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Dear Parents/Guardian

Character and Leadership Excellence Programme – Overseas Trips 2010

In line with its strategic thrust to provide a distinctive holistic education that prepares our pupils to become world ready leaders, the school has planned a wide range of overseas trips to cater to individual needs and interests under the Character and Leadership Excellence programme.

We would like to invite applications for the overseas trips scheduled for 2010 (refer to Annex A for details). All applicants have to meet the selection criteria which include good academic performance, conduct and performance at selection interviews (where applicable).

Successful applicants are expected to apply their learning in meaningful ways in the form of individual or group research, presentations, reflective essays and mini-project work. The outcomes of overseas trips will be showcased in the participants' reflective portfolios and exhibitions.

While we will do our utmost to ensure a well-planned programme for your daughter/ward, some of the trips may be re-scheduled due to circumstances beyond our control. Your daughter/ward will be informed of any changes to the planned trip at least a week before her departure.

Besides overseas trips, the school will also be providing opportunities for pupils to host overseas pupils for short periods of home stay under the Bi-cultural Exchange Programme. If you are able to offer home stay for overseas pupils, we would be most grateful for your generosity and hospitality. Please complete Annex B and submit it to your daughter/ward's Form Teacher by **Friday 12 February 2010**.

If you have any queries, please contact us at scgps@moe.edu.sg or scgss@moe.edu.sg or 62527966.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Low Ay Nar
Principal

OVERSEAS TRIPS 2010

Target Level	Trip [Group Size]	Tentative Date [Duration]	Estimated Cost [Deposit]	Staff In-charge	Trip Highlights
OVERSEAS TRIPS IN MAY – JUNE					
Sec 2*	Bi-cultural Exchange and School Immersion in Beijing and Xian [max 30 pupils]	29 May – 10 Jun [12 days]	\$2415 [\$800]	Mdm Kwek Siew Hoon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ School experience with local school ▪ CIP with local community ▪ CL and culture immersion ▪ Visits to cultural and historical places of interest
Sec 2 & 3	Business@School Educational Trip and Bi-cultural Exchange Programme to Germany [max 36 pupils]	5 - 14 Jun [10 days]	\$3570 [\$1200]	Miss Teng Mei Fong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bi-cultural exchange cum school experience with German schools ▪ Attend the Business@School European Finals in Munich ▪ Visits to cultural and historical places of interest
	Mathematics Trip to Korea [max 24 pupils]	6 – 12 Jun [7 days]	\$1580 [\$530]	Mrs Chan Sock Har	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mathematics Exchange Programme with Korean schools ▪ Mathematics Enrichment Training ▪ Visits to cultural and historical places of interest
Sec 3	Biology Trip to Christmas Island [max 24 pupils]	11 – 18 Mar [8 days]	\$1600 [\$530]	Mrs Caruna Yogeeswaran	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientific study of an atypical ecosystem through outdoor learning in fieldwork and research • School Exchange Programme with CIDHS
	Service Learning to Bhutan [max 24 pupils]	3 – 9 Jun [8 days]	\$2750 [\$920]	Mrs Shermaine Tang & Miss Teng Mei Fong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forge international links with Bhutan schools • Teach basic IT skills to students and teachers in Bhutan schools
	Geography & Literature Trip to the United Kingdom [max 30 pupils]	6 – 17 Jun [12 days]	\$3800 [\$1250]	Miss Choo Siew Bee & Miss Evelyn Ku	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 5-day stay at Dale Fort Field Centre with fieldwork on river, coastal and natural vegetation ▪ Field visits to industrial, agricultural and settlement geographies. ▪ Attend a performance at the RSC Theatre in Stratford ▪ Tour of Bath, home of Jane Austen ▪ Workshop, tour and attend a performance at the Globe Theatre
OVERSEAS TRIPS IN NOVEMBER – DECEMBER					
Sec 1 & 2	Bi-Cultural Exchange and School Immersion in Hong Kong [max 24 pupils]	25 Nov – 3 Dec [9 days]	\$1900 [\$640]	Mrs Shermaine Tang	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bi-cultural Exchange and School Immersion Programme with Hong Kong schools ▪ CIP with local community ▪ Visits to cultural and historical places of interest.
Sec 2 & 3	SCGS –MGDS India Exchange Programme in Jaipur & Bangalore [max 24 pupils]	25 Nov – 6 Dec [12 days]	\$2550 [\$850]	Mrs Tina Neoh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1-week school experience with the MGD School in Jaipur ▪ CIP with local community ▪ Visit Indian and S'porean companies in Bangalore to learn about S'pore - India economic globalisation policies ▪ Visits to cultural and historical places of interest
	SCGS – SMKSA Exchange Programme in Kedah, Malaysia [max 24 pupils]	25 – 30 Nov [6 days]	\$840 [\$280]	Mrs Shermaine Tang	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bi-cultural and Leadership Exchange Programme with SMKSA ▪ CIP with local community ▪ Visits to cultural and historical places of interest
Sec 3	Bi-cultural Exchange and School Immersion in Taiwan [max 30 pupils]	25 Nov – 1 Dec [7 days]	\$1800 [\$600]	Mdm Kwek Siew Hoon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bi-cultural Exchange cum school experience with local Taiwanese school • CIP with a Taiwan aboriginal school • CL language and culture immersion

