

Jockey Club Government Secondary School
Annual Swimming Gala 2014/2015

On Friday, 3rd October 2014, the staff and students of Jockey Club Government Secondary School made their way up to Kowloon Tsai Swimming Pool to partake in the Annual Swimming Gala. The occasion also marked the celebration of the 55th School Anniversary this year. The weather forecast was for some possible showers, but when we all arrived at the swimming pool, it was very hot and humid. Many of us were very keen to get into the pool to cool off.

There is a very dedicated bunch of highly competitive swimmers at our school. Once the proceedings had started, they showed all the spectators what can be achieved through hard work, discipline and training. Performing swimming strokes such as the “Butterfly” is very difficult to master, and it was great to see such talent on show.

Apart from the competitive swimmers, many other students also showed great courage and natural skills throughout the day, with some brave performances put in for the honour of their house, their class or their school clubs.

The spectators in the stand spent the day enthusiastically supporting their fellow house members, and a variety of chants, signs and cheerleading props were used to keep the competitors motivated. The final relay events were watched with anticipation by all, with the various school clubs, including the teachers’ team, all competing for bragging rights. Unfortunately the brave teachers did not manage to match their swimming speed with their considerable wisdom!

The individual champions went to LEUNG Long Hei (4D) (Grade A), WONG Kwun Yan (3B) (Grade B) and KAEWPRADIT Akraphon (1D) (Grade C) for boys; LO Ka Po (4B) (Grade A), TSUI Hoi Lee (4A) (Grade B), FAN Shun Yu (1A) (Grade C) for girls. The Red House claimed the Overall Champion of the day, while the Blue House outperformed the others and was awarded the Best Cheering Team.

Our Guest of Honour, Mr. LI Chi Fai, Deputy General Secretary (Training & Development) of The Boy’s Brigade, Hong Kong presented the trophies. Mr. LI congratulated the winners on their achievements and commended all the athletes on the sportsmanship they displayed on the day.

And once all proceedings were tied up the school collectively left the pool, happy in being involved in such a fun and exciting day. Luckily it finished when it did, as the promised bad weather magically held off until just an hour after we all left!