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Dear Friends,

Namaste!!

This is further to Malcolm's letter of February 4, 2015.

Let us first say that we are very much looking forward to spoiling you when you are with us for the Global Connections Seminar. We consider it a real honour to host such an important international event and do plan to ensure that each of you goes back richer in experiences than when you arrive in India.

DC has been ranked as India's best school for Internationalism, for Infrastructure and for Sports. Each year we host over a hundred students from overseas and send out a similar number. We run a certificate course in Indian Culture and have been delighted to host in recent years the International Round Square Conference, Round Square and Indian Schools Heads Conferences, the G-20 Schools Conference, Tilt Shift for Global Alliance of the Leading Edge Schools Summit as well as large MUN's, Cultural and Sporting events.

It is best to know something about the history of the place we visit. DC started in 1870 as the Rajkumar Residency School for Indian princes. It was a unique experiment; an attempt to prepare these privileged students as administrators and to simultaneously introduce them to a British System. Polo & Cricket were probably more important than academics. Regular & long absences from classes were necessitated owing to ceremonial duties and marriages in the community. Some of the students were themselves married and they housed their families not far from school.

The British Government in India had started growing opium in this region to smuggle into China to recover the cost of Chinese tea, an item in great demand in England. Eventually the English introduced tea gardens in India. Meanwhile, the School received a sixth of the opium cess as a grant each year.

Anyway, when the founder of the School, General Sir Henry Daly retired from service in 1881 and returned to the Isle of Wight, the Chiefs renamed the school in 1882 as the Daly College. Sir Henry was an outstanding linguist, an excellent administrator and commanded four elite cavalry regiments; Hudson's Horse, Daly Horse, Deccan Horse and the Guides (the name later adapted for girl scouts).

The School moved to its present home in 1810 and the marble academic building was designed by Col. Sir Swinton Jacob. He later assisted Lutyens in designing the Viceregal Lodge on Raisena Hill, now the home of the President of India.

DC which was India's first Rajkumar (Princely) College, later visualized that an independent India would require a new leadership based on merit. And so, in the late 1930's the Head, decided to convert the school into a Public School and in 1939, at his initiative the Headmaster's Conference India was formed and later renamed the Indian Public School Conference (IPSC).

In the ensuing years DC became coeducational and introduced the Cambridge International Examinations as an option to the Indian Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE).

The Global Connections Seminar itself is scheduled from Tuesday, January 12, 2016 (arrival day in Mumbai) to Tuesday, January 19, 2016 (departure day from Indore).

Apart from our interaction with Indian Heads and with diverse schools, we are going to emphasise on Indian religions and cultures as this is closely linked with the Seminar Theme- "Peace Education within Faith Diversity".

We will be inviting appropriate speakers and I will send a reading list and also some material once I know who all are coming. So far we have received confirmation from 44 people. Meanwhile, I am sending two notes I have prepared for you.

We would request you to send confirmation of your participation in the Seminar and the full fee latest by June 30, 2015 to Ms. Indu Kapoor at induk1967@gmail.com. After this date it will become impossible to secure hotel bookings and air tickets of choice.

The Seminar fee for the full fee paying delegates is USD 2,500. USD 2,000 is payable to Daly College, and USD 500 to Keystone Academy. Details of the wire transfer will be sent to the delegates via email once the confirmation of participation is received. The Seminar fee covers all expenses including meals, accommodation and transportation from the commencement to the conclusion of the Seminar. Travel to Mumbai and from Indore is the responsibility of individual delegates.

Financial aid, as always, will be available to those whose schools cannot afford full fee. Applications for financial aid should be made to Malcolm McKenzie at malcolm.mckenzie@keystoneacademy.cn.

With all best wishes,

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