



CLSNP English Exchange Visit Programme 2023

To many students at Concordia, May 9th 2023 was just another regular Tuesday, but for our Form 2 classes, it was an eventful day. In the past three years, it was a day that many students were unable to experience due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It was a day when our school could finally re-engage our annual English exchange visit programme.

That afternoon, our F.2 students were given the opportunity to visit our beloved partner school, the Hong Kong International school (Primary Section) in Repulse Bay. Pastor Joel, who is also the supervisor at HKIS, gave us a wonderful tour of their school and an intriguing religious lesson.





The lesson began with a scene of a movie in which Jesus heals a paralyzed man in front of a crowd including the Pharisees who view the act with scepticism and disapproval. After viewing the scene, Pastor Joel asked a simple but thought-provoking question: What were in the minds of the people in the scene? He then laid down 5 pieces of A1-sized paper and characterized them as representatives of the different groups of people within the scene. They were Jesus himself, the paralyzed man together with his family, the crowd and the Pharisees.



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In conclusion, the English exchange programme is a highly rewarding experience. Throughout the programme, students had the opportunity to immerse themselves in an English speaking environment, to interact with native speakers and to improve their language skills. By engaging in conversations, attending classes and exploring the local culture, our students gained confidence in their English proficiency and developed a deeper understanding of the English language. Furthermore, the exchange programme enhanced students' global perspectives beyond the language and cultural aspects. It promoted tolerance, empathy, and a greater appreciation for diversity. It helped our students gain insights into different educational systems and social norms, preparing them for an increasingly interconnected world.

