

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Where will the money go?

Donations will be collected by the McMaster Chinese Students and Scholars Association (MacCSSA). The donated total will be forwarded to the Project Hope of the China Youth Development Foundation (CYDF), who has been carrying out the school building projects in China for a number of years. (The Red-Cross societies, however, are not able to designate such activities). We will continue to seek the best administrative support for the donation to find the most cost-effective way for the school rebuilding project.

Detailed information of the CYDF may be found here: <http://www.cydf.org.cn/> or English version: <http://159.226.8.159/gb/english/index.htm#>.

Here is an article about the earthquake relief Hope School by CYDF:

http://www.cydf.org.cn/shiyong/html/lm_571/2008-05-19/182103.htm

or <http://acpm.mcmaster.ca/ACPM/cydf182103.pdf>

2. Why the goal of CAD\$75,000 and what if we would not reach the goal?

The CYDF estimates the current average cost of building a Hope School in the earthquake affected region to be USD\$73,000, which is higher than that in the rest of China due to the earthquake. Once being built with our support, the school will bear McMaster's name as recognition of contribution. In addition, a plaque of appreciation will also be put up at the school with the name of McMaster (in English and Chinese). In the unlikely event that we do not reach the targeted amount, the donations will be used to build one or more classrooms in a school, also bearing McMaster's name. Because the completion of the school rebuilding project could take more than a year, in the event of inflation, even we reach our initial goal of CAD \$75,000, there is a chance that we might have to opt to contributing to the rebuilding of only part of a school (e.g., some classrooms).

3. Is the donation tax deductible?

We are working with the Education Foundation of the Chinese Professionals Association of Canada (CPAC). CPAC is a nonprofit organization based in Toronto and its Education Foundation is a registered Canadian Charity registration #: 864306626RR0001) which will issue tax deductible receipts for any single donation equal or greater than CAD\$20. Detailed information about CPAC may be found at:

<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/ebci/haip/srch/sec/SrchInput03Render-e?bn=864306626RR0001>

<http://www.chineseprofessionals.ca/en/html/modules.php?name=Content&pa=showpage&pid=3&tag=1>.

4. Does the donation qualify for matching from the Canadian Federal Government?

The Education Foundation of CPAC is a qualified charity that donations towards the humanitarian disaster relief of the Sichuan earthquake will be matched by the Federal Government through the Canadian International Development Agency. Certain limitations apply for this matching, including single donation matching limit of CAD\$100,000 and the time of donation between May 12 and June 23, 2008. Details of the matching conditions may be found at:

<http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/CIDAWEB/acdicida.nsf/En/NAT-51614315-P74>.

Please note that this matching will go to the Sichuan Earthquake Relief Fund managed by the federal government for the general disaster relief effort. It will not directly go to the school building project proposed here.

5. The operating cost of this project?

The MacCSSA will not charge administrative fee of any donation.

Since CYDF operates on Chinese RMB and US fund, there will be transaction cost of exchange from CAD to USD.

6. For additional information, please contact:

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