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# Singapore Chinese High School and EtonHouse Group form partnership to launch Hwa Chong EtonHouse Institution

**30 October 2014, Singapore** – The Singapore Chinese High School and EtonHouse International Education Group are pleased to announce a collaboration to launch "Hwa Chong EtonHouse Institution" in Singapore, catering to students from kindergarten to primary levels.

This joint venture will leverage the strengths and expertise of both founding schools and further reinforce both parties' leadership positions in education, putting Hwa Chong EtonHouse Institution in a position to deliver a high quality, bilingual, bicultural, international baccalaureate (IB) education to students across different countries. This reflects both parties' commitment to improve and enhance regional and global access to quality bilingual education and to provide the international student community with an increasing breadth of educational programmes.

Chinese High School, a company limited by guarantees has a distinguished history of 96 years. It has two secondary schools under its wing, Hwa Chong Institution and Hwa Chong International School. Both schools, which have a strong focus and established track record in developing bilingual and bicultural curriculum, are regarded as the top performing schools in Singapore with an outstanding and prominent alumni, having nurtured leaders of society in research, industry and government sectors.

Since establishing its first campus in 1995 in Singapore, the EtonHouse Group has successfully expanded its presence locally and internationally based on its commitment to quality and best practice. The EtonHouse Group now runs more than 90 schools in 10 different countries which range from pre-schools to K-12 international schools. EtonHouse schools follow an international curriculum. In the early years, a child-responsive inquiry based "Inquire-Think-Learn" curriculum inspired by the Reggio Emilia approach is followed. In the primary and middle years, EtonHouse follows the International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme. Over the past 19 years, EtonHouse has had outstanding graduates in many different countries who have excelled in their domains. The EtonHouse schools have established a successful track record on an international level and have meaningfully integrated with the local environments of their host countries.

The collaborative parties said: "We are delighted to see the fruition of this joint venture with EtonHouse. We view this partnership in education as a symbiotic collaboration to establish an integrated bilingual and bicultural international baccalaureate chain of schools at the pre-school and primary levels leveraging on the respective solid brand equities and reputations of Hwa Chong and EtonHouse. We are heartened to see the establishment of this joint venture after working on the formation and being actively involved in the discussions, deliberations and legal work to set up this new school. Hwa Chong EtonHouse Institution will mark a new milestone in the development of Hwa Chong and EtonHouse's contributions to the education industry in Singapore."

Elaborating on this initiative, Mrs. Ng Gim Choo, Founder and Group Managing Director of EtonHouse said "We are deeply privileged and honoured to partner with Hwa Chong, a distinguished educational institution which is an outstanding time-honoured education icon in Singapore. This collaboration is a momentous milestone for both homegrown Singapore brands to deliver a unique international educational approach with a strong bilingual and bicultural focus to students on a global scale. I am confident that the Hwa Chong EtonHouse Institution will establish new standards of excellence in international education."

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#### **About EtonHouse**

EtonHouse is headquartered in Singapore with more than **90 international schools** spread across Singapore, Hong Kong, China, India, Indonesia, Korea, Japan, Malaysia, Cambodia and Vietnam. Together these schools provide high quality international education **to over 10,000 children globally and 61 different nationalities in Singapore alone.** 

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EtonHouse Pre-Schools were also amongst the first in Singapore to receive the SPARK (Singapore Pre-Schools Accreditation Framework) award introduced by the Ministry of Education to both acknowledge and raise the quality of pre-school education in Singapore. EtonHouse educators have won the "Outstanding Leader" and "Outstanding Teacher" awards conferred by the MCYS in 2011 and 2012. In 2014, the Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF) in Singapore presented EtonHouse Vanda with the "Outstanding Centre for Teaching and Learning" Award, the highest award in the pre-school sector.

EtonHouse has an established track record in working with the government in Singapore and China. In early 2014, EtonHouse was selected by the MSF in Singapore to be part of the **Anchor Operator (AOP) Scheme** to launch E-Bridge Pre-School, providing high quality and affordable early childhood services for Singaporean families. EtonHouse schools in Suzhou, Wuxi and Nanjing were started at the invitation of the Jiangsu provincial government. EtonHouse International School in Suzhou, is elected one of the top 500 schools in China by a USA research company.

