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Cultivating Good Habits

Habits are hard to change, but we cannot neglect changing them just because it is difficult. For every good thoughts we have, we will have one less bad thought.

If we can change our bad habits, then we will surely be able to cultivate good habits. People say, "Catastrophe hides in inconspicuous places." All negative karma arises from a single moment of carelessness.

Thus, we must pay close attention to our thoughts at all times. With the right thoughts, we will walk in the right direction.

From Mirror of the Heart by Master Cheng Yen

Jingsi Aphorism:

多一个好习惯，就少一个坏习惯。

One more good habit means one less bad habit.

EARLY CHILDHOOD SECTION





Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year 2020!

In this new year spirit, let's start with a new energy and renew our commitment for the year.

In our December newsletter, we put highlight in our achievement of making our school the first winner in best performance category at the *Lomba Sekolah Sehat Berkarakter 2019* of Indonesia, after three years of challenging assessment process while competing with schools from other provinces.

Such achievement can be accomplished since we have a good synergy, collaboration, and a great support system from the school communities, i.e: school staff, teachers, parents, stakeholders, and officials from local government. Huge thanks everyone for your endless support and encouragement.

Tzu Chi School emphasizes strong rapport and engagement, where not only children who work alongside with their friends and teachers, but also parents and staff who are involved together in building a vibrant learning community. We have done it, and will continue its sustainability through our activities in the school, of which some are written in this December newsletter.

Let's rock 2020 with our highest spirit ever. Happy Reading...

ling Felicia Joe
Early Childhood School Principal



First Place of Best Performance Lomba Sekolah Sehat Nasional 2019

It was started in 2017 when our school was nominated as a participant to represent Penjaringan District for *Lomba Sekolah Sehat* for North Jakarta level. We won the 1st place in North Jakarta. In 2018, again, our school won the 1st place at the provincial level of DKI Jakarta, in which win provided us with a great opportunity to enter the competition at the national level.

After a few months of assessment process, it all came to the awarding ceremony day on Thursday, November 14, 2019. Together with participating schools from 25 provinces, we waited in the Ballroom of Kartika Chandra Hotel for the awarding ceremony. Our patience and hard work paid off when our school was named as the 1st winner for the Best Performance category.

This achievement was certainly the result of Tzu Chi School's hard work and commitment from parents, especially our PTA members and Da Ai Mama by performing *Trias UKS*' motto, namely "*Sehat di mulai dari saya*". We have been practising this since the beginning of our school in 2011 in honor of Master Cheng Yen's value of Gratitude, Respect, and Love to our parents, self, and environment—the mother earth. We do believe



with perfect health; everything can be done. May this continues to inspire us to keep our good health.

In this opportunity, we, on behalf of the school, again would like to thank all of you for your endless support and commitment toward our school. We are always the best.

ling Felicia Joe
EC Principal



TK Tzu Chi Menerima Kunjungan Sulawesi Utara

TK Tzu Chi menerima kunjungan delegasi wilayah Provinsi Sulawesi Utara, tepatnya dari kota Manado pada tanggal 28 November 2019 dalam rangka apresiasi pencapaian TK Tzu Chi meraih peringkat pertama kinerja terbaik Lomba Sekolah Sehat Berkarakter Tingkat Nasional 2019. Kunjungan ini dipimpin oleh Ibu Vera Pinontoan selaku Kabag Agama, Pendidikan dan Kebudayaan di Biro Kesejahteraan Rakyat Sulawesi Utara. Dari 12 orang delegasi yang hadir, hadir diantaranya adalah Kepala Sekolah TK dan SD Pemenang pertama Lomba Sekolah Sehat tingkat provinsi, serta perwakilan Dinas Pendidikan Kota Manado.

