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FOREWORD

Welcome to this May edition of ESF Alumni News!

As one of the newest members of ESF Centre (only two weeks on the job), it is my privilege to offer this alumni magazine welcome to our alumni networks -- both near and far.



As a long term resident of Hong Kong, I have witnessed the many areas where ESF alumni have contributed and enriched the vibrancy of our city, through commerce, the arts, legal systems and social services. In this edition, we highlight four such individuals from the media field, who represent the inspiring educational ethos experienced by many who come through ESF. As you read through the experiences of Michael, Ernest, Rani and Nicole, they have in common the sense of tenacity and resilience, while working towards their dreams. All of them found the springboard for those dreams at ESF, with each providing the space for exploration and development of personal interests, nurtured with rigorous academics.

Living in Hong Kong, one will connect invariably with someone who has attended an ESF school, or who is connected to ESF as a parent or staff member. Such a connection was one of the reasons my husband and I selected the ESF system. As an ESF parent, I have experienced the expertise and dedication of our teaching and administrative staffs, as they guided my two children along their academic journeys; encouraging them to aim for excellence in all they do.

As an ESF staff member in the area of advancement, I am charged with furthering the scope of support for the ESF educational ethos. We aim to highlight for more members, especially those of the Hong Kong populace, who made ESF a laudable organisation -- one which benefits, not just our students and their families, but the Hong Kong society as a whole. In delivering this essential message, we hope to nurture and grow the culture of philanthropy within our networks. I look forward to engaging both segments within the community -- the extensive alumni networks and the current community members -- to seek your advice, perspectives, and enthusiastic support for our schools.

As you turn the pages of this ESF Alumni News, and read the inspiring stories from your fellow alumni, please consider what your ESF story could be. It may be a story of your unexpected journeys, outstanding career opportunities, or an innovative project that you are participating in, it may simply be a fond memory triggered by reading this magazine. Whatever your ESF story is, we hope that those within these pages will bring a smile to your face and good memories to mind about your time at ESF. Please tell us about your stories, we love good stories.

I look forward to connecting with some of you over time.

Terri Appel
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