

Speech on Friendship Day

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'Good friends, good books, and a sleepy conscience: this is the ideal life,' Mark Twain said. Good morning Principal, teachers and my fellow students. I am Ivan Tam, the Chairperson of the Guidance and Counselling Team. How many of you here have friends? I suppose everyone does, but have you ever heard of Friendship Day? No? Let me tell you then.

Friendship Day is a tradition to dedicate a day in honour of friends. It began in the US in 1935. It was celebrated on the first Sunday of August every year. Today, it is celebrated in a large number of countries on different dates. On that day, people spend time with their friends and express love for them. Exchange of Friendship Day gifts like flowers, cards and wrist bands is a popular tradition of this occasion.

As Mark Twain said, 'Good friends, good books, and a sleepy conscience: this is the ideal life.' But how does a good friend make a life ideal? It is easy -- when you find someone you can rely on, you can express your happiness, sadness or even anger; and when you are with your friends, you feel secure and very comfortable, and you feel like there's nothing to worry about, it's just kind of happiness. But meanwhile, friendship is like a glass, it is easy to break, but if you maintain it in a good condition, it can be beautiful. But how? There is not a specific method to maintain a good friendship -- you can't find it in Google. It really depends on the time you spend and memories you have with them, and most important of all how supportive you are.

Perhaps from now on, we should start spending more time with our friends. Also, treasure the time we spend with them before it is too late. Today is Friendship Day, maybe it is a good day to fix the "glass" you broke before. Lastly, let's thank our friends for always being supportive and always being there with us. Wish you all a wonderful Friendship Day! Thank you!