2016 Annual Campfire

2016 Passing Out Parade

Unit Games Day

Unit VIA

2016 NCC and NPCC Hong Kong Immersion Programme

Swearing in Ceremony and Area Games Day 2016
A Flaming Good Time
(Unit Campfire)

On the 12th of March, Chung Cheng High (Main) held its annual campfire 2016. Campfire is a very important segment of the camp as it marks the end of the camp as well as provides a platform for all members in the Unit as well as ex CLs to come together to bond.

It started off with the instructors assisting the CLTs in building the campfire structure. The campfire structure consists of several logistics and it was no easy feat! Moreover, it was their first time but they still managed to build the campfire in the nick of time.

After two hours of construction, the campfire structure was finally up and the campfire was ready to begin. The campfire started off with our OC Unit, Ms Lim, giving her speech and lighting up the campfire.

The campfire then started off with a series of songs and exciting performances. There were a total of 6 groups with each group coming up with a performance. The performances comprised of unique skits and dances. From the laughter of the audience, it was evident that the audience enjoyed the performance.

In their individual groups, all cadets came together to think of a performance for the campfire night. Everyone was allocated a fixed period of time to discuss and decide on one performance item.

As this year’s theme for the camp is Superheroes, many groups’ performances were related to the theme. Also, many were related to their own group names too.
Group 1, Baymax, danced marvelously to the song “Immortals” which was the theme song for Big Hero 6. The dance moves were spectacular and cute.

Next up, our Group 2, Hawkeye, presented a skit about Hawkeye’s journey to the campfire.

Last but not least, Group 5, Thor, danced a small part of ‘Cheerleader’. They sang the song ‘Superheroes’, before reciting a cheer created by their group.

What would a campfire be like without campfire songs? This explains why all our cadets put in a lot of effort in learning the campfire songs, especially the Secondary Ones, who just joined us.

It was certainly a pleasure to have our ex-CLs back to witness our campfire. It was also heartening to have them involved in the campfire. The emcees even invited them on stage to dance ‘My Side’ together with the cadets. What a great night!
As the saying goes “all good things have to come to an end”, the campfire was a job well done by the CLTs and ended successfully. It was a truly memorable campfire, giving the camp a perfect closure.

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It's POP!!! Passing Out Parade 2016

On 25th May 2016, a Passing Out Parade was organised by the 53rd Committee to commemorate the efforts of the 52nd Cadet Leader Committee and mark the stepping down from their individual appointments in CCHS(M) NPCC Unit.

The Passing Out Parade was held in school, with the entire Unit standing in their respective squads waiting for the parade to commence. During the parade, the drill cane symbolises the handling of the unit from the 52nd Cadet Leader Committee to the 53rd Cadet Leader Committee was passed from SI (NPCC) Sng Ming Xian to L/Cpl (NPCC) Wong Jian Bo, Janeil. Awards including Best Unit Cadet, Most Improved Cadet and several appreciation plaques were also given out to deserving Cadet Leaders.

Passing over of drill cane from SI (NPCC) Sng Ming Xian to L/Cpl (NPCC) Wong Jian Bo Janeil.

52nd CL Committee passing out.
Chairperson of the 52nd CL Committee, SI (NPCC) Sng Ming Xian, passing the NPCC flag to the Chairperson of the 53rd CL Committee, L/Cpl (NPCC) Yeo Wei Ni.

Everyone then proceeded to the Lecture Hall for the 53rd Cadet Leaders’ Investiture. The 53rd CL committee and their leadership appointments were announced. They thus officially took over the responsibility of leading the unit. The NPCC flag was also passed to the new Chairperson of the Unit, L/Cpl Yeo Wei Ni, representing the handing over of the unit.

At the end of the investiture, a series of videos which were made by the Instructors along with the Secondary 1, 2 and 3 squads were played as a form of appreciation towards the 52nd CL committee for their efforts and guidance for the past one year. One of our Teacher Officers, ASP (NPCC) Mr Alexandre Yeoh also gave a heartwarming speech to the 52nd CL committee wishing them all the best for their future endeavors. To end off, the 53rd CL Committee presented a special gift to the 52nd CL Committee consisting of well wishes and thank-you messages as a whole Unit including the Teacher Officers.
We celebrated the end of the POP in high spirits with many photos were taken to mark this significant day and to be kept as memories. We hope the 52nd CL Committee enjoyed this event. Once again, a big Thank You to the 52nd CL Committee for all that you have done for the unit. We will definitely miss you and all the best for your O levels!

