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OPEN LETTER *September 2016*

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Some months in a school year are more special than others. September is one such, as traditionally it is linked to all teachers. In Singapore, unlike many other countries, a special day is set aside every year to honour teachers. 5th September is a day for us to pay tribute to our teachers who have made a profound and lasting impact on the students. A teacher's impact on a child is not felt or seen immediately. Join me in saluting ZPS teachers in your heart for their tireless efforts, diligence, dedication and determination. Extend a sincere tribute to each of them for they TEACH to Inspire!

Recent Achievements

1) Debating Competitions

Our team of junior debaters participated in the Raffles Institution Inter-Primary School Debate Tournament on 9th September and defeated Nan Chiau Primary School. Harish Karthick Rajkumar of Primary 5 Graciousness was named Best Speaker of the Room as well as 4th Best Speaker of the Tournament! Well done, Zhangderens!

S/N	Name	Class
1	Aye Dethar Myo Lwin	P5 Graciousness
2	Kimberly Chelsea P. Abu	
3	Harish Karthick Rajkumar	
4	Seth Iong Song Yi	
5	Tang Yu Kai	
6	Jamie Chua	
7	Amber Loo Zhi Xuan	P5 Integrity
8	Palaniappan Muthu Kumar	
9	Satbir Singh Randhawa	
10	Soong Yuan Qi, Sophie	

All the achievements of our pupils would not have been possible without the hard work put in by our teachers. Our heartfelt thanks to all our teachers for their efforts to continuously look at platforms for our pupils to hone their skills and realize their potential!

2) ICAS English 2016

In this competition held in July, a total of 271 students participated. The school received one of the best results thus far with 3 students awarded High Distinctions and 19 others awarded Distinctions. Well done, children! The three students who were awarded High Distinction are:

S/N	Name	Class
1	Ian Poh Kai Yi	P2 Sincerity
2	Loh Kei Loong, Isaac	P2 Versatility
3	Caleb Chan Ren Kai	P3 Graciousness

Important Announcements ...

3) *Contribute to the Development of ZPS Heritage Curriculum and Gallery Project*

As the school is currently working on building her Heritage Curriculum and Gallery which will document the milestones in Zhangde Primary School's history, and capture precious memories of the ZPS experience, we welcome all ex-students to contribute to the project in one or more of the following ways.

A	Quotes about your ZPS memories	<i>Email: zhangde_ps@moe.edu.sg Please include your name, graduation year, attachments and/or URL links of your photographs and videos, etc.</i>
B	Photos with captions (eg. class photos)	
C	Videos	
D	Artefacts	<i>Please contact us at (65) 62740357 x 101 or email to zhangde_ps@moe.edu.sg to make the arrangements for your contributions.</i>

Please note that your contributions may be printed in our school publicity materials and displayed in the school. For more information, please visit the school website at <http://www.zhangdepri.moe.edu.sg/>.

4) *PSLE Written Examinations*

The PSLE written papers will be held from 29th September to 5th October 2016. As mobile phone or any electronic devices capable of storing and retrieving information are not allowed during National Examination, please do not allow your child to bring them to school. We hope that our children will do well in their PSLE and make it to the schools of their choice.

Allow me to share some tips gleaned over the years as an educator on how we can be there for our children:

- a) Children study best in an environment that is free from distractions. These may include the computer, TV or bed.
- b) Balanced and nutritious meals will benefit a child's health and breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Hot food and drinks can also be bought at the school canteen from 6.45 am and during recess time daily.
- c) Our children may need support in planning their studies wisely. We can help them by working out a study timetable that includes a break time as well.
- d) Children, like adults, are encouraged by recognition. Recognise and acknowledge the improvements made, be it in marks, grades or in effort.
- e) Do support them as they study or complete their homework. Your presence do wonders for their confidence and reassures them that you are behind them.
- f) If you notice that your child is showing signs of stress, feel free to contact us, our school counsellors, Miss Kanchana and Ms Mou Wai Nor will be available to help your child.

To our P6s, hard work will always pay and we wish you all the best in the upcoming PSLE.

5) *Children's Day – Friday, 7th October*

Friday, 7 October is a scheduled school holiday in view of Children's Day. There will be **no** school on this day.

A separate letter will be sent out for our school's Children's Day celebrations that will be held on Thursday, 6th October.

6) *SA2 for P2 to P5 Pupils*

In order to give you advance notice, we thought it might be helpful to you in planning the revision schedule with your child by alerting you to the schedule for the end-of-year SA2 examinations for P2 to P5 pupils.