Kunjungan ini menjadi kesempatan yang baik untuk kami saling bertukar pikiran, serta menjelaskan budaya hidup sehat di TK Tzu Chi yang sesuai dengan Trias UKS yaitu 'Sehat dimulai dari saya.' Ibu ling Felicia Joe, Kepala Sekolah TK Tzu Chi, menjelaskan bahwa pencapaian TK Tzu Chi pada lomba sekolah sehat tidak lepas dari dukungan baik Pemerintah Daerah DKI Jakarta dan para jajaran Kepala Suku Dinas setempat, serta warga sekolah dan orangtua murid yang memberikan perhatian dan bantuan dalam bentuk moril dan spiritual sehingga semuanya bisa berjalan lancar dan sukses. Besar



harapan kami, kunjungan ini dapat membawa manfaat dan memberi inspirasi bagi sekolah lain dalam menerapkan kehidupan sekolah yang sehat, baik itu dalam pendidikan karakter maupun pelestarian lingkungan.

Jusnita Tobing
Perawat Klinik TK Tzu Chi



Internal Competition to Close the Year-end

Healthy competition has positive gains for children even at a very young age. It helps them develop important skills for when they grow up, such as taking turns, showing empathy, and perseverance.

Our internal competition was held last December 4–6, 2019. Our kids developed their social skills as they interacted with their group and others that they competed with. They learned the value of hard work and built more self-confidence.

The competition involved fun individual games while showcasing students' abilities in three languages (English, Mandarin, and Bahasa Indonesia) as well as in sports. Activities in English included matching the letter according to the initial sound of an object and reading words in the cup and stacking them up. For Mandarin, students at the lower level had to match character and picture, while students at higher level went to the 'market'.

Our sports competition involved ball games while learning colors, speed control, and balance. The children put a lot of effort into performing well and we are happy to see their progress. Through this competition, children also learned to accept defeat and to challenge themselves to perform better in the next one.

Good job everyone! We are proud of your achievement!

“Do not underestimate your ability. Everyone has unlimited potential.”

Jing Si Aphorism by Master Cheng Yen

Michelle Abellera
Curriculum Coordinator





Fresh Veggies! Harvesting our Hydroponic Farm

Since the last academic year, our school has had a hydroponic harvest as part of our assessment for the *Lomba Sekolah Sehat Nasional 2019*. Even though the competition is finished, the school is committed to continue taking care of and nourish our hydroponic farm. One of the benefits of having this is, we can use this as a teaching opportunity for students to learn about how to grow plants hydroponically and why it's a good thing.

We planted some vegetables such as spinach, chinese kale, morning glory, and bok choy. When we initiate the plantation, we invited the students to participate in the process. Students helped seed the plants and transferring seedlings to the hydroponic rack.

We have already harvested these vegetables twice. This term, we sold our harvest to parents, teachers, and school staff. We explained to our customers the health benefits of our hydroponics, as they are grown without chemicals or pesticides, making the vegetables clean and fresh.

In addition to the wonderful learning opportunity for students, we are also hoping to help other schools with less fortunate students with the funds we get from the sale of our hydroponics. Hopefully what we aspire to will be achieved soon.

Sang Ayu Sekarsari
N2 Assistant Teacher





陪伴成长，携手共进 慈济幼儿园家长会

为了进一步加强幼儿园与家庭、教师与家长的密切联系，增进每一位家长对幼儿园工作的了解，创设和谐的幼儿成长环境，真正达到家园携手共进培养孩子的目标，12月12日至12月13日，慈济幼儿园召开了家长会。

在家长会开始之前，各班老师就进行了精心的准备，整理孩子们的各科作品，装订成册并且分门别类地粘贴了标签，使得作品的内容、目标一目了然，可以使家长更为清楚地了解孩子们在幼儿园通过各种活动，都获得了

哪些知识以及得到了哪些锻炼。针对每一个孩子的个性以及在一日生活及学习的情况，老师们也提前准备了每一个孩子的发展报告，从“宗教”“社交/情绪”“肌肉运动”“语言”“认知”以及“艺术”六个大的方面进行了详细地阐述，在每个大方面的下面也有很多详细划分的小项，包括了孩子的方方面面。也为了家长能够更为直观地看到孩子在幼儿园的生活以及学习，老师还精心准备了孩子们的照片，并详细介绍了拍摄照片的时间，所处课程，锻炼了孩子的哪些方



