



**La Salle College
Enhancement Team
Shanghai Exchange Program
Preamble**



Background

The Shanghai Exchange Program is an annual program organized by the Enhancement Team of La Salle College. In 1997, La Salle College (LSC) started the program with the Shanghai Foreign Language School (上海外國語學校), a renowned secondary school in Shanghai. Since 2006, Heep Yunn School (HYS) has joined the program and thus added a cheerful dimension – the participation of female students. At present, 12 boys and 8 girls from each city take part in the program which lasts from February to April every year.

Shanghai Foreign Language School (SFLS)

The SFLS was established in 1963 and is a well-known secondary school affiliated to the Shanghai Foreign Language University. The school focuses on helping her students develop their language proficiency in English, French, German, Japanese, Russian and Spanish. The school is in particular experienced in receiving visitors since she has an international section that takes care of hundreds of boarding students and visitors from other countries every year. However, our program is the only one that offers liaisons with SFLS in Hong Kong. For details of SFLS, please visit: <http://www.sfls.cn>.

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The program consists of 2 sessions, namely the **Hong Kong Session** and **Shanghai Session**. Tentatively, 20 Shanghai students (12 boys & 8 girls), led by their teachers, will arrive at Hong Kong on **8th February** and stay **until 21st February 2009**. The family of every participating Hong Kong student will serve as a host family and accommodate an SFLS student in his/her house and assist him/her in experiencing the daily life of Hong Kong. On every school day, Hong Kong students will accompany SFLS students in attending normal lessons. They will also be responsible for guiding Shanghai students in local tour / visits.

In return, 20 Hong Kong students (12 of LSC & 8 of HYS), led by 4 teachers, will depart for Shanghai on **2nd April** and reside there **until 14th April 2009**. All students will stay in the dormitory of SFLS and attend lessons in the company of their Shanghai counterparts on weekdays. During weekends, the Shanghai host families will receive our students at their homes and our students will learn more about the interesting culture of Shanghai. The accompanying teachers will stay in the dormitory during the entire period.

Parents' participation

The success of our program is attributed to an important and unique factor: the participation of parents. Every year, parents are involved intensively in the organizing work, especially that of the Hong Kong Session. They are cordially invited to join one of the following groups and provide their invaluable contribution in accordance with their preference:

Finance Group: Parents of this group will prepare the budget, collect and settle payments. They will also take care of the flight tickets as well as insurance of the Shanghai trip.

Party Group: Parents of this group will plan and manage the Welcoming Party, 2 dinners with Shanghai teachers as well as the Farewell Party.

Tour & Visit Group: Parents of this group will plan the itinerary of the Hong Kong Session, purchase admission tickets and arrange transportation for local tour / visits.

Souvenirs Group: Parents of this group will design and prepare banners and decoration of parties, as well as students' souvenirs for the Shanghai trip.

Budget

The 20 participating families (including 8 of HYS) will share most of the expenditure of the program. Major items of spending are as follows:

- Expenses of Welcoming Party & Farewell Party
- Accommodation of 4 Shanghai teachers in Hong Kong (usually in Regal Oriental Hotel).
- Transportation & admission tickets of tour / visits for Hong Kong & Shanghai students.
- Flight tickets of Hong Kong students and 2 teachers (the other 2 paid by LSC & HYS).
- Insurance for students for Shanghai trip.
- Students' souvenirs for Shanghai trip.
- All necessary sundry items.

(Other expenses such as Welcoming Dinner in Hong Kong, accommodation, meals, transportation, admission tickets of tour / visits in Shanghai, and the like, will be covered by the 3 schools.)

Based on our previous experience, the cost of each family is estimated to be around HK\$6,000. However, it varies according to itinerary and logistics arrangement.

Your Support

The program has been proved to be fruitful and beneficial to the development of students, especially in broadening their horizons. We would highly recommend this program to you and your son. Please fill in the attached confirmation form and ask your son to return it to teachers. Interested students will be invited to attend an interview at a later date. Thank you.