

Departure of Dr. Stephen Codrington as Principal of Li Po Chun United World College

On behalf of the Board of the Li Po Chun United World College (LPCUWC), it is my sad duty to announce that Dr Stephen Codrington has tendered his resignation as Principal with effect from the end of this school year (31st July, 2011). He will be leaving to take up a new position in Houston (USA) as Head of the Awty International School, the second largest international school in the United States of America with a student population of 1230 from 60 countries. By the time Stephen leaves us, he will have served the College for 7 years.

As a widely known and respected international educator, Stephen has indicated that the reasons for his move centre entirely on the attractions of the challenges of his new appointment in a part of the world where he has not worked previously. Although disappointed to lose Stephen, the Board respects his decision as an educationist and appreciates the role he has played in teaching and nurturing the students at LPCUWC in the true United World Colleges tradition. We know that his contribution to the wider UWC movement during the last few years has also been appreciated very much by the international UWC members at large.

A Search Committee has been established by the Board and we look forward to support from the LPCUWC and United World Colleges communities in helping the board to find a worthy successor for Dr Codrington. As in the past, there will be opportunities for teachers and students of LPCUWC to meet the short-listed candidates and hear the candidates' educational philosophies. The input from teachers and students will be carefully considered before the Board makes the final decision on the next headship.

The Board wishes Dr Codrington and his wife Di all the best in their life in the new school, and we see his appointment as possibly opening a window for new international cultural exchanges between the two schools.

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