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Greetings to all from La Salle College, Kowloon, Hong Kong, China. Peace and Joy is within you.

This year 2023 is almost behind us. In my August LSSC Report I was happy to announce that after 3 years 5 months absence from LSSC Changjiao, I returned to the teaching mission on 8th May 2023. I settled down quickly and smoothly. With the assistance of local officials I applied for and without much ado I was issued a Temporary Resident Permit which allows me to enter and leave China freely for three years.

Subsequent events and the Summer English Programme we ran at the end of July into August were recorded in my August 2023 Report. At the end of that August report I mentioned that the Director of Information of Dabu visited me at LSSC and a few days later the Meizhou-Meixian TV station sent a TV team to record the activities of LSSC and a video was produced and aired on Meizhou-Dabu TV stations. The video was uploaded to our <u>www.lasalleschina.com</u> website. I want to record a big thank you to Mr Wang Chee Seng for managing our website and to Mr Danny Ang LSPJ76 for hosting our website.

A week after our Summer Programme, I returned to the Brothers' community at La Salle College, Kowloon, Hongkong for 10 days R&R. It is always very refreshing to be back in community with the Brothers. I returned to LSSC Changjiao on 14th September by express bus from Hongkong to Meixian. I was picked up by my nephew from Meixian.



Early birds ... students and parents queueing for an interview.

Two days later, on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th September, we conducted interviews of students for the Academic Year 2023-24. No public announcement was made but somehow students and parents knew that two weekends after the beginning of the new academic year, I would interview students interested in our weekend classes. Parents or guardians must accompany students at the interviews. I used the interviews to encourage parents/guardians to actively engage in the learning process of the students ... and at times to create bonding between student and parent/guardian. As to be expected, interviewing students who had attended the Summer Programme was pleasant and satisfying. However there were a few new students with no sense of manners and respect for elders (their parents/guardians) who just simply sat down in front of me without any greetings while their parents were still standing. They were made to stand and taught on the spot the basics of etiquette in the presence of elders and what I teach as the three magic words of life "Please-Thank you-Sorry".



Signing in for the interview



Parents take full responsibility of safety/attendance



Students and parents waiting to be interviewed



BD interviewing till late evening

Although it was my intention to accept only 120 students for the weekend classes, yet by the end of two days of interviews 274 students were registered. We spent the next few days printing and getting the name cards ready for following week to begin running our weekend class on Saturday 23rd 2023. We were very pleased that on the very first day, it was very orderly. Parents cooperated to keep the traffic moving smoothly in and out of the village. Students queued up in an orderly manner. My personal reaction was satisfaction that after the Summer Programme 2023, most of those students returned to attend weekend lessons and their attitude and action set a good example for new students on how to behave at LSSC Changjiao.



Students automatically queued up and read our PinPhonic sound sheet



A Summer Programme 2023 student had the courage to lead in reading PinPhonic before class

Our Summer Programme was broadcasted live on DouYin 抖音 and was well received by students and parents. So, the weekend lessons were also live on 抖音 so that students who did not come for the interview could also follow the lessons on their mobile/pads/laptops/computer wherever they are. 抖音 is live nationwide and automatically recorded for instant replay.



Lesson broadcasted live on DouYin 抖音



Students all eyes on the screen

Thank God my health and energy is still there. I taught three hours at a stretch ... Primary 4 & 5 students from 8am to 9am; Lower Secondary 1 & 2 students from 9am to 10am; Upper Secondary students from 10am to 11am. As in the past, primary students are taught how to read using our PinPhonic reading system. Lower Secondary students are taught our 15 Basic Structures in sentence construction, question and answer. For Upper secondary students, the emphasis is on listening and conversation skills.



Mouth open reading



Relaxing during lesson – arms stretching and yelling ... Yes we can so we will. We should and we must!



Conversation class live on DouYin 抖音

Thank God, the teaching mission at LSSC Changjiao is again going on smoothly after 3 years 5 months hiatus brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic. Recently many in China as well as Brothers and friends in Malaysia, Singapore and Hongkong have asked me when I will "give-up" and return to Malaysia to live and enjoy my "well earned" retirement years in the "comfort and security of home at LSP-PJ". I am very conscious that I have to face the fact that age is a factor I must not ignore. I was assigned to Mission Project China in March 2001. By the end of 2025, Mission Project China – LSSC Changjiao will be in existence for 25 years and I will touch 80. I have two years to go before I have to make a decision. Good health and an active mind are two important factors in that decision process. Meanwhile, I mission on.

In the past we often hear the phrase "photographs paint a thousand words". Today it is videos that convey thousands of messages. I attached with this report the Meizhou-Dabu TV station video telecasted when LSSC reopened with the 2023 Summer Programme and some short videos of actual classroom activities shot by parents and friends of LSSC for you to view at your leisure when time permits.

I record a big "Thank you" to all who have been supporting me morally, financially and spiritually all these years. Your words of affirmation give me energy, strength and courage to carry out this mission of teaching English to enable students in Dabu-Huliao to gain a slight advantage in their studies and later in their career.

Take care and God bless you and your loved ones. Peace and Joy is within you. As always with love in DLS, BDLiaoFSC



The "office boy" cutting paper

The teacher preparing lessons



Putting together teaching materials with the assistance of students and parent



Weeding ... the garden is overgrown ...

The Bougainvillea in full bloom