

Dear Parents of Grade 5 Students,

This year, as part of our ongoing mission to deliver a rigorous education and foster the development of a caring community, we have planned an overnight excursion to Hong Kong for Grade 5 students.

The trip will start with students departing to Hong Kong on March 6, and it will continue until they return at the end of the school day on March 8. They will be participating in team building activities and challenges which reinforce their skills as thinkers, problem solvers, and develop capacity to show empathy and be caring members of their communities in the future. This trip helps prepare the students for the Middle School and High School “Week Without Walls” experience that is part of the Shekou International School curriculum.

Students will be well supported as all Grade 5 teachers, assistants, and even administrators will be attending the overnight. It will be hosted at a purpose built facility and by Dragonfly, a Hong Kong company with experience hosting international school trips throughout Asia. **Dragonfly**

requires that all parents register their children directly through their online portal. Explicit instructions in how to do this are attached to this email. Information including packing list and a detailed itinerary will be available as we get



closer to the date of the excursion. We will also host an information session on campus in the Gecko Theater where we will invite parents to come and speak directly with the Grade 5 teachers, Dragonfly staff members, and our administrators with any questions or concerns. Please follow the directions in the attached registration form to get started.

Meals: All meals, snacks, and water (refills) will be provided. Particular dietary concerns can be addressed when enrolling online.

Behavior: As students will be representing SIS, they are expected to be courteous and considerate of their fellow students, all staff, and members of the public. Regular school behavior is expected.

Electronic devices: Electronic devices are not allowed on this trip. (mobile phones, two-way communication watches, iPads, mp3 players, etc.) All teachers will have mobile phones in an event of an emergency, and will be posting updates on a Grade 5 WeChat group.

Thank you very much for your continued trust and support for SIS.

The Grade 5 Team