

Creative Secondary School (CSS)
Report on Sister School Exchanges 2023-2024
 啓思中學「姊妹學校交流報告」

Name of the Mainland Sister School: Hangzhou Greentown Yuhua School(HZGYS) 杭州綠城育華學校(中學)

Part 1: Details of Exchange Activities

Item No.	Name and Content of the Exchange Activity	Intended Objective(s)	Evaluation Results	Reflection and Follow-up
1	<p>CSS students visiting Hangzhou Greentown Yuhua School (6 days) (Oct 2023)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Students and Teachers join the International Cultural Festival 2) Teachers take part in Leadership Forum 3) Students stay in host families formed by HZGYS students and parents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Offer opportunities for CSS students to socialise with HZGYS students and get more information about student life in mainland China - Deepen students understanding on the development of mainland China - Engage students in authentic environment where the Asian Games is held and learn about different sports. 	<p>24 F2 - F4 students and teachers joined the 20th International Cultural Festival in Hangzhou Greentown Yuhua School. The teachers took part in an Education Forum and shared the project-based learning strategies in CSS while listening to Principals from Japan and Germany to talk about the strategies their schools tried in different countries.</p> <p>Students took part in a number of different activities, including trading and food festival to experience selling local food items from Hong Kong. They stayed in host families and received very warm welcome from the host families as well as the buddies.</p> <p>Students tasted different Chinese traditional workshops. 100% of them found their overall experience excellent. Moreover, 100% of them rated the host family experience excellent. They all expressed that they stepped out of their comfort zone and sharpened their communication and collaboration skills.</p>	<p>Students did a showcase of their learning takeaways in CSS after they came back.</p> <p>Most student participants of this trip became the host families for the HZGYS students in February 2024.</p>
2	F.5 Visual Arts (VA) students	Raise the	This did not happen because of time	Because of the packed

	visiting HZGYS 1) CSS students visit HZGYS to join the VA training 2) Visit Hangzhou VA museums 3) Sharing meeting 4) Students stay in host families formed by HZGYS students and parents	awareness of Chinese Arts & Culture of CSS F5. VA students & teachers	limitation of F5 curriculum.	schedule of F5 students, this trip will be cancelled. To wisely utilise the fund to achieve its target in deepening students' understanding of mainland China, we built sister school connection with another school in Guangzhou. We hope to bring students to Guangzhou to widen their horizons through visiting the Greater Bay Area.
3	Engage consultant to plan and liaise with the schools concerned, and support the teachers in implementing and completing the project.	- Strengthen the support to teachers in promoting and completing the plan	In the school year of 2023-2024, as it was the first year of physical exchange after COVID, the consultant joined the exchange tour to Hangzhou with the team of teachers and students to rebuild the connection between the two schools. All teachers involved in the exchange programmes agreed that the exchange programmes helped them understand more about education and students in mainland China.	The Consultant's effort was well recognised. The Consultant will continue to explore opportunities in maximising students' learning.
4	Visiting for HZGYS to join CSS "CLACH Program Sharing in May 2024"		The programme happened in February 2024.	It is found that February is a better time for the trip as it is the time of Chinese New Year.
5.	Visit from Principal and Teachers from Hangzhou Greentown Yuhua School (HZGYS)	- To help HZGYS Leadership Team get deeper understanding of HKDSE	A 4-day school visit was organised for HZGYS for them to understand more about Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE). In the visit, the Principal, Head of Academic Affairs, Chinese Language	The Principal and Teachers found the visit very rewarding with the information they collected from different schools and through meeting different Principals and Leadership Team members.

			Teacher and Biology Teacher visited 4 schools to understand more about HKDSE. The four schools belong to different sectors and the school tour of each school provided diverse information on curriculum, student development and campus design.	They gained insights in the feasibility of setting up HKDSE in their own school.
6.	Hangzhou Greentown Yuhua School Student Exchange to CSS (Feb 2024)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To foster understanding and appreciation of Hong Kong culture, traditions, and lifestyles among students, promoting collaboration; - To create lasting friendships and networks among students between Hong Kong and Mainland; 	<p>20 students from HZGYS came to visit CSS with the Assistant Director of Academic Affairs and English Teacher. They spent a learning day at CSS shadowing 15 F4 & F5 students. Moreover, they had a school tour at HKUST and listened to the Admissions Talk to get information about tertiary education information in Hong Kong 8 CSS families provided homestay for the 15 students</p> <p>All students and parents found the programme meaningful. The cultural exchange experience was a valuable experience to both the students and parents. Host parents expressed that they enjoyed the week of hosting to a high degree and they are grateful for the opportunities CSS offered our students in working with students from different backgrounds.</p>	The programme will continue in the school year 24-25 with university visit. HKGYS students will keep on joining the Dragon Dance Competition in the school year 24-25 too.

Part 2: Financial Report

Item No.	Name of the exchange	Expenditure Item	Amount
1	CSS students visiting Hangzhou Greentown Yuhua School (6 days) (Oct 2023) 4) Students and Teachers join the International Cultural Festival 5) Teachers take part in Leadership Forum 6) Students stay in host families formed by HZGYS students and parents	Air tickets Accommodation Materials for the International Cultural Festival Phone cards for teachers	\$77535.52 \$7470 \$1847 \$548 Total: \$87,400.52
2	Engage consultant to plan and liaise with the schools concerned, and support the teachers in implementing and completing the project.	Consultant service fee	\$31,200 Total: \$31,200
3	Hangzhou Greentown Yuhua School Student Exchange to CSS (Feb 2024)	Coach to the HKUST with CSS students	\$2800 Total: \$2,800
4	Equipment for student exchange	Portable project screen	\$1291 Total: \$1,291

Total:	\$122691.52
Balance:	\$200257.48
Carried forward to 24-25	\$162994
To be clawed back:	\$37263.48

This report is endorsed by the school board.

Signature of Supervisor : 

Name of Supervisor : Victor Fong

Date: 5 Nov 2024