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Letter to parents and teachers (14/15-1)

Dear parents and teachers

At the start of this school year, I would like to first extend my warmest welcome to our Year One and insert students and parents. I trust our new students will find studying in CKY School inspiring and rewarding. The vitality of this joyous and successful learning environment is certainly a testament to the close collaboration among teachers, students, and parents.

While the summer holiday is a time for vacationing and relaxing, my work has been ongoing. Educating the young is an iterative process of reviewing, target setting, implementing, observing, evaluating, and planning. It requires passion and initiative, modesty and courage, as well as persistence and understanding.

We are now into the thirteenth school year. A well aligned framework of policies, strategies, curriculum and guidelines pursuant to our educational vision has been well established. It is indeed time for me to prepare for my own retirement. Thanks to Po Leung Kuk's coordination and upon completing an open recruitment process, we have promoted Ms. Elizabeth Ng as our Designated Principal. Ms. Ng and I will continue to work relentlessly to further advance the school's educational vision and development.

Every year, I take the time to review the school's development and progress, and examine various aspects including empirical data, factors beyond facts and figures, feedback from colleagues and parents, as well as students' performance. Summer is always my busiest time of the year when I interview new students and teachers, finalize teaching and learning arrangements, plan and set targets, as well as follow up on numerous construction and refurbishment projects. Sometimes I feel like I am a site supervisor as I have to check on the progress to ensure that our expectations are met.

The construction of our indoor gymnasium is close to completion. Building a mezzanine in the library has been my dream and the blueprint is now drawn. After obtaining the necessary quotations and finalizing the details, we will soon commence the construction. The library is the soul of a school. I trust this is a worthwhile project and will see to its successful completion.

I am still receiving dozens of letters each day enquiring about our 2014-15 Year One places. Parents' unwavering support has given us tremendous encouragement. It also spurs us on to keep up our effort in maximizing the potentials of our students, respecting and caring for each of them, and not giving up on any one of them. Our goal, as always, is to provide a joyful and successful education, and to nurture global citizens who are contributing members of the local community and beyond.

While we are most delighted that our students achieved outstanding results in both the IBDP and IGCSE examinations, our focus is not solely on enhancing results but more on promoting students' love of learning, interactive teaching and learning, as well as students' critical thinking. It is imperative that our teachers and parents continue to work closely together to encourage students to uphold high expectations for themselves and to help and encourage each other. It is from this kind of authentic learning that one finds the truths of life and leads a blissful life.

Wishing you all the best,

Yours sincerely

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