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Amitofo! We wish to send good luck to everyone. In 2020 from effect of the COVID-19 virus, everyone's lives have been greatly affected, and the Year of the Rat has ended resulting in the Year of the Ox to begin. 2020 has had the same industrial impact for all humans in the world. Everyone shares the burden of this pandemic, and the difficulties in our current lifestyles are beyond words. The operation of the entire ACC system has also been greatly impacted. However, thanks to the love, care and special blessings of sponsors around the world, the year 2020 has finally passed with not too many issues. I am afraid this year, there will be more difficult tests and trials of this kind. We hope that under the test of current times we can all be diligent, efficient and endure the hardships.

We wish to send blessings to everyone.
Bless everyone, Amitofo!

The season has arrived for weaver birds to build nests and breed again, and a toothpick-like tree resides in the shelter which has become a stronghold for the weaver birds to house themselves. The male birds are eye-catching because of their bright yellow feathers and they fly around the treetops, jumping up and down looking for suitable branches to building their nests with. After the selection of materials, the leaves are removed first, and then the grass is tied into loops. In order to pursue the female, the male will build two or three nests at the same time until the female is satisfied and then eggs are laid.

Happiness seeps in when you see a pair of weaver birds coming and going, working together to build a nest. In a months time, the tree were full of nests, and some of those had bird eggs laying in them.

Through my observations, I found that the bird society has many similarities with our human society. We all compete, quarrel, and petition for all our own reasons but the difference between humans and animals is that we are rational, conscious, capable of enlightening through wisdom, understand life and death.

<Words from the monk>

The blessing of the Year of the Ox
2021 Happy Chinese New Year

<Educational Scenery>
The Weaver bird
Contributor: Namibia Intn'l Aid and Education Development Team
Chinese hieroglyphs can be written and painted, or presented as poems. Coupled with the traditional unique writing tool and its soft brush swaying characteristics, this makes calligraphy writing one of the unique cultural arts in the world. The "Spring Festival Couplet" combines calligraphy and poetry exhibited as symmetrically written sentences that get posted on the front door. Since ancient times, the Chinese have practiced the custom of hanging peach charms on the left and right sides of the gate every Chinese New Year to seek good luck and avoid evil. Later, it gradually evolved into a bright red paper instead of peach charms with auspicious words inscribed on it, this has led to becoming a unique culture that has been passed down to this day.

On the occasion at the end of the New Year, the freely self-contained calligrapher Xie Huilong, led the students to amaze ACC on the afternoon of January 29 at the "Ruoyu Cultural and Creative" in Kaohsiung, Taiwan. The Chinese calligraphy couplets are for charity sale, and the donation proceeds go to ACC are to fund the education of the African campuses and school children. The paper may be rough or soft and thick or light to show the beauty and artistic connotation of the calligraphy text, and use ink strokes to connect the intangible love and kindness given in the message, these characters transform the horizontal and vertical structure into substantial donations and support.

The spring couplets hung to dry at the scene, resembling heavy red curtains, leaping in the wind. The ink-colored rosin and flowing lines flying under the warm sun in the winter sky, every piece of red paper, every ink line, every word will represent a wish in a smaller size. It can contain all kinds of truths such as dealing with people, birth, yin and yang, goodness and virtue, the universe and heaven and more! It is the quality of the words written and the profoundness of cultural connotation that brings the message out! I have also bought a piece of Spring Festival couplets, planted a good seedling of Futian as well as bought a roll of good wishes, I wish you all good luck!

Eswatini ACC Yuan Tong Schools continued to teach children in previous years with no problems, but due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, Eswatini’s Ministry of Education issued an order to suspend classes. This is a first for the children that have participated in the learning, so each one of them held a bucket and cloth and happily sang songs to help clean their living environment with open time. The children experienced the difference between a New Year clean and a weekly clean for the first time and during the thorough sweep up, the accumulated dirt that was brought out amazed the children and none other than a crab swept out with the dirt. That's right! A crab! Eswatini is a landlocked country, and there are no streams or rivers around the shelter. The appearance of a crab is a first and expressions of fear and curiosity were written all over the faces of the children having met such a peculiar creature.

Finally, on behalf of the school children, I would like to offer our most sincere blessings to the sponsor parents of the world: "The shelter is safe and everything has been going well, thank you for your care and continuous funding support!"
Positive Education-Babysitter

The Director provided spiritual encouragement for the babysitters:
In 2020, with everyone's hard work and cooperation, we have spent enduring the difficult times together and I would like to extend my further thanks to the nanny team. The New Year may present us with different challenges, but I believe these challenges can be overcome step by step. This year's work goal is to focus on the improvement and practice of self-ethics while encouraging the children's righteousness. See your own emotions though when encountering difficulties and do not complain, but use a positive thinking mindset to solve the problems encountered in life and work. Cherish good luck and cherish every hard-earned donated material and food. Due to the effect of the pandemic, many people all over the world are unemployed and facing a crisis of famine. Therefore, we are lucky to have support our lives providing us with three meals a day and enough food and clothing to sustain ourselves.

Thank you Mr. Yu Xin, for sharing the "Mindfulness Education" workshop to everyone last year. I took this opportunity to mention the babysitters, no matter what setbacks they experienced in the past, the problems are all over. Grasp the present and continue to move forward. Encourage everyone with three specific spiritual indicators: That we should be grateful for all we have; have some self-identification; and to encourage others. Finally, the dean introduced the Indian inspirational film "Little Star in the Heart", and invited the nanny all appreciated it. They have learnt that each child is unique and everyone has different potentials, because one word of encouragement or one compliment could make you the one person that changes a child's life!

Educational Goals-Teachers
The teachers began busily preparing for the beginning of the school year and the Director held a meeting afterwards. The meeting was used to carefully prepare the briefings, set annual work goals for education and to allow the teaching to have a clearer direction. The principal, all teachers whether local or not, attended the meeting.

*Core Values of Yuan Jue School*
*<Moral, Intellectual, Physical and Social Beauty> The five educations are balanced, but moral education is the main foundation. Only by establishing a good personality, can you become one with outstanding talents in all paths of life.

*The Annual Educational Goals*
1. Teacher self-improvement and continuous learning
2. To assist children with weaker qualifications
3. To stimulate children's self-management

*Five Elements ~ Establish a Good Attitude for Students*
Attention, patience, confidence, gratitude and love.
Teachers need to give more positive encouragement in order to inspire the students' strengths, and extract a positive attitude towards life. In 2021, the Director once again reminded everyone to pay attention to their own safety and health as a necessary action in pandemic prevention. In the afternoon, the local teachers were arranged to appreciate the "little star in the heart", this film not only brought the teachers with tears, but also left the teachers deeply touched. Education is the most important starting point in life, it has always been the purpose of ACC to teach the children. A teacher's example and words are very important as well as one gesture or movement can affect a child's life.