Date	Examination	Level
Thursday, 22 nd September	EL Oral Examination	P5
Friday, 23 rd September	MT Oral Examination	
Monday, 26 th September	EL Oral Examination	P3
Tuesday, 27 th September	MT Oral Examination	P2 P3
Wednesday, 28 th September	EL Oral Examination	P2
Monday, 10 th October	EL Oral Examination	P4
Tuesday, 11 th October	MT Oral Examination	
Wednesday, 12 th October	Social Studies & Health Education	P2 – P5
Thursday, 13 th October	EL Paper 1 & Listening Comprehension	P2 – P5
Friday, 14 th October	MT Paper 1 & Listening Comprehension	P3 – P5 P2 – P5
Friday, 21 st October	Higher Mother Tongue	P5 only
Monday, 24 th October	EL / FEL Paper 2	P2 – P5
Tuesday, 25 th October	Math / FMA	P2 – P5
Wednesday, 26 th October	MT / FMT Paper 2	P2 – P5
Thursday, 27 th October	Science / FSC	P3 – P5

7) *NLB Bulk Borrowing*

Zhangde Primary School has been collaborating with Bukit Merah Public Library for the NLB Bulk Borrowing program over the last few years. We had a very successful exercise in the first semester of this year and will be conducting our last bulk borrowing for the year in Term 4 from 19th to 21st September 2016. During bulk borrowing, the teachers will be bringing the pupils to the either the library or ISH Band Room to borrow the books during designated curriculum periods.

The school would like to seek the assistance of all parents to ensure that your child / ward has the opportunity to borrow books during this period by doing the following:

- Pay the fines (if applicable) in your child's / ward's record at any of the library branches.
- If your child / ward has lost his / her school Ezlink card before, do report the loss at any of the library branches and make a separate library card.
- Ensure your child / ward has his/her school Ezlink card on that day.
- To be able to borrow 8 books on the day of mass borrowing, all books under your child's / ward's records have to be returned at any of the public library branches before the onsite borrowing event.

For books borrowed on the NLB Bulk Borrowing day, all parents are to ensure that the books borrowed are returned at any of the public library branches by the due date, which will be indicated, on the borrowing receipt.

You may also view your child's / ward's borrowing record after the mass borrowing activity online at <http://www.pl.sg> and go to "Check Your Account". In addition, all library members are encouraged to sign up for NLB's free Email Reminder Service. This service will remind you to return the items your child / ward has borrowed on time. You can subscribe for this service at <http://www.pl.sg> and go to "Reminder Services". For further assistance, please call the NLB Helpdesk at 6332 3255.

8) Financial Assistance Scheme for 2017

The Ministry of Education provides financial assistance to needy Singaporean students from our Government and Government-Aided Schools under the MOE Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS). Parents/guardians who need financial assistance may now apply for MOE FAS for 2017 by completing the application form that has been given out to your child and return it to the school by **Friday, 30 September 2016**. The application forms are also available from the school general office. For more information, please refer to the information leaflet given out together with the application form to your child or visit www.moe.gov.sg/initiatives/financial-assistance/. Parents/guardians will be informed of the outcome by mid-November 2016.

Value of the Term (VOTT) - Resilience

***When faced with difficulties or failures, we never give up.
We find the strength to pick ourselves up and recover quickly.***

(Sharing by AYH, Ms Tan Gui Liu on the book, Give Up, Gecko! A Folktale From Uganda on 13th September 2016)

Calendar of Events for September & October

Please refer to Annex 1 for the calendar of events for the last two weeks of September and 1st 3 weeks of October.

Concluding Remarks...

The story of Yip Pin Xiu and Theresa who became our Paralympic heroes at Rio 2016 Paralympics and the many debutant Paralympians continues to inspire us to overcome the odds despite the setbacks and difficulties faced. Theirs is a story of true grit and resilience.

For Theresa Goh born with spina bifida, a neural tube defect in which the backbone protecting the spinal cord does not close as it should, causing a range of physical limitations, her hard work and perseverance paid off after 17 years of training and 4 Paralympic Games when she won a bronze medal in the Women's 100m breaststroke SB4 events. Fellow teammate, Yip Pin Xiu who was born with muscular dystrophy, a genetic condition that deteriorates the muscles over time, became the first local athlete to win multiple gold medals at the same Paralympics. She also broke a world record at the 100m backstroke S2 event.

They have achieved what most people never would, in reaching the pinnacle of their chosen sport!

