

Academic talk 4 – Ms Edith Shih & Edward Ng

On the 6th March, we had our fourth academic talk and we were very fortunate to have 2 former students of Rosaryhill School, Ms Edith Shih and studied at Rosaryhill school from 1964-1969 and Edward Ng who studied from 1976 - 1989

Ms Edith Shih - *Not the smartest or the well planned – Will I ever be successful?*

During the talk, Ms Shih gave a very detailed step by step insight into how her life became what it has today. We were given the opportunity to follow Ms Shih down her memory lane from going to the Philippines for higher education where she graduated with first class honours in Music Education and a minor in English. We also get to know that after her education in the Philippines she came back to Rosaryhill to teach Music and English for about a year whilst studying

Ms Shih also has a sense of adventure and likes to learn about different cultures and is not afraid to travel and that is why she travelled to the United States to study two masters' degrees at Columbia University in New York, one in Applied Linguistics and another in Teaching English to speakers of other languages. As a scholar of study she also went to England to study Law and qualified as a solicitor.

One good lesson she teaches is that whatever we do in life or whatever we choose, we must enjoy it otherwise we will have regrets in later life.

Mr Edward Ng - *The road to becoming a Barrister and my life thereafter*

For many students, they have a lot of confusion in what they want to do in life as nowadays. There are so many options to choose from. Sometimes we need to give a little bit of inspiration and a chance to let students know the pros and cons about a particular profession from one who is actively working in the chosen field.

Our second speaker is also a former Rosaryhill School student, and is now an established and successful barrister in Hong Kong. He has given his personal time to let students know about becoming a solicitor and explains that this profession suits people with the personality of doing things on their own. He also explains that there are in general two kinds of legal representation who are solicitors, who are more office based and barristers who generally attend court.

The students are given the advantages and disadvantages of people who wish to pursue this career path in terms of financial reward as well as spiritual reward.

Edward, a student of thirteen years from 1976 – 1989 also gives a brief autobiography of his academic achievements from secondary school to his higher education challenges in Canada and the various other institutions where he gained his highly respected qualifications.

Toward the end of both talks, the speakers gave the chance for our current students ask some questions about the field of law to which some the answer was quite astonishing with the question being **“is it better to study law in Hong Kong or in the UK?”** and the answer was both countries had an advantage over the other. The reason being studying in the UK can vastly improve your English but studying in Hong Kong can give you the chance to study some of the common law which is not available in the UK but needed in Hong Kong.