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I am Nicole Wong from class 6E, the former captain of green house in the school year 2018/2019.

First, congratulations again to green house for getting the overall championship award in the Sports Day last month.

Many of you must be expecting a house captain to be very passionate, very enthusiastic, from the very start. Well, I'm afraid I have to disappoint you. Like probably quite a number of you standing here wondering why you need to listen to speeches from the house captain. I had quite a low sense of belonging to my house back when I was in Form 1. I still remember my first sports day where all Form 1 students had to do the cheerleading. We needed to cheer up their houses for 2 days and we rarely took rests. I couldn't stick to the end at that time. I didn't understand why I needed to exert myself, so I sat down and stopped shouting. One of the committee members gave me the throat lozenge and told me to insist on using her husky voice. She said, "everyone is working hard for the house, and you shouldn't give up easily." We got the champion of cheerleading at last, and all the committee members were thrilled. Think I changed my mind then? No, not a bit. I just didn't understand why they were so excited.

Time flies. Quite amazingly, unbelievably and ironically, I then became a committee member and even the house captain. The responsibilities that I have to bear differ. I became the one who leads those form 1 to cheer up, to encourage them to keep shouting loudly. And most importantly, I have come to understand why the committee members treat every event in a serious way. What a house captain needs to do, is to lead the house to strive for their best, to push their limit to get the overall championship, even they themselves don't realise their significant - just not yet.

Throughout the year, I have encountered different choices and sacrifices, like what accessories to make for the sports day, devoting much spare time for house affairs like Halloween. These often confused me which was the best decision. Yet, the exhaustion faded away when my committee members were there supporting and helping me a lot, like giving me ideas and help to lead the team. They made me find out my direction. More correctly, it's us finding out our directions together, for every decision we made, we took the responsibility; for every victory we made, we shared the glory.

So, here, I would like to thank all my house members, whether you truly devote yourselves to the house, or are insensitive to the house affairs as I used to be before. Without you, green house could not have accomplished all these in the past year. It's hoped that resilience, that is, the spirit of never giving up, would last in green house, by doing your best with no regrets, no matter how significant and

insignificant you are, what roles you are in, and how much you identify yourself as a member of the house.

I would like to end my speech with my humble wishes. I truly hope that all of you can enjoy the house activities, very much unlike the indifferent me back in Form 1, and have a fruitful year with no regrets. Once a greener, forever a greener; and the same applies to other colours. Thank you.