



DRESS UP FOR INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL, AND SUPPORT THE NEEDY IN HONG KONG!

Dear Parents,

Typically this is the time when our entire community is gearing up for our favourite community event of the year – the International Festival! Despite the disruptions of the past 2 years, this beloved event has continued online, with the ardent support of our families sharing their culture and heritage through videos, recipes, and activities.

This year's **International Festival** will have an adapted format to allow us to continue to celebrate our community's diversity under the current circumstances. Children will share artefacts or stories from their countries over a week, culminating in a **Cultural Dress Day**, when children are invited to come to school in their national costume. To accommodate different schedules, the Cultural Dress Day will be different for Casa and Elementary as follows:

Casa: Children can wear national dress on Friday 27 May

Elementary: Children can wear national dress on Thursday 2 June

Together with the PTA, we would like to take this opportunity to also support charities in Hong Kong that benefit the needy, with the hope of offering respite and aid to those most affected by the pandemic. Therefore, **in conjunction with the Cultural Dress Day, please make a donation** that will ultimately benefit these three charities:

- [Mother's Choice](#) serves the many children in HK without families, and also pregnant teenagers, with a mission to change the life stories of vulnerable girls and babies, and the vision of seeing every child in a loving family.
- [Chicken Soup Foundation](#) has been helping the most needy in Hong Kong, often to families experiencing multiple challenges of extreme poverty coupled with illness and lack of a breadwinner.
- [ImpactHK](#) was established to help the homeless in Hong Kong, by settling them in a safe home, restoring their physical and mental well-being, and building their self-esteem and purpose.



These are charities that we have regularly supported as part of our Casa Charity Breakfasts and our various Elementary fund raising projects, some of which have unfortunately been cancelled in the past 3 years. Please give generously and help us continue our sponsorship of these causes!

To donate, please send in cash or write a check to “IMS Ltd.”, and have your child bring it in latest by Thursday 2 June. We will collate all donations, and report on the final amount before the end of this school year. If you prefer, please also feel free to donate online to these beneficiaries at their website links above.

Thank you for your support, and for helping make this year’s International Festival colourful and meaningful! **And remember to Dress Up - on Friday 27 May for Casa, and Thursday 2 June for Elementary!**

Warmest regards,

IMS and PTA Leadership