

International Christian School

TRANSFERABLE CORPORATE DEBENTURE



It is our pleasure to introduce you to the International Christian School of Hong Kong for your consideration as a partner in education for your international personnel.

The ICS Corporate Debenture program is now being offered to select international companies who wish to provide their key employees with an important guarantee – that their children will receive elevated priority in admission processing at one of Hong Kong’s leading international schools.

We cordially invite you to take a few minutes to read this brochure. We hope it will help you connect with our excitement for the ICS mission – to equip students with the skills, character, and Christian knowledge they need to transform the world while preparing them for tertiary education.

Dr. Jerry W. Buckner
Head of Schools



ABOUT ICS

ICS had its humble beginnings in 1992, when it had 56 students in a small rented space at an old Bible seminary. Over the years, ICS has grown into one of Hong Kong's finest international schools with over 180 full-time faculty and staff serving over 1,100 students at our state-of-the-art campus in Shek Mun.

ICS offers an English-language, North American-style education at the kindergarten level to Grade 12. As citizens of the world, ICS students typically speak fluent English and have mastered at least two languages. They strive for excellence through their God-given talents to acquire knowledge, to develop critical thinking skills, and to make a positive impact on society. As a long-time faculty member put it, "We have ordinary students performing extraordinary things." Our students excel in music as well as the fine and performing arts. They are offered an extensive range of athletics programs and sporting events. Furthermore, our school teams win championships in tennis, soccer, volleyball and basketball, to name but a few.



The first home for ICS in a facility owned by the Bethel Mission of China at Grampian Road, Kowloon City in 1992.

ICS offers an academically rigorous American AP curriculum while seeking to integrate Biblical principles into all classes and activities.





ICS welcomes a wide variety of students every year, from all over Hong Kong, Asia and overseas countries, and from all walks of life.

Our caring Christian teachers inspire their students to strive for – and achieve – academic distinction. Our students’ scores on the SAT college entrance exam are higher than the U.S. and regional averages; with the Advance Placement course results ranking as high as those at Hong Kong’s most prestigious high schools. We are proud of our graduates’ high acceptance rate at colleges and universities over the past 20 plus years.

Nevertheless, academic excellence is only one part of the ICS mission. While the school is not affiliated with any particular church or denomination, its core values are rooted in biblical principles. With our teaching model based on the teachings of Jesus, we train students to be the future leaders of society with integrity, moral character, and selflessness in their academic and spiritual endeavors. However, students from all backgrounds and faiths are welcome at ICS.



A large bronze statue by Esther Augsburger depicts Jesus washing the feet of his disciple, Peter.

ACCREDITATION

Accredited by WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) and ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International), ICS builds on the foundation of an outstanding faculty and superb facilities to equip its students with the knowledge and skills to transform their communities, while preparing them for further education.



UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

Through teaching, role modeling, and affirming the community, ICS is dedicated to providing a world-class education that integrates Christian principles on a day-to-day basis. Over the years ICS graduates have been accepted to top-rated tertiary institutions around the world including:

- Brown University
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Harvard University
- Northwestern University
- Stanford University
- The University of Hong Kong
- The University of Sydney
- University of British Columbia
- University of California Berkeley
- University of California L.A. (UCLA)
- University of Chicago
- University of Michigan
- University of Oxford
- University of Pennsylvania
- Wheaton College
- Yale University

Our graduates also have the privilege of serving in a wide spectrum of industries worldwide. The school maintains an active and growing base of alumni, who periodically return to the campus for reunions, workshops, and service programs.

CAMPUS FACILITIES

The ICS campus, a splendid facility of 275,000 square feet located just a few minutes' walk from the Shek Mun MTR Station, opened in 2008. Designed by the distinguished Hong Kong architectural firm of Llewelyn-Davies Asia, its main building is divided into two large wings, representing God's outspread hands.

The campus includes a well-equipped 500-seat theater, an indoor heated swimming pool, two full-size gymnasium halls, a chapel, a media studio, a ceramics lab, a community center, an instrumental music suite with recording facilities, and an art exhibition gallery.



The Lu Kao Hwa Theater is the scene of many special ICS events, such as weekly chapel, concerts, and plays.

