# **Together We Learn**

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## **Six Schools**

















## **Statistics of the Chinese Province 2018**

		STUDENTS		LAY	JESUIT	OTHER RELIGIOUS
PROV/REG	SCHOOLS	TOTAL	% CATHOLIC	LAY FACULTY	FACULTY/CHAPLAIN/ADMIN	
CHINESE	6 JESUIT SCHOOLS					
	Wah Yan Kowloon	964	10%	101	3	0
	Wah Yan HK	801	24%	60	2	0
	Colegio M Ricci Macau	1129	2.06%	129	2	0
	Colegio Estrela do Mar, Mac	982	1.53%	114	3	0
	St Ignatius Taipei County	1047	0.47%	55	1	0
	St Aloysius Tech Hsinchu	1409	0.78%	70	2	0
REGION TOTAL	6	6332	5.40%	529	13	0
Number of Schools	6					
Number of students	6332					
Prov. Delegate	Fr. Stephen Chow, S.J. stepchow@post.harvard.edu					
Number of Jesuits	137 (Residing within the Province)					
	27	(Residing outside	e the Province)			
	164 Total					

# LIGHTS

# LIGHTS (1)

#### **1. Jesuit Education:**

- Jesuit education received special recognition by an acclaimed professor in Taiwan
- Examen is spreading among the Jesuit schools in CHN
- 'New' Ignatian educators orientation and formation is being practiced or picked up by some of our schools, e.g., Wah Yan Colleges, Colegio Mateus Ricci
- Greater appreciation of Jesuit values and approach among teachers
- Maturing Ignatian educators, esp., the leadership team

## LIGHTS (2)

#### 2. Networking and Collaboration:

• Networking – Exchange Programs with Russia, Hungary, US, UK, China, Among the 6 schools in CHN. Sister schools with Indonesian Jesuit schools.

#### **3. Social Justice:**

- Direct Subsidy Scheme (DSS) Exploration and Submission of Application, to allow students from low SES to enroll in Wah Yan College, Hong Kong
- Immersion programs in Cambodia and China. Other immersion spots are being explored, e.g., Philippines
- To Foster Men/Women for and with Others by Companionship

## LIGHTS (3)

- 4. Teaching and Learning:
- Self-directed Learning to Nurture Reflective & Self-directed Learners
- Positive Education and Values Education to Form the Character
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Education to Make a Better Future

# SHADOWS

## Shadows (1)

## **1. External Factors:**

- Chinese Government's intervention through the local government
- Decreasing student population is a threat to our schools in Macau and Taiwan
- The Catholic student population is very small in our schools in Macau and Taiwan. And the incoming Catholic student population in Hong Kong is also decreasing

# Shadows (2)

### **2. Cultural Factors:**

- Students focus on academic development more than values development.
- Students are fully occupied by their studies and afterschool tutorials; they might not be willing to join the programs or do services
- Tension between academic learning and extra-curricular activities
- How to make others, including teachers and parents, understand and love Jesuit education?

## Shadows (3)

### **3. Internal Human Resources:**

- Very few teachers are willing to participate in the programs as they are busy with teaching and marking
- Some teachers refuse to come onboard but cannot be dismissed. There is an inertia among some 'very experienced' teachers
- Difficulty in identifying suitable successors from within our schools to succeed principals who will be retiring.

## Shadows (4)

## 4. Teaching and Learning:

- Self-directed learning of students improvements not apparent
- Integrated and interdisciplinary approaches to STEM disciplines can be difficult (teachers insufficiently prepared, strong traditional disciplinary boundaries...)
- Necessity of revising the traditional structure of the curriculum, the organization of learning experiences, the teaching approaches, and the assessment systems

