On May 11 to 13, 2011, Grace Christian College (GCC) together with St. Stephen’s High School (SSHS) hosted the 26th ACSCU-AAI National Assembly. Delegates from different Schools, Colleges and Universities (SCU’s) from all over the Philippines convened as participants. The theme for this year’s assembly was, “Sustaining Quality and Excellence Toward Highly Committed Christian Schools.”

The venues included GCC, Trinity University of Asia and St. Stephen’s High School; with most of the seminars held at the Manila.
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10th PRO Awards... from page 1

In the PRO Elementary Open Category, Louise Julie Pabico (EE 5-6), Lance Timothy Lim (EE 5-6) and Jose Jacobo Raymundo (EE 6-6) won as CHAMPION for their entry “GCC SMART CAR... the next generation Intelligent Car System” with the theme, “Robots Improving Lives.”

In the PRO High School Regular Category, the “Stair Climber” entry of Team A members, namely: Kimberly Klaire Gamboa (HS 1-6), Calvin Alexander Ng (HS 2-5) and Arvy Daniel Ngo (HS 2-6) also won as CHAMPION. Team B was also a finalist in this category, with members: Hector Tinchin Tan (HS 1-6), Edrich Hans Chua (HS 2-6) and Brandon Joshua Gococo (HS 2-6).

In the High School Open Category, also under the theme, “Robots Improving Lives,” Joseph Aldrin Chua (HS 3-5), Kyle David Dee (HS 4-6) and Jenelle Dominique Gococo (HS 4-6) won 3rd Place for their entry titled, “Medi-QUICK System…Prescription Med at the touch of a finger.”

Three (3) teams from Grace Christian College will represent the country and be part of the Philippine delegation for the upcoming World Robot Olympiad (WRO) on November 17 to 21, 2011, in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Quest for Excellence... from page 1

Prayer by Rev. Eduardo Canlas, English teacher; and Scripture Reading by Celine Anne Tiu, English Club President. It solemnly but joyfully ended with the Closing and Dedication Prayer led by Dr. Zenaida P. Lumba, Vice President for Academic Affairs (Higher Education). The joyful music from the start to the end of the program was provided by Mr. Danny Chin, pianist and GCC Chinese Orchestra conductor-director.

The QEP has been conceived and dedicated to the school’s proposition that, “Every child is precious – a gem.” Indeed, it is a bold step taken to make the school’s Educational System grind effectively so that every child in school, though a rough rock at the start, will eventually be cleansed, refined, purified into a precious stone. This is to say that, with God’s blessings, every child covered by the QEP will experience not only a genuine freedom from the bondage of ignorance and mediocrity but also the joy brought by wisdom and excellence.

As clearly defined in the implementing rules and guidelines of the QEP, all students of GCC from Nursery to College levels are expected to behave and conduct themselves according to the three measures of excellence, namely:

1. Speak Only English / Chinese all the time and everywhere in the school campus, except in the Filipino subject class in session where the language of instruction may be Filipino;
2. Be personally neat and clean and wear prescribed school uniform properly; and
3. Keep Grace clean and green by strictly observing the ’No Littering’ and Zero Waste Management polices.

(More about the Quest for Excellence Program next issue.)
The business meeting among members and officers of ACSCU-AAI highlighted: the group agenda presentation; the confirmation of the 25th AAI National Assembly minutes; presentation of reports by the President, Executive Director, Treasurer, Review Committee and Nominations Committee. The Election of Officers among members of the Board and the Presentation of Resolutions also took place.

Soon after, the Closing Ceremonies started with the Oath Taking Ceremonies of the newly elected officers and members of the AAI Board of Directors (for S.Y. 2011 – 2012). SCU’s represented in the assembly were given awards and recognition, with the following categories:

- Institutional Accreditation Awardee
- Programs granted Level III Initial Accreditation
- Programs granted Level III Re-Accreditation
- Programs granted Five (5) – Year Re-accreditation
- Programs granted Three (3) – Year Re-accreditation
- Programs granted Initial Accreditation
- Programs granted Candidate Status
- Certificates of Recognition and Appreciation to be accorded to Schools and Accreditors
- Certificates of Participation to be accorded to the Delegates / Participants.

