



INAUGURAL CHARGE DISTRICT COUNCIL OFFICERS

When you (Lady/Gentleman) joined the Y's Men's movement you took a pledge: To be an idealist, to be loyal to the YMCA (Young Men's Christian Association), to be world-minded, to acknowledge the duty that accompanies every right and to be enthusiastically active. You joined an international family of concerned people; concerned for human dignity, love and compassion for others without regard of their race, colour, or creed. You also pledged to follow the golden star in our emblem, that sheds rays of light on to the name Y's Men's Club. This golden star has for many years been a symbol of leadership, dedication, devotion and inspiration in your club life. This golden star led George Williams to found the YMCA, it led Paul William Alexander to found the Y's Men's Clubs. It led you to join your Y's Men's Club because of your realization of the nobility of unselfish service of the Y's Men's movement. As you became active, each became a leader because you possessed those for most important qualities of leadership; idealism, interest, initiative and industry.

Now you are embarking on a new experience, one which few achieve, one which will challenge your abilities as a dedicated leader, one which will testify to your commitment to Y's Men and to the ideals and purposes for which it was founded.

Your pledge to give of yourself unselfishly, to lead this organization with the trust given you by your members is truly a great responsibility, a responsibility that each of you has accepted and pledge to fulfill to the utmost of your ability.

Do you (Lady/Gentleman) accept the responsibilities of being the District Council Officers and pledge a life committed to Y's dom during your term of office? If so raise your right hand and respond in the affirmative.

I now pronounce you duly inducted officers of this District Council of Y's Men International Hong Kong District and wish God's blessing on each one as you lead our people in the year ahead.