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CCA-RELATED OVERSEAS TRIPS – APPLICATIONS OPEN ONLY TO PUPILS IN THE CCA					
Sec 1 - 3	Squash Training Trip to Malaysia [max 40 pupils]	15 – 17 Mar [3 days]	\$340 [\$120]	Mrs Linda Lee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pre-competition sparring with Malaysian school teams ▪ CIP with local community ▪ Visits to cultural and historical places of interest
	Choir Trip to Freamunde, Portugal [max 60 pupils]	25 Jun – 6 Jul [12 days]	\$3990 [\$1330]	Mrs Caruna Yogeewaran	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Compete in the 1st Freamunde International Choir Competition ▪ Attend Master Class workshops to hone skills ▪ Visits to cultural and historical places of interest
	Basketball Training Trip to Malaysia [max 35 pupils]	29 Nov – 3 Dec [5 days]	\$420 [\$140]	Mr John Teo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pre-competition sparring with Malaysian school teams ▪ CIP with local community ▪ Visits to cultural and historical places of interest
	Badminton Training Trip to Malaysia [max 35 pupils]	29 Nov – 3 Dec [5 days]	\$420 [\$140]	Mr Lau Beng Hwee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pre-competition sparring with Malaysian school teams ▪ CIP with local community ▪ Visits to cultural and historical places of interest
Sec 2 - 4	Dance Trip to Barcelona, Spain [max 24 pupils]	30 Mar – 9 Apr [11 days]	\$3260 [\$1100]	Mrs Jean Chan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Compete in the Barcelona Costa Brava International Dance Competition 2010 ▪ Attend Master Class workshops to hone skills ▪ Visits to cultural and historical places of interest
Sec 2 - 3	Uniformed Group OBS Programme in Australia [max 30 pupils]	14 – 23 Jun [10 days]	\$2650 [\$880]	Mrs Fei May Bowness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Leadership development through outdoor activities such as orienteering, rafting, abseiling, climbing, ropes courses ▪ Community service in Toonumbar National Park, NSW, Australia

Note: Some of the trip highlights are subject to confirmation. The confirmed itinerary will be given to successful applicants.

**Primary Division will also be sending a team of pupils for this overseas trip as part of the school's Youth Olympic Games initiative with partner schools.*

Document to be submitted to Form Teacher:

Pupils who wish to be considered for an overseas trip must complete Annex B and submit it to her Form Teacher by Friday, 12 February 2010. Short-listed applicants will be required to attend a selection interview. Successful applicants for trips held during the May/June and Nov/Dec holidays will be informed by the end of Term 1. All successful applicants are expected to attend briefings and preparatory sessions which are likely to be held on Saturdays given that our 5-day work week has its planned school activities.

