



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION
23 Nam Long Shan Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong.

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Dear Parents

On May 16, PTA received a letter from Ms Janice Cheung (Private Secretary to Chief Executive) that Mr Donald Tsang, Chief Executive of HKSAR had received our letter dated 8 May and the box of parents' signatures forms. Our PTA letter of appeal had been handed to Education Bureau ("EDB") for follow-up. PTA would receive a reply in due course.

PTA's letter of appeal consisted of the following:

- i) Expedite the handover of ex-Shue Yan Premises to SIS;
- ii) Grant occupation permit to SIS to conduct a full site survey, pending handover; and
- iii) Speed vetting and approval procedures involving various departments.

Yesterday, I received a letter from Mrs Candy Yeung (for Secretary for Education) who gave a substantial reply to PTA on our appeal to expedite the handover of ex-Shue Yan Secondary School premises. Here are the extracts, please:

- a) "Thank you for your letter of 8 May 2008 addressed to the Chief Executive on the captioned subject [Appeal to expedite the handover of ex-Shue Yan Secondary school premises to Singapore International school]. The letter has been referred to Education Bureau for follow-up."
- b) The allocation of the ex-Shue Yan to SIS "can proceed as planned and the timing for its physical handover are subject to various factors, including in particular the successful surrender of the school site by its existing grantee for reallocation by the Government."
- c) EDB has been "facilitating the expedition of the process in dealing with the site surrender formalities for the ex-Shue Yan Secondary School Premises with the relevant parties. [EDB] hope[s] that the site surrender formalities can be completed and the Premises can be handed over to the Foundation [SIS] as soon as possible."
- d) EDB "liaised with the management of the ex-Shue Yan Secondary School Premises with a view to arranging access to the Premises to facilitate the ground work to be carried out before the formal handover of the Premises to the Foundation. One of such visits will be conducted on 2 June 2008 with the Principal of SIS."

- e) With regard to the redevelopment of the West Block of ex-Shue Yan, EDB has “given its no in-principle objection to the demolition of the West Block of ex-Shue Yan Secondary School Premises which is considered necessary to make way for vehicular access and zone for implementation of traffic management measures in the TIA [Traffic Impact Assessment Report] subject to the technical requirements under the planning, lands and building regulatory regimes.”

The TIA will be discussed at the Southern District Council meeting to be held on 26 June.

Appeal iii is being addressed as Mrs Yeung assured that "we will continue to monitor the progress of the project and facilitate its implementation as far as possible."

This reply from EDB is cc to:

Consul-General, Consulate-General of Singapore – China (HKSAR)
Director-General of Education, Ministry of Education, Singapore
Chairman, SIS Board of Governors
Principal, SIS

There are concurrent efforts being made by Singapore Consulate-General, the SIS Board and school management to add impetus to the handover. For example, our Consul-General, Dr Ker Sin Tze highlighted the issues on the handover of the Shue Yan campus to Secretary for Education, Mr Michael Suen when they met on 22 May 2008.

Our petition has created awareness of the need to expedite the handover, for EDB to liaise with the management of ex-Shue Yan to arrange access to the premises for site inspection and a written agreement to not object, in principle, to the demolition of the West Block.

Thank you, parents, for the support given to the petition.

Yours sincerely

Stephanie Lim (Ms)
Chairperson
SIS-PTA, 2007/08