



## A Blissful Year

18-19 Outstanding Leadership Awardee

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Being the chairperson of Jazz club, the vice house captain of blue house and also one of the committee members of the Student Union, I had gone through two busy but fruitful years in my senior forms of study. I am more than grateful to be recognised and given opportunities to take these roles. This experience had shaped myself to become a better person.

I remember I was quite nervous at the beginning, when I had just turned into a really important one in Jazz Club. For one thing, I worried about that I could not manage this huge team properly. For another, I feared that I would make wrong decisions for the future of this team. For the last thing, I wasn't self-assured enough. My expectation for myself as a leader was being able to establish a support with other members and create a joyful atmosphere. As a dancer, I also hope to let others feel my passion in dancing, in order to encourage them to seek joy from dancing as well. More importantly, my ultimate goal was to make other members feel glad to be in this team. There was no doubt that it was a hard task.

Jazz club is divided into two groups, senior group and junior group. There were around 40 members in total, which was not a small number. As a consequence, I had to handle many different tasks with other vice chairpersons. For instant, we had to do makeup for the members, decide and buy costumes for them, lead all of them while practicing etc. Honestly, it put too much pressure on me sometimes and made me feel overwhelmed. But thankfully, by getting along with others in the team day by day, we had built up a better relationship with one another. Since the success of a team always hinges on good teamwork, with such good relationships, my job as a leader became less challenging. It was easier for me to lead them towards success. Therefore, I was more than grateful to have these good relationships with my teammates.

When one has become the leader, she will aim high and hope to reach high with her followers for sure. However, we didn't win the Honours award (Champion) this year. Instead, we only won the Highly Commended award (1st runner up). There is no doubt that it was quite an unfortunate result, for a team that had put a lot of effort for a year. Yet, I feel no regret or sad when this result was announced. For one thing, I learnt not to over focus on winning or losing from my teammates. For another, we did have devoted our full effort in the process of practicing, and I had already gain a lot from it. As a team, we laughed, we fought, we enjoyed the ride. In the end, we did not need those prizes to prove ourselves anymore. People may think chairperson is the one who inspires followers, in fact, she is one of the inspired people too. In the past, dancing was only my interest, what I had learnt was only skills. Being the chairperson for a year, what I had learnt was more than skills. It was not only about ways to handle hard tasks, but also about how to be a responsible leader and pay full effort for a team. Finally, passing my passion to my fellow members like my senior teammates in the past, and inspiring the next leader is last mission for me.

Looking back in this year, I am so pleased to have those good allies to push me and the club from behind. Their conscientiousness really touched my heart. I vividly remember those scenarios when they insisted to come back to school to train during holidays, while they were tired or even sick. They are the most outstanding dancers in my heart. I am also contented to have those experienced senior sisters and vice chairpersons to give me a helping hand when I was in hesitations. It helped a lot. There are full of miracles in this year. Being one of the members in this team, leading you all to grow, to fight will definitely become one of my happiest and most unforgettable time in my life.