



A Legacy of Learning & Leadership at Chongshi Girls' School

The girls studying at Chongshi Girls' School continue to receive a good education, grow healthily, and are happy. As we approach two years of the Covid-19 pandemic, the school continues to try to find new ways to educate and engage the girls and help them enjoy school life.

The girls have the opportunity to participate in a variety of physical activities and sports such as jogging, yoga, kick boxing, floor hockey, dance, and more. In addition to their work in the classroom, teachers in the school consciously help the students foster an awareness of "Health First", developed around the motto "Exercise one hour a day, work fifty years healthily, and live happily ever after." Sports are a part of the students' lifestyles.

Developing friendships with each other and respect for one another is stressed among classmates in the school. They are told that being classmates or roommates for three years is a great honor and the relationship should be cherished as if they were sisters. Therefore, they should tolerate, help, encourage, and progress with each other.

A variety of school programs, such as "Singing in May", "Flea Market", "New Year Party", "Youth Ceremony", "Graduation Ceremony" and so on, were organized to develop teamwork, friendship, and mutual understanding.

Students are also encouraged to participate in more activities based on not only their strengths and interests but in stretching their abilities and trying new things. Some girls are introverted and shy, enjoying their own world but going out will open a new world for them. Since 2013, Chongshi Girls' School has explored more international cooperation with schools and students in America, Spain, South Korea, Taiwan, and Hong Kong. Prior to Covid-19, the girls had developed their language and communication skills. Chongshi Girls' School continues to look for new ways to collaborate with universities to offer the girls more study abroad opportunities in the future.

As the Covid-19 pandemic continues, measures have been taken to help the girls avoid being affected and make use of

this case to educate them on the importance of taking care of and helping each other, which is the core legacy of Pearl S. Buck. The school hopes to be able to bring the sponsored girls back to visit the Pearl S. Buck House and Pearl S. Buck International headquarters in Bucks County, PA once Covid-19 restrictions permit. The girls who eventually visit will bring gifts bought by the sponsored graduating seniors for their sponsors and PSBI leadership. In addition, the school continues to encourage the students to read more books, offering reading lists of books by Pearl S. Buck and other outstanding women and having "read and share" sessions, where students can share their reading experiences.



PSBI Partners with Caring for Cambodia

Pearl S. Buck International is thrilled to announce it has entered into a partnership with fellow non-profit charitable organization Caring for Cambodia to benefit childhood education in Cambodia.

In addition to the humanitarian aid we provide in China, Kenya, Korea, Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam, Pearl S. Buck International will now offer child sponsorship and project funding opportunities in Cambodia.

Between 1975 and 1979, nearly 2.5 million Cambodians lost their lives as the Khmer Rouge regime sought to turn Cambodia into a communist, agrarian society. The Khmer Rouge targeted and essentially wiped out the country's educated class and its professionals in the genocide, leaving the nation and future generations with few role models as survivors worked first to survive and then to rebuild following the overthrow of the brutal regime.

It is in this societal atmosphere that Caring for Cambodia began to work, striving to make it possible for every Cambodian child to attend school from preschool to 12th grade and to graduate with the skills required for higher education or for obtaining



meaningful employment. This enables students to support their families, to become productive citizens, and to give back to their communities.

Through this new partnership, people will be able to sponsor through Pearl S. Buck International children going to schools operated by Caring for Cambodia in Siem Reap, Cambodia.

Pearl S. Buck was a firm believer that an education was foremost to helping impoverished and marginalized children lift themselves out of poverty and build a brighter future for themselves and their families, which aligns with Caring for Cambodia's mission of educating the next generation of Cambodian citizens and leaders. Anna Katz, President & CEO of Pearl S. Buck International, noted, "Caring for Cambodia has a unique community approach to education and development. It is recognized by the Cambodia government for its standards of excellence in education and is the national model for education in the country. Together, Pearl S. Buck International and Caring for Cambodia will change the lives of Cambodian children and forge a better future for Cambodia."

For information on child sponsorship opportunities in Cambodia, go to <https://pearlsbuck.org/help-children-in-need/sponsor-a-child/>