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News from the Editor

1. All members are reminded to take necessary precaution and advised to take the Swine Flu (H1N1) vaccinated injection at your nearest NHS Centre.
2. Food Hygiene Level 2 course is scheduled to be held by the Centre on 18/01/10 with only 3 available seats left. All attendees are required to report to the Centre at 9 am and the course is expected to be finished before 4 pm. Entrance fee £40.00 including a free lunch and interpreter.
3. The Chinese Mandarin Class will start again on 09/01/10 every Saturday from 10 am to 12 noon for level 2 advanced learners and 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm for level one beginners. Members will be charged at £3.00 per session while non-members £5.00. Only limited seats are available in each class. Please hurry and register your name at our office.
4. English "ESOL" class will be starting again on 12/01/10 every Tuesday from 9:30am to 11:30 am. This course is free to our members and those who are interested, please contact Ms. Huang Ying at 07796196162 for registration.
5. English "Citizenship" class will be starting on 11/01/10 every Monday from 9 am to 12 noon at a cost of £15.00 per term which will cover 10 – 11 sessions. Please contact Ms. Huang Ying for further information.
6. Through the winter season, the Centre will continue to sell Chinese vegetables and products on every Thursday from 1 pm to 5 pm starting on 07/01/10.
7. Due to the lack of funding from BLF, effective January 2010, the board of Trustees have decided to increase the annual membership fee to £5.00 instead of £3.00. Those members whose membership has expired, kindly renew your membership at our office or send your cheque by post to the Centre. Official receipt and new membership card will be issued upon receipt of the fees as requested.

8. Effective January 2010, new membership card will be issued to all members so as to enjoy certain discounts from some of the retailers. Detailed information will be provided in a latter date when the cards are ready to be despatched to all members.

9. Our Tai-chi class will be held on every Sunday from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm at a cost of £2.00 per session. Those who are interested, please register at our office.

10. The Centre will be officially closed on 25/12/09, 26/12/09 and 01/01/10 for the Christmas and New Year Season.

11. The Centre is planning to start classes on modern ball room dance, yoga, Chinese writing and lion dance in January 2010. Further details of the classes will be announced shortly. If anyone is interested in any of these classes, please contact our office and the Centre will arrange for such classes to start at the earliest possible time.

12. Weekly Mama & Kids Club will be held in the Centre from 2 pm to 3:30 pm every Thursday. The aim and objective of this club is to provide a venue for those immigrated mama and their kids (5 years old or below) to meet and to know each other, to share experience and interact with each other so as to preserve their identity. From these weekly meeting, all kids will get to know each other, to learn their basic mother language (mandarin), singing, story telling and so on. If any family likes to join this club, please contact Vicky Li at 07837676811. Initially, only 10 families are allowed to join in this club because of the space limitation.

13. The board of Trustees have also concluded that any penalty charge incurred as a result of the voluntary work by the volunteers, the volunteer has to share half of the charges on using the Centre mini-bus or any assignment on the field as instructed by the Centre.

14. Good news to all older people regarding "Simon's House". Just received a written confirmation from the Housing Authority that the "Simon's House" will start to build in early 2010 and expected to be finished by mid of 2011. Application form will soon be published and sent to all applicants in due course.

Future Activities

1. From January 2010, every Saturday from 8 pm to 9 pm, there will be 4 badminton courts in David Lloyds Sport Hall available for our members to practise badminton on "free of charge" basis. Those who are interested, please bring with your new membership card in entering the sport hall otherwise he or she will be rejected at the point of entry.

2. A New Year Eve Dinner party will be held at the Centre on 31/12/09 from 2 pm onwards with badminton, table tennis, karaoke and marjong. Members will be charged at £3.00 while non-member £5.00. Those who are interested to participate in this activity, please hurry and make booking with our office. Only 50 pax are available in this party.

3. Funding for European Partnership has been approved and the title of the project is called "Immersion of Immigrant Families into Every School Life". The main objective of this project is to strengthen co-operation between the school and the parents, especially in terms of immigrant families and families at risk of social exclusion. The Centre will design materials and activities on monthly basis which will make it easier for parents of the immigrant families to adapt to the new environment, to the school and its procedures. The ultimate goal is that these parents will become active agents cooperating with teachers and other parents in order to be able to support the adaptation and learning process of their children. We aim at organizing various lectures and activities monthly highlighting the fundamentals of child psychology, physiology and education without forgetting to build up basic everyday knowledge about the new environment such as culture and traditions. In January 2010, the Centre will provide an adult learning course on IT-skills. Those immigrant families who wish to participate in this course, please register at our office and further details will be announced shortly.

4. Two seminars on fire prevention hold by the Cambridgeshire Fire Brigade will be held on 07/02/10 Sunday at 3 pm and 11/02/10 Thursday at 2 pm in the Centre. Those participants in these seminars will be offered a free of charge installation of smoke detector in their house on scheduled basis by the Brigade.

5. The Centre's Community Café will start to operate in January, 2010. Any member who is interested in running the Café, please contact our office for appointment to discuss further on the terms and conditions.

6. Our Chinese New Year celebration will be held on 14/02/10 Sunday. Further information will be provided on the venue and programmes in our next newsletter.

The Centre and our Chairman Jason Yow would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New year.