Deposit for trips [if successful]:

A non-refundable deposit (refer to the table above) will be required should your daughter/ward be successful in her application. The deposit is to be submitted to the staff in-charge of the trip by the **Wednesday, 31 March 2010**. Please make cheque payable to "Singapore Chinese Girls' School". Indicate clearly the name and class of your daughter/ward and her overseas trip on the reverse of the cheque.

Please note that the cost of each trip covers airfare and airport taxes, accommodation, insurance coverage, coach fees and entrance fees to all planned visits to places of interest. Should you have any queries on overseas trips, please call 6 2527 966 and speak to the relevant staff in-charge.

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APPLICATION FORM

<p><i>For Official Use</i> Approved for:</p>
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Name: _____ ()

Class: _____

Academic Subject Combination (please circle your subject)

- Humanities (Full): Geography / History / Literature * (please circle your subject)
- Humanities (Elective): Geography / History / Literature * (please circle your subject)

CCA: _____

Current Leadership Position in Class (2010): _____

Current Leadership Position in CCA (2010): _____

Previous Leadership Positions (2007): _____

(2008): _____

(2009): _____

Other Interests: _____

Awards/Achievements over the last 3 years:

ACADEMIC		CCA / OTHERS	
Year	Name of Award/Achievement	Year	Name of Award/Achievement

OVERSEAS TRIPS 2010: ORDER OF PREFERENCE

Please rank the trips as 1, 2, 3 ... or X:

'1' being your 1st choice, '2' being your 2nd choice ...and 'X' being indication that you do not wish to be considered for the trip

Note: You are only permitted to indicate your preferences for overseas trips pertaining to your level or if you are part of a special interest group.

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Write a short paragraph explaining why you believe you should be selected for your first choice:

To help us assign participants special roles, tick in the relevant boxes talents/abilities you have which you believe will be an asset to the group:

<i>Tick</i>		Others (specify)
First Aid Knowledge	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Digital/Video Photography	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Camera Photography	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Editorial Production	<input type="checkbox"/>	
VCD Production	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Medical problems (if any): _____

Dietary restrictions (if any): _____

I would like to be considered for financial subsidy if I am successful in my application for the overseas trip.

Pupil's Response

There are 5 statements below.

Please tick in the boxes provided if you agree with the statement.

If I am short-listed / selected, I will commit to the following:

- attend preparatory sessions and briefings
 - co-operate with my teachers and team-mates
 - complete all that has to be done to the best of my ability
 - contribute to the success of the programme
 - host overseas pupils under the Bi-cultural Exchange Programme
- I will have difficulty attending meetings on Saturday.

(Pupil's Signature)

Date

Parents' Response

Father's Name: _____ Occupation: _____
 Address: _____
 Tel: _____ (H) _____ (H/P) email: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Occupation: _____
 Address (if different from above): _____
 Tel: _____ (H) _____ (H/P) email: _____

Guardian's Name: _____ Occupation: _____
 Address: _____
 Tel: _____ (H) _____ (H/P) email: _____

There are 4 statements below. Please tick in the box provided if you agree with the statement.

We support our daughter/ward's options and her commitment to the programme if selected.

We affirm the accuracy of the information given.

We hereby agree that we shall not hold the School, her teachers or officers, and/or their representatives responsible for any circumstance/event/injury arising therefrom. We further agree that we shall indemnify the School for such costs and/or claims associated or attributable to our daughter/ward arising therefrom, in, during and after the period of the connected activity.

We are committed to offer home stay for at least one pupil on the Bi-cultural Exchange Programme.

 (Signature of Father/Guardian)

 (Signature of Mother)

 (Date)

 (Date)