

Congratulations on the successful extension of “ *Indo-Chinese Elderly Hostel* ”

Indo-Chinese Elderly Hostel under the auspices of Love the Elderly and Children Foundation was completed in August 2003. The establishment of this foundation dates back to 1989. It has been 24 years since the initial plan to raise funds for building the hostel, and it has been 10 years since the first group of residents was admitted to the hostel.

From the outset, the trustees were actively involved in organizing and planning the “Indo-Chinese Elderly Hostel” project. In July 2002, the year of the horse, our children held a birthday party for my husband and I, in which we donated all monetary gifts received as our birthday presents to the Love the Elderly and Children Foundation. I feel quite nostalgic as I recall the joy as well as the obstacles that we have encountered over the past decade.

The hostel’s second stage of extension will be completed in 2013, this will increase the Hostel’s placement from thirty to eighty-eight. The rooms are beautiful, spacious and are equipped with modern facilities. As a member of the Board of Trustees working on the project, I am delighted to see our achievements. It gives me a great pleasure to see that we can unite to overcome difficulties, to accomplish the task of building an elderly hostel and extending the hostel after ten years of strenuous hard work. It is our aim to embody the Chinese saying, “Honor the aged of other families as we honor our own”. Our next challenge is to put forward the message “To care for others’ children as we care for our own”.

As the old saying goes, “It can be more difficult to keep money than it is to make it.” With the extension completed, Indo-Chinese Elderly Hostel is now a sizable facility and more enthusiastic and capable people are needed to join us to take on the challenges ahead.

Despite the fact that we are now on the path of success, it is vital to strive to become better and stronger, and this can be achieved by mutual encouragement. Let us hope that the spirit of serving the elderly would carry on from generation to generation.

Having completed the extension project, we are looking forward to the clearance of debts. Next, perhaps we should move on to a new chapter to plan for providing childcare services to the community which is in line with the mission of the Love the Elderly and Children Foundation, “to care for other’s children as our own” .

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