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## A Little Fish

I am a little fish. Five years ago, with both fear and excitement, I left my small fishbowl into BLMCSS, a much larger yet unfamiliar one.

This aquarium has witnessed my growth. It has witnessed my laughter and my tears. My experience in joining various extra-curricular activities has given me the most unforgettable memories. In primary school, I was a timid little fish, not willing to walk out of my comfort zone. I am glad that I have finally found my confidence after entering this aquarium and joining a wide range of activities. In the school choir, I have found the truthfulness of 'No pain No gain'. Serving as a prefect and a boy scout, I have found much joy in helping others. Being the chairman of societies, I have learnt to be a servant leader. While in the school fellowship, I have rediscovered my religion. However, joining competitions, such as speech competitions, music festivals and contests on diplomatic issues, were the most rewarding experiences I have ever had.

We all know the Chinese saying 'failure is the mother of success'. Success is never granted. Failures, on the contrary, are almost inevitable. Winning had been my sole focus when I was young, losing a competition was unbearable to me. Surprisingly, the more I have participated, the more I have changed. In LMC, I have learnt that doing my best means winning a competition. What I get is not a shiny gold medal, but an opportunity to test my limits and gain indelible friendships with my teammates.

What you sow is not always what you reap. Hard work does not guarantees to success. However, as the well known American author Lloyd Alexander once said, 'The seeking counts more than the finding. So, too, must the striving count more than the gain.' What I have learnt in these competitions has changed my attitude towards school, urging me to devote myself completely and enthusiastically to my studies.

LMC is a warm aquarium to me. I can always find the most caring teachers here, who treat us like their own kids, as well as supportive schoolmates and best friends. I can truly experience the affectionate connection with LMC. I am deeply touched by the spirit of 'pass it on', which has taught me to care more about the people around me.

Five years has passed. I have grown a little bit bigger, a little bit more mature. The days I spent in LMC will definitely be enshrined in my heart and I will always be grateful for the nurture and affirmation of my teachers. I will continue my journey into the unknown seas and oceans, bearing in mind what I have learnt here, remembering to do my best on all occasions.