



### ***EtonHouse to open an International School in Dalian, China***

January, 2011 – EtonHouse becomes the first Singaporean organization to start an International School in Dalian, an economic hub in North-east China. The school is being developed in collaboration with the Shui On Group, a renowned property developer in Hong Kong and mainland China.

Dalian has an excellent geographical location and serves as an important marine gateway connecting northeast China and North China to the whole world. Dalian's proximity to Japan, Korea and Russia offers immense economic advantages to it. EtonHouse was invited by the Dalian government to open an International School offering programmes in the early childhood, primary and secondary levels (K-12). The school will be located in 'Dalian Tiandi', an integrated mix-use development set in the scenic city of Dalian, located in China's northeast Liaoning Province. The Dalian Tiandi concept developed by the Shui On Group provides a green, highly modern, trendsetting way of living designed to attract intellectuals from across the IT industry. The Shui On Group is renowned for having developed property in Shanghai's upmarket Xin Tien Di district.

EtonHouse in Dalian will be a purpose-built school spread across 12,500 square meters with residential facilities and state-of-the-art educational and outdoor resources such as heated indoor swimming pools, spacious library facilities, IT labs, gymnasium and extensive outdoor and indoor sports areas etc. The school will be offering its internationally acclaimed inquiry based early childhood curriculum and IB framework for the primary, middle and diploma levels. The teaching staff will be a mix of international and local professionals in the education sector.

Catering to 600 children from 3 to 16 years of age, the EtonHouse International School in Dalian will attract and cater to expatriates in Dalian and international students seeking high quality international education. It will also enhance and attract more foreign investment to the region

Says Mrs. Ng Gim Choo, Managing Director EtonHouse International Holdings, "We are very excited to start a school in Dalian with the Shui On Group and the support of the Dalian government. It will be the first International School for EtonHouse in the northern part of China and we are honoured to open it in the prestigious Dalian Tiandi region.

We are confident that our philosophy, curriculum and standards of excellence will not only attract more professionals to Dalian but also immensely benefit the residents in Dalian"

EtonHouse schools follow the inquiry based learning philosophy where children are actively involved in the learning process, making teaching and learning a collaborative, dynamic and engaging experience. EtonHouse has a strong presence in China having started the first school in 2003 in Suzhou. It currently has 11 schools in cities such as Wuxi, Jinan, Xi'an, Yiwu, Chengdu, Dongguan, Zuhai, Shenyang, Suzhou and Nanjing.

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### **About EtonHouse**

The EtonHouse Group provides Educational Services in Singapore, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Japan, Korea and India through International Schools, Pre-Schools and Early Childhood Teacher Education Courses. Registered with the Ministry of Education in Singapore and China, EtonHouse is a member of the Council of International Schools.

EtonHouse currently operates 35 schools across different countries. Together these schools provide quality international education to children from fifty four different nationalities. EtonHouse pre-schools in Singapore in Orchard and Newton are the first stand-alone pre-schools in Singapore to acquire the IB PYP World School authorization.

The EtonHouse curriculum follows the International Baccalaureate (IB) philosophy of inquiry based learning and the Literacy and Numeracy strategies from the United Kingdom for the primary children in Singapore. For the Early Years Programme (Nursery to Kindergarten), a child-responsive, play-based, "inquire, think, learn" EtonHouse pedagogy is followed. Both the IB and the EtonHouse curriculum position children as active participants in their own learning. Children's curiosity and skills of observation are supported and valued and are the basis of the curriculum which aims to build skills of exploration and discovery; investigation and research; collaboration and team membership abilities.

EtonHouse offers an outstanding second language programme. Mandarin, Japanese, Hindi, Malay and English as an Additional Language are offered in the different centres. The programme equips children with strong language skills. The Pre-Sap Bilingual Mandarin programme (operating in Singapore) and the integrated Mandarin programme offers children a natural and inclusive environment to develop strong language skills.