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Dear TES Community,

I am delighted to have been offered the position of Chief Executive Officer at Taipei European School starting from August this year. My wife, Luiza, and I eagerly look forward to our return to Taiwan, having served the school previously as its first CEO for 9 years from 2000 to 2009. We have always looked back so fondly on our time at TES and in Taiwan so it is a genuine pleasure to have the opportunity to return and to contribute further to the development and success of TES.

During the thorough selection and appointment process for the CEO position, I was able to meet a wide range of students, staff, parents and members of the Board of Directors through the various panel discussions arranged via Zoom. The time difference between my current location in Brazil and the school community in Taipei was certainly a challenge but we managed to have many interesting and fruitful meetings – either early in the morning or late in the evening! It was fascinating to learn how TES has grown and developed over the past decade and to also hear of the exciting projects and ambitions of the school going forward. I really look forward to meeting everyone in person when I arrive in Taiwan and, in some cases, renewing friendships of people I knew and worked with in the past.

After leaving TES in 2009, I worked as a school Principal in Hong Kong for 2 years and then as Director of The British School, Rio de Janeiro, for the past 10 years. As well as the incredible experience gained from working previously at TES, the past 12 years in very different schools, cultures and environments has definitely broadened and enhanced my professional capabilities and understanding of teaching and learning. My enthusiasm and passion for education and working with young people is as strong as ever.

The coming few months prior to our departure for Taiwan will certainly pass quickly as we prepare for our move. I would like to thank all members of the TES community involved with the appointment process for their confidence in my ability to once again take up the position of CEO, and lead the school into the future. I would particularly like to thank Dr CV Chen and the Board of Directors for giving me this chance to return to TES, Taipei and Taiwan, where we had been so very happy previously.

Best wishes,

John Nixon