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Board and Advisory Board members of our Foundation at the 2005 International Seminar on Early Childhood Education in Multi-Culture Background.
Left to right: Tony Lau, President Barbara Tong, Nina Halpern, Ben Choi Vice President Eve Adams, Tommy Tam, Cynthia Lam

2005 International Seminar on Early Childhood Education in Multi-culture Background

From the 23rd to the 25th of October 2005, The Soong Ching Ling Children's Foundation of Canada co-sponsored the 2005 International Seminar on Early Childhood Education In Multicultural Background in Shanghai. Co-sponsors of this event included Shanghai Soong Ching Ling Foundation, Soong Ching Ling Foundation of Australia, and Soong Ching Ling Foundation Japan-China Committee.

Eight members represented SCLCFC at the seminar. They are foundation president **Barbara Jian Tong**, vice president **Eve Adams**, past president **Nina Halpern**, board members **Cynthia Lam**, **Tony Lau**, **Tommy Tam**, advisory board member **Ben Choi**, and foundation life member **Mrs. Sandy Lau**.

SCLCFC President, **Barbara Jian Tong** delivered the opening speech. She pointed out the globalization in every aspect of life calls for the study of early childhood education in a multicultural background. She hoped participants would bring back what they learned over the three days to their colleagues.

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The First Worldwide Soong Ching Ling Foundation Chairman's Forum

Barbara Tong, President of The Soong Ching Ling Children's Foundation of Canada made a presentation at the recent First Worldwide Soong Ching Ling Foundation Chairman's Forum.

Hosted by the Shanghai Soong Ching Ling Foundation the Forum was held Oct 26-27, 2005.

Heads of Soong Ching Ling foundations from China, Canada, Australia, Japan, Italy and the Philippines exchanged their work in various parts of the world and their plans for the future.

Chairwoman Mme. Xu Guanju and Deputy Chairman Mr. Yu Junwu of the Australia Soong Ching Ling Foundation reported a very successful International Children's Art Festival they organized that dazzled audience in three Australian cities last year.

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SCLCFC President Barbara Jian Tong reports to the First International Chairman's Forum in Shanghai October 2005

2005 International Seminar on Early Childhood Education in Multi-culture Background *continued ...*



Vice President Ms. Eve Adams

Presented on Special Needs Children early childhood Education.

More than twenty educators, administrators and researchers from Australia, Britain, Canada, China, Japan and Taiwan presented studies on a full spectrum of topics related to early childhood education, for example, diversity in early childhood education, use of Chinese folk games, the use of abacus in arithmetic education, the use of film as a media.

Three SCLCFC members delivered quality presentations at the seminar. Advisory Board member, **Dr. Ben Choi**, delivered his study "A Snapshot of Early Childhood Education in Hongkong". **Vice President Ms. Eve Adams** and **Past President Dr. Nina Halpern** brought new perspective of special needs children's early childhood education to educators and administrators in China where the standard approach is treatment rather than integration. Their studies were entitled "Everyone Can Go To Daycare --- Supported Child Care" and "No Children Left Behind --- Adapting the Environment in Canadian Preschools and Daycares to Include Children with Special Needs".

Our members visited several childcare facilities as well as the China Welfare Institute, an orphanage plus therapy centre for children of special needs. Overall they were impressed with the condition of such facilities and with the young teachers' talents and dedication.

Attending this international seminar were teachers from childcare facilities in Shanghai as well as teachers from every province and autonomous region of China.

Organizers of the seminar compiled all the presentation papers into a bilingual book which will be distributed to even more educators in China and abroad.

It is anticipated that the Foundation will endeavour to participate in and support future seminars which focus on the needs of children.



The Soong Ching Ling Children's Foundation of Canada (SCLCFC) Supports Hastings School Project

The SCLCFC held its 2004 Annual Fundraising Dinner of the Soong Ching Ling Children's Foundation of Canada at the Victoria Chinese Restaurant in Vancouver. Over 200 people attended.

Soong Ching Ling Children's Foundation, founded in honour of Madam Soong Ching Ling, in 1981, supports projects in Canada and China for Children.

The dinner was held to raise funds. The funds raised will support Chinese-speaking support staff for the after-school programs at the Hasting Community School in East Vancouver.

Guest speaker, British Columbia, Minister of State for Early Childhood Development, **The Honourable Linda Reid** spoke about the importance of the project and congratulated SCLCFC on its work and support of this and many other projects the Foundation undertakes on behalf of children.

Former MLA, cabinet minister, Deputy Premier of British Columbia and founder of the CH.I.L.D. Foundation, **Dr. Grace McCarthy, O.C.**, was presented with the Soong Ching Ling Foundation's prestigious SCLCFC "For the Children Award" and a cheque for \$1,000.00 for the CH.I.L.D. Foundation for her work for Children. Founding SCLCFC Director **Mrs. Eileen Lin**, presented the award.