As we move into Term 4, I hope that the stories of Yip Pin Xiu, Theresa Goh and the TEAM Singapore sportsmen and sportswomen will inspire our students to put in their best efforts in all that they do, persevering and exhibiting the school value of resilience.

Let's continue to have many beautiful moments with our children.

Thank you and have a wonderful month ahead!

Warmest Regards,

Miss Loh Sing Huay
Principal

Day	Date	Activities	Pupils Involved	Time
Mon	19-Sep	NLB: Books 2 Go	All pupils	Curriculum Time
		P1 EL Remedial Lesson	Selected P1 pupils	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		KidsREAD Club (Reading Programme)	Selected P2 pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P3 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P3 SDR pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P4 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P4 SDR pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P4 MTL Remedial / Enrichment Lessons	Selected P4 pupils	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P5 FMA	P5 pupils taking FMA	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P5 FMA Remedial Lesson (Mr Zahrul)	P5 pupils taking FMA	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P5V, 5E & 5RY English & Science Remedial Lesson	Selected P5V, 5E & 5RY pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P5I Math & EL Remedial Lesson	Selected P5I pupils	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		P5G EL Remedial Lesson	Selected P5G pupils	3.15pm - 4.15pm
		P6 HMT	P6 pupils taking HMT	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P6 After-School Lessons	Selected P6 pupils	2.15pm - 4.15pm
Tue	20-Sep	NLB: Books 2 Go	All pupils	Curriculum Time
		P2 Remedial Programme (EL & Math)	Selected P2 pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P3 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P3 SDR pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P3 MTL Remedial / Enrichment Lessons	Selected P3 pupils	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P4 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P4 SDR pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P5 Science Workshop: Electric Carnival	P5Ry pupils	2.30pm - 4pm
		P5 HMT	P5 pupils taking HMT	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P5 MTL After-School Lessons	P5 pupils taking MTL	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P5 FEL Remedial Lesson	Selected P5 pupils taking FEL	3.15pm - 4.15pm
		P5S Standard EL Remedial Lesson	Selected P5S pupils	3.15pm - 4.15pm
		P5V Math Remedial lesson	Selected P5V pupils	3.15pm - 4.15pm
		P5G & 5I Science Remedial Lesson	Selected P5G & 5I pupils	3.15pm - 4pm
		P6 FMA	Selected P6 pupils	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		P6 After-School Lessons	Selected P6 pupils	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		Volleyball Extra Practice	P3-P5 Volleyball Sch Team	2.15pm - 4.15pm
Wed	21-Sep	NLB: Books 2 Go	All pupils	Curriculum Time
		P4 Science Workshop: Heat & Temperature	P4Ry pupils	8.45am - 11.45am
		Basketball Extra Practice (Boys)	P3 - P5 Boys Basketball players	2.30pm - 4.30pm
		Floorball Extra Practice	P3 - P5 Floorball players	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		Rope-Skipping Extra Practice	Sch Team Rope Skippers	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		Volleyball Experiential Training	Selected P2 pupils	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		Volleyball Extra Practice	P3-P5 Volleyball Sch Team	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		SP-BP Mentoring Programme	Selected P6 pupils	3.30pm - 5pm
Thu	22-Sep	SA2: EL Oral Exam (P5)	All P5 pupils	2.15pm - 5.30pm
		P3 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P3 SDR pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P4 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P4 SDR pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P4 Science Workshop: Heat & Temperature	P4S pupils	8.45am - 11.45am
		P6 MENDAKI ROPE Math Programme 29	Selected P6 pupils	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		P6 Standard SINDA Project Teach	Selected P6 TL pupils	2.15pm - 5.15pm
		Chinese Dance Junior Team Practice	P2 Chinese Dancers	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		Choir Extra Practice	P3 - P5 Choir members	2.45pm - 4pm
		Cyber-wellness Ambassador Training	P4/5 CW Ambassadors	2.15pm - 3.30pm
Fri	23-Sep	SA2: MT Oral Exam (P5)	All P5 pupils	2.15pm - 5.30pm
		P1 CL MT Remedial Lesson	Selected P1 pupils	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P3 SINDA Project Teach (Math & Science)	Selected P3 TL pupils	2.15pm - 4.15pm