EtonHouse also runs an in-house research and professional development centre that provides continuous training and pedagogical support. In March 2010, it brought the first Reggio Children conference to Singapore, followed by two others in April 2012 and March 2014. In 2013, EtonHouse became a member of the Reggio Children International Network and launched REACH (Reggio Emilia in Asia for Children), the first organization to represent Reggio Children in Asia.

#### **About The Chinese High School**

Founded in 1919 by Mr Tan Kah Kee, The Chinese High School was established to cater to the needs of overseas Chinese primary school leavers in South-east Asia.

Today, it is one of the finest educational institutions for high-achievers and the gifted in the region. Its reputation as a premier school is based not only on the academic excellence of the

students but also their determination to excel in all other areas like leadership, sports and games, co-curricular activities, science research, and service to the community.

The Chinese High School has been a school of choice amongst the best and the brightest. Every year it attracts the top 3% of the national PSLE cohort and the top 1% that forms the Gifted Education Programme.

This is not confined to only the high achieving students from Singapore but also those from countries like Malaysia and China. In 2005, the Chinese High School and Hwa Chong Junior College merged to form Hwa Chong Institution, offering a six-year integrated programme covering the secondary school and junior college curricula. Hwa Chong Junior College is Singapore's first government-aided junior college (JC) to be established in 1974. More than 3 decades later, the Hwa Chong Institution remains committed to offering students an unrivalled holistic education.

Hwa Chong Institution is presently a leading education institution in Singapore with a strong focus on Chinese studies, being one of the few schools offering the Chinese Language Elective Programme.

The Singapore Chinese High School was one of the two institutions to be granted a licence by the Singapore Ministry of Education in 2004 to set up an international school, Hwa Chong International, offering the International Baccalaureate curricula for secondary and post-secondary students for both Singaporeans and foreign students. Hwa Chong International presently has more than 700 students. The international school is sited at the same integrated Bukit Timah campus as Hwa Chong Institution. Both Hwa Chong Institution and Hwa Chong International have first-class well equipped boarding schools sited at their respective school premises at Bukit Timah. Hwa Chong International School recently embarked on an expansion programme which includes a new teaching block, an auditorium, art exhibition hall and an indoor sports hall. The new facilities are expected to be completed by first quarter of 2015.

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# 新加坡华侨中学与伊顿合作 创办华中伊顿学校

**2014 年 10 月 30 日,新加坡** -- 新加坡华侨中学与伊顿国际教育集团宣布,将在新加坡合作创办"华中伊顿学校",满足孩子们从学前到小学的教育需求。

这次战略伙伴关系将利用各自的优势和专业知识,进一步增强双方在教育领域的领导地位, 让华中伊顿学校为全世界各国的学生提供高质量、双语及双文化的国际文凭教育。这反映 了双方的承诺 — 致力于提高和增强,以达到全球范围内高素质的双语、双文化教育的目 标,并为国际化学生社区提供更加宽广教育的另一个选择。

新加坡华侨中学担保有限公司,历史悠久。其属下的两所中学校,华侨中学和华中国际学校,一向著重双语、双文化教育,是新加坡的顶尖学府,培养了众多在学术、工商界和政府等领域的杰出的领袖人才。

伊顿国际教育集团的第一所学校于 1995 年创建于新加坡,基于其最佳的教育实践,伊顿国际教育集团在国内外各地区发展迅速。伊顿集团目前在 10 个国家拥有 90 多所学校,覆盖从幼儿园到高中阶段,以国际认可的 IB (国际文凭组织)课程框架为基础。在过去 19 年里,伊顿在各国培养出一批又一批,在各个领域都有所建树的优秀毕业生。伊顿学校也

建立了一套有效的资信系统,用以掌握当前世界的前沿教育理念和教学法。同时探讨、引

进当地国家和地区环境的人文特性,融汇入教学内容来进行教学。

合作双方都认为,"我们将这次教育合作视为一种双赢的策略布署,利用我们各自的品牌价值和声誉,在学前和小学教育的范围内建立一所综合性的双语、双文化的国际文凭学校。通过双方的共同努力,积极讨论和商议,创建这所新学校。可以预期,华中伊顿学校将为

新加坡教育领域的发展,树立另一个新的里程碑。"

伊顿集团董事长和创立人胡锦珠女士说,"这次合作是一个重要的里程碑,它将为学生提供独特的国际教育文凭、双语、双文化教育课程。秉承多年开办国际教育文凭的经验,在坚实的双语、双文化的基础上,实现最佳教育的目标。她有信心,华中伊顿学校将在国际

