

# **TISPA – Oct 11, 2016**

## Head of School Report

### **TIS VISION – Developing a Strategic Direction**

#### **Immigration & Staffing**

As reported previously, we have faced greater difficulty this year in securing work visas for 7 of our teaching staff. Up to 3 of these are required to leave Macau for 30 days while their visas await their 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal. One grade 6 class, one SK class and an elementary PE position may be affected. Contingency plans are in place in case the teacher must leave. Parents of the classes are informed appropriately. The teacher may return prior to the end of the 30 days if the visa is granted. If the appeal is denied, we will file again for a work visa.

#### **Building Update**

The visit by various Heads of State and senior government to Macau has halted construction for 4 days. The exterior is almost complete. The road will be back to normal soon. The construction site will continue to be closed until final government is given in late November. School tours will start as quickly thereafter as possible. We will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony in conjunction with our CNY celebrations and then a more formal opening during the Open House on Feb 18.

#### **Student Teachers**

Four student interns from the University of Alberta joined TIS today. They will be working in Grade 1, Grade 4, Grade 5 and in the inclusive education department. The students will be here until the Christmas break. They begin by observing classes and slowly teaching more often while under the guidance of their mentor teachers. The University of Alberta and TIS have been working together for many years.

#### **Walkathon**

Our annual walkathon will be held on Tuesday, October 18. Proceeds from the event are used for guest speakers, non-essential classroom resources, and student activities to enhance the students' overall experience.

#### **Run of Hope**

All staff, students and parents are encouraged to participate or volunteer at the Run of Hope on Sunday, November 13. Registration forms are available in the office.

# 澳門國際學校家長會 (TISPA) – 2016 年 10 月 11 日

校長的報告

## 學校遠景－發展具策略性的方針

### 移民及人員配置

如前所述，學校今年有七位教員在取得工作簽證方面遇上困難，其中三人更需要在等候第二次簽證申請上訴期間，離境三十天。一班小學六年級、一班幼稚園三年級以及小學體育課均受影響。為應付老師們必須離境的情況，學校施行應急計劃，受影響班別的家長已獲通知。若上訴得直，相關老師三十天後便會返回崗位；否則，學校會再次申請工作簽證。

### 校舍興建進度

為配政府人員到訪，工程停工了四天。目前外觀已幾乎完成，對開道路不日解封。而工程範圍將繼續封閉，直至政府十一月底完成驗收為止。

學校將儘快安排參觀新校舍，預計農曆新年期間會為新校舍舉行剪彩儀式。明年 2 月 18 日的開放日將會正式開放。

### 實習老師

來自艾伯塔大學的四位實習生今天抵埗。至聖誕節為止，他們會分別投入小一、小四、小五以及融合教育團隊，開展實習教學。實習進程將由從旁觀察開始，並循序漸進地在指導老師的指引下進行教學。艾伯塔大學和本校已合作多年。

### 步行籌款

年度慈善步行將於 10 月 18 日，週二舉行。籌得的款項會用作邀請演講嘉賓、額外的課堂資源和學生活動，以提高學生的整體經驗。

### 樂善行

歡迎全體職員、學生及家長參與 11 月 13 日，週日的樂善行活動。報名表格可於辦公室前檯索取。