

A Tribute to the late Dr Ong Chit Chung
at the OVA Gala Dinner on Sunday, 8 March 2009

Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to take a moment from this Gala Dinner to pay tribute to a significant and extraordinary member of the Victoria family, the late Dr Ong Chit Chung.

Dr Ong was Chairman of the Victoria Executive and Advisory Committees (VEC/VAC) from 1997 to 2008.

In this capacity and beyond, he was a mentor to the school management and was dedicated to the education of all Victorians.

As a member of the VEC/VAC, Dr Ong was an enduring champion of Victoria School (VS) as one of the pioneer schools selected for Autonomous School status in 1994.

In the early 80s, he mooted the idea of setting up Victoria Junior College (VJC) and worked tirelessly on the founding of the college.

Under his guidance, both schools have grown to be amongst the top schools in Singapore.

In his role as Chairman of the VEC/VAC, Dr Ong was indeed an exemplary alumnus.

He was the driving force behind the plan to set up VS in our present Siglap Link location.

Driven by the wish to see VS at new premises closer to VJC, Dr Ong was instrumental in giving the Victorian community a vision and a road map to a new era of Victoria in Singapore.

To this end, he rallied his fellow Victorians in organising several major fund-raising events for the building of the new VS campus.

A well-respected Member of Parliament and entrepreneur, Dr Ong was always able to garner the support of Old Victorians and the community for the schools.

He was always thinking of how to help VS and VJC scale new heights.

He was passionate about Victoria and treasured his memories as a student of Victoria School.

All these years, he had kept the Chief Librarian Badge that he had worn as a student, which the family has kindly bequeathed to the VS Heritage Centre.

All of us will remember with gratitude the dedication and fortitude of Dr Ong who had made a difference for all in the Victoria family.
He was indeed a true blue Victorian, a valuable leader and son of Victoria.

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