On May 13, 2011, the 26th ACSCU-AAI assembly was adjourned.

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GCC hosts 26th ACSCU... from page 1

Grand Opera Hotel, in Sta. Cruz, Manila.

The Association of Christian Schools, Colleges and Universities – Accrediting Agency, Inc. (ACSCU – AAI) officials graced the programs for the assembly. Dr. Nona S. Ricafort, Commissioner of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) in the Philippines, was invited as guest speaker, who delivered the Keynote Address on the event’s first day.

On May 11, 2011, the two session topics were: “Translating the Vision: Mission of a School Through Community Outreach Program” facilitated by Dr. Nichol R. Elman (Director of Community Extension from Silliman University) for Session I and “Sustaining Research Culture in HEI’s and Basic Education,” by Dr. Angelita O. Bognalen (Research Department Director, Trinity University of Asia) for Session II.

After the sessions, an Open Forum took place between the audience and the guest speakers. Dinner was served and became an avenue for socialization among delegates.

Sessions 3 & 4 were held on the second day of the assembly, May 12, 2011 initialized by the GCC presentation, “Using Robotics as an Innovation in Teaching.” The guests and delegates had a hands-on Robotics activity, while being assisted by the GCC Robotics Team members. The activity has been the assembly’s most enjoyable part, as told by the delegates.

Meanwhile, SSHS presented, “Using Sound Recognition Technology for English Language Enhancement.” The assembly pushed through in the Manila Grand Opera Hotel.
K’BOT WORLD ASIA COMPETITION (HONG KONG)

Both the Elementary and High School Robotics teams of Grace Christian College separately won 1st Place (CHAMPION) in the recently concluded K’BOT WORLD ASIA COMPETITION held in Hong Kong on July 7 – 10, 2011.

There were 16 teams who competed, and the GCC Robotics team had to face notable opponents from Hong Kong and China. Despite adjustments that both teams encountered, they still emerged as CHAMPIONS. The high school team was challenged when the target goals changed during the actual competition, whereas the elementary team encountered challenges during the contest itself.

The teams celebrated their victory by visiting Noah’s Ark and Hong Kong Disneyland, with a special dinner in a Chinese restaurant.

The teams have been featured in the 24 Oras (Evening News) of GMA 7 aired last July 14, 2011 and “Good News Kasama si Vicky Morales” of News TV Channel 11 aired last July 24, 2011.

Elementary Team:
- Aaron Rian S. Choi (Gr. 3)
- Filbert Heinrich T. Wee (Gr. 6-6)
- John Deryck T.R. Ong (Gr. 5-6)
- Heidi Kristine C. Tan (Gr. 4-2)

High School Team:
- Kyle David Dee (HS 4-6)
- Jenelle Dominique Gococo (HS 4-6)
- Raymond Luke Rebong (HS 3-6)
- Calvin Alexander Ng (HS 2-5)
- Hector Tinchin Tan (HS 1-6)

The GCC Robotics teams are trained by the coaches Engr. Warren OngPe, Ms. Melanie Tizon, and Mrs. Marlita Vitto.

To God be the glory!

GCC in a Glimpse

The Ambassador of Taiwan visited Grace Christian College on July 21, 2011.

Grace Chinese Orchestra Welcoming Guests
I remember when I was in elementary and taking Physical Education. Our coach would take us to a small park and make us run one mile in 20 minutes, which is two times around the park’s perimeter. To motivate us to run faster, the coach would give us a head-start and if she passed us we would have to run another mile. So there was motivation to train well and run fast. I was not much of a distance runner but the best part of the park was that there were lots of trees. So I, along with two other of my “larger” classmates, would begin by running very hard out of sight of the coach and then hide in the trees.

Since the park was in the shape of a square, we would take shortcuts diagonally through the trees and cut the run distance in half. By doing so we never had a problem with meeting the requirements. On the day of our final exam, the teacher told us no one would have any problems because it was to run one mile in 20 minutes and everyone had done it.

