

A Message from Stella Wong, Advisor (Former Executive Director) Honouring the Past, Embracing the Future

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Dear Watchdog Parents,

Welcome Back!

Whether you are a returning family or joining Watchdog for the first time, we warmly welcome you and your child to the new school year. We look forward to another year of learning and growth for our children, while continuing to work in close partnership with families across our Hong Kong, Jordan, and Lai Chi Kok Centres.

As many of you return to our Hong Kong Centre, you will notice an exciting transformation at the entrance with beautiful new murals and a newly completed access ramp. We are delighted to unveil our vibrant murals, completed over the summer as part of a community project celebrating inclusion and diversity, generously supported by the Rusy and Purviz Shroff Charitable Foundation.

The vibrant murals feature our signature characters representing children from diverse nationalities, alongside new elements representing children with Special Educational Needs (SEN). They reflect Watchdog's mission of embracing diversity, inclusion, and the unique strengths of every child we serve. The colourful artwork has brought warmth and joy to our Centre, creating an inviting environment for children, families, staff, and visitors alike. As a lasting symbol of our mission and vision, and I hope you will take the opportunity to stop by and enjoy them.



The completion of the access ramp, funded by the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust, is also especially meaningful to me. After seven years of perseverance, collaboration, and overcoming many challenges, seeing this long-awaited project come to fruition has been tremendously rewarding. The ramp not only improves accessibility to our Centre, but also reflect our commitment to creating a more inclusive environment for all children and families.

I would also like to share some personal news. After 33 years of a meaningful and fulfilling journey with Watchdog, I completed my term as Executive Director on 31 August 2026. I am filled with gratitude and appreciation for the privilege of serving the children, families, staff, supporters, and community partners who have been part of Watchdog's story.

Looking back, I am reminded of God's faithfulness and perfect timing. The completion of the ramp and mural project just before my retirement feels like a wonderful and fitting conclusion to this chapter of my life, and it will remain one of my most treasured memories of Watchdog.

While I am stepping down as Executive Director, I am pleased to continue supporting Watchdog in a part-time Advisor role during the transition period, helping to ensure a smooth handover and providing support where needed.

As I enter this new season, I do so with great excitement and confidence in Watchdog's future. I am particularly encouraged by several important developments that will further strengthen our services for children and families. The launch of our ABA Service in January 2026, the continued growth and advancement of OPRS with the introduction of Bridging and Support Services, and the increase of TSP service places are significant milestones that will enable us to better meet the evolving needs of children and provide stronger pathways of support. Seeing these initiatives take shape gives me tremendous optimism for the years ahead.



As Watchdog begins its next chapter, I am delighted to introduce our new Executive Director, Ms. Dorene Sin, who has officially assumed the role on 1 September 2026.

Many families may already know Dorene through her dedicated service at Watchdog. Having served the organisation for 18 years, including being Team Leader of our Speech Therapy Team, she brings a wealth of professional expertise, leadership experience, and a deep commitment to the children and families we serve.

I have worked closely with Dorene and have every confidence in her ability to lead Watchdog into the future. Her passion, vision, and dedication to our mission will ensure that Watchdog continues to grow and make a meaningful impact in the SEN community.

Your continued support and encouragement for Dorene as she steps into this important leadership role would be a great source of strength for both her and Watchdog.

Thank you for allowing me to be part of your family's journey and for the trust, friendship, and support you have given me throughout the years. It has truly been an honour and a privilege to serve the Watchdog community. Though my role has changed, my love for Watchdog and belief in its mission remains as strong as ever.

I wish you and your children a wonderful, successful, and joyful school year ahead.

With heartfelt gratitude and warmest regards,

Stella Wong

Advisor (former Executive Director)



Celebrating Stella Wong's 33 years of leadership and service, and welcoming Dorene Sin as Watchdog's new Executive Director as we embrace the future together.