



青樹教育基金會

The Evergreen Education Foundation

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Dear donors and friends,

With the retirement of our beloved President Dr. Faith Chao who tirelessly led Evergreen Education Foundation (EEF), the EEF Board has begun plans to fulfill its mission to new heights. I would like to share with you the development of leadership to sustain the growth of EEF's capacity. This new organizational change was approved at the Board meeting in December 2017 and will be in effect starting January 1, 2018.

Succeeding in the President role is Dr. Winnie Wong who has been on the Board since April 1, 2016. During this relatively short span of time, Dr. Wong has made a substantial impact by contributing to both program and management, which led to her appointment as Vice-President of Programs in mid-2017. Among her contributions are the creation of the Maker Contest as part of the Makerspace: Creativity in the Library, which was the theme of ITIE International conference and workshop in late 2016 - a new high watermark in EEF's history. To better fulfill EEF's mission, Dr. Wong also established new partnerships with industry and academia by collaborating with entities such as the Chicago Public Library, DFRobot and Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

Succeeding in the VP role is Ms. Jingyi Yu who has been Secretary of the Board and Board member since 2001. Scholarship has been in her portfolio in addition to her major contributions to intricate logistical support of workshops and conferences since the founding of EEF.

Taking over the duty of Secretary of the Board is Dr. Jo Bell Whitlatch who has been on the Board since 2007. Library Assessment is her expertise. She is currently completing co-authoring a new book on lifelong learning and development for reference librarians using professional competencies.

With advances in, and recognition of, Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics (STEAM), it is now more critical than ever for our students, teachers, schools, and libraries to have a platform. They must have access to the resources they need to be better informed and opportunities to collaborate on a broader level, hence, have a better handle on their future. We firmly believe the library is a crucial platform to facilitate such information exchanges. The power that lies within libraries - its inclusiveness and diversity, will be key to serving the communities both in China and around the world.

One thing we know for sure, although we don't have all the answers, we are ready and determined to keep putting out our best foot forward to continue EEF's journey. Our new EEF leadership will continue to build capacity and innovative programs to help our constituents make a better future for themselves.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Lee', written in a cursive style.

John Lee

Chairman, EEF

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