教育领域建立新的优秀检验标准。"

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# 伊顿国际教育集团简介

伊顿国际教育集团总部位于新加坡,集团所属的超过 **90 所国际学校**分布在新加坡、香港特区、中国、印度、印度尼西亚、韩国、日本、马来西亚、柬埔寨和越南等国家和地区。 伊顿学校为**来自 61 个不同国家的 10,000 多名学生**提供高质量的国际化教育。

伊顿学校遵循以国际课程为基础的最佳教育实践。在幼教阶段,实行以孩子为中心、以探究为基础的"探索-思考-学习"课程,此课程受到北意大利瑞吉欧(Reggio Emilia)教学模式的启发。在中小学阶段,学校采用 IB(国际文凭组织)课程。伊顿目前有 6 所 IB 学校和 3 所 IB 候选学校。其中伊顿在新加坡的纽顿和乌节路(现迁移至汤森)校区是新加坡第一所独立获得 IB PYP 世界学校地位的幼儿学校。

新加坡伊顿幼儿学校也是第一家获得新加坡教育部颁发的"幼儿园质量认证"(SPARK)的学校,这是对学校教学质量的肯定和提升。伊顿的教育工作者们也分别在 2011 年和 2012 年荣获了由新加坡社会发展青年及体育部(MCYS)颁发的"杰出领袖"和"优秀教师"奖项。在 2014 年,新加坡社会和家庭发展部(MSF)为伊顿宛达路校颁发了"优秀教学中心"奖项,这是新加坡幼教领域的至高荣誉。

伊顿与新加坡和中国政府合作建立了一套追踪记录体系。在 2014 年初,伊顿被新加坡社会和家庭发展部(MSF)选为学前教育的"主要业者"(AOP)之一,且在此计划下创办伊桥(E-Bridge)幼儿学校,旨在为更多的新加坡家庭提供高质量且普惠性的幼儿教育服务。伊顿在苏州、无锡和南京的国际学校是受到江苏省政府邀请开办的。根据美国一家调查公司研究显示,苏州伊顿国际学校被选为中国 500 强学校之一。

伊顿也有自己内部的教育研究和专业发展中心,主要提供持续的培训和教学支持。在2010年3月,伊顿教育中心第一次将瑞吉欧儿童教育会议带到新加坡,接着于2012年4月和2014年3月又分别举办了两场会议。

# 新加坡华侨中学简介

新加坡华侨中学担保有限公司于 1919 年由陈嘉庚先生创建,旨在满足海外华侨小学毕业生在东南亚地区的教育需求。

今天,它拥有华侨中学和华中国际学校两所中学校,一所提供"A"水平课程,另一所提供国际文凭(IB)。这两所中学校已经是新加坡培养高材生的最好的教育院校中的两所。它的声望不仅是基于学生们的优异学业,更是因为他们有决心在各个领域表现出色,包括领导、运动和比赛、课程活动、科学研究和对社区的服务等。

华侨中学已经成为学生们择校的最佳选择。每年,该校都能吸引小学毕业考试(PSLE)成绩排名前3%的学生,其中排名前1%的学生则组成"天才教育项目"。

这不仅只限于新加坡考试取得优异成绩的学生,也接纳那些来自其他国家,比如马来西亚和中国的优秀学生。在 2005 年,华侨中学和华中初级学院合并成了华侨中学(沿用旧名),提供一种六年制直通车综合课程。华中初级学院是新加坡第一所政府补助的初级学院,创建于 1974 年。30 多年后,该校还一直致力于为学生提供优秀的整体性教育。

华侨中学目前是新加坡领先的教育机构,拥有很强的中文教学,也是少许的几所提供双语双文化课程的学校之一。

2004 年,新加坡教育部批准两所学院校建立国际学校,华中国际学校是其中之一。华中国际学校,将为中等和高等教育的新加坡及海外学生提供 IB 课程。华中国际学校目前有超过 700 名学生,学校位于武吉知马校区。华侨中学和华中国际学校都拥有一流的装备精良的寄宿学校,位于各自在武吉知马的学校区域。华中国际学校将在校园内兴建新的教学大楼,多功能的艺术表演中心和讲堂还有室内体育场。整个工程将在 2015 年第一季完成。