



MERRY CHRISTMAS 2021

Dear Friends of Bo Ai,

As we embark on welcoming another Christmas Season and a New Year, Bo Ai sends to you and to your love ones **a Very Warm Christmas Greeting and a Joyous New Year!** Because of the Corona-19 virus, years 2020 and 2021 are like no others, months of masking, social distancing and isolation. **Since November of 2019**, the pandemic has **kept away for two years away from our beloved Bo Ai School.** **Thanks to zoom and weChat I am kept abreast and posted** on the happenings and matters at the School. However being **not** personally present at the School **keeps me out of the sights and sound and instant feelings** This missive would **therefore not be totally a reportage of the mindset and sentiments of the moment.**



First of all, we **thank you all for remembering and supporting our school.** Thanks also for your faithful prayers. We are grateful for the many ways our friends, donors and benefactors engage with Bo Ai. You are the ones who **keep our children learning and maturing and aspiring for higher ground.** Your remembrance of Bo Ai in prayers and your gifts **sustain our mission and create optimism for the future.**

The Corona-19 virus has modified the education process at our school. Presently, **daily temperature taking is routine.** **Classes are held without masks.** But in any contact with visitors, masks are required. **For parents touching our school grounds, masks are required absolutely.**

We are mindful and honored by the **14 teams from the Xinyuan County and beyond** that paid visits to Bo Ai in 2020 and again **14 teams in 2021**. They were teams from the **County Education Department, Safety Department, County Building Department, Sunshine Sports Committee, Women's Group, Township Antidrug Brigade** and others. We receive their suggestions and accolades with gratitude.



NOT JUST FOR SCHOOL BUT FOR LIFE

Hats off to the **Hong Kong Kin Lock Primary 2 and High Schools** which two times in 2020 held **Zoom Meetings** with our staff and again held another zoom event in **October 2021**. Hat off also to the **Macao University Shiu Pong College** which sent a team of **22 persons** strong to our Bo Ai June 4 to 15 2021. Just like prior times, our staff and students learned much from these interactions. And thanks also to **Tony Tsang of HK** for sending **Bo Ai a donation** at the needed moment.



We are distraught that for the last two years, the **Hong Kong Team** was not able to send its **Dental and English Teaching Team** and the **Overseas Helping Hands** was not able to send its **Houston Medical and Educational Team** to Bo Ai.. But a **ShoutOut** to **Mr. Shane Xu** and his two sons, **Aaron and Derien** from **Shanghai** for spending several wonderful days with our Kindergarten and primary school mates in June, 2021.

We must never forget Bo Ai's **Annual Carnival Event**, which was held on April 29. **Thanks to Michael and Janet Tse** who have been supporting **this coveted event** all these years. There were games galore. As usual, the kids **earn points** during the year to play the games and the **won points** at the carnival **translate into prizes**. The kids love the **Popcorn, Cotton Candy and Sausages**. **Every Wednesday** our **Loving Heart Black Belt Master Zhang** drives **all the way from Zhangzhi**, a **round trip of three hours** on a **voluntary basis** and **gives Taikwondo lessons** to our Middle Schoolers. We just love her. Rain or shine. Bless her soul. **She has been doing this for 5 years.**



The **Yau Foundation** held its **annual basketball competition** in July and Bo Ai joined in the competition with the County Schools. **Children's Day on June 1st was a big affair**. The entire school lined up at the School Quadrangle. The School **gave out Certificates and recognized the achievements** of the students in various categories. What's more: **George Tsang of Vancouver, B.C. bought Chicken Drumsticks** for the entire school and staff. Thanks also to **Lydia Yiu of Zhongshan** who **bought and sent food stuff** to our school several times. On October 29, Bo Ai held its **Annual Choir Presentation and Competition**. Because of the Covid, parents were not invited to attend.

For the **last two years**, I was **not able to attend** the **Graduation Ceremonies** of the Kindergarten, Elementary and the Middle Schoolers and **not able to congratulate** the graduates in person. **This is heart-rending**. But thanks to the **OHH Houston Group for gifts of books to the graduates every year**.

Every two weeks on a rotation basis, our Bo Ai **sends a Middle Schoolers team to the Old Folks Home** to sing to them, dance before them, cut their nails or hair or just talk to them. Since **every Thanksgiving time BoAi raise funds** to buy some food stuff or needed small gifts for the old folks. These old folk are **all male** who have **never gotten married or have a family**.

Our **Elementary School Building and our Boy's Dormitory are seventeen years old**. The single pane windows do not shield the classrooms or dorm rooms from the biting cold in the winters. Our **thanks to Touching Lives Overseas of Canada and to the Hong Kong Bo Ai Foundation for the remodeling and installation of double pane windows and repair of the radiator heating pipes..** Thanks to these two **organizations** for their generosity and loving hearts in financing the remodeling and repair work and purchasing some needed **kitchenwares**.

There are changes from the Central Government directed at private schools. So far we have not been informed how this would affect Bo Ai School, a non profit school. .

FINALLY

In this missive, I try to give you an overview of the progress we have made. **a snapshot of where we have been and how we look with confidence and hope** for the future. Yet, **many students remain to be sponsored**. Our **Dining Hall and Kitchen** is substandard and **need to be extended towards the Elementary Education Building side and constructed**. The **Kitchen Equipment** is sixteen years old and some **need to be replaced**. For so many years, we **have been trying to build the Sports Running Tract and Soccer Field** behind the Middle School to qualify as a Middle School. Bo Ai needs to **convince our 6th Grade students to stay on and continue their Middle School Education at Bo Ai**. Our goal is **to increase our Middle School Enrollment**. Our teachers and Principals need **more continuing education** to update themselves on the **new developments in education**.

With **our feet firmly rooted in Fengcun, Shanxi and bolstered by your prayers and support**, we look to the future with confidence and hope. **Bo Ai is Not Just for Education but For Life**. Bo Ai endeavors to **instill a sound moral character, academic excellence and care for others** within our students. **May the Good Lord Bless You and Your Love Ones with Joy, Hope and Good Health. Peace on Earth to All!!**

Blessings to all Christine Chan Executive Director of Bo Ai School

Have a Wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Believing in Tomorrow, Pray for and Support our Bo Ai Today!!

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Hong Kong CONTACT <http://www.boai.org.hk> **Canada** http://tlocanada.org/forms/donation_form_en.pdf

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Phone (optional)	
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\$420 – Full-year sponsorship for one child's tuition plus room and board

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VISITATION TO OLD FOLKS HOME



ROBOTICS



TAIKWANDO



ZOOM WITH HK KINLOCK SCHOOLS



CHORAL



WANG FAMILY MANSION TRIP



UNIV MACAO SHIU PONG COLLEGE

WOMEN'S FORUM



ANTIDRUG BRIGADE



SHANE XU AND SONS FROM SHANGHAI



DOUBLE PANE WINDOWS TO THE BOY'S DORM AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BLDG. THANKS TO TOUCHING LIVES OVERSEAS OF CANADA AND HONG KONG BO AI FOUNDATION