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Roaming in Adult Educational Centre

Yesterday from a discussion between the neighbours, I heard that the Adults Educational Centre located at Rua da Tribuna 313 Edf. Fei Choi Kong Cheong 3rd Floor had been re-opened. In curiosity, I went to take a look. It was spacious and the environment was good. After an introduction from the staff of this Centre, I knew that it occupied a total area of 17,000 square feet including facility sites: community meeting room, parent-child reading room, computer room, training room, craft activity room, integrated activity room, physical activity room, vocal music room, library, net studying area, exhibition area and coffee bar and so on.

In order to satisfy my curiosity, I began my adventure in this Adult Educational Centre. When I entered this Centre, I firstly saw parents reading together with their children. I guessed that it should be the "Parent-Child Reading Room" and that it was promoting the parent-child reading activity. Next to this room, there were several double-sided hanging window frames for exhibition, displaying a number of ceramics, parent-child created crafts, introductions on animals and plants and some promotional materials related to adult and civil educational activities for people's slowly appreciation.

I walked forward into the integrated activity room which could accommodate about 100 people. It could also be split into three small activity rooms. Each room was equipped with amplifier suitable for holding lectures, seminars and other activities. It also could be used for dancing rehearsal, drama and other activities as well. Going forward, I could find the computer room. It was well equipped with 25 sets of computers, computer projectors, scanners and laser printers. Next door there was the physical activity room which was installed with a large mirror on the wall for dancing practice and singing. It could accommodate about 50 people. It was a multi-function room for exchange, holding of music appreciation, lectures, music studios and music activities. The vocal music room could accommodate 25 people. Here, people enjoyed singing casually there; played games; appreciated movie music and learnt music concepts. It could be used as a small studio. Next to it, there were two training rooms, inside which there were 25 sets of chairs for courses uses during training.

I took a look on the "News of Adult Educational Centre" and knew that it would soon start a class namely "Learning social dance together" for the teaching of basic dancing steps on slow Waltz and Cha Cha. This class included the teaching of Tap Tap, Jive, Cha Cha, Waltz and Tango etc. The class "Learning line dance together" introduced an overview on Yoga, Yoga breathing, Yoga motions and the daily practices as in "Yoga class"; the "Drawing intermediate class" taught basic knowledge on drawing physical goods; the "Plaster figures drawing class" taught drawings on plaster bust of people's figures, plaster bust of people's side facial features and plaster bust of people's body; the "Elementary class for traditional Chinese painting (landscape)" and "Intermediate class for traditional Chinese painting (landscape)" taught drawing skills on Chinese traditional landscape; the "Chinese traditional drawing skill class (flower and birds)" introduced four treasures of the study, use of pen and ink for drawing a variety of flowers and on Chinese painting related knowledge; the "Calligraphy class" was specially designed for on-the-job people; the interest and training courses, "Social dancing class for adults" and "Calligraphy class for adults", were specially designed for over-60-aged people.

After the training room was the library of Adult Educational Centre. Staff of the Centre introduced that there were over 17,000 books in this room. Most of these books were Chinese books and there were English and Portuguese books as well. Also there were over 20 kinds of newspaper from Macao, Hong Kong, Mainland China and Taiwan; 100 different kinds of journals and magazines which included mostly science and technology information, adult educa-

tion, textbooks for secondary schools and other categories; there were also knowledge and practice-focused audio books, with 500 kinds of videos, tapes, VCDs and CDs. It also had all periodical issues of "Official Gazette" for public reading. Besides the library, there was the net learning area which was installed with 21 sets of computers, complemented with high-speed broadband network available for people to search latest information and to experience personal surfing on internet world for fun. This Centre also set up a craft activity room which could accommodate 25 people for holding a series of crafts activities and seminars etc.

Outside the library, I discovered a coffee bar for providing simple food services. Waiters were special educational students from Escola Luso-Chinesa de Coloane. Trainees had undergone professional training. They exerted their potential in a practical working environment, in order to integrate into the society gradually.

Brief introduction on Adult Educational Centre:

The Adult Educational Centre commits to promote educational development, cultural and civil kinds of activities. It also assists associations and organizations to hold adults and civil related educational activities. This Adult Educational Centre is more spacious and the environment is quiet after renovation. It is a good place for learning, self-study and a leisure and better studying site for Macao adults. This Centre advocates more to develop software and hardware resources in order to increase the reading and self-studying interest for everyone so as to enhance public's level of cultural knowledge.

Macao residents over the age of 15 can read books, newspaper, and loan books from the Adult Educational Centre which is located at Rua da Tribuna 313 Edf. Fei Choi Kong Cheong 3r Floor. Opening hours for this Centre is Monday to Saturday 9:00 am to 10:00 pm; Sunday 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. The Centre's facilities, when not affecting its operation, are available for loaning to local organizations or individuals for holding adult and civil educational related activities. Please call 2842 2780 for details.

Please try to spend your spare time here and enjoy the high quality facilities and services of this Adult Educational Centre!

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