

EtonHouse community gives generously for Japan



April 2011, Singapore, the EtonHouse International Education Group with international pre-schools and schools across 8 countries launched an initiative to raise funds for the victims of the Japan disaster soon after the tsunami struck.

As evidence of the strong ties between the EtonHouse family, the pre-school/school communities spontaneously engaged in the organisation of fundraising events to collect donations to support the Japanese disaster victims. The EtonHouse team comprising of teachers, parents and children, some of them as young as 2 years selflessly, spontaneously and generously organised fundraisers and raised money for the quake and tsunami victims.

Mr. Jimmy Oh, Chairman-EtonHouse handing over the funds collected by the EtonHouse community to Mr. Christopher Chua, Secretary General –Singapore Red Cross Society

The EtonHouse International Preschool in Tokyo raised funds by hosting the “SAKURA TOMODACHI PROJECT”, a daily after school art class conducted by specialist teachers in school. The art pieces as well as the money raised by this project were sent directly to kindergarten(s) in Sendai. The EtonHouse staff in Tokyo Japan also went to Sendai to help repair and clean-up a pre-school that was badly damaged by both the Earthquake and tsunami. The pre-school also donated several childrens’ books, art and craft supplies and other resources.

The initiatives organised in Singapore ranged from art exhibitions and fairs to the sale of jewellery and artefacts created by children; concerted efforts by the entire EtonHouse family in Singapore and the rest of the world. A total of about \$28,271.70 was collected.

Children were enthusiastic about these initiatives and were keen to be a part of a process to support and assist their peers affected by the disaster in Japan. It also helped build a sense of community, empathy, collaboration and care amongst the EtonHouse community of learners, qualities that will help them develop into successful individuals in the future.

The funds collected were handed over to the Singapore Red Cross by the Chairman of EtonHouse, Mr. Jimmy Oh.



The children of EtonHouse Vanda with Mr. Jimmy Oh, Chairman-EtonHouse and Mr. Christopher Chua, Secretary General –Singapore Red Cross Society at the Red Cross office in Singapore.

EtonHouse has over 16 years of experience in running pre-schools and international schools and has over 43 schools spread across Singapore, China, Indonesia, Korea, Japan, India, Malaysia and Vietnam. With over 3000 students from 54 different nationalities, the EtonHouse schools have a truly dynamic and multicultural environment with proven expertise in offering international educational environments of the highest standards.

About EtonHouse International Education Group

The EtonHouse International Education Group provides Educational Services 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.

Headquartered in Singapore, EtonHouse currently operates 43 schools across Singapore, China, Indonesia, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia and Vietnam. Together these schools provide quality international education to over 3000 children from fifty-four different nationalities.

EtonHouse's first school commenced operation in 1995 in Singapore. Spanning 16 years, the EtonHouse schools have set standards of excellence across Asia by providing high quality international education.

EtonHouse schools follow an international curriculum inspired by best practice. In the early years, a child-responsive Inquire-Think-Learn integrated curriculum approach is followed. This approach is inspired by the Reggio Emilia Project of Northern Italy. It is a play-based, inquiry model in which children co-construct

their learning in close, respectful collaboration with their teachers and their immediate socio-cultural context.

EtonHouse also follows the International Baccalaureate's Primary Years Programme (PYP) with its inquiry-centred, multi-disciplinary philosophy. EtonHouse schools in Singapore in Newton, Orchard and Broadrick and Suzhou in China have accredited International Baccalaureate *World School* status. EtonHouse Newton and Orchard are the first stand-alone pre-schools in Singapore to acquire the IB PYP World School status.

EtonHouse schools and pre-schools offer exceptional second language programmes viz. the Mandarin immersion programme and the Pre-SAP programme that equip children in strong second language skills.

EtonHouse also runs its in-house research and professional development centre - EtonHouse Education Centre (EEC). The EEC provides continuous training and pedagogical support. Recently the EEC brought the first Reggio Children conference to Singapore. It was well attended by educators from around the Asia region and demonstrated the EtonHouse commitment to best practice in the field of Early Childhood Education. One of the greatest strengths that EtonHouse has is the exceptional quality of its teaching staff. The international teachers are carefully selected, fully qualified, experienced and are subject to a thorough background check.