



A Message From the School President

By Philip Chiang

The Lee-Ming Chinese Culture Association has been operating under the leadership of all past and present Presidents and Principals and the collaborative efforts of all the teachers and parents for more than thirty years. The Association has been through hardships at times, but it has always insisted on its mission of providing Chinese education to the general public. I succeeded the leadership from President Cheng-Hong Lai approximately one and a half years ago. It is a great honor for me to be able to serve the Association and all of its families. On the other hand, it is also a great challenge for me in leading the School to a better and greater position. Fortunately, we have the previous Principal Paul Lin and the current Principal Hong-Ming Hsieh to lead us in the proper directions in academic affairs, and we have Mrs. Christine Lin and Ms. Marian Chou to help us in preparing teaching materials. Under their supervision, the number of students has significantly increased, from approximately 50 students to 79 students this year, and the number of students is still rising. Accordingly, we have increased the number of classes, teachers, and staff. The Association has never been more prosperous than it is now. It is the result of everyone's hard work, and we are very pleased to see such phenomenon.

This year, three teachers have attended the training sessions for IQChinese, a computer software for teaching Chinese. Ms. Sue Jean Chiang represents teachers from the classic classes, Mrs. Mi-Hsun Hsu and Ms. Marian Chou

represent teachers from the bilingual classes. Currently their classes are using IQChinese as learning tool. If IQChinese software turns out to be a valuable learning tool for the students, we will consider the use of IQChinese in all other classes. Lee Ming is the first Chinese school in the Philadelphia metropolitan area that uses computerized teaching tools. Because of the effectiveness of computerized Chinese teaching, and due to the fact that computerized teaching is the trend for future teaching strategy, there are students from other schools that are considering transferring to Lee Ming! We thank our Department of Academic Affairs for introducing Chinese computer and Chinese learning/teaching software to our School. Specifically, we thank Mrs. Christine Lin for raising one thousand US dollars for computer-assisted Chinese teaching during her visit to Taiwan.

Under Mr. Henry Ju's negotiation, and assistance by the Board, we have established the matching fund with Merck. Merck will match any donations made by Merck employees to Lee Ming. If you or persons you know work at Merck and would like to make a donation to Lee Ming, please contact Mr. Ju.

Thank you all for your effort and hard work to make Lee-Ming better than it has ever been, and to make Lee-Ming the best Chinese learning environment for our children.

Welcome New Vice

Principal and New Teacher

We are pleased to announce that Ms. Irene Chang is our new Vice Principal. She will be assisting President Chiang and Principal Hsieh in strategic planning in academic affairs at the School.

We have opened an additional bilingual class. This class consists of children from 4 to 6 years old. Ms. Chi Tarn is the teacher for this class. In addition to her teaching duties, Ms. Tarn also in charge of English translation for the school newsletter.

Introduction of IQChinses Software

On October 28th, The Director for Academic Affairs, Ms. The-Huey Lee, along with six other teachers, attended the "IQChinese software for computer-assisted Chinese learning" seminar held in Flushing, New York. This software is developed specifically for learning Chinese as a second language. This software is easy to use for both teachers and students, and provides a very creative way for learning Chinese. So far all the teachers who attended the seminar have found that this software is creative and fun to use. We believe that the students will benefit from this computer-based learning tool, and will be able to learn Chinese much more effectively. Happy learning!

Ski Trip

Lee-Ming will be having a ski trip to Bear Creek on Saturday, 12/30/2006. If you are interested, please fill out the forms and give them to your child's teacher. If you have any question please contact Jin-Wei Jian, the activity coordinator at 610-513-8687 .

Fund Raising Report

1. Thanks to our parents and friends who have been supporting our School. Your generous support provides the School with a budget that can be used for teaching and school activities. Thank you!
2. For this year's Middle Autumn Festival, we sold "moon cakes" as a fund raiser. We sincerely thank those parents who participated in the making of the moon cakes.
3. Please contact Ms. Yie-Lin Ju with your fund raining ideas. We welcome any suggestions.

The following is the list of persons who had made a donation to the School during school year 2006 to 2007:

Shi-Ying Xu, Bob Shen, Jen-Chi Chen, Juei-Hwa Chen, Yi-Jiuan Lu, Paul Lin, Christine Lin, Jing-Wei Jian, Cheng-Hsing Lee, Mae Huang, Caroline Yang, Lan-Sian Lee, Marian Chou, Ming-Shion Chan, Yie-Ling Ju, Philip Chiang, Yu-Ling Yu, Taiwanese Association.

Newsletter classified ads: \$100.00, \$50.00, and \$25.00 for full page, half page, and quarter page advertisements, respectively. Please contact Ms. Yie-Lin Ju at 215-368-5722 if you are interested in advertising with us.

Regulation for Transferring Classes

It is the School's policy that parents, who wish to transfer their child to another class, must contact the Principal Hsieh before transferring. This is to avoid any inconvenience for teachers and to better control student numbers for each class.

Schedule Change for the Chinese Yo-Yo Club

Starting December 2006, the Chinese Yo-Yo Club will be held from 1 - 2 PM on each Lee Ming school day.

This newsletter was translated by Ms. Chi Tarn.