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To All Schools of the Mandarin Bilingual Program

Over the past few days we have all witness the tragedy unfolding in China due to the devastating earth quake that had occurred in the Sichuan province. With a death toll of twenty thousand and news that thousands of school children are still buried under the rubble, our thoughts are with the family and relatives of our brothers and sisters in China.

Through the sincere interest from students at our school sites to help the people affected, our association the ECBEA would like to help raise funds to be turned over to the Red Cross. We would like your help and support on this initiative.

Over the next few weeks we will (upon your approval) issue donation boxes & posters to be placed at your school office to received donations for this cause.

We are planning on setting up information tables at some shopping malls thru out the city and will hopefully have your schools support in sending out students to help either man the table or provide some form of entertainment to attract the attention of the shopping public.

More plans are on the board and we will check with other community groups so that we do not overlap in our fundraising events.

Some of the schools are having their mandarin farewell banquets over the next month and we would hope that this fund raising for this cause can be part of the events at these celebrations.

If your school has any other fund raising ideas please let us know and we can all share the same ideas across the district in hopes of raising more funds.

While the disaster had occur half a globe away from here, this distance have been reduced due to the relationships that have been built up over these past years by visiting delegations, student exchanges and student spring trips to China. We hope that we can have your full support on this cause.

Sincerely,

Peter Wong

ECBEA President (2007-2008)

CC: ECBEA Board

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