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Welcome to NPCC! (Swearing-in Ceremony and Area Games Day)

On the 16th of April, Area 11 held its Secondary One Swearing-In and Area Games Day at Chung Cheng High School (Main). Swearing-In is a ceremony when Secondary One cadets become official cadets of NPCC. Everyone has anticipated for this special day to come so that we could officially welcome fresh juniors into the NPCC Family!

Secondary One cadets of Area 11 proceeded to the concourse to register and have their attendance taken and be accounted for, before making their way to Lecture Theatre with the help of ushers from our Secondary 3 squad.

After the Officers and Cadets have settled down, the Swearing-In Ceremony commenced. The Masters of Ceremony, L/Cpl (NPCC) Ang Hui Min and L/Cpl (NPCC) Chen Jian of CCHS(M) NPCC Secondary 3 squad, started off by giving an introduction of NPCC to the Secondary One cadets. They introduced the vision, mission and history of NPCC. They also shared the proficiency badges that the Secondary One cadets can obtain in NPCC and introduced the Area 11 schools to them.

We are sure that the Secondary One cadets were amazed by the shiny badges that they would be able to obtain throughout their journey in NPCC and feel motivated to work hard for it!
After the introduction, Area 11 Assistant Commandant, A/DSP (NPCC) Choo Yong Guan, was invited to give his speech. He was very happy and glad to have the Secondary One cadets choosing NPCC as their CCA. Giving his warmest welcome to the Secondary One cadets joining NPCC, Area 11, we are certain that the Secondary One cadets have developed a sense of belonging to be a cadet of NPCC!

After the end of Area 11 Assistant Commandant’s speech, the Swearing-In Ceremony which was led by L/CPL (NPCC) Chen Jian begun.

Finally, our juniors officially become NPCC cadets! We can’t wait to lead them! The recitation of the NPCC Pledge was then led by L/Cpl (NPCC) Ang Hui Min.

Area 11 Swearing-In Ceremony thus came to an end. We hope that the Secondary One cadets will have a fun, fruitful and memorable journey in NPCC!

Following up from the Swearing-In Ceremony is the Area 11 Games Day.

The objective of this Area 11 Games Day is for all Secondary One cadets to come together to know one another, developing a sense of belonging to the area. It also aims to foster teamwork and instil determination among the Secondary One cadets.
Every participating school sent Secondary One cadets to participate in the games organised by the schools in Area 11. Apart from the six schools in Area 11, Loyang Secondary School and Bendemeer Secondary School also participated in our Area 11 Games Day.

The event started with the Masters of Ceremony, L/Cpl (NPCC) Ang Hui Min and L/Cpl (NPCC) Chen Jian, giving the introductory address to the participants for the Area 11 Games Day. After the end of the briefing, the games began. The eager participants were led by group leaders to the school hall and proceeded to the respective stations that they were allocated to.

There were a total of 6 stations and 8 groups of cadets. The stations include: ‘Shuttle Challenge’, ‘All On One Side’, ‘Ping Pong cup’, ‘Path to Success’, ‘TK funfair’ and last but not least, ‘A balancing act’ planned by respective schools of Area 11. At the respective stations, the participants were engrossed in the games and had a whale of time as radiant smiles were plastered across their faces.

Through this Area 11 Games Day, friendships were forged inevitably and they were no longer merely acquaintances. The cadets demonstrated strong sense of determination while trying their best to complete the games, not giving up despite numerous setbacks. I believe that the Secondary One cadets would have many takeaways from this Area 11 Games Day. Like how they could have had more effective communication among themselves since a lot of cooperation, teamwork and mutual respect was needed to appear victorious in the games they participated. Most importantly, they had enjoyed themselves and had fun in Area 11 Games Day.
After the groups are finished with their stations, they went back to the Lecture Theatre eagerly waiting for the commencement of the prize presentation.

