



8th January, 2009

No. 022/08-09

Dear Parents of S1 Students,

Arrangement for Macau Trip 2008 - 2009

As a core part of our Humanities curriculum, all S1 students will launch a cultural comparative study between Hong Kong and Macau. This is a compulsory part of the curriculum and all S1 children are strongly encouraged to attend.

The 'Macau trip' has been in place for two years with great success. Encouraging learning outcomes were evident. This year arrangements will be more or less the same as they were in the past, except that we will run the trip in two rounds, each with three S1 classes, to allow better supervision of students. We will also be carrying out the trip during the non-public holidays during the Easter school term break.

The trip aims to focus on worthwhile educational aims and objectives ranging from building students' knowledge and skills to developing their learning attitude. The research project will require students (in groups of four) to do research and data collection for a workable topic of their own interest.

Data collection through field trips and site visits is required to make the comparative cultural project meaningful. It is expected that while the Hong Kong part of the research will be sorted out by the study groups themselves in Hong Kong, the College will take the students to Macau for a two-day-one-night data collection trip.

There will be briefing sessions for general parents, outlining preparations for the Macau trip as well as replying to parents' queries and concerns about the trip. The date and time for this briefing session will be fixed later. Parents' written consent is needed for the purpose and a consent form will have to be filled in prior to the trip.

To ensure effective supervision, like previously, parents of S1 students will be recruited as parent-facilitators ("PF") to help out, to lead different student groups under teachers' guidance and instruction. All student groupings will be based on those set in different Humanities classes in Term 2. Nearer the time, a timetable, with full instructions and guidelines will become available to all PFs and students.

For the time being, please find below the proposed dates for the Macau Trip. Further details will be provided in due course as mentioned.

Hotel : Rio Hotel Macau

1st Group

Check-in : 14th April, 2009 (Tuesday)
Check-out : 15th April, 2009 (Wednesday)

2nd Group

Check-in : 16th April, 2009 (Thursday)
Check-out : 17th April, 2009 (Friday)

Estimated Cost Per Person : \$1,500.00

Please complete and return the reply slip to the Class Teachers by 14th January, 2009.

We look forward to having your full support and thank you for your kind attention.

Yours sincerely,

Dennis K. W. Chan
Principal

Reply Slip

I give / do not give permission to my child to participate in the Macau Study Trip in April 2009.

Student Name: _____ Class & Class No.: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date : _____