

Lecturing/ teaching "Education of Character" in the International School

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For several years, the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification is a partner of Social Networking - Social Commission for the Parish of Barcarena, together with other entities in our area, participating in regular meetings to solve problems of the locality.

In 2012 a new partner, the "Oeiras International School", an organization that works and give classes to children of foreign students and Portuguese entrepreneurs of various races and religious cultures (Christian , Jewish and Muslim) and whose works exclusively with classes in English speaking.

In March 2013 we invited all the entities in the Commission to make the meeting in our embassy. They having been very well received and appreciated having our facilities.

But in particular, the Director of "Oeiras International School" was immensely impressed with not only our peace embassy surrounding and environment, but also with the values that our organization transmits and she wanted to be contacted.

After returning from Korea "Foundation Day" event, our member Sergio Vieira, responsible for Witnessing and Activities, contacted the school and proposed sessions for Character Education, which was accepted by the Director and later combined with the responsible person for the area of intercultural values in the school.

It was agreed all possible Wednesdays between 08.30h to 09.20h.am, for two elements of the

Federation to present the content. They expected to be two person with a good English speaking and experience in the content to present and in the beginner starting together in same class to give the training to one group of children between 12 and 15 years old.

Apart from Sergio Vieira was chosen by the National Leader, our elder brother and former National Leader, Mr. Liberto Silva, due to his good English and experience in lecturing.

Finally the first introductory session of the training took place on 20 November in the presence of a teacher and 15 students who showed curious, enthusiastic and participative in questions.

In the end, the feedback was very positive both by the teacher and their students and this message passed to the responsible person, having contacted us to continue on the following Wednesday.

So, in the future they are thinking to hold the contents into two separate classes. Also by the end of the year or beginning of the next one they are thinking, making an intercultural/interreligious event and want to invite us to speak together with other religious entities about the importance of Interfaith Harmony in general and between the students.

We thank our Heavenly Parents and True Parents for this great opportunity, after the Foundation Day, which surely, in time to come, will open new doors that will help our Portuguese contribution to Vision 2020. Adju

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