面等等，使得家长能够有更为全面的了解。各个科任老师虽然不像班上的老师每天都和孩子们呆在一起，但是他们对每个孩子都非常的认真负责，也精心准备了每个孩子的具体情况报告。

在当天的家长会，得到了家长们充分的肯定和支持，许多家长都是父母共同出席，各班的老师向家长们介绍了本班本学期班级工作的重点，幼儿的发展情况、幼儿一日生活以及学习情况，并针对本班孩子的特点以及共性与家长进行了互动与探讨。家长们也仔细聆听，积极与老师进行互动，和老师共同交流孩子近期的表现与进步，互相给建议，整

个家长会的氛围非常融洽，可见家长们十分重视。会后，家长们也纷纷表示，今后将继续支持幼儿园的各项工作，在教育与培养幼儿的过程中，与幼儿园携手共育，让孩子们健康快乐地成长。

这一次的家长会不仅拉近了幼儿园与家庭之间的距离，也拉近了老师和家长之间的距离，让家长对幼儿园的教育理念有了更深的了解，并且对于老师的工作也有了更加深刻的理解。相信在幼儿园、家长和老师的共同努力下，孩子们也一定会健康快乐地成长，让我们一起静待花开！

Lǐ Dān Dān
N1 Grateful Teacher

PRIMARY SCHOOL SECTION





Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year 2020! I hope this year will bring lots of happiness and good health for you and your family. I am glad to see all the students and teachers back in school after a long, well-deserved break. I hope you were able to bond with your children during the break and had spent some quality time together with the family.

In this joyous occasion of the year, I would like to share with you that Tzu Chi Primary School scored an A (96) in the SPK Accreditation last December. This certainly cannot be attained without all of your support.

In this edition of newsletter, you may also see photos and articles about the events that took place last December. Many exciting programmes and events are going to take place this semester. Lastly, as Master Cheng Yen often reminds us, upon entering a new year, let's be grateful for everyone and everything at every moment.

Thank you for your continuous support and let us welcome the year full of blessings!

Caroline Widjanarko
Primary School Principal



TCPPA CAMP DAY

Tzu Chi Primary Performing Arts atau yang disebut juga dengan *TCPPA* merupakan wadah bagi para siswa SD Tzu Chi untuk berkumpul dan mengekspresikan diri melalui musik dan tarian. *TCPPA* sendiri terdiri dari *String Ensemble Club*, *VoxTra Choir*, *Dance Troupe*, dan tim Gamelan.

TCPPA Camp Day merupakan salah satu dari program kerja klub yang bertujuan untuk mengasah talenta para peserta *TCPPA*. Acara ini berlangsung pada tanggal 11 Desember 2019. Anggota tim *String Ensemble Club* dan *VoxTra Choir* mengunjungi Universitas Pelita Harapan (UPH) untuk mengenal dan belajar langsung dari para musikus ahli dan mahasiswa jurusan musik. Para anggota tim dibekali dengan teknik dan petunjuk untuk meningkatkan dan mengembangkan keterampilan mereka.

Tim Gamelan dan *Dance Troupe* mengadakan kegiatan *camp* di gedung *Jing Si*. Untuk Tim Gamelan, sekolah mengundang pelatih gamelan dari Samurti Andaru Laras yang sudah sangat berpengalaman dalam bidang ini,

anggota tim gamelan yang terdiri dari tim gamelan junior dan tim gamelan senior mempelajari teknik-teknik bermain gamelan. Keseruan lain dalam kegiatan *camp* ini terlihat di *TCPPA Dance Troupe*, peserta *Dance Troupe* diberikan kesempatan untuk membuat koreografi sendiri sesuai dengan kreativitas yang mereka miliki.

Kegiatan *TCPPA Camp* ditutup dengan penampilan dari setiap tim, masing-masing dari tim langsung mempraktekkan ilmu yang didapat dan menunjukkan kebolehan mereka melalui pertunjukan singkat.

