

## A Brief of the Lieu-Tou Chinese School

Lieu-Tou Chinese School is a kind of private school. It belongs to the Chinese Community here. This school doesn't get any aid from the Chinese government. We support this school from the tuition and the generosity of the Chinese living here.

Thirty-nine years ago (1932), this school started with a family school having few students at that time. As the students became more and more numerous, the Chinese here began building classrooms to start a Grade School in order to meet the needs of the students. It was in 1937. This school started a kindergarten in 1946, and junior middle high school (Grade 7-9) in 1953. The building we have now is newly built. We moved to our new building in 1966. This is because our old building was located in the shopping center, and was dilapidated, and too small as well.

Right now we are planning to start a High School, Normal School and Vocational for next semester.

60% of the students who graduate from this school continue their studies in Taiwan, Rep. of China. 20% of the students learn English or French in Vientiane. Some go to Penang, Malaysia, and others work at different places.

This semester we have 124 teachers, 4352 students and 77 classes.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Classes</u>	<u>S t u d e n t s</u>		<u>Total</u>
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Kindergarten	4	127	72	199
Grade 1-2	21	710	540	1250
Grade 3-4	18	687	450	1145
Grade 5-6	17	510	398	908
Grade 7-9	17	461	381	842
Total	77	2495	1857	4352

### Periods of Studies (every week):

Kindergarten:	28	hours
Grade 1-2:	28	hours
Grade 3-4:	30	hours
Grade 5-6:	34	hours
Grade 7-9:	39	hours

Courses of studies:

Kindergarten:

Chinese, arithmetic, general knowledge, dance & music, art, handicraft, calligraphy and manners.

Grade 1-2:

Civics, Chinese, arithmetic, natural science, health, dance & music, art, handicraft, making sentences, Chinese phonetic symbols and calligraphy.

Grade 3-4:

Civics, Chinese, Lao, arithmetic, natural science, health, music, art, handicraft, composition and calligraphy.

Grade 5-6:

Civics, Chinese, Lao, arithmetic, geography, history, natural science, health, music, handicraft, art, composition and calligraphy.

Note: Grade 5 is Lao geography and history. Grade 6 is foreign geography and history, besides 2 hours of English every week.

Grade 7-9:

Civics, Chinese, English, Lao, arithmetic (Grade 7), algebra (Grade 8), geometry (Grade 9), physics & chemistry (Grade 8-9), biology (Grade 7), hygiene (Grade 8), history, geography, music, art, handicraft (Grade 7) and composition. (Physical education from Grade 3 to Grade 9).

Textbooks:

All the textbooks we use now are edited and printed by Lao Ministry of Education. Although these textbooks are chosen according to the textbooks (printed and used in Taiwan) we used before, yet they are not properly edited and a little confusing. Therefore, we have many difficulties in teaching those new textbooks. For instance:

1. The General knowledge Courses for Grade students includes history, geography, civics, health and natural science five courses. It is too much for them, and also is a very heavy burden for them. How can the students accept all of these courses? This is one big question.

2. The Chinese language for middle school students is too difficult. Physics and chemistry consists of old and new materials. It cannot meet the needs of the students, especially for those who want to further their studies in another country. This is another big problem.

The shortage of the facilities for teaching:

1. The Science Hall -- on the second floor of the library is still an empty room. This is because of the shortage of our laboratory equipment. We have few, but most of them are broken and out-of-date. We cannot use them any more. How to equip this laboratory is one of our urgent problems that should be solved as soon as possible.

2. Facilities for physical:

Truly, we do not have enough space here in Chinese school. But have to use this small space to do something for our students. We are planning to build places for playing badminton, volley ball and basketball, and also for horizontal bar, parallel bars, high jump and broad jump, etc.

Library:

1. Books -- Our library was built four years ago. There are 2552 books in the library (English books are only 73). Most of these books we have now were offered to us by the Asian Foundation and USAID.

2. General contents of these books:

Many of the books we have now in Chinese are about classical literature and old historical books. These books are too difficult, and not suitable for students. They are only suitable as teachers' reference books.

3. Need to get more books:

We badly need all kinds of books here, particularly books for youngsters. We also need all sorts of charts, slides and projectors, etc., which can help teachers teach students. Yet because of the shortage of finances, we cannot afford to buy this equipment.

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