Then our coach brought us to a new park (because the old one was be closed for repairs) with NO trees. Sure enough, my friends and I failed the test because we had been cheating and taking shortcuts in our training prior to the final exam.

We often cheat in our spiritual lives. We think that reading a heart-warming story in our daily devotional is the same as reading the Bible. We believe that if we ask others to pray for us it is as good as if we prayed ourselves. We think that a quick 3 min “quiet time” will take us through the day because it is the only time I can give to God (even though I can watch 2 hours of TV before dinner). We substitute worshiping together in church as God intended it for a sermonette heard over the internet. We cheat in our walk with God and wonder why we feel so inadequate when life’s trials or “final exams” happen.

In talking about persevering in the Christian life, the Apostle Paul gives us this warning in 2 Timothy 2:5, “Similarly, if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not receive the victor’s crown unless he competes according to the rules.”

Using athletic training as an analogy, Paul says that in the Christian walk, there are no short-cuts. Every athletic event has its own rules and regulations. All who fail to discipline themselves to observe these rules or cheat are disqualified. To make sure we will not cheat in our Christian walks requires both discipline and obedience.

First, an athlete is someone who must be disciplined. He must keep to his schedule of training and let nothing interfere with it. There will be days when he would like to relax and take a break from his training; but he must not do so. There will be food and sweets he would love to eat, but he must refuse them. This takes discipline.

Likewise, there must be discipline in the Christian life. There are times when the easy way is very attractive; there are times when the right thing is the hard thing; there are times when we are tempted to relax our standards. The Christian must train himself never to relax in the life-long attempt to honor God with his life.

Secondly, the athlete is someone who obediently observes the rules or is disqualified from the race. Either in training or in the contest, the rules must be observed. As there are no shortcuts in athletic performances and training, there are no shortcuts in the Christian life.

Growing in our faith and cultivating an intimate relationship with God takes time. Spiritual growth does not happen overnight. If you want to know more about God’s Word, it takes times to study and learn it. If you want to grow closer to the Lord, it requires times spend with Him in prayer. If you want to overcome temptations in your life, it requires disciple and time for you to memorize Scriptures to counteract the lies of the Satan.

As we train to run the race called the Christian Life and prepare ourselves to pass the exams of life, remember there are no short-cuts and there is no cheating. It is my prayer that all of you will finish well.

--REV. STEPHEN G. TAN
Ms. Jamile A. Gabionza, a Batch 2007 alumna of Grace Christian College and a graduate of the University of the Philippines College of Architecture (with a degree of Bachelor of Landscape Architecture), was given the prestigious 2011 Philip Recto Design Excellence Award.

On August 5, 2011, Ms. Gabionza went to Shenzhen, China to undergo a three-year oversea training at the prestigious SRT (S&P) Architects Ltd., an 80-man architecture and landscape design firm in China, with head office in Hong Kong.

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Grace Alumna (Batch ‘08) Places Top 6 in International Public Speaking Competition (London)

Grace Christian College (GCC) alumna GERMAINE CHUABIO of Batch 2008 bagged Top 6 in the 2011 International Public Speaking Competition (IPSC) held in London, England on the last week of May, 2011. She was the chosen Philippine representative for the said international contest and competed with 81 representatives from 46 different countries worldwide. Her on-the-spot piece was titled, “The Best Things in Life are Free” and her winning piece that landed her a finals slot was: “A Mother’s Love.”

Presently, Germaine is a sophomore “Star Scholar” at De La Salle University (DLSU).

Germaine was the Salutatorian of her high school batch in Grace, and she had been a leader in extra-curricular activities such as being the Editor-in-Chief of the student publication “Grace Journal,” and President of the English Club. Also, she had represented GCC in various English Public Speaking and Writing Contests; had won a Chinese Declamation Contest; and was a 3rd Place winner in the Reader’s Digest Essay Contest in her high school years.

For 2011, Germaine has been featured in the national local broadsheet, The Philippine Star and other well-known interactive sites in the country for her achievement.

British Ambassador Stephen Lillie (far left) and his wife Denise (far right) recently hosted a reception at his residence in honor of Germaine Chuabio (fourth from left), together with her proud parents Mr. and Mrs. Chuabio (photo & caption taken from Interaksyon.com).

