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RE: Appointment Announcement of TES CEO - John Nixon

Dear TES Community,

On behalf of the TES Board of Directors (BOD), it is my pleasure to announce the appointment of Mr. John Nixon as the next CEO of Taipei European School, effective 1 August 2022.

John's name will sound familiar to many at TES but perhaps not to the newer members of our community. He was our first CEO, serving from 2000 to 2009. Before he left Taiwan, then President Ma Ying-jeou awarded him the Order of Brilliant Star with Grand Purple Cordon for, among others, promoting Taiwanese and European cultures and integrating the British, German, and French schools in Taiwan. John is returning to TES all the way from Brazil with 40 years of experience in education. He is a mindful listener with extensive strategic planning experience. He also believes in empowering all community members to find their voices and serve as partners in education. I was very pleasantly surprised when I learned of his return, and am quite optimistic, knowing that he operates at the highest level of excellence.

The appointment is the result of an extensive worldwide search during which we weighed myriad eminently qualified candidates to lead our School. The Search Committee, overseen by the BOD HR Committee and supported by the TES HR department, worked closely with Search Associates, a global recruitment firm for international education. The initial prospect pool included close to 30 qualified individuals with a diverse range of experience and backgrounds. After comprehensive vetting, the Search Committee presented 3 finalists to meet with the stakeholder panels and the school's leadership team. John's appointment was recommended by the Search Committee with input from all stakeholders and unanimously approved by the TES BOD.

On behalf of the BOD, I extend our gratitude to the members of the Search Committee, as well as to our community - the students, parents, and staff who participated in the selection process, for their tireless service to Taipei European School. I also want to thank the school's Leadership Team, for their participation and for taking on the joint leadership responsibility. Everyone's involvement is a testament to the bond and common vision that bind us.

We were lucky to have John once, and we're incredibly lucky to have him a second time. With him as the new CEO, I am certain TES is poised to reach even higher heights. Please join me in welcoming John and Luiza, his lovely wife, back to Taipei, where they will make their home starting this summer.

Best regards,

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Chairman  
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