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Coach inspires Ying Wa Girls' promotion

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THE THREAT of the team being disbanded inspired Ying Wa Girls' School swimmers to realise their potential and finally win promotion to Division Two (Hong Kong and Kowloon) at Kowloon Park Pool last week.

Since being relegated from Division Two in 1998, the school had come close to winning the Division Three (Hong Kong) title several times, frustrating ambitious coach Angus Leung Hok-sau.

"I told them before the competition that if they didn't win and achieve promotion this time, then I would dismiss the team," said Leung.

"The past few years they have finished second, third and fourth. They have always had the ability to win. I felt that this time there would be no excuses. They needed some pressure to push them.

"They responded well and I'm very proud of them. Team captain Cheung Kit-yee did a magnificent job. I told her how we could achieve our best and why it was important. She passed that on to the others."

Among Ying Wa's rivals

were Canadian International School who had SAR squad members in their ranks. "We had a more balanced team," said Leung. The coach has already set the girls another target. "We will aim to gain promotion to Division One within four years," he said. "We may have to wait until some younger ones take part in Grade A. We must consolidate in Division Two for now."

In the boys' competition, The Chinese Foundation Secondary School (TCFSS) hit top form, scoring 197 points overall to clinch the title and a place in Division Two. Their youngest boys helped the school gain promotion by scoring 87 points in Grade C. TCFSS also won the Grade B competition.

The Hong Kong and Kowloon inter-school swimming competitions end after tomorrow's Division One finals. In the girls' category, Heep Yunn School and Diocesan Girls' School will compete for honours, while among boys, Diocesan Boys' School will face a tough challenge from La Salle College and St Joseph's College.



The Chinese Foundation Secondary School (top) and Ying Wa Girls' School both won promotion to the Second Division.