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〈Pioneering Steps〉

A Historic Moment in the History of the Eswatini International Aid and Education Development African Frontier

The following is an article written by Amber (Director of Eswatini Aid Program in Eswatini) to record the settlement process of Eswatini ACC Bodhi Park and Technical Vocational College, in order to commemorate this historical moment.

Finding the Blessed Land

Contributor: Eswatini International Aid and Education Development Team

It was truly fate meeting the Chief of the Bhunya area. Through repeated visits and communication, the generous and selfless chief promised to plan the land of his village as the Bodhi Park and the site of the Technical Vocational School of Eswatini international aid and education development team (ACC). After years of searching and wandering, the dust has settled.

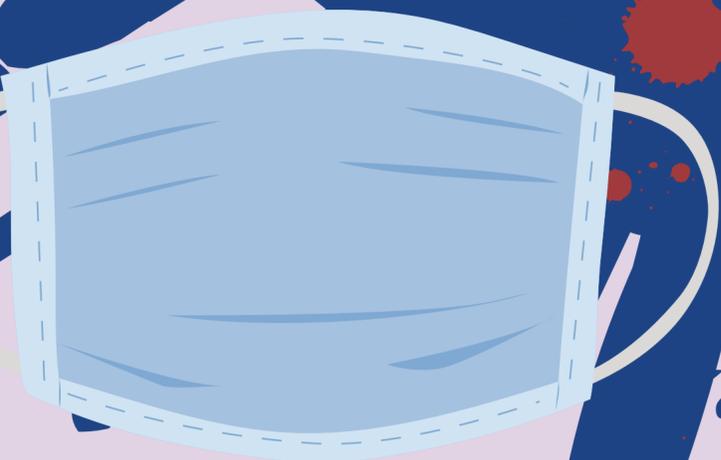
The ACC Technical Vocational School is located in the embrace of endless green mountains. It's a place where you can breathe the fresh air from the forest. In such a beautiful and peaceful environment the mind is sober. It's a suitable place for a peaceful life. No matter the kind of place, home is wherever the heart is.

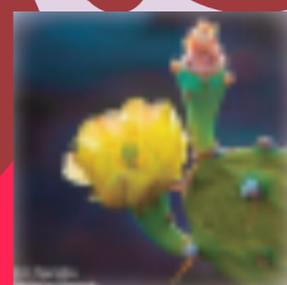
At 10:00 am on October 9th, the chief and the village elders held a village meeting to warmly welcome the ACC representatives to visit. During the meeting, both parties confirmed the school planning strategy and philosophy of education, as well as the land use and cooperation model. Even though the sun was extremely hot that day, so was everyone's enthusiasm and sincerity. Both parties are looking forward to a successful future cooperation and changes.

I am grateful to the village leader for recognizing the importance of the villagers' education and for extending open arms to welcome the ACC technical and vocational education plan. With the humble attitude of respectful exchanges, we also shared the masks that were donated by "Kiwaniis International Federation of Taiwan". Although it is a small and seemingly unimportant mask, it can protect the health and safety of the residents of Bhunya Village.

Although the masks donated aren't comparable to Armstrong's landing on the moon in 1969, "this mask may be a small piece of cloth, but it is a big step in maintaining mutual cooperation."

The Eswatini ACC Institute of Technology and the Bodhi Park project have started a new chapter in this regard, and this article is written to commemorate this historical moment.





〈The Style of the Shelter〉

Cactus Flowers and Children Making Chinese Sentences

Contributor: Namibia International Aid and Education Development Team

In the season of blooming flowers, the cactus in the Naguo Campus is no less impressive with its beautiful flowers. The cactus bloomed with pale pink and yellow flowers, and the stalks on the stem were stunning, budding and blooming, all lined up on the thick stalks.

It takes up to 3 to 4 years for a cacti to flower, and the flower will only bloom when environmental conditions such as light and temperature meet certain requirements. This reminds me that in order to achieve considerable results in education, it also takes time to cultivate knowledge and understanding, and only after all the conditions are met can we obtain joy cultivation. I teach a class of fifth-graders, and I'm so very pleased that they can make sentences, play word games, and tell stories in Mandarin. Such a difference from when they couldn't speak a word of Mandarin in the third grade. When I asked students to practice the "each/every" grammar pattern last week, there were a lot of good sentences that came from it:

"Every spider spins silk." (Yidao)

"Each time you must keep the spirit of never giving up." (Yide)

"Each time you study hard and work hard, you will learn something." (Yihang)

"Every day in your life you learn one thing." (Yishan)

"Every day after I wake up, I write down words of gratitude." (Yijiao)

"Everyone is important." (Ruxu)

"Everyone has life." (Yiyu)

"Each time people are reincarnated." (Ru Ju)

Looking at these cactus flowers, even in the dry and hot desert, they still live comfortably and are not afraid of difficulties. I hope our children's lives bloom just as they wrote, and that they will sing the splendid song of life, just like the dancing cactus flower.

Note: I would like to thank Teacher Long Fengying for sharing her wonderful articles and pictures. She is always concerned about the children's learning situation and is able to find a variety of teaching methods to suit the children's learning needs. She also uses her keen skills and observation to record the scenery and natural ecology of the shelter. Life is full of beauty and surprises!



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天地以時，宇宙自然之間，有一種我們不易察覺的迂迴反覆；在我們難以理解的曲折阻斷中，每件事，都有其發生的因緣與時機。

在新冠疫情詭譎不定的變異中，因顧及大眾健康安全，原預定今年10月在新北-板橋希爾頓酒店舉辦的ACC水陸法會，將順延至2022年初春。當此時節，欣逢農曆正月，冬去春來，雖乍暖還寒，卻是南風徐徐，雨絲細潤，草木萌生，萬物甦醒之新象。

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