Terima kasih kepada semua pihak yang terlibat dalam *TCPPA Camp Day* tahun ini, terutama kepada orang tua yang telah meluangkan waktu dan mendampingi siswa selama kegiatan *camp* berlangsung. Semoga dengan adanya kegiatan ini, tim *TCPPA* akan menjadi lebih siap dalam menyambut pertunjukan *Gala Concert* yang akan diadakan pada bulan April 2020.

Marla Pocerattu
Guru Musik SD Tzu Chi



Art and ICT Exhibition

Tzu Chi Primary School does not only appreciate academic performances, but also values students' non-academic talents. Therefore, at the end of every term, we hold an exhibition which aims to showcase and appreciate students' artistic talents.

Adopting the *Jing Si Aphorism* which says 'Do not develop a habit of lavish spending, for a thrifty and simple living is the key to abundance', Term Two's exhibition was held on December 12, 2019. Tzu Chi Primary School's Art department worked hand in hand with the ICT department to display students' works inside the first term, in which among them lies the spirit of Tzu Chi's love for Mother Earth by crafting beautiful artwork using recycled

materials. Extravagant paintings and artworks awed onlookers, adults, and children alike. In the ICT exhibition, visitors were also able to read various e-books that were designed and made by our P6 students by scanning the QR code. This showed how developed our students' skills are, making themselves ready to enter the digital society.

We are grateful for teachers and students who contributed to the event. It is our hope that this exhibition inspires more individuals to explore and expand their creativity.

Raymond Antoni
Head of Students Activities



孝亲节活动报导

古人曰：「百善孝为先」，孝敬父母自古以来是中华文化最重要的传统美德，一个人如果都不懂如何孝敬父母、付出爱心，那么就难以想象将来的社会会变成如何。因此「孝顺」是慈济学生自从年幼注重的美德之一。

慈济小学一年一度的孝亲节于2019年12月10至11日圆满落幕。经过一系列的筹备，小学一年级和六年级的学生们为家长精心准备了歌舞戏剧节目，以「浴足」来感恩对父母的爱及「竹筒回娘家」来展现行善的美德。在小学二年级至五年级的学生们分别在各班进行亲子活动，包括亲子舞蹈，互动游戏，制作亲子项链等等，藉此促进亲子之间的距离。

在孝亲节活动之前，为了让学生更能体会父母照顾孩子的艰辛与困难，学校在11月初筹划孝亲暖身活动--「怀孕体验日」。此活动让每个学生在肚子上携带一个小枕头，气球或水球，体会母亲怀孕的不便与辛苦，进而能感受为什么我们要孝顺父母的重要性。

时间像流水，一去不复返，孩子会长大，父母也会老去。希望透过孝亲节学生们能领会到父母的养育之恩，以便于用实际行动来报答父母恩，如静思语提到：「世上有两件事不能等：一是行孝，二是行善。」

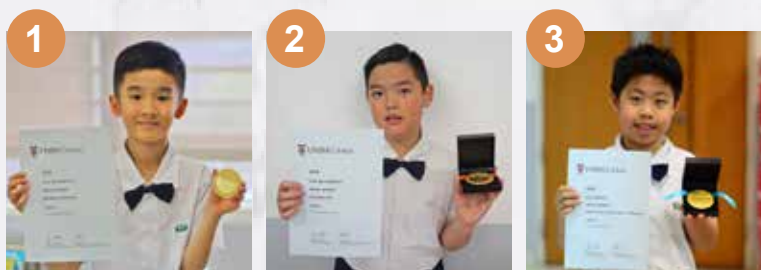
Chén Huì Míng
Primary Ren Wen Teacher



Student's Achievement



UNSW Global			
ICAS MATHEMATICS			
1	Maximus Hartanto	P5 Respect	Gold Medal Winner
2	Richard Tan	P5 Grateful	Gold Medal Winner
3	Swiluva Sigalovada Swilly Sumardy MA	P5 Kindness	Gold Medal Winner



SECONDARY SCHOOL SECTION





Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to Term 3, Semester 2 of the Academic Year 2019-2020.

It is with gratitude that I look back on the first semester, where we had a successful start to the year. Many school events occurred, the students engaged in quite a few external competitions and service activities including the successful full day community service actions that took place both internally within the school (grades 7-9) and externally (grades 10-12) in the wider community. I was impressed by the enthusiasm and dedication of our students.