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Fri	23-Sep	P5 SINDA Project Teach	Selected P5 TL pupils	2.15pm - 5.15pm
		P6 Standard SINDA Project Teach	Selected P6 TL pupils	2.15pm - 5.15pm
		Introduction to Debating	Selected P4 pupils	2.15pm - 4.15pm
Sat	24-Sep	GB Meeting 22	GB Girls	7.30am - 9.30am
		GB Service at Orange Valley Home	Selected GB girls	9.15am - 12pm
		P6E Science Remedial Lesson	Selected P6E pupils	10am - 12pm
Mon	26-Sep	SA2: EL Oral Exam (P3)	All P3 pupils	Curriculum Time
		P4 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P4 SDR pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P4 MTL Remedial / Enrichment Lessons	Selected P4 pupils	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P5 FMA	P5 pupils taking FMA	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P5 FMA Remedial Lesson (Mr Zahrul)	P5 pupils taking FMA	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P5V, 5E & 5RY English & Science Remedial Lesson	Selected P5V, 5E & 5RY pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P5I Math & EL Remedial Lesson	Selected P5I pupils	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		P5G Math Remedial Lesson	Selected P5G pupils	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P5G EL Remedial Lesson	Selected P5G pupils	3.15pm - 4.15pm
		P6 HMT	P6 pupils taking HMT	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P6 After-School Lessons	Selected P6 pupils	2.15pm - 4.15pm
Tue	27-Sep	SA2: MT Oral Exam (P2)	All P2 pupils	Curriculum Time
		SA2: MT Oral Exam (P3)	All P3 pupils	2.15pm - 5.30pm
		P2 Remedial Programme (EL & Math)	Selected P2 pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P4 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P4 SDR pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P5 Science Workshop: Electric Carnival	P5S pupils	2.30pm - 4pm
		P5 HMT	P5 pupils taking HMT	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P5Ry ICAN Math Remedial Lesson	Selected P5Ry pupils	3.15pm - 4.15pm
		P5V Math Remedial lesson	Selected P5V pupils	3.15pm - 4.15pm
		P5G & 5I Science Remedial Lesson	Selected P5G & 5I pupils	3.15pm - 4pm
		P6 FMA	Selected P6 pupils	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		P6 After-School Lessons	Selected P6 pupils	2.15pm - 4.15pm
Wed	28-Sep	SA2: EL Oral Exam (P2)	All P2 pupils	Curriculum Time
		P1 PAL Programme Lesson 4 (Term 4)	All P1 pupils	11.45am - 1.45pm
		Basketball Extra Practice (Boys)	P3-P5 Boys Basketball players	2.30pm - 4.30pm
		Volleyball Experiential Training	Selected P2 pupils	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		Volleyball Extra Practice	P3-P5 Volleyball Sch Team	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		SP-BP Mentoring Programme	Selected P6 pupils	3.30pm - 5pm
Thu	29-Sep	PSLE EL / Foundation EL	All P6 pupils	Curriculum Time
		HA2: EL Oral Exam (P1)	All P1 pupils	Curriculum Time
		P1 CL MT Remedial Lesson	Selected P1 pupils	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P3 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P3 SDR pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P4 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P4 SDR pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P5 MENDAKI ROPE Math Programme 26	Selected P5 pupils	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		P6 Standard SINDA Project Teach	Selected P6 TL pupils	2.15pm - 5.15pm
		Chinese Dance Junior Team Practice	P2 Chinese Dancers	2.15pm - 3.45pm
Fri	30-Sep	PSLE Math / Foundation Math	All P6 pupils	Curriculum Time
		P3 SINDA Project Teach (Math & Science)	Selected P3 TL pupils	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		P5 SINDA Project Teach	Selected P5 TL pupils	2.15pm - 5.15pm
		P6 Standard SINDA Project Teach	Selected P6 TL pupils	2.15pm - 5.15pm
		Introduction to Debating	Selected P4 pupils	2.15pm - 4.15pm
Sat	01-Oct	GB Meeting 23	GB Girls	7.30am - 9.30am

