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Spring Luncheon

The Fudan Fuzhong Overseas Foundation held its fourth annual fundraising luncheon at Nero D'Avola, New York on March 6, 2010. More than 50 alumni and friends joined the event and donated over 8,000 dollars to the Foundation. The event proved to be a great opportunity for the participants to learn more about the foundation, to give feedback and find opportunities to participate, to stay connected with old friends and to make new ones.

After the opening remarks, Vincent Ng, Director at [China Education Initiative \(CEI\)](#), delivered the keynote speech. Established in 2008 under the auspices of the Ford Foundation, Princeton University, and Tsinghua University, CEI is an innovative non-profit organization taking a unique approach to eliminating educational inequity in China by enlisting the US and China's most promising future leaders in the effort.

Following the keynote speech, Minhua Zhang ('00), director of fundraising, and five other Executive Committee members reported key achievements and financial results of the previous calendar year, and outlined new initiatives for the upcoming year. Since

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2007, the foundation has established three scholarship programs, including ["Social Contribution Award"](#), ["Performing Arts Award"](#), and ["Give-A-Hand Scholarship"](#). In 2009 alone, a total of thirteen scholarships were awarded through these programs. Despite the economic downturn, the foundation raised more than US\$33,000 to support these programs.

As with last year, the event was a great success. The Foundation would like to thank the generous donation from each and every friend and alumni of the school. For pictures, videos and media coverage of the luncheon, please visit our [luncheon page](#).



Longfeifei Youth Summer Camp 2010

*Are you in the middle of planning your kid's summer camps?
Do you also plan to bring your family to Shanghai Expo this summer?
Here is a summer camp that my just fit your plan perfectly!*

The Longfeifei Youth Summer Camp (Camp) in Shanghai, jointly sponsored by Fudan Fuzhong (FDFZ) Overseas Foundation and Education Development Foundation of High School Affiliated to Fudan University, will take place at FDFZ from July 5th to July 23rd, 2010. This

is the second year for the American style bilingual Camp. Last year, we had a great participation from both overseas and local communities, which truly reflected our goals of letting children from all over the world make friends and learn from each other.

The Camp offers classes and activities in four areas: Academics, Arts, Science and Sports. There will also be weekend activities, including an exciting field trip to Shanghai Expo.

We encourage you to visit www.longfeifei.com for all the details including camp dates, location, classes and fees. You will also be able to see many pictures and video clips from last year's Camp.

Any questions, please contact us at longfeifeicamp@gmail.com.



Greetings from Yusheng (Sean) Xue (Performing Arts Awardee '07)

In Fall 2008, the Foundation launched the Performing Arts Award to recognize students with exceptional talents in one or more areas of performing arts, such as musical instruments, vocal music, and dancing. The award is made possible by the generous donation of Ms. Tianyin Shi (Class of 1984). Each year as we reviewed the application materials, we were deeply impressed by the artistic talents of these teenagers, and their passion for arts conveyed through their interpretation of music. Xue Yusheng, one of the two recipients in 2008, has since embarked on professional music study at Eastman School of Music in the U.S. after graduation. Below please see Yusheng (Sean)'s recent updates.



This is Sean Yusheng Xue. I am currently studying classical saxophone at Eastman School of Music, Rochester, NY, which has been selected as “Hottest School of Music” in Kaplan/Newsweek College Guide.

For freshman year, I am focusing on extending my performance ability, musical knowledge and general musicianship. My teacher recommended me to the Adolphe Sax International Competition this November, which takes place once every four years in Dinant, Belgium, the hometown of the inventor of saxophone. I am also in a saxophone quartet, and we will be doing competitions/conferences next year too.

The most important thing I learned at Eastman is that music is not only about artistry and competition; music, in the last analysis, is for fun and sharing. At Eastman music is closely related to community. New Eastman Outreach Orchestra, founded by Eastman student, gives free concerts in community sites regularly; my quartet just gave a presentation at a public high school.

Following the idea of sharing music, I am planning to give one or two recitals this summer in Shanghai as a culmination of the first year's study. The recitals can be a good starting point of a long-term project that I am thinking about. Next summer I would like more people to be involved in the summer concert and gradually expand it into a series of concerts and after several years, hopefully, a youth music festival. There are a few professional music festivals in Shanghai, but there is no summer festival for youth. It would be great to have one where teenagers who are interested in music can get together, rehearse and give concerts, and what's more important, to have fun.

Since 2007, we have deployed a total of RMB 23,000 for the merit-based scholarships. This includes RMB 2,500 for each of the six winners of the Social Contribution Award, and RMB 2,000 for each of the four winners of the Performing Arts Award. We are delighted to see an increasing number of extraordinary applicants each year. We are also contemplating other merit-based scholarship initiatives that fit the mission of the Foundation. For more information on our scholarships projects and more success stories about the awardees, please visit our [project page](#).

2010 Social Contribution Award is Accepting Applications! Please visit the [award page](#).

Inductee Letter from a New Heritage Society Member, Yuan Mei

I am indebted to Fuzhong for those formative high school years. My learning inside and outside the classroom was a conglomerate experience that helped shape who I am today. I am grateful for all my teachers and peers, who made a tremendous influence on me and helped me grow.