Fund Raising Dinner— "For the Children Award" presented

Left to right:
Well known radio talk show host, Ely Leung, SCL Director and former SCL President Theresa Odishaw,
Former Chinese Consul General Mr. Li Yuanming,
"For the Children Award" recipient Grace McCarthy
and Founding SCL Director Mrs. Eileen Lin.

**Paul & Eileen Lin
Endowment Trust**



**Worldwide
Soong Ching Ling Foundation
Chairman's Forum**

Paul & Eileen Lin Endowment Trust .. Scholarships...



SCLCF Board members visit Xing Long #1 Middle School in Heibi China. Students at this school benefit from the Scholarships funded by the Paul & Eileen Lin Endowment Trust.

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Mrs. Hiroko Kubota , director of Soong Ching Ling Foundation Japan-China Committee reported on their scholarship program for girl students in Ningxia and the assistance in forms of both cash and medical equipment that benefit prenatal and postpartum women in Guizhou Province. Mr. Carlos Chan, Chairman of the Philippines Soong Ching Ling Foundation reported on the tens of projects, ranging from disaster relief to children's cultural international exchange, they completed in the Philippines for the short sixteen months the foundation has been in existence.

Mr. Zhu Yuhua, Chairman of the Soong Ching Ling Foundation of Italy submitted a formal application to host the 2006 International Children's Art Festival in Venice Italy. Mr. Renato Pelliccioli, Vice Chairman of the Soong Ching Ling Foundation of Italy shared with the forum their plans to apply the long-distance adoption model that had been very successful in helping African children to benefit Chinese children in impoverished regions.

Attendants at the forum were very impressed with the fact that we were the first Soong Ching Ling Foundation ever established to continue the work of Mme. Soong Ching Ling. They called our work inspirational .

The Philippines Soong Ching Ling Foundation volunteered to host the next forum in Manila in the summer of 2006.

Note:

Our Foundation members generally attend conferences in China and elsewhere, and undertake other travel for the SCLCF at their own cost. Costs are kept at a minimum so that the Foundation can help more children

**Update on Paul and Eileen Lin Trust Fund
And the Scholarship Program**

The **Paul and Eileen Lin Endowment Trust Fund** was started in 2001, and at present stands close to \$400,000. The interest income generated annually is approximately \$20,000 and supports 120 students in four senior high schools in Anhui, Ningxia, Inner Mongolia and Hebei, China.

In October 2005, five SCLCF board members visited Xinglong No. 1 Middle School, Hebei Province. This is the latest addition to our the Paul & Eileen Lin Endowment Trust Scholarship Program.

The latest addition to the scholarship program in September 2005 was the senior high school in Xing Long County in Hebei province. After attending a symposium on early childhood education in Shanghai, five board members of the SCLCF visited the school in November.

Our Foundation members met with the thirty students receiving financial assistance from the scholarship program. It was very heart-warming to see these bright young children who all showed the strong will and determination to succeed in their studies. The looks on their faces have made all our work worthwhile.

Today, there are still a lot of students in the poor and rural areas who could not afford to go to senior high school.

In order to help as many students as possible, we are now asking for direct donations to the scholarship program with pledged donations for three consecutive years, although some donors may still prefer to donate to the Trust Fund. We hope that by bringing in pledges of direct assistance to students, we will be able to help more students immediately rather than relying solely on the income generated by the Trust Fund.

Our goal is to add at least two schools or 60 students to the scholarship program in September 2006, likely in Ning Xia and Qing Hai Provinces. Please help us achieve our goal by making a pledge to the scholarship program.

Howard Chu — On behalf of the Board of Trustees

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Dear Members and Friends,

What a year we've had !

The Foundation had a very successful fundraising event to raise funds for the Hastings Community School's after school programs in November 2004. (see page 2)

Over two hundred people attended the event, including members, friends, corporate sponsors and government representatives. We reached our target of raising \$12,000 for the school. What delights us even more is this event inspired the Gore Mutual Foundation to make a generous donation to the school. The Ministry of Children and Family Development provided a \$12,000 special funding to match our efforts.

The last twelve months also witnessed the expansion of the Paul & Eileen Lin Endowment Trust Scholarship Program (see page 3). The fund now stands at close to four hundred thousand Canadian Dollars. The increase has enabled us to add sixty students from two more schools to our roster of scholarship beneficiaries.

In October, the Foundation co-sponsored an international symposium on early childhood education in Shanghai China. A delegation of eight attended the symposium on behalf of the Foundation.

Three members of the Foundation shared their studies (see page 2) with childhood educators from around the world. The delegation from our Foundation also met with Shanghai Soong Ching Ling and China Soong Ching Ling on the same trip and visited the middle school that is most recently added to our scholarship program.

Going forward, we shall continue our efforts to support the Hastings Community School and to enhance the Paul & Eileen Lin Endowment Trust Scholarship Program. We hope to have the continued support of members and friends like yourselves.

Thank you for your support
For the children,

Barbara Jian Tong
President
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and make a difference in the lives of children....*

Membership Application

I am interested in the Fund's

ANNUAL FEES: (January to December)

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| CHINA programme | <input type="checkbox"/> | Individual Member | \$20.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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