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Mon	03-Oct	PSLE MT / Foundation MT	All P6 pupils	Curriculum Time
		P1 EL Remedial Lesson	Selected P1 pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		KidsREAD Club (Reading Programme)	Selected P2 pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P3 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P3 SDR pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P3G Math Remedial Lesson	Selected P3G pupils	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P4 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P4 SDR pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P4 MTL Remedial / Enrichment Lessons	Selected P4 pupils	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P5 FMA	P5 pupils taking FMA	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P5 FMA Remedial Lesson (Mr Zahrul)	P5 pupils taking FMA	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P5V, 5E & 5RY English & Science Remedial Lesson	Selected P5V, 5E & 5RY pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P5I Math & EL Remedial Lesson	Selected P5I pupils	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		P5G Math Remedial Lesson	Selected P5G pupils	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P5G EL Remedial Lesson	Selected P5G pupils	3.15pm - 4.15pm
Tue	04-Oct	PSLE Science / Foundation Science	All P6 pupils	Curriculum Time
		P2 Remedial Programme (EL & Math)	Selected P2 pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P3 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P3 SDR pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P3 MTL Remedial / Enrichment Lessons	Selected P3 pupils	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P4 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P4 SDR pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P5 MTL After-School Lessons	P5 pupils taking MTL	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P5 FEL Remedial lesson	Selected P5 pupils taking FEL	3.15pm - 4.15pm
		P5S Standard EL Remedial Lesson	Selected P5S pupils	3.15pm - 4.15pm
		P5Ry ICAN Math Remedial Lesson	Selected P5Ry pupils	3.15pm - 4.15pm
		P5V Math Remedial lesson	Selected P5V pupils	3.15pm - 4.15pm
		P5G & 5I Science Remedial Lesson	Selected P5G & 5I pupils	3.15pm - 4pm
Wed	05-Oct	PSLE HMT	All P6 pupils	Curriculum Time
		Basketball Extra Practice (Boys)	P3-P5 Boys Basketball players	2.30pm - 4.30pm
		SP-BP Mentoring Programme	Selected P6 pupils	3.30pm - 5pm
Thu	06-Oct	Children's Day Celebrations / Lower Primary Sports Day / Sports Carnival / ACES Day	All pupils	Curriculum Time
		P1 CL MT Remedial Lesson	Selected P1 pupils	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P5 MENDAKI ROPE Math Programme 27	Selected P5 pupils	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		Indian Dance Extra Practice	P6 Indian Dance pupils	2.30pm - 4.30pm
Fri	07-Oct	School Holiday: Children's Day		
Mon	10-Oct	SA2: EL Oral Exam (P4)	All P4 pupils	2.15pm - 5.30pm
		P5 FMA	P5 pupils taking FMA	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		Indian Dance Extra Practice	Selected Indian Dance Pupils	2.30pm - 4.30pm
Tue	11-Oct	HA2: MT Oral Exam (P1)	All P1 pupils	Curriculum Time
		SA2: MT Oral Exam (P4)	All P4 pupils	2.15pm - 5.30pm
		P5 HMT	P5 pupils taking HMT	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		Indian Dance Extra Practice	Selected Indian Dance Pupils	2.30pm - 4.30pm
Wed	12-Oct	Holistic Assessment: SS & HE (P1)	P1 pupils	Curriculum Time
		SA2: SS & HE (P2 - P5)	P2 - P5 pupils	Curriculum Time
		P6 SS Learning Journey to Singapore River	6I, 6E & 6Ry pupils	Curriculum Time
Thu	13-Oct	SA2: EL / FEL Paper 1 & LC (P2 - P5)	P2 - P5 pupils	Curriculum Time
		P1 CL MT Remedial Lesson	Selected P1 pupils	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P6 SS Learning Journey to Singapore River	6G, 6V & 6S pupils	8am - 12pm
		Indian Dance Extra Practice	Selected Indian Dance Pupils	2.30pm - 4.30pm
Fri	14-Oct	SA2: MT Paper 1 (P3 - P5) & LC (P2 - P5)	P2 - P5 pupils	Curriculum Time

Day	Date	Activities	Pupils Involved	Time
Fri	14-Oct	P6 VIA: Buddy Reading at Lighthouse School	Selected P6 pupils	Curriculum Time
		P3 SINDA Project Teach (Math & Science)	Selected P3 TL pupils	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		P5 SINDA Project Teach	Selected P5 TL pupils	2.15pm - 5.15pm
Sat	15-Oct	GB Meeting 24	GB Girls	7.30am - 9.30am
Mon	17-Oct	No School Day – PSLE Marking Exercise		
Tue	18-Oct	No School Day – PSLE Marking Exercise		
Wed	19-Oct	No School Day – PSLE Marking Exercise		
Thu	20-Oct	No School Day – PSLE Marking Exercise		
Fri	21-Oct	SA2: HMT (P5)	Selected P5 pupils	Curriculum Time
		P3 SINDA Project Teach (Math & Science)	Selected P3 TL pupils	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		P5 SINDA Project Teach	Selected P5 TL pupils	2.15pm - 5.15pm
		Indian Dance Extra Practice	Selected Indian Dance Pupils	2.30pm - 4.30pm

Information is updated and correct at the time of printing.

Legend:

G – Graciousness V – Versatility Rt – Respect Re – Resilience
 I – Integrity E – Empathy Ry – Responsibility S – Sincerity