Fuzhong teachers are the best of the best. Teachers like Mr. 俞永亮 (Yu Yongliang), with mastery of his craft and such utter humility, inspired and humbled me. We loved him with affection and reverence, called him “THE Man.” In our eyes, he knew all there was to his science and to life. Teachers like Ms. 王招娣 (Wang Zhaodi) and Ms. 黄亦民 (Huang Yimin), with their motherly instincts, bonded with each and every one of us. Not reaching our full potential was to let our mothers down. Teachers like Ms. 李峻 (Li Jun), with her infallible sense of what was possible, carved out a space outside the classroom for us to grow as student leaders. Teachers like 邓建春 (Deng Jianchun) shrewdly turned all of life’s boosts and setbacks into teachable moments, guiding us to savor each. Fuzhong teachers have opened my mind and touched my heart.

The Heritage Society Program is designed to recognize major contributors who have made either one time gift exceeding US\$500, or accumulated contribution exceeding US\$1,000.

Surrounded by my extraordinarily talented classmates in high school, I quickly realized that I was no longer the best at just about anything. The realization shattered my ego, but awakened my sense of self, which would serve me well. I learned

from my well-rounded peers who possessed maturity, independent thinking, and big ideas that were unusual for our age. Together we grew. Along the way, we celebrated our camaraderie during 军训 (“Military Training”) and 学农 (“Learn from the Peasants”), agonized over what concentration to declare for our senior year, and cheered up each other during the excruciating countdown of 高考 (“College Entrance Exams”). I am privileged to have come of age, together with this remarkable group of Fuzhong people.

My husband Yinlei (Class of 1994) and I share fond memories of Fuzhong and a commitment to giving back to our alma mater. In early 2007, when Minhua Zhang, Director of Fundraising, reached out to us about the Foundation’s inaugural luncheon, we answered the call to give back. We admired the Foundation founders’ vision, passion, and pragmatism, but we were skeptical of the Foundation’s long-term prospects—will it survive the skepticism from potential donors? Still we gave, in support of the founders, our friends and fellow alumni. Four years later, the Foundation has built upon its leadership talent and dedication; made tangible differences in the lives of dozens of students. Our intent to support friends has evolved into a habit to support a common cause. Yinlei and I are proud to have played a small part in enabling young Fuzhong students to succeed. Only if we could make as much lasting impact to Fuzhong as Fuzhong has to our lives.

梅园 Yuan Mei, Class of 1999

Yuan is an energy trader at Edison Mission Marketing & Trading in Boston, MA.

Letter from Chengjie Shen, a New Committee Member

The Year of Tiger – Fudan Fuzhong Overseas Foundation and Me

2010 is the Year of Tiger. For my home town Shanghai, it marks the year it will host the 2010 World Expo, one huge step on its way to become an even more international city. For me, the Year of Tiger marks the first anniversary of my direct involvement with the Fudan Fuzhong Overseas Foundation. And I do feel the huge impact made on me by the experience with this wonderful foundation.

First, our high school foundation gives me the feeling of being home. While working in New York City, half an



earth away from home, parents and Pujiang River, I never feel lonely with the company of the lovely fellow members of the foundation. Just one year ago, at the 2009 Spring Luncheon, I was dazed by all the strange faces and stood alone without knowing what to do. Jennifer Ni came to talk to me and even offered me a job opportunity knowing that I was a fresh graduate. I felt very embarrassed after the conversation that I still did not know nor asked for her name. What I did know, though, was that our foundation members were always willing to help and give their hands whenever needed.

Second, my experience with the foundation exposes me to different types of work, from which I learned tremendously. Unlike my daily corporate job, most foundation's work is project based. We need to be detail oriented while keeping an eye on the big picture. For example, to organize a seemingly simple summer picnic requires applying for a New York City parks usage permit beforehand, providing beverage and food, coordinating delivery and transportation during the event, and marketing for future Foundation events. It is not only time consuming but also calls for a strong multi-tasking ability from the organizers.

Last but not least, my fellow foundation members give me new understanding of commitment and sense of responsibilities. This is a volunteer organization mainly composed of very busy professionals. However, during last year's poker event, Wu Di left directly from his work to record video for the foundation and went straight back to work when the event wrapped up after midnight. Liu Ling had a baby due shortly, yet she still came to that event as well as this year luncheon (when she had another baby due in two weeks).

The Year of Tiger also marks the fourth anniversary of the foundation of our foundation. I do hope with the help from our donors and our committee members, we could raise more fund to help students and teachers at our beloved high school.

College Admissions Results

This year, around 50 Fudan Fuzhong graduates were admitted into various world famous colleges and universities. Below is just a snapshot. Congratulations to them and we are so proud of our high school!



COLLEGE	NAME(S)	COLLEGE	NAME(S)
Yale University	Xiuyi Zheng & Kuang He	Duke University	Mengyuan Liu & Yiwen Zhou
Princeton University	Shiyao Gu	Wellesley College	Xinyi Yan
Stanford University	Yijun Ren	New York University	Keyue Gao
Dartmouth College	Zhenwei Mei	Oxford University (UK)	Xiaoyu Wu
Cornell University	Yiwen Zhou & Tingchong Shi	Waseda University (Japan)	Xianyu Ning, Tianhua Shi, Ziou Yu, & Kening Ye

Partnership with Amazon

Donation is not the only way to make a positive impact on the Fudan Fuzhong Overseas Foundation. Every time you shop with Amazon, please use <http://fdfzalumni.org/amazon> for any purchases; please bookmark the site for easy access. You don't need to spend a penny more than what you already have, but part of the proceeds goes to the foundation, so you help make a positive difference!

Upcoming Events and Volunteer Opportunities

- Please stay tuned with our 3rd Poker Tournament and summer social events.
- Want to volunteer with us? Please contact info@fdfzalumni.org