



HAND IN HAND



Dear Students, Teachers and Parents,

We are very glad to invite you to the celebration ceremonies of *Fuli Education Development Project* at the schools on Dec. 17 (Wednesday), and we also hope that the parents will come for celebration. Specific time of each ceremony at respective school is shown below.

This is the first issue of *Hand in Hand*, and later, we will publish several issues at each school to periodically introduce news concerning the *Fuli Education Development Project*, information from schools and so on to you. For any news, articles, reports, stories or poems that you hope to publish here, please submit your materials to the headmaster of the local primary school.

We are looking forward to our meeting on Dec. 17!

Time of the ceremonies: Dec. 17 (Wednesday)

Huangyao Primary School: 9:00 - 9:45 Biejia Primary School: 10:30 - 11:30

Xitou Primary School: 13:30 - 14:15 Zhoujia Primary School: 14:15 - 15:00

Dear Neighbours, Dear Students and Parents, Dear Principals and Teachers,

I am so thrilled to write

these few lines about Fuli Education Development Project, a project that we decided one year ago, and for which we devoted so much time and energy. Finally, our four selected schools, two schools near our plant and two schools near our quarry (this is about 800 children!), will benefit from our donation: renovated infrastructure, safer roofs, teaching

material, laboratory equipments, books, playground, basketball and badminton courts, etc.

This project is perfectly in line with our Italcementi Group sustainable development commitment. We wish to live and work in harmony with local communities around us. Our company's relentless efforts to improve our safety and environment records is also part of our policy of community improvement. We are a responsible corporate citizen, developing our business in the frame of legality and with the impact of our activity on the environment and local communities always in mind.

These schools are an example of how corporate citizens can contribute to their communities, but I see this also as a gift from our personnel, our 475 employees, to our neighbours as a mark of our continuing mutual support. Many of our employees have actually given of their own time and effort to help cleaning and installing new furniture in classes and libraries, and I wish to thank them for their generous participation.

I also here wish to thank Fuping Government, and in particular Governor Zheng, for having supported us in this project since the first day, and for having contributed financially to the schools renovation

works.
Enjoy your new schools!

Pierre Eloy
Managing Director
Shaanxi Fuping Cement Co., Ltd.

China Schools Foundation is honored and pleased to participate with the Education Bureau in the Fuli Education Development Project. Our children are our future, and the road to this future is quality education. Our organization collaborates with the donors like Shaanxi Fuping Cement Co., Ltd. and school officials to improve learning with many resources libraries, science classrooms, music, art and sports equipment. Physical health for our children will be improved with Fuli's donation of sports fields and playgrounds. Finally, we are collaborating with China's leading educational institutions to provide training and support for teachers who are eager to improve their methods.



Parents also should be actively involved in their children's education.

We have selected hundreds of books for the new school libraries, and students will be able to borrow these books to enjoy at home. We urge you to spend time reading these books with your children. This is an easy way to promote learning, thinking and conversation. You will find that this time is not only a good investment but also enjoyable.

China Schools Foundation looks forward to continuing our efforts in Fuping County.

Ben Frankel
Managing Director
China Schools Foundation



With abundant strength and broad prospect, Shaanxi Fuping Cement Co., Ltd. still focuses on keeping its promises & words and remembers to repay society along with its development. It donates to education generously through repairing school houses, buying instruments and books and training teachers for the purpose of promoting running level of the schools. And the children in this mountainous region have felt its love sufficiently. Wish the enterprise continuous expansion, and also hope it could make greater contribution to education and society!

Bai Huimin
Vice Governor of
Fuping County



Thanksgiving 2008

Sun Juan,
Headmaster of Huangyao
Primary School



The year of 2008 for Huangyao Primary School is also an unusual year, in which children in our school saw Mr. Ben, who is agreeable and amiable, and has blue eyes and blonde hair, and we were so honored to obtain the great support from Fuli Cement.

Thanks to Mr. Ben's help through his visits for many times, financial aid from Fuli Cement, full support from the Government and the Bureau of Education of Fuping County as well as the Education Section of Zhuangli Town, our school has taken on a new appearance: completely new desks and benches, modern teaching facilities, library and science laboratories which we had dreamed of, and the large playground carrying children's pleasure in childhood...