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• July 16, 2011

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• Jason Carlo Carranceja (Gr. 2-6)
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Certificate of Distinction (Top 10%)
• Kelsey Lim Tiong Soon (HS 1-6)
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Certificate of Credit (Top 25%)
• Carl Louis G. Chan (HS 4-6)
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PART 1
7th INTERNATIONAL MATHEMATICS COMPETITION
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Silver Medalists
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Grace Team Wins Gold in UP-ACES’ Bridge Building Contest

Grace team emerged as the Overall Champion in the “Bridge Building” Competition held on September 7, 2011. The annual competition is sponsored by the University of the Philippines – ACES and was held at the Diliman campus. There were thirty (30) teams from different national and science high schools, public and private, who competed in the said event.

The teams were tasked to construct a bridge out of the materials provided by the organizers. The bridges’ strength and durability were then tested by hanging sand weights on each. After the testing was finished, the Grace Christian College team’s bridge was the best among all entries.

The GCC team was composed of two 4th year students: Darren A. Chua (HS 4-5) and Wilz D. Letran (HS 4-3) together with a 3rd year student, Jason T. Chang (HS 3-5). The team was accompanied by their coach, Mr. Jessiel Gueriba.

Grace Alumnus Bags 1st Intel-DST Asia Pacific Challenge 2011’s Silver Award

Laurence Erich Chiang Co of Batch 2006 together with a classmate represented the Philippines in the Intel-DST Asia Pacific Challenge 2011 and won second prize. The Philippine team which won for their “jointed articulating laparoscopic tool” design and fabrication was next to the Japan’s team which won 1st place.

According to the contest organizer’s website the Intel-DST Asia Pacific Challenge, is designed for individual innovators and technology startups, organized by the Asia-Pacific Incubation Network (APIN) in collaboration with Intel and Department of Science and Technology (Government of India), across 10 countries in the Asia-Pacific region. To create a platform for identifying high-tech, high-potential technology innovations that help address larger issues faced by the society in the sectors of health, energy, climate change, education, and rural empowerment across 10 Asia-Pacific countries is the main goal of the Program.

The winners were carefully selected by a process that screened 50 participants from different countries in the Asia-Pacific region. The panel consisted of the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIMA), the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIMB) and reputed Venture Capitalists (VCs) academicians and faculty.
GCC Mathletes Stand Out in 2011 IIMC (Indonesia)

Three Gracean Mathletes teamed up with students from other schools and represented the Philippines in the “2011 Indonesia International Mathematics Competition (IIMC)” held in Bali, Indonesia on July 18 to 23, 2011.

In the Individual Category, Lu Christian S. Ong (HS 3-5) bagged the Bronze Medal; while Kaye Janelle F. Yao (HS 2-6) and Hans Bryan Geremy C. Ong (HS 3-6) each received a Merit Award. Though the three students were teamed-up with students from other schools, they showed the Gracean spirit of cooperation when they contributed their Mathematical skills to propel their respective teams in garnering the 2nd Runner-up Trophy for the Team Category and Merit Award for the Group Category.

This year, 87 teams competed for the Stage III (High School Level) from 30 countries, namely: Australia, Brunei, Bulgaria, China, Canada, Cyprus, Hong Kong, Iran, Macau, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Nepal, Netherlands, Malaysia, Taiwan, Thailand, Russia, South Africa, USA, Nigeria, India, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Bangladesh, South Africa, Korea, Vietnam, Zimbabwe, and host country Indonesia.

The Gracean Mathletes thanked God for His faithfulness and resolved to continue to shine for Him through their God-given skills and abilities.

Gracean Math Wizards Rule in Sipnayan 2011

“Sipnayan 13: Beat the Odds,” a Math contest held on September 3, 2011 sponsored by the Ateneo Mathematical Society awarded Gracean Mathletes Sean Timothy Cheng (HS 4-6), Deany Hendrick Cheng (HS 3-6) and Lu Christian Ong (HS 3-5) who won as CHAMPION in the competition’s team category. It was said to be a huge comeback from last year, wherein the teams only reached semi-finals.