As soon as everyone settled down, Masters of Ceremony, L/Cpl (NPCC) Ang Hui Min and L/Cpl (NPCC) Chen Jian, invited the Area 11 Assistant Commandant and Teacher Officers of various schools to give out the prizes. Certificates of Appreciation were given out to all schools that participated in the Area 11 Games Day.

For the Overall Champion for Area 11 Games Day 2016, we have Victoria School! Cheers ricocheted rapturously off the walls of Lecture Hall. Well done, Victoria School! After all the prizes have been given out to the respective winners, the Assistant Commandant gave his closing speech which marks the end of Area 11 Games Day. How I wish that there was more time for the participants to play!
This Area 11 Swearing-In & Games Day would not have run so smoothly without the help and guidance from our Teacher Officers, Honorary Officer and Cadet Inspectors, the planning committee for this event, as well as the entire Secondary Three Squad and medics from the CL Squad. Despite the fact that it was held during the weekend, everyone on duty attended this activity and did their part. Although it was a long day, everyone did their best and persevered to the end till their task was completed. It was a job well done by the Secondary 3 CCHS(M) NPCC squad! Nevertheless, the efforts of various schools in Area 11 which planned, set up and carried out the games in the stations, should not be forgotten. Thanks to them, Area 11 Games Day could be successfully carried out!

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On 22 July, our cadets got their game on for our unit’s first ever Games Day which was organised by the Games League Department. There were a multitude of events and games hosted by the Head of Games League, Cpl (NPCC) Chen Jian and Deputy Head, Cpl (NPCC) Raine Chua, ranging from two man skipping and balloon transfer, to writing the NPCC pledge while avoiding a ball.

First up was a game of charades. Cadets lined up in rows and faced backwards while the game master Cpl (NPCC) Daniel Chin whispered a phrase to the last person. The person then had to pass the message down only with actions to the next group member.

Secondly, was a game of poison ball, where cadets had to avoid a supposedly “poisonous” ball. However, this time the cadets had to write down the NPCC Pledge in the process.

Thirdly, was an obstacle course of various challenges such as transferring a ball with only their shoulders and skipping rope with another cadet.

Finally, cadets had to line up on top of a bench and try to arrange themselves according to their birthdays. However, they were not allowed to speak or step off the bench. The cadets certainly had a blast trying to complete all the stations. But alas, the games had to come to an end when Cpl (NPCC) Chen Jian blew the whistle. The winning team was duly awarded with sweets and snacks to share.
The seniors believe that it was a meaningful and fun experience for all the cadets. By the time the games ended, we could see smiles all over the faces of our juniors. This experience certainly brought us closer as a unit, or even closer like a family. The juniors got to see a side of their squad takers they do not usually see, the funnier and playful side. We look forward to more activities like these organised by the Games League for our unit to bond.

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Members of a Caring Society (Unit VIA)

As members who have benefited from what society has provided us with, we have the responsibility to give back to society by lending a helping hand to those who need our help. Therefore, on the 9th & 10th of November 2016, our unit worked hand in hand with TOUCH organisation to deliver food to the homes of the beneficiaries.

Our cadets went door to door delivering food to the elderly at different blocks spreading across Toa Payoh. Despite the weather not being on our side, our cadets braved the elements and manage to deliver all the food to the elderly. Although a fellow cadet felt sick during the VIA, she insisted to continue through it. Through this experience we learnt to have resilience and never to give up in the face of adversity.

It was a meaningful and memorable experience for all of us because this was the first time we tried something different from what we normally did. From this VIA, we have all learnt that there are many more people in our society who are in need of our help and since we have the ability to do so, it is only right for us to contribute back to make the society a better place for everyone. When helping, we develop empathy and responsibility for the well-being of others and this is not what we can just learn from lessons in classes, giving even more reasons for us towards volunteerism. We would like to commend the coordinator of this memorable and meaningful Unit VIA, Cpl (NPCC) Fong Kang Wei who worked with the organisation to ensure the event ran smoothly. We also like to thank TOUCH Home Care for allowing us to participate in this special VIA, as well as the teacher officers ASP (NPCC) Ms Lim Boon Hwee, ASP (NPCC) Ms Chen Min Hua and Mr Koh Tiang Peng for joining us in this meaningful event, guiding us along the way.
Mission Accomplished!

