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Swiss Community Project

Reconstruction in Sichuan:
School Reconstruction Project
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Monthly Update, March 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.

As you can see from the latest photographs below, the building is really taking shape with the exterior walls nearing completion and all roofing completed.

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 and opening ceremony for the school is scheduled for 1st June 2010, which coincides with International Children's Day.

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



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.
- The **interior design and landscaping contractors** have started to engage onsite with the general contractor and the major work will start in these areas soon.
- 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. Some challenges remain in this area and we are working hard to get short and long term resolution for this.
- **Teacher education has been completed**, with very positive feedback from the trained teachers on the quality of training – many thanks to Dulwich College, Shanghai.

Looking forward:

- During April the **windows, doors and outer walls will be completed**, with the interior decoration, landscaping and correcting any defects completed in May, ready for the handover and opening at the beginning of June.
- 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 hand-over of the kindergarden and opening ceremony **is scheduled to take place on 1st June, which is the International Children's Day.**
- A formal invitation will be sent out as soon as we have finalized the agenda and timings with the local authorities

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 6.8m actually paid/ received.
- The total committed construction costs are around RMB 7 million, so we have the committed donations required, however we do request that the **outstanding donations be paid as soon as possible** so we have collected these amounts to pay contractors accordingly.
- PricewaterhouseCoopers will provide **monitoring services** to ensure that resources are used effectively and appropriately accounted.
- If you have further enquiries, please contact

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