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Reggio Children and EtonHouse Forge Collaborations in China and Singapore

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Singapore, November 20, 2023 – EtonHouse International Education Group is proud to announce its collaboration with Reggio Children in Singapore and China. The agreement makes EtonHouse the reference point for Reggio Children in these countries, reinforcing its commitment to high quality early childhood education.

This milestone will be announced formally at the Reggio Emilia conference in Shanghai in November 2023. Held for the first time in Shanghai, this eagerly anticipated conference will attract in excess of 500 delegates from all over the world and distinguished speakers from the renowned Diana school in Reggio Emilia in Italy.

The President of Reggio Children, Cristian Fabbi will address the delegates and share his thoughts and insights on this collaboration.

This is a momentous occasion as EtonHouse schools have been strong advocates and practitioners of this globally acclaimed approach since its inception. Under the aegis of REACH - Reggio Emilia in Asia for Children that was launched in 2013, EtonHouse has organised nine global conferences, multiple webinars, professional learning sessions and study groups over the years. The first Reggio Children conference in Singapore was held in 2010 and laid the foundation of the collaboration.

Offering a wide array of opportunities such as dialogues, exchanges, research initiatives, study groups, conferences, and publications, among others, this collaboration represents a pivotal moment for early childhood education. The Shanghai conference will also mark the launch of REACH's membership programme, extending to educators and professionals interested in embracing the Reggio Emilia philosophy.

Mr. Ng Yi Xian, Group CEO of EtonHouse, expressed his enthusiasm for the partnership, saying “Our schools have drawn inspiration from the Reggio Emilia approach for many years. Loris Malaguzzi, the founder of the approach said in the 100 languages poem that the child is made of 100, ‘a 100 thoughts, a 100 ways of thinking, of playing, of speaking’ but the school and adults take away 99. His words have always been an inspiration for us. We celebrate the 100 languages of children in our schools. In 2013, we launched REACH to share this approach with our colleagues in other schools. We organised conferences and annual study groups so that we are all inspired by this transformational approach to teaching and learning. The collaboration will further empower our efforts to share this approach and advocate for best practice to build a better future for our children. We are therefore very grateful for this opportunity to collaborate with Reggio Children in China and Singapore”

About the conference in Shanghai

The conference delegates include 500 educators, leaders and policy makers from China, Singapore, Japan, South Korea and other countries. Renowned education groups participating include the East China Normal University, Nanjing Normal University, Harbin Normal University, Harbin Preschool Teachers College, Heilongjiang Provincial Preschool Education Development Center, Suzhou Early Childhood Education College, Avenues, GCGS, BASIS, Huitong, Pinghe, Gembryo, Dare to Dream, Xiehe, Chiway Education, to name a few.

The speakers at the conference include **Professor Zhu Jiaxiong** a distinguished thought leader in China’s education space and one of the earliest scholars to introduce the Reggio Emilia Approach in China.

The speakers from Reggio Emilia are:

Ms. Marina Mori, teacher, with 50 years of experience, she collaborated with Professor Loris Malaguzzi from 1980 to 1993 and taught at the Diana Preschool in Italy for 27 years.

Ms. Paola Strozzi, pedagoga, who worked in the renowned Diana Preschool in Italy for nearly 30 years has rich experiences in the practice, research and professional learning on the Reggio Emilia Approach.

For the first time, the conference will also showcase an art exhibition by the children of the EtonHouse schools titled "Bridging Culture and Space: Dialogues with Time", along with the Global Classroom Project, and a Light Atelier. Created by EtonHouse students from Baitang, Wuzhong, Xiangcheng, Huangqiao, Changshu and Qingjianhu campuses in Suzhou, the art exhibition celebrates the “100 languages” of children and their thinking on the perception of time.

[For more details on the Shanghai conference on 25-26 November 2023](#)

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About Reggio Children

Reggio Children s.r.l. International Centre for the defence and promotion of the rights and potentials of all children, is inspired by the values and contents of the educational experience of the Istituzione of Infant-toddler Centres and Preschools of the Municipality of Reggio Emilia, Italy and creates favourable conditions for the valuing and diffusion of the heritage of knowledge the above Istituzione has developed, with the following ends:

- the diffusion of a strong idea of childhood, of childhood's rights, its potentials and resources;
- the definition of a more advanced professionalism and culture in general for early childhood workers and for families, through realising interventions for professional growth;
- give value to the themes of research, of documentation and of interpretation to the processes of children acting and thinking;
- give incentive to the value of documenting the work of teachers and children, the processes whereby children form ideas, hypotheses and theories while they are engaged in the various fields of knowledge and experience.

About EtonHouse International Education Group

Headquartered in Singapore, EtonHouse International Education Group has over **100 schools across 9 countries. In Singapore alone, we operate more than 40 campuses**, catering to a diverse spectrum of students in both premium and affordable educational spaces.

Our collective efforts touch the lives of over **25,000 children worldwide**, reaffirming our commitment to delivering exceptional education on a global scale. With a legacy spanning nearly three decades, EtonHouse has consistently led the way in the realm of international education, offering **innovative pre-schools and K-12 schools that nurture a close-knit family environment.**

Our educational philosophy is rooted in **inquiry-based learning**, inspired by the renowned Reggio Emilia approach, encapsulated in our "Inquire-Think-Learn" curriculum. EtonHouse International Schools are celebrated for their **bilingual programmes** and proudly offer internationally recognised qualifications, including the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (IBPYP), IGCSE, and International A-Level certifications, spanning primary, secondary, and high school levels.

Our commitment to excellence has earned us numerous accolades, including the "Outstanding Leader" and "Outstanding Teacher" awards bestowed by the Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF) in Singapore in 2011 and 2012. In 2014, the MSF honoured EtonHouse with the "Outstanding Centre for Teaching and Learning" Award, followed by the Early Childhood Innovation Award in 2015. Our international IB K-12 school in Suzhou garnered recognition as one of China's top international schools, according to a research firm based in Washington, DC. Furthermore, EtonHouse received the esteemed HoneyKids Love Local Awards and HoneyKids Education Awards in 2022, earning distinctions such as "Best Preschool", "Best Language Programme" and "Best Reggio Emilia-inspired School." EtonHouse China won the **2023 Forbes China Best International Education Group Award.**

At EtonHouse, collaboration with governments is a cornerstone of our mission. We proudly participate in **Singapore's Anchor Operator (AOP) Scheme, launching E-Bridge Pre-School** to provide high-quality and affordable early childhood services for Singaporean families. Our presence in Suzhou and Nanjing, China, came at the invitation of the Jiangsu provincial government, reinforcing our commitment to global education. **In 2017, we introduced Middleton International School**, winning an Economic Development Board tender, offering an affordable schooling option for expatriate families. In 2020, we expanded our offerings with **The Eton Academy (TEA)**, providing English, Maths, and Science academic programmes for Nursery 1 to Primary 6 in centres across the island.

To commemorate our 20th anniversary in 2015, we established the **EtonHouse Community Fund (ECF), an independent IPC charity** dedicated to enhancing the lives of underserved children and youth through education.

Deeply devoted to research and professional development, we hosted Singapore's first Reggio Children conference in 2010 and subsequently in nine different years across Singapore and China. In 2013, we became a proud member of the Reggio Children International Network and launched **REACH (Reggio Emilia in Asia for Children)**.

EtonHouse International Education Group remains unwavering in its commitment to shaping futures and making a meaningful impact on the world through education.