The Shek Mun Campus opened in 2008 after seven years of planning, fundraising, and construction.





SERVICE LEARNING

ICS believes that children should be educated to serve and give back to the community when they are young. In alignment with that belief, “service learning” is an integral part of the school’s academic studies. We were the first school in Hong Kong to incorporate the Make a Difference (MAD) program into our curriculum. MAD projects are year-long service campaigns initiated by high school students, and carried throughout the Hong Kong community.

Our annual Week Without Walls (WWW) program is a five to nine day experience that encourages every secondary student to go beyond the classroom walls to serve in various ways – typically to impoverished communities overseas or in Hong Kong. For example, in 2015, students went to Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia to serve orphans and street children in orphanages.

BRIDGES

In 2010, ICS launched a ground breaking new program for children with special needs. The “Bridges” curriculum serves students with mild intellectual delays, focusing on life skills to prepare them for the transition from school to the workplace.

OPPORTUNITIES AT ICS: TRANSFERABLE CORPORATE DEBENTURE

Hong Kong is one of the very few truly international gateways for corporations serving the China market. Today, the high quality international schools in Hong Kong makes it a preferred choice among the sites where global companies can base their strategic operations. ICS is proud to be a part of Hong Kong's growth at this exciting time.

Relocating overseas families to Hong Kong is challenging because of the scarcity of places in the better international schools. All of the city's most selective ones, including ICS, maintain waiting lists. The hiring and retention of key employees, both expatriates and locals, often depends on a company being able to assure them that the educational needs of their families will be met.

We offer an exceptional opportunity to a limited number of international corporations to partner with ICS through the purchase of Transferable Corporate Debentures (the Debenture). These are essentially debt instruments – not backed by collateral but by the proven track record and reputation of ICS – that allow eligible corporations to secure a place at the school for the sons and daughters of their current and future key employees.





Corporate debentures can be a powerful tool in the global recruitment of high-caliber employees. The opportunity can provide peace of mind to prospective managers, both top-level executives recruited within Hong Kong and those overseas who are making the decision to move their families away from home. This can greatly aid in corporate development and expansion.

Collaboration through this program helps sustain the strength of ICS and its partner corporations while sharing the vision of quality international education within the Hong Kong community. Through the Debenture program, we hope to offer international corporations a solid choice when their employees wish to choose a Hong Kong school with a positive Christian influence.



BASIC FACTS

- The Debentures are available only to international corporations for the purpose of reserving placements for the children of corporate executives, including expatriate or returning families.
- A single Debenture reserves a position for one child of a parent employed by the corporation holding the debenture.
- The Debentures are non-interest-bearing, and are not secured on any of the property, assets or undertakings of the school.
- The Debentures are transferable to other corporations, subject to the approval of the school.
- Candidates referred through corporate debentures will be expected to meet the academic standards of ICS and adhere to its mission and core values. If a corporation is found to be engaging in business activities that conflict with the core values of the school, ICS reserves the exclusive right to cancel its debentures, or, if it so chooses, to cancel the debentures at their face value of purchase.

ADMISSIONS

The Debenture candidates are among the highest priority groups in application. Even so, corporate debenture candidates are strongly encouraged to submit formal applications no later than January for the coming school year. In exceptional cases of applying in the middle of the academic year, the debenture processing period will depend upon availability.

The Debenture candidates must pass official admissions requirements. No admissions testing for corporate debenture students will proceed until documentation of corporate status is confirmed.

Admission documents are available on the school's website, www.ics.edu.hk.

PURCHASING DEBENTURES

To apply for transferable debenture purchases, corporations should submit a completed application form to the Finance Office at ICS. Corporations are required to submit corresponding corporate documents and company information upon request, and corporate applicants may be contacted for an interview.

Upon approval, ICS will issue transferrable corporate debenture holder certificate(s) to the corporations.

For complete details, please refer to the Terms and Conditions of the ICS Transferable Corporate Debenture Program form available from the ICS Finance Office.

For further information, please contact the Finance Office at corporatedebenture@ics.edu.hk, or by telephone at **+852 3920 0000**.





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