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Off To Hong Kong!!!
(2016 NCC & NPCC Hong Kong Cultural, Adventure and Immersion Programme)

The NPCC and NCC Cadets gathered behind banner for a quick group photo.

From the 21st to the 25th of November 2016, a few of our CLs and Secondary 3s embarked on an unforgettable trip to Hong Kong, along with the some NCC cadets. Everyone arrived at the airport at 3.30am, excited and anticipating. We gathered round to take a group photo to mark the start of this momentous occasion before heading for the departure hall, not forgetting to bid farewell to our beloved parents.

After a short flight, we arrived in Hong Kong. Despite being tired from waking up early, we were entertained by our hilarious tour guide. On our first day, we visited many historical locations such as Victoria Peak, The Golden Bauhinia Square and The Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence. It was truly an enriching day for us learning about the rich history of Hong Kong as to how it reached its glorious stage today.

The Coastal Defence Museum showed us how Hong Kong was able to defend itself against enemy threats throughout its history.
Victoria Peak showcased Hong Kong’s amazing mountains as well as a little history of its tram ride which has been running for many years, even during its colonisation by the British. We were then greeted by the picturesque views of the misty mountains upon arrival.

Finally, we visited The Golden Bauhinia Square, which portrayed Hong Kong’s ties with China before calling it a day.

The second day was undeniably the most enjoyable day throughout the trip for most. A full day at Ocean Park! We got a chance to go on thrilling rides and learn about exotic marine lifestyles. We went to behind the scenes programme at the seal and sea lion enclosure and were all impressed by the tricks put up. It was truly an enjoyable experience!

We hoped on various rides namely thrill mountain and amazon rainforest and had an extremely exhilarating time screaming with our lungs out on the Viking Ship and winning prizes at the various game booths. This trip to the Ocean Park has given us a chance to bond with our squadmates!

On the third day we had school visit. We interacted with the students in the school and experienced a little of the Hong Kong lifestyle as well as how the students studied.
We realised that we have many things in common. One of such was that lessons were conducted in English like how we do in Singapore.

After the school visit, we set out on a treacherous hike up the Dragon’s Back Mountain, where we hiked up steep hills with thorny branches and sharp rocks for the entire hour. The weather did not make it any better as it was extremely cold and we were faced with harsh winds and rain which brought chills up our spines.

However, we persevered and encouraged one another. With handwork, we were rewarded with a spectacular view. This hike has taught us that teamwork makes the dream work!

The fourth day entailed more physical activity as we set on the journey of 8-kilometres up steep enormous mountains. The mountains were steep and filled with dense forest along both sides of the trail. Even though the hike was long and tiring, we persevered throughout as we knew that there was no turning back. Halfway through the hike, some cadets were exhausted and could not keep up with the rest of the group but we did not leave them behind but support them with words of encouragement and even offered to carry their bags until everyone reached the destination. Although the journey was tough, it was rewarding and worthwhile as it pushed us beyond our limits. By the time we reached the top, we were tired but at the same time proud of ourselves for completing the journey.
On the final day, we boarded the bus looking smart in our uniforms and headed over for our final school visit along with the Commissioner of the Hong Kong Police Force. After a few hours of lessons, it was time to meet the Commissioner. We listened to the speeches by the Principal and Commissioner. Afterwards was a mini parade for us to showcase our drills to the entire school. All the uniform groups gathered at the parade square to give a march past salute to the Commissioner.

What was most exciting about the event was that we took a group photo with the Commissioner. He invited us for a tour inside the police station, which was an extremely rare opportunity. This event was definitely a meaningful one as it allowed us to build connections with the police force of Hong Kong, hence strengthening ties between both countries.

Finally, it was time for us to bid farewell to our friends in Hong Kong and head back home. After some shopping at a few malls and factory outlet, we headed for the airport and bid farewell to Hong Kong. We would like to thank all teacher officers and instructors for this opportunity and we hope there would be more future overseas trips to come so our juniors have a chance to experience it first-hand too!

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