All these broaden children's horizons and bring vigor and energy for our school. What's more, the students in our school have had a vivid moral lesson, understanding the importance of paying back for society and having a grateful heart.

Many thanks to Fuli Cement, China

Schools Foundation, the Government and the Bureau of Education of Fuping, the Education Section of Zhuangli Town, and all the people who have been busy with the project and who have made contributions to the project without any complaint. Meanwhile, thank the fine and lucky year of 2008.

Song of Eulogy

Zhang Xiaoji,
Teacher of Huangyao Primary School

With the help of foreigners our school established, over 100 thousand Yuan for one time invested;

Friendship between China and foreign countries infinite, appearance of the school greatly changed;

A new playground to be built at once, students to receive lessons from professors;

Projects coming one by one, upgraded level by level;

Harmonious society shared, appreciation from all the teachers and students expressed;

Foreign friends so noble-minded.

The educational characteristics of our school are to lay a solid foundation for students' sustainable development, inject energy into education, adhere to scientific development, operate school based on teaching rules, hold the ground of basic education, make each student grow up healthily and happily and realize their own dreams. The far-sighted leaders of Fuping Cement Co., Ltd., who set about the construction of hardware facility of our school, have invested a great sum of money to improve the school running condition. Thus, precarious buildings and school houses were improved; our school takes on a new look; all the teachers and students are encouraged.



Great Sum of Money
Improving School Running Condition,
and the School Taking on a New Look

Wang Zenglin,
Headmaster of Zhoujia
Primary School

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Aid for Education
beyond National Boundary,
School Running Condition Improved
Cui Yongsheng
Headmaster of Biejia
Primary School



On March 19, 2008, all the teachers and students of Biejia Primary School welcomed the distant honored guests—the lineup of staff from Fuli Cement, who came to visit our school. It was the first time for us to receive foreigners with fair skin, blue eyes and blonde hair, which is new for us. The beautiful environment of our school, harmonious atmosphere of cultivating students and standardized school management all attracted them deeply. However, they finally knitted their brows in front of the classroom walls, desks and benches as well as the playground of our school.

The leader of Fuli Cement expressed that they had the confidence in sponsoring Biejia Primary School. The first-stage project is to renovate the school houses; the second stage is

to replace desks and benches and harden the playground; the third-stage is to open up a reading room and add part of teaching

equipment.

Fuli Cement won the support of the Government of Fuping County with their sincerity. In July of the same year, after several surveys on the spot, the first-stage project was started on August 1, 2008. During the period of construction, the president assigned Mr. Ben to inspect progress and quality of the engineering, so as to make sure that students may have lessons on September 1 as usual. All these really reflected the attitude and working style of being realistic and practical of Fuli Cement.

Nowadays, when walking near to our school, you will see the slogans 'Diligence, Innovation, Achievement' and 'Welcome to Biejia Primary School'. They are the practical actions of Fuli Cement to be concerned with our school and to support the educational undertaking of China. People here will always memorize and appreciate them!

Recently in Xitou Primary School, Caocun, located at the foot of Mt. Baofeng, there are busy scenes here and there: the vehicles carrying building materials are coming in and out of the school, painters with safety helmets are around the clock, and fellow villagers lighting up with pleasure are speaking highly of all these. How bustling it is!

These are constructional scenes that Shaanxi Fuping Cement Co., Ltd. repairs school houses of Xitou Primary School to change the environment there. One day in June, Mr. Ben and Assistant Chang of Shaanxi Fuping Cement Co., Ltd. came to Xitou Primary School by chance, seeing that the walls of classrooms begin to peel, the classrooms are all in a precarious situation and windows, doors, desks and benches are badly damaged.