The contest was composed of the Elimination, Semi-Final and Final Rounds. For the elimination round, the contestants had individual exams and the scores of each team member have been totaled for the team score. Two teams advanced to the semi-finals, one of which was Team 1 from Grace Christian College – comprised of the aforementioned students. The semi-final round was an oral competition with easy, average and difficult rounds composed of five (5) questions each.

GCC’s Team 1 placed second in the semi-final round and advanced to the final round – which has been an unconventional event. In the final round, contestants had to answer different problems in buzzer-type questions, double-point questions, half-point questions, penalty questions, and the usual time-pressured questions.

The GCC team started the final round ahead of other contestants, with two questions amounting to six (6) points initially. The team continued to be in the first rank until the end of the finals.

Other contestants from Grace Christian College were: Team 2 - Hans Bryan Geremy Ong (HS 3-6), Justin Bryan Chong (HS 3-5), Carl Lester Tan (HS 4-5); Team 3 – Tsz Chun Wang (HS 4-5), Aaron Jan Cayanan (HS 3-6) and Kaye Janelle Yao (HS 2-6).

Bronze Medal Goes to HS 1-5 Mathlete in China Math Invitational

Grace Christian College student Kelsey Lim Tiong Soon (EHS 1-5) won a Bronze Medal in the “16th Hua Luo Geng Golden Cup Youth Math Invitational Competition” held in Huizhou, Guandong, China last July 22 to 25, 2011. Gracean Mathlete, Jason Carlo Carranceja (HS 2-6) also took part in the competition and had to answer mind-boggling questions with Kelsey Tiong Soon.

More than 600 math wizards from China, Taiwan, Macau, Singapore, Malaysia, Mongolia and the Philippines battled for the top. The competition was conducted in honor and acknowledgment to the great contribution of the outstanding Chinese Mathematician, Hua Luogeng (Hua Loo-Keng).

Gracean Joins Sudoku Tournament in Beijing

GCC’s Kaye Janelle Yao of HS 2-6 represented the Philippines in the “Kejia Pengcheng Cup Beijing International Sudoku Tournament” in Beijing, China last May 19 to 22, 2011. Having won the Championship in the Sudoku Wizards category of the “5th Philippine Sudoku Super Challenge,” Kaye was given the challenge of representing the country together with two (2) other students in the contest’s 18 and under category.
來到靈惠教學已經有半年了，之前一直呆在華語文中心，沒想到最後三個禮拜臨危受命前往IQ Chinese幫忙。聽說IQ Chinese特別班是針對完全沒有中文基礎的學生所設立，其中以韓國籍和菲律賓籍學生為主，一接受到這個任務心裡一則以喜，一則以憂。喜的是可以接觸到不同的教學課程，對於自己教學經驗上有很大的幫助，憂的是完全沒接觸過的學生及課程，必須要花更多時間重新備課，而且很擔心自己若沒準備好，無法給學生最好的教學內容，不過既然是林副院長對我的看重及信任，再怎麼辛苦，也要盡自己最大的努力把它做到最好，於是開始了我這三個禮拜IQ Chinese的教學生涯。

以前聽過IQ Chinese教學的好處，但沒有實際操作過，都只是紙上談兵，再者工欲善其事必先利其器，從來沒接觸IQ Chinese這套軟體的我，首先當然要先把整套軟體的內容搞懂，於是從怎麼操作開始著手。

IQ Chinese分為五大部分，分別為朗誦(Chant)、閱讀(Reading)、對話(Dialogue)、測驗(Test)和單字(Vocabulary)。

朗誦(Chant): 句數不多，卻是這一課的課文核心，配合簡潔有力的音樂節奏讓你可以在音樂節奏的幫助下，輕鬆隨著節拍朗誦並記得中文句子，除了有音樂節奏外也可一句句練習，並對照英文翻譯及漢語拼音。

