



Message From National President

The year 1981 is one of immense significance to the history of the Hong Kong Jaycees. It is significant because we are now in the first year of the fourth decade of our existence. It is significant because this is the first year when we have 12 full Chapters, and that the thousand membership mark will certainly be reached and exceeded.

We must pay tribute to our predecessors for having laid such a very fine groundwork over the past 30 years, for us to work from there and to achieve more. We have grown from a modest membership to the present one of over 900. Our contributions towards the well being of the community has been recognised - as evidenced by the fact that quite a number of our past and present members have now become well known citizens of Hong Kong.

1981 is definitely one of great challenges. It challenges me and my National Board to take our achievements to greater heights. It challenges Chapter Presidents and their Boards to provide more personal development opportunities for the members. It also challenges the Hong Kong Jaycees as a whole to serve our community better. When we take the oath to our respective offices this evening, we are committed. We are committed to uphold the Jaycee Ideals in which we all believe, to bring our goals and objectives to fruition and to conquer the challenges which we all are bound to face.

This year is also the International Year of Disabled Persons. In support of the IYDP, as did His Excellency the Governor when he received the first Charter of the '80s on behalf of his government and people at the Opening Ceremony of the IYDP in Hong Kong, we have chosen 'Help the Disabled!' as our Major Emphasis Theme for this year. No less than 20 Jaycees Projects on this Theme have been planned, and more are to come.

To the many community leaders and distinguished guests with us this evening, I crave for your continued support to the Jaycees - the group of young men and women who have joined this worldwide organisation to better themselves and to serve the community.

To you all, fellow Jaycees and Jaycettes, let us strive ahead in concerted efforts to make this year one of memories which we can recount with pride and self-satisfaction!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edmond Pang".

Edmond Pang
National President-1981