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Let me start by thanking all of the Lizhians who have contributed to the building up this big family for the past nine months. It is an honor and blessing for me to be a part of this family and to serve you as your warden.

Salute to the Lizhians

We have been very encouraged by our outstanding performance in various sports and cultural activities this year. Notably, our ladies won the overall championship in women sports (swimming, field and track, badminton, volleyball, etc). I have confirmed with Ruby that this is our first-ever women champion award. Congratulations for a job well done!

The awards on the talent show, costume design, and lady's tug-of-war are equally notable. The recognition for our improvement on energy saving came as a pleasant surprise. Our achievements are by no means limited to these external awards; we have very strong soccer, basketball, and volleyball teams, as well as many talented artists and athletes in our midst. Last but definitely not the least, publishing the monthly Lizhi News is a creative and superb idea!

Our thanks go to Man Hin and the LiCheers, and Mason and the Glitz—the 6th and 7th Lizhi Hall Students' Associations—for devoting their time and energy to organizing various social and sports functions for all the hallmates. Not only was the quality of their work of high standard, they also always executed their "duties" cheerfully and graciously (especially the ladies).

We also reluctantly bid farewell to Ruby and Eric, our long-serving tutors, and express our heartfelt thankfulness for their unwavering support and involvement in the hall life and activities.

Becoming a warden

For the past nine months, I have been learning what it means by being a hall warden, in particular, the Lizhi Hall warden (there is no handbook for that). According to the "job specification", the primary function of a warden is to provide pastoral care (i.e., a hall pastor) to the hallmates. Therefore, I have been asking myself what a hall pastor is like. Several thoughts came to my mind. A hall pastor is called to faithfully guide and protect the people under his care. A hall pastor is also called to know the people under his care. Finally, a hall pastor is called to love the people under his care.

Have I lived up to the call of being a warden yet? Far from it. Will I measure up to the call some day? I do not think so. But I am sure of this: I will continue to advance on the journey of becoming a called warden if I put my heart and faith into it. "Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life." (你要保守你心，勝過保守一切，因為一生的果效是由心發出。) Proverbs (箴言) 4:23.