



Swiss Community Project

Reconstruction in Sichuan:
School Reconstruction Project
<http://www.swisscham.org/sha>

Monthly Update, February 2010

Dear Sir/Madame,

Thank you again for your support of the Swiss Community Project to reconstruct the Longxing Kindergarten School in Sichuan, after the devastating earthquake in May 2008.

We continue to engage constructively with the local government, to ensure the utilities will be in place for the school opening. Financially, we have received the majority of committed donations and are actively managing the payments to suppliers to keep the construction going.

The roofing has been completed and significant progress has been made on finalizing the walls. Looking ahead we are facing a more complicated phase of the construction work. Taking this phase into consideration, as well as advice from the local authorities, the hand-over ceremony for the kindergarden is scheduled for 1st June 2010.

Your contributions and support will make this project a success, helping rebuild lives and providing a brighter future for over 250 Children in Sichuan.

Sincere thanks,

Swiss Community Project

Late-january 2010



Late-February, 2010



Headline News:

- We are getting **very close to finishing the major parts of construction. All roofs have been completed.** Significant progress has also been made on finalizing the walls. Indoor backfilling, as well as work on water pipes are in progress. Outdoor, the drainage water pipes have been embedded and the backfilling is progressing.
- We have finalized **the tender process for interior design and landscaping.**
- We **continue to engage with the Education Bureau**, most importantly to ensure the progress on utilities; especially water supply is available for the school opening.
- **Teacher education has started.** This was one of the topics discussed with the local Education Bureau and we are following up with our partner to finalize the details.

Looking forward:

- We will **continue the planning for the official opening ceremony**, together with the Education Bureau. Based on their advice, and taking into consideration the next construction-phase being technical challenging, the time schedule for the hand-over of the kindergarden has changed. **The hand-over ceremony is scheduled to take place on 1st June, which is the International Children's Day.**

Donation update:

- As at the end February, the total amount of committed donations (both financial and in-kind) remains at **RMB 7.8m**, with almost RMB 7m actually paid/ received.
- PricewaterhouseCoopers will provide **monitoring services** to ensure that resources are used effectively and appropriately accounted.
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