It was also a very good time for all our students to gain an initial understanding of Tzu Shao. Tzu Shao will be implemented across the secondary school. This will ensure students develop good values and morals through service. Tzu Shao was created with the hope that

it would become a place where teenagers could find insights and guidance when facing a problem, and to implement Master Cheng Yen's teaching in real life, to purify human hearts, and increase the community's welfare. Students will be required to purchase a uniform to wear for service activities.

I accompanied the Grade 11 students to an old folk's home where the students showed true gratitude, love, and respect to the elders of the community. They sat and chatted with them, entertained them with performances, and gave out gifts of food. It was truly a heartwarming experience.

I also went with our Grade 12 students who had raised a substantial amount of money throughout the year and spent it on building a library at Kamal Muara village, the same village where Tzu Chi had built ten new houses. Students from the local school and the village elders gathered with our Grade 12's for the handover ceremony and again, I was struck by the warmth, care, and consideration of our students towards others.

I know that it is due to the holistic education we provide that brings about our student's moral values and strength of character resulting in their acts of generosity and service to the wider community. I have nothing but pride in our students for their actions, and know we will be proud of them when they graduate from our school.

This semester promises to be a busy time with field trips in February, UNBK testing in April, DP examinations in May, and many school events taking place in between.

I encourage all parents and guardians to spend time with their children as they navigate these last two terms to what we hope will be successful final reports for the year. Do spend time with them, enquire about their homework and study, take an interest in what they are doing, and please do immediately contact your child's teacher should you feel the need for assistance or further advice.

"It is more of a blessing to serve others than to be served"

Jing Si Aphorism by Master Cheng Yen

Dominic Robeau
Head of Secondary School



Service Days for the IBDP

Prior to the service day, all students of Grade 11 and 12 attended a socialization session of Tzu Shao, a youth volunteer programme which guides the youth with the Tzu Chi humanistic culture, generating life education, learning to appreciate and respect others. Students were engaged in interactive games and activities related to the ten principles of Tzu Chi that aim to build students' character at this growing stage. Towards the end of the session, students poured out their individual savings out of their bamboo banks which will then be donated to a charitable cause. With the guidance of Tzu Chi volunteers, the session was closed by learning and singing the sign language (*shou yu*) of 'Satu Keluarga' song.

Students of Grade 11 continued their service on the next day on December 10, 2019 where they organized various activities and interacted with the old folks at "Panti Werdha Budi Mulia" located in Cengkareng. This home, which was initiated by Jakarta provincial social department, holds 337 senior citizens who are left untreated by their family or do not have any family at all. The objective of this service was to expose students to real-life situations and cultivate empathy for others in the community.

Although, it was a new experience for most of the students, they were able to adjust themselves in an unfamiliar environment and able to interact with the elders with a positive approach. Students had mixed



emotions looking at the elderly people who are feeble and unable to take care of themselves. They put in their best effort to communicate and create a cheerful atmosphere with the elders throughout the service. This was reflected in their happy faces which enabled them to overcome their loneliness and depression. Students organized various activities, such as zumba, singing, playing games and storytelling. They also donated medicines, rice, and prepared goody bags containing crackers, biscuits, and drinking bottles.

As for students of Grade 12, most of them were involved in the project of setting up a library at *Kampung Nelayan*. During their first year of the IBDP, students carried out an investigation in this village where they identified a need for a library in the school. Students implemented creative ideas in this project and integrated reflective thoughts where they developed a coherent action plan, taking into account the aims purpose, activities and resources. For a

few months prior to the service day, students had put up stalls in the school premises and sold food items to raise funds for this project.

After a lot of planning and preparation, they divided themselves into small groups and bought various kinds of books and shelving which they assembled on their own to meet the requirements of the library. The books were neatly covered with plastic and labeled in an orderly manner, which was then categorized before placing them on the shelves.