With the benevolent feeling from the bottom of heart, they made up their minds to help the school repair school

houses by themselves. Afterwards, they came to school under the burning sunshine in summer, surveying, planning and discussing matters about repairing the school. Since August, 2008, the repair of school had been started up, including renovation of school, painting of wall and windows as well as doors, glass installation; meanwhile, the circuits for classrooms and teachers' dormitories were also repaired, and daylight lamps were also installed in all classrooms. The school motto 'Erudition, Honesty, Excellence, Beauty' outside the gate of school is full of the atmosphere of humanity. And the striking slogan 'Being Realistic and Practical, Developing Harmoniously' is so encouraging. The villagers coming to the school praise all without exception: 'Shaanxi Fuping Cement Co., Ltd. has really done a best thing for people of Xitou.'

Do Practical Things with
Foresight and Sagacity,
Brighten the Great Dipper with
Education in Hometown
Dang Yongping
Headmaster of Xitou
Primary School, Caocun

西头小学



The School in My Dream

Chen Lin,
Grade 6 in Xitou Primary School, Caocun Town

Once entering into our school, you will see willows line upon line orderly in front, whose branches are swaying by the soft spring breeze. Walking along, you will see a large circle garden, where there are many beautiful flowers, in all colors and smelling sweet; sometimes, beautiful butterflies are dancing on them. Two sides of the garden are straight and wide roads, which directly lead to the 4-floor office building. Teachers work on the first floor of it, and if tired, they may have a rest and have entertainment on the second one.

Let's look to the west now: a teaching building stands there with a lawn in front, and in front of the lawn is a line of trees. The facilities in classrooms are all modern. During class, each teacher has one laptop, storing the needed materials for class. On each desk of students, there is one microphone. If wanting to ask the student of certain number to answer questions, the teacher just needs to push down the corresponding button, and then the student may start to speak. There are also code cases in students' desks. As long as correct codes are input, your drawers will be opened.

In the library of our school, there are books liked by students on the shelves; in the middle, there are many desks and benches, on which students may read from time to time. When time for individual study comes in the afternoon every time, students will read books they like attentively. Beside the library is a laboratory, where there are many testing instruments. When having science class every time, students may use scientific instruments under the guide of teachers. Behind the laboratory lies a playground, on which there is a football field, ping-pong tables, etc. In every PE class, students will play football with enthusiasm, and enjoy themselves with laughing here and there. Toilets behind the playground are environmental friendly, and excrement in the toilets will flow into a marsh gas tank, which is used at many places of our school.

This is the school in my dream, and the one I have been yearning for. I hope my dream will come true.



Schools in My Dream

Yang Fuxiong,
Grade 5 in Biejia Primary School

Times flies to the year of 2029, any things at the era are driven by solar energy, so is our school.

At 7:30 in the morning, the alarm of my solar electronic watch rings. I get up at once, the multifunctional solar hanger helps me put on clothes, and then I arrive at Biejia Primary School on time by a solar car. Later on, the gate of our school opens automatically. Entering into the school, I see a green train stopping in front of me at once. There have been many students in the train, so I get into it quickly. All at once, I get to the door of my classroom—oh, I forget to tell you that it is a solar train; I just press the red button with my thumb; the solar door will open in less than one second. 'Oh, where is your schoolbag?' One of my boy classmates asks in surprise. 'Oh, you scared me! It's just a storm in a teacup, a piece of cake!' I snap my fingers, then my schoolbag flies towards me immediately. The boy looks at me confused. I say, smiling, 'How unfashionable you are in 2029! You need to keep up with the tide! To tell you the truth, there is a solar human body inductor in my schoolbag. As long as a specific code with it is set, when you do it, the bag will fly to you automatically.'

During class, I press the yellow button on my schoolbag, and then two mechanical hands stretch out from it, helping me to take out the needed books. Oh, the hot weather is killing me; I have to press the white button on the desk, then a fit of cool feeling comes up to my face directly. For some contents I can't understand in class, I will turn on the solar electronic learning machine helping me to learn.

How do you like it? How wonderful our school 'Solar Biejia Primary School' in 2029 is! Welcome to solar time tunnel, and to the charming and amusing Solar Biejia Primary School of 2009.





The School in Dream
Zhou Jirong,
Grade 6 in Zhoujia Primary School

This is a rural primary school located at the foot of Baofeng Mountain.