閱讀(Reading): 是以朗誦為主而發展出來的閱讀內容，可單句或單字發音，並有英文翻譯對照。

對話(Dialogue): 將本課重要句型及文法設計成日常生活中能運用到的情境對話來呈現。

測驗(Test): 運用漢語拼音來練習中文打字，會以不同的測驗方式來呈現，分成四種難易不同的中文打字測驗，測驗結束後，立即知道自己的分數及所測驗的時間。

單字(Vocabulary): 會將本課的生字列表呈現，並有漢語拼音、中文和英文對照。

熟悉整套軟體操作方式之後，就請教學校裏教導IQ Chinese資歷最深的黃婷婷老師，婷婷老師說，使用IQ Chinese這套軟體最大的好處之一，是學生們可以自行先聽、先看、先練習，等學生對每課內容熟悉夠的時候，老師就可以搭配，運用不同的教學法。學生學習成果會事半功倍，加上學生透過使用此套軟體，所聽到的都是最正確的中文發音，在耳濡目染之下自然而然中文發音會比較準確，但是必須強化學生們對於中文的運用才可，因此我特別針對每課的文法設計不同的活動在課堂上讓學生們練習，搭配IQ Chinese，發現學生都可以很快的進入狀況，並且了解如何使用中文句型、文法和單字。

三個禮拜的教學經驗中，自己學習到很多如何運用最新的軟體、最新的科技來輔助華語文教學，但是其中有一個部分覺得自己還需要再加強。雖然學生在班上都了解並懂得如何運用及說中文，但常常過了四五天之後再用同樣的句型來練習，學生可能就忘記了。要如何創造一個更好的中文環境讓學生可以不斷的練習，是我接下來努力的目標之一。
Koba Shutters, AXA Philippines 2009 –
6th GABL WORLD BALANCE CUP CHAMPIONS

Koba Shutters captured its second title in the Fellowship Division, while AXA Philippines Batch 2009 overturned last year’s tormentor to capture the Youth Division title in the 6th Grace Alumni Basketball League (GABL) World Balance Cup.

In the Youth Division, AXA Philippines Batch 2009 overcame Cityland Batch 2007, 83-77 with four players scoring double figures: Christian So, Kerwin Tiu, Pete Chin and LA Chua combined for 61pts while defending champion Thewi Thai Batch 2005 edged out the youthful Batch 2010 in the semi final round 70-67 to arrange another title showdown. Brian Bernabe toppedcore with 14pts, Christopher Tiu and Paul Tan scored 10pts each. In the final series, AXA Philippines Batch 2009 got another sterling performance from Christian So, LA Chua and Pete Chin but leaned on the inside presence of JL Ngo and the outside sniping of Kerwin Tiu to exact revenge at the defending champion, Thewi Thai Batch 2005, to capture the Youth Division championship. Thewi Thai Batch 2005 was lead by Christopher Tiu, Bryan Bernabe and Angelo Lim. The GABL Youth Division was participated by Batches 2005-2010 together with the GCC varsity team and Faculty & Staff.

Twelve teams participated in this year’s fellowship division where top seeded quarterfinals teams Haco Swiss, Koba Shutters, Garage One and Wishcraft earns a twice to beat advantage against lower seeded teams Lightforce, Bizmo, Gerry’s Grill and Besman. Other teams who didn’t make it in the playoffs are Snowbird, Captain Burger, Sanzei and B’One.

Haco Swiss dominated Besman 92-69 behind Jason Chua’s 21pts, 9 rebs and Christopher Tiu’s 16pts, 6 assists performance to qualify as the top seeded team. Besman was led by my Christopher Beltran with 21pts. Meanwhile, Koba shutters likewise stamped its class over Gerry’s Grill 83-54 to earn the number two spot with Jerry Ong, Sid Abrigo and Jared Sy combining for 48pts. Jomar Albino, Maneschelevie Uy and Ace Balaagtas scored 14, 11 and 10pts respectively for Gerry’s Grill mentored by playing-coach Christian Calvin Cheng. Garage One had a tougher task against the Gerald Gan mentorship Bizmo winning 80-74 with Jiel See providing timely baskets for a game high 20pts with Stephen Chua and Tristan See scoring 14 and 10pts respectively. John Paolo Tan lead Bizmo with a double double performance of 18pts and 10 rebs.