On the day, students started cleaning the area and laid a rubber flooring outside the library for the reading area. Bean bags and cushions were also provided for children to be comfortable during their reading time. Aside from setting up the library, students also organized games and fun activities for the children in the upper primary who are studying in that school. There was an air of excitement and children had the great opportunity of accessing the library which was set up. Overall, it was a great project addressing global issues and developing students' awareness and responsibilities towards a shared humanity.

Mely Kartono
CAS Coordinator





Grade 11 Service at Pantia Werdha Budi Mulia 2

Of all acts of goodness, first and foremost is filial piety ~
Jing Si Aphorism by Master Cheng Yen

The weather was not very friendly that day, heavy rain kept on pouring a couple of times but it didn't stop our Grade 11 students to take care and present a couple of performances to cheer the elderlies at the *Pantia Werdha Budi Mulia 2* (nursing home) in Cengkareng, West Jakarta on Tuesday, December 10, 2019.

About 100 students from 5 classes in Grade 11 were divided into two big groups, one group to clean up and sweep the yard around each ward, another group pick up some grandma and grandpas and brought them to gather at the Hall together. Some of the highlights from the activities in the hall were Maumere dance done by the oma and opa, which was lead by our students. The air was filled with laughter and excitement, it was clearly enjoyed by everyone.

This was Valencia Astono's second time visiting a nursing home but her first visit was when she was a lot younger, that she can't remember most of it. Valencia was seen being very friendly to the grandma who sat next to her,

she asked the oma to dance and sing, and continuously talk with her like it was her own grandmother.

"I was so happy, I thought most of them will be quiet or even feeling weak. But most of them whom I met at the hall are still very cheerful and energetic!" said Valencia Astono, 11 Respect student.

At the time of visit, there were 337 elderlies in Pantia Werdha Budi Mulia 2 across 5 wards, in which two of them are dedicated to elderlies who suffer from physical illness or mental health condition. Seeing a few elderlies being sick together when some even glued to their bed, is not a sight you see in an everyday life.

"I was so sad when I saw how painful it looks, and sorry to say the facility is not necessarily adequate to care for them," Valencia said. However, in life, when it rains, we have to look at the rainbow. "But despite the condition of the facilities here, at the very least, they're not alone on the street," she added.

Valencia's friend, Michelle Tantry also felt the same way when she visited the nursing home. "It was heartbreaking



when I hear from some of these grandmas at how they felt abandoned by their children. One of the *oma* told me, her child prefers his job rather than to take care of her," she said.

This kind of experience clearly opened up the children's minds to take care of their own parents better. Valencia had a change of mindset after this visit, "really it's not hard to make our parents happy. I kept on thinking I have to make a lot of money and buy them luxury cars, when actually, spending time and share our moments with them will be a lot better than any physical gifts."

A one day visit might be short, but this visit left such an unforgettable impression in our students' minds. Denzel Irawan, from 11 Love in his closing speech said, "We choose our own happiness." He was referring to by seeing the happiness that were shining through the *oma* and *opa*'s faces, "No matter how young or how old you are, and no matter where or how you live, I can see these elderlies here choose to live their life happily," he explained.

The day ended with a beautiful serenade of 'Satu Keluarga' song. *Oma* and *opa* sang their hearts out together with our students, teachers, and the rest of the room.

Chrestella Budyanto
Tzu Chi School Journalist





Grade 12 Build a Library for Kamal Muara Village

Gabriella Putri and her fellow Grade 12 students from Tzu Chi Secondary were seen sharing laughs and smiles with primary students from Madrasah Ibtidayah Nurul Islam Kamal Muara (Primary School). Our students could not contain their happiness when they saw the library they had worked on for Nurul Islam Kamal Muara Primary School was finally open for public use. The library, named *'Perpustakaan Anak Bangsa'* was created in a hope to improve children's reading interest and literacy skills.

"We're decorating this library to look more beautiful," said Gabriella. Due to the limited space in the school building, the library was built in an empty space in the Jami Al-Huda Mosque, of which construction was also assisted by Tzu Chi Foundation.

To mark the inauguration of this library, on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 our Grade 12 students visited the library by bringing in some additional books, decorative items, bean bag chairs, and other things that would make the library more comfortable and cheerful.

