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## Canadian International School of Hong Kong Welcomes Early Years Students to New Campus

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**Hong Kong, August 8, 2024** – Canadian International School of Hong Kong (CDNIS) is pleased to announce the opening of its new Early Years Centre at THE SOUTHSIDE in Wong Chuk Hang. It is the first time CDNIS has expanded its footprint outside the Nam Long Shan Road campus, strengthening the school community and offering its youngest students a place designed just for them. Creative, engaging learning spaces spark natural curiosity while early exposure to technology gives students a head start on the science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM) and language acquisition education that is critical in today's world.

When the school year begins on August 14, 2024, 240 students will attend the new campus. These include members of its popular half-day Early Years 1 bilingual programme for 3-year-olds and a new bilingual Nursery programme for 2-year-olds. Students learn in both English and Mandarin, benefitting from CDNIS's fluid dual-language immersion teaching. This year's Nursery and Early Years 1 programme together drew nearly 800 applications, with students from Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, Hong Kong and mainland China making up the top five nationalities of applicants.

The 14,000 square-foot space features state-of-the-art learning technology including the world's first-ever educational collaboration with the Japanese arts collective teamLab. Through this groundbreaking technology that blends art, science and language acquisition, students' drawings come to life in a colourful, animated world, igniting their imaginations as they explore how their actions influence their surroundings. The teamLab system can connect with others around the world, incorporating drawings from users anywhere and reinforcing students' global mindset and sense of connection. The teamLab collaboration will be available to the whole school community as students from other grade levels visit to experience this revolutionary learning tool.

**Dr. Wil Chan, Lower School Principal, Canadian International School of Hong Kong**, said: "Recognising the growing demand for bilingual education, we have launched a new bilingual nursery programme at CDNIS. This initiative allows us to cater to the diverse needs of our students, and equips them with the necessary skills to thrive in a global society. At CDNIS, we teach all students including our youngest to approach each day with the eyes of curiosity, exploration and opportunity. We are delighted to collaborate with teamLab, incorporating their innovative technology into our education system to enhance each child's overall learning experience. This collaboration not only

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helps our students become future-ready, but also reinforces our school values of open-mindedness, responsibility, integrity, respect, critical thinking and leadership.”

As one of just eight International Baccalaureate (IB) continuum schools in Hong Kong, CDNIS is committed to fostering an inquiry-based approach even in its Early Years curriculum. This spurs students’ love of learning and equips them with critical skills like problem-solving. Small class sizes and experienced teachers also ensure individualized attention.

**Dr. Tim Kaiser, Head of School, Canadian International School of Hong Kong**, said: “We couldn’t be more excited for this expansion and the diversity of space and resources it will add to the school community. This new campus will help us in our mission to unite students through the joy of learning, excellence in achievement and development of character.”

Applications for the Early Years 1 bilingual programme for 3-year-olds are being accepted through October 2, 2024, for the 2025-26 school year. Nursery applications for the same period will be accepted from November 1 through November 30, 2024. Interested families can stay up to date by submitting an expression of interest via the school’s website. For more information about the new CDNIS Nursery Programme, please visit [www.cdnis.edu.hk](http://www.cdnis.edu.hk).

### Photo Captions:



The new Early Years Centre provides the school’s youngest students with a nurturing environment to learn in both English and Mandarin, benefitting from CDNIS’s fluid dual-language immersion teaching.

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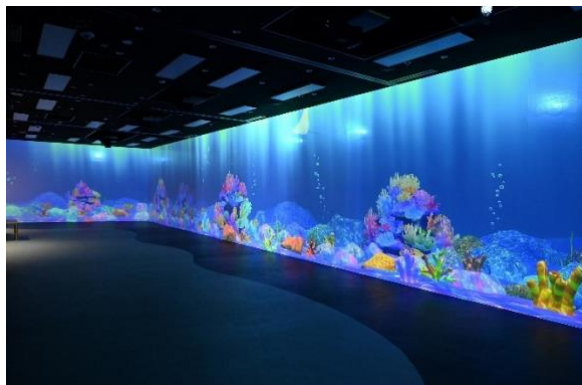
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