Kingslee See and Aristotle Chang tried to spark a comeback for Bizmo scoring 14 and 13pts before losing steam in the end. Underdog team and last year’s 1st runner-up Lightforce team needing to win twice over 2008 champion Wishcraft team did just that. In both occasion, Pete Chin proved he is not just Mr. Smiling Face as he scored 27pts in their first meeting and 26pts in the knockout match while Aldrin Yao supported him in the first game scoring 16pts while Sherwin Yao had a double-double game of 18pts and 17rebs in the do or die game. Wishcraft was led by Jonathan Yu’s 23pts playoff average and Cary Sy’s consistent rebounding.

In the semi-finals match, Koba Shutters won over Garage One 70-63 to enter the finals. JV Ong lead the Koba Shutters balanced attack with 25 pts and 2009 MVP Jerry Ong with 17pts. William So and Stephen Chua finished with 19pts and 16pts respectively. In the other match, Lightforce was again led by Pete Chin, scoring 20pts and grabbing 15rebs to dethrone defending champion Haco Swiss 64-59. Mark Choa and Aldrin Yao combined for 30pts mostly during the second quarter when they outscored Haco Swiss 24-11. Haco Swiss was led by Bryan Bernabe’s 20pts and 12pts each by Angelo Lim and Christopher Tiu. In the championship game, Coach Philip Lim of Koba Shutters won their second title over Lightforce with sweet shooting and finals MVP Edwin Herrera making four out of nine three pointers to lead Koba Shutters with 20pts. Emmanuel Chua and veteran Tony Sy provided much needed help and inside strength scoring 17 and 12 pts while grabbing a combined 16rebs in the finals match. Lightforce, back to back 1st runner up was led by March Choa’s 18pts and double-double performance by Pete Chin and Sherwin Yao with 16pts-10rebs and 11pts-14rebs respectively.

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GABL AWARDERS
YOUTH DIVISION
MYTHICAL SELECTION

TIMOTHY ONG United Generic Pharmacy Batch 2010
CHRISTIAN SO AXA Philippines Batch 2009
BRIAN BERNABE Gerry’s Grill Batch 2005
L.A. CHUA AXA Philippines Batch 2009
CHRISTOPHER TIU Gerry’s Grill Batch 2005

Sportsmanship Award
L.A. CHUA

Season MVP
L.A. CHUA

Finals MVP
JL NGO / KERWIN TIU

Fellowship Division

2nd Mythical Team Team
JERRY ONG Koba
ALDRIN YAO Lightforce
WILLIAM SO Garage One
BRIAN BERNABE Haco Swiss
JOHN PAOLO TAN Bybmo

Best Defensive Team
RICHARD LIM SIN Haco Swiss
DARYL TAN Gerry’s Grill
STEVEN QUAN Garage One
JOHN PAUL CHANG Lightforce
JONATHAN YU Wishcraft

Mythical Five
SHERWIN YAO Haco Swiss
CHRISTOPHER TIU Haco Swiss
PETE CHIN Lightforce
EDWIN YAP Lightforce
GLENNDON CO Garage One

Sportsmanship Award
PATRICK TOMAS CHIN

Season MVP
PATRICK TOMAS CHIN

Finals MVP
EDWIN HERRERA
The 61st Anniversary Photo Essay with theme: “Grace and I” was the English Elementary students’ way of celebrating the 61 years of existence of Grace Christian College. The activity reflected the life of the school in pictures through the creation of a commemorative photo essay.

Students donated pictures of themselves or others engaged in school activities or taking part in events of the school. Then they organized these photos chronologically, to create a photo essay that depicts the school’s history. The students per class bound the photo essay and created a book of school memories. The display of each class photo essay during the anniversary month highlighted the celebration. In the next 10 years, the time capsule photo essay can be opened for another big anniversary celebration.

The project aimed to provide enriching opportunities for the students to realize and to give importance to the establishment of GCC as Christ’s ministry in the field of education. It also aimed to let the students understand their role to the realization of the vision and mission of the school.

Chinese Arts and Crafts & “Chinese Yoyo” presentation by Taiwanese CHAMPION. An Exhibit also enhanced Chinese Culture.