

教育改革 不遺餘力——陳耀璋

ANSON CHAN - AN EDUCATION REFORMER



董事一職，空餘的時間，便貢獻給陳樹渠紀念中學，肩負起校監一職。最近，他更因為落實該校在新學年開辦「生活及環境教育科」，而備受各界讚賞。

提及教育，Anson 便十分認真地侃侃而談：「香港的教育制度，阻礙了學生的發展空間，令他們失去學習的興趣與原動力。」他又說：「以前我在香港唸書的時候，每放完暑假，真的很不願意返學。但十三歲之後，我媽媽送了我到美國唸書，整個學習環境改變了，而我學習的動機亦有所改變，老師經常用一些有趣新穎的教學方法，去教授新課題，大大提高我的學習興趣。每次放完

暑假，我都會期望新學年的來臨。」

雖然，陳樹渠紀念中學由去年九月起，正式成為一所非牟利政府直接資助中學，但卻仍擁有較大的自由度。講到教育改革與優質教育，Anson 說：「我們會增聘優質教師，亦會將傳媒與互聯網上的時事與有趣資料融入教材中，增加授課的趣味性。」

作為一個改革者，他如何面對漫長而崎嶇的改革前路呢？他說：「我是一個積極、樂觀的人，我通常會用邏輯按步就班去解決問題。我們做任何事，都必須要有信心、有計劃，不要太固執，但又不能偏離目標。」



對教育改革大有建樹的陳耀璋，大談自己童年時的學習經驗，及對未來推動優質教育的抱負。

諺語有云：「十年樹木，百年樹人。」的確，教育並非一朝一夕的事情，相反，卻是一種長期的委身與承擔；對陳耀璋(Anson Chan)而言，教育事業除了是一份社會的使命感與個人興趣之外，還與家族的歷史有關！

提起陳樹渠這個名字，相信很多人都十分熟悉——他是本港已故著名股商及教育慈善家；如今家族的教育慈善事業使命，落在陳樹渠的長子，作為家族第三代的陳耀璋身上。先後取得經濟及政治學士及工商管理(主修金融及會計)碩士學位的 Anson，現任美國國際集團(亞洲)投資有限公司直接投資部副



訪問當日陽光普照，Anson 亦帶備防曬用品旁身。

既有正職，又有「副業」，那麼，Anson 豈非沒有 leisure life？

他笑說：「我又不至於那麼『慘』，無論如何忙碌，我總會盡量擠點時間與空間給自己，偶爾又會約同三五朋友遠足、打網球或哥爾夫球，生活的質素算是不錯啦！」

講到戶外運動，Anson 說會帶備太陽油，他說：「這與美醜無關，只關乎健康而已，因為，太陽的紫外光實在太強了。」

To Anson Chan, education is not just about social responsibility or fulfilling a quest for knowledge - it is an integral part of his family history.

Perhaps the name Chan Shu Kui rings a bell? The late Dr Chan was a philanthropist famed for his devotion to education. Today, his eldest son Anson, associate director-direct investments of A.I.G. Investment Corporation (Asia) Ltd., is continuing with his father's legacy, devoting much of his time to promoting education. He serves as the supervisor of the Chan Shu Kui Memorial School, and recently Anson received praise for introducing the "life and environment education" programme into the school curriculum. "I feel that the local education system limits the development of students," says Anson. "It dulls their interest and incentive to learn; it lacks creativity, and studying becomes just a duty."

He adds that when he was a student in Hong Kong he was very reluctant to go back to school after the summer vacation. "It wasn't until I was thirteen, when my mother sent me to the United States, that I actually enjoyed going to school and learning something new every day," he says.

Although the Chan Shu Kui Memorial School joined the Education Department's Direct Subsidy Programme last September, it still retains a large amount of flexibility in

terms of its human resources management and school policy-making. As a board member, Anson's aim is keen to promote quality education in Hong Kong.

"We want to hire quality teachers who are keen on interactive teaching. In addition, we will use news and current affairs information from the mass media and Internet as course materials in order to elevate students' interests. It is also important to encourage them to express their views and opinions," he says.

As an education reformer, Anson has faced many obstacles. "To stay optimistic is the key. And when I have a problem, I solve it with logic and planning," he says. "Whatever we do, we must have confidence and a clear plan. We should avoid being too stubborn but at the same time stay focused on our ultimate goal. A contingency plan is also important as it can help you decide where you should head next if things don't turn out as you initially expect."

Despite a hectic schedule split between a career in investment and a passion for education, Anson still tries to find time to relax. He enjoys hiking, playing golf or tennis with friends, and for outdoor activities he always brings along the sunblock.

"This is a health rather than a beauty issue," he says. "The ultraviolet rays are just too strong, so it's vital to have some protection."