In the dilapidated school, the roads are bumpy, walls, doors and windows of the classrooms are shabby, roofs of the classroom are leaking during rainy days, and the playground looks like a large pit from a distance. When it is raining, it just likes a small ocean, even making it difficult for students go to toilet. There is neither library nor sporting equipment. And fence wall of the school looks like the Grade Wall, which is rugged and winding.

I had been dreaming to study at a comfortable school which would provide me with a good studying environment. This dream didn't come true until the day when uncles and aunts from Fuli Cement came to our school for investigation. They came for a dozen times later and said that they would invest and help our school in reconstruction. We were so excited by this information.

On Aug. 26, deafening firecrackers exploded in our school, and uncles and aunts from Fuli Cement brought the love-engendered hope to us — we started the refurbishment together. Today, the school is brand new with even and smooth roads. There are four new classrooms, with gray roofs changed into red, white walls, blue house frames, transparent glass and bright-red window frames, all of which form a striking contrast. There is also brand new equipment and various books brought for the library; I like to read comic, history and composition books, which are all provided. Whenever I have time, I will swim in the sea of books and absorb the timely-rain-like knowledge. The playground has been paved with concrete, smooth and even, with various kinds of sporting facilities like basketball field, table-tennis table, swing, sliding board, teeterboard and horizontal & parallel bars. White and yellow chrysanthemum flowers are planted in the garden, so are pink and white Chinese roses and green cypresses. In summer, colorful butterflies will fly over the flowers, forming an extremely beautiful scene.

We would like to thank Fuli Cement for their financial aid, changing our school into what it looks like today and giving us such a good studying environment. I believe many excellent Young Pioneers will be cultivated certainly in such environment. And they will be equipped with knowledge before stepping into the society and the future.



80 volunteers from Xi'an Academy of Fine Arts participated in the 2-day voluntary activities in the schools. They taught students to draw and decorated walls of reading rooms and laboratories, as well as exterior walls of school houses of Xitou, Biejia, Huangyao and Zhoujia Primary Schools with beautiful mural paintings. Hereby, we would like to express heartfelt thanks to them for their love and spirit of dedication! All of the volunteers showed that they were very looking forward to visiting the school soon in the future.

Our School Changing a Lot
Yang Zhihao,
Huangyao Primary School, Zhuangli

Located at hillside in northern Zhuangli Town, Fuping, our school was very poor and shabby originally. In case of a raining day, 'it would be raining heavily outside and lightly inside'. So the school had to let us on leave for the condition didn't allow us to have a class normally. It was needless to say the broken windows and doors - the glass was missed here and there. In the classrooms, the desks were with uneven surfaces and not at the same height, so were the benches; what was more annoying is that the one I seated on tore my favorite trousers. For library, music and sporting facilities, we didn't expect at all, as we had never read books in a library and played with the sporting facilities. We could not do other than admiring those schools in cities. Nevertheless, our school has changed a lot this term and looks greatly different. We, who had ever admired others, witnessed the whole process, during which all of our expectations were realized by Fuli Cement, who invested our school for our reconstruction.

Earthen walls of the classrooms become white with emerald-green wainscots. The windows and doors are painted into bright red, and the desks and benches are changed into new ones totally, which are one set for one student; how wonderful they are! But there are much more than this. They built the library for us and brought lots of books, as well as music instruments and sporting facilities. Our teacher tells us that they're going to build a modern playground in our school, so we won't have to play boringly in PE class — we can play table tennis, basketball and football with respective professional facilities. And in music class, I'll be able to bring my strong point-playing the piano into play and won't be bothered any longer by the lack of learning materials. The original mountain village school has become almost the same as those in cities, so it's no wonder teachers and students all grins from ear to ear with delight.

I'm so grateful to all uncles and aunts from Fuli Cement for giving us such a wonderful studying environment that I will study hard here, do my best to develop my strong points and master hi-tech and modern knowledge to build our school into an even better one in the future!



On Dec. 5, more than 60 staff from Fuli Cement spent their weekends on the activities as volunteers of the Fuli Education Development Project. They assembled a lot of desks and benches for the schools and helped the students to build the reading rooms. Such activities showed the kind hope of staff of Fuli Cement to actively repay the communities where they have worked and lived for a long time.