Have a Lunar New Year of the Ox full of fortune!

Chinese hieroglyphs can be written and painted, they can be included in poems and pictures and they are words, pictures, and paintings! Coupled with the characteristic of the traditional unique writing tool the brush soft and swaying, calligraphy writing became one of the unique cultural arts in the world.

The “Spring Festival Couplet” combines calligraphy and poetry. The sentences are written symmetrically in front of the door. Since ancient times, Chinese folks have used the custom of hanging peach symbols on the left and right sides of gates every Chinese New Year to seek good luck and avoid the bad. It has gradually evolved into a happy red paper instead of peach symbols with auspicious words inscribed on it. The culture has become a unique culture that has been passed down to this day.

At the end of the New Year, the calligraphy pen and ink are like a stream on stones, and the free and self-contained calligrapher Xie Huilong specially led the students to sing for the ACC on the afternoon of January 29th in Kaohsiung. The Chinese calligraphy couplets are sold for charity, and the proceeds will be donated to ACC for the purpose of subsidizing the education of African campuses and school children. The paper may be vigorous or soft, thick or light to show the beauty and artistic connotation of calligraphy text imagery. The artist may use ink strokes to connect intangible love and kindness and transform the horizontal and vertical structure into substantial donations and support. The spring couplets hung to dry on the scene, like heavy red curtains, leaping in the wind. Ink-colored rosin and flowing lines flying under the warm sun in winter under the sky, every piece of red paper, every ink line. The words all represent a wish in small; it can contain all kinds of truths such as dealing with people, being born into the world, “yin and yang”, folk taste, the universe and heaven...etc. It is the quality of words and the profoundness of cultural connotation! Buy a piece of Spring Festival couplets, plant a good seedling, bring back a roll of good wishes, welcome the new year, collect and appreciate the books rich with knowledge, and have a good year full of good fortune. We wish everyone good luck!

Namibia ACC Yuanjue School 2021 Educational Goals

The teachers of each class began busily preparing for the beginning of the school year. The Director held a teacher meeting to carefully prepare the briefings, set annual work goals for education, and let the teaching methods have a clearer direction. The principal, local teachers and Chinese teachers attended the meeting.

**Yuanjue School’s Core Value**
Moral, Intellectual, Physical and Public Excellence. The five educations are balanced, and moral education is the main foundation. Only by establishing good personality traits, you can gain outstanding talents in all paths of life.

**Annual Educational Goals**
1. Teacher self-improvement and continuous learning
2. Assist children with weak grades
3. Inspire children’s self-management
4. Five Elements to Build a Good Attitude for Students
   - Attention, patience, confidence, gratitude and love.

Teachers need to give more encouragement that is positive, inspire students’ strengths and cultivate a positive attitude towards life.

Finally in 2021, the director once again reminded everyone that they must pay attention to their own safety and health.

In the afternoon, local teachers were invited to appreciate the “little star in the heart”. As educators, this moving film not only made the teachers shed moving tears, but also deeply touched the teacher’s soul. Education is the most important starting point in life. It has always been the purpose of ACC to turn over the book. The teacher’s example and words are very important. One look and one action can affect a child’s life.

In 1992, Venerable Huili embarked on a journey to Africa. He established the first “Amitofo Care Center” (ACC) in Malawi during 2004, dedicated to caring for African vulnerable children and where more than 85% of world’s HIV-positive children live. Today, many years later, the founder continues with his compassionate practice of Buddhism in Africa traveling to all corners of Africa, and helping countless precious young lives. Nowadays, he is known as the “African monk” or “Monk dad” in the eyes of thousands of children.