"We are happy because we did this on our own, not from our parents' money but the money we collected ourselves through various events such as bazaar sales, concert tickets, and competitions," Gabriella added.

Since August 2019, Grade 12 students began to design the concept of this library, and started to raise the funds needed to build this. Funds were gradually collected from a total of 7 bazaars held in the school canteen by selling some food, and money collected from holding concerts and competitions.

The initial idea to develop the Nurul Islam Primary library began with Ms Mely Kartono's proposal when the teachers carried out their community service in Kamal Muara on July 9, 2019. She then presented this idea to her students by first taking them to see the school. The students welcomed this project enthusiastically because they saw for themselves that the library in this school was in need of improvement.

"This is the students' project, we teachers are only giving them guidance. Students also came up with the name. Some of the books are donations from students, and some were newly bought," she added.

Seeing the hard work of her students to realize this library, Ms Kartono, SA and CAS Coordinator at Tzu Chi Secondary school was very proud of her students. Especially, in the process, the students learn many things.



“Students learned so many things. They had to cooperate with their friends to create this library, and had to interact with people they did not know before in different environments. They also understand their culture, and adapt to our culture,” Ms Kartono said.

Head of Madrasah Ibtidaiyah Nurul Islam, Nur Adnan, believes that the new library can be put to good use by his students. The teachers will also try to increase their students’ interest in reading. “I am very happy because this is a sharing experience, especially in terms of managing the library. Previously our library was rather small and located in the teacher’s office. Since the number of our students are increasing, so the teacher’s room is increasingly used by students so we then moved the library to this mosque,” said Mr Adnan.

Ribbon cutting ceremony marked the inauguration of the library. Some games and gift-sharing also make students in both schools got to know each other more. Putri, a Grade 6 student at Madrasah Ibtidaiyah Nurul Islam who aspires to be a doctor, was delighted by the visit of their Tzu Chi School students. Putri also can not wait to read books from their sisters.

“I want you to come here often. Thank you, brothers and sisters from Tzu Chi School, don’t get sick in coming

here. Oh, yes, thank you too, because I got a pencil, milk, snacks... I am so happy. There were also some games, so much laughter!” said Putri.

Teksan Luis, a Tzu Chi volunteer who used to be in charge of the mosque construction and the house renovation project at Kamal Muara was very pleased with the care and attention given by Tzu Chi School students to the children in the area.

“Very happy, very happy because it is such a big help for students’ education here. The library allow them to find more books which will give them more knowledge,” Teksan said. He also hopes that Tzu Chi’s other missions can come here not only in education, but also in environmental conservation, so that the environment is clean, protected from disease, also reduces cases of dengue fever.

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Thank You 2019, Welcome 2020

Year 2019 has ended, we are very thankful for the support and care given to our Chinese Department by school leaders, colleagues, parents, and our beloved students. Your support has made all of our programmes in 2019 possible.

Our department will begin the year 2020 with new plans, arrangements, and expectations. Firstly, we will have Chinese New Year celebration at the end of January. In order to give our students an opportunity to experience Chinese New Year through a traditional lens, this year we are planning to hold a “Temple Fair”. Temple Fair is a traditional folk activity in China which is usually held during Spring Festival and has existed for thousands of years. This event will not only bring a lot of joy to our students, but will also help them have a deeper understanding of Chinese traditional culture.

Secondly, to ensure a smooth transition from Primary to Secondary school, we are going to hold Chinese evaluation test for Primary 6 students in the third week of January. The test results will provide us with information on the student’s level of understanding of the language and help us plan the class arrangements for the next academic year.

Finally, as the school grows, we will be recruiting a number of new teachers for the next academic year, 2020-2021. School leaders and parents of Tzu Chi Secondary School attach great importance on our students’ Chinese learning. In order to provide students with high-quality Chinese learning, we will expand the size of our faculty in the coming year and recruit teachers with excellent teaching skills and experience.

Our Chinese department will continue to do our best to provide our students with the best Chinese learning experience and we hope that you will continue to favor us with your support.

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