed on Eighth October 2016 in conjunction with DKLS Industries Berhad 20 years listing Anniversary and 40 years of God's Faithfulness in my Family.

If there is any good that DKLS can do, let it be now.

To God Be All Glory

Mr. Ding Poi Bor (ACS Old Boy)  
Managing Director  
DKLS Industries Berhad  
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