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Dear Friends,

I am pleased to confirm that the Chinese American Parent-Student Council (CAPSC) reaffirms its support to the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment, and Anti-Corruption. This is CAPSC's Communication on Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact.

Enclosed in our Communication of Engagement, we describe the actions that CAPSC has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its Principles as suggested for an organization like ours. We welcome feedback on its contents.

We also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders using our primary communication channels.

Sincerely Yours,

Yen Chou

President & Founder



ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN TO SUPPORT THE UN GLOBAL COMPACT

- At the Chinese American Parent-Student Council (CAPSC), we recognize that corporate sustainability begins with a commitment to principles-based business practices that uphold fundamental responsibilities in the areas of human rights, labor, environment, and anti-corruption. As advocates for responsible business conduct, CAPSC actively supports the principles of the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) by integrating them into our initiatives and partnerships.

One such initiative involves our collaboration with the United Federation of Teachers (UFT), a leading organization dedicated to quality education, in hosting the Queens Parent Education Conference. On May 21, 2022, CAPSC had the privilege of working alongside UFT to organize this conference, which serves as a platform for families and students to engage in discussions about educational opportunities and challenges. CAPSC has a longstanding history of organizing seminars and conferences that empower parents and students with essential educational knowledge and promote civic awareness within the Asian American community. These events not only inform participants about educational best practices but also encourage community engagement and involvement on a broader level.

In response to the evolving educational landscape influenced by the pandemic, CAPSC, in partnership with UFT, will host the annual Queens Parent Education Conference on November 5, 2022. This conference provides a vital opportunity for students and parents to voice their concerns and discuss changes in educational instructions and policies.

CAPSC is proud to contribute to ongoing discussions on the transformative potential of education for social impact, aligning with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). By facilitating dialogue and collaboration at events like the Queens



Parent Education Conference, CAPSC reinforces its commitment to upholding the principles of the UNGC and advancing sustainable development on a local and global scale.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with UFT and other stakeholders to promote quality education, empower communities, and support the principles of the United Nations Global Compact.

- Chinese American Parent-Student Council, in conjunction with New York State Assemblymember David Weprin (D-Fresh Meadows) and local Queens residents, hosted a community rain barrel giveaway event on August 7, 2022.

This event aims to promote the benefits of using rain barrels to collect rainwater throughout the year and to raise awareness about the positive impact that rainwater harvesting can have on our planet.

Through this event, CAPSC's youth and local residents will have the opportunity to learn about the benefits of rainwater harvesting, including how it can help preserve local ecology and contribute to the global water cycle. By collecting rainwater, we can reduce the amount of water that we use from municipal sources, which can help to conserve this precious resource for future generations.

We believe that this event will be a great opportunity for our community to come together and learn about the importance of environmental stewardship. We hope that through our efforts, we can encourage others to take action to protect our planet, raise engagement in environmental issues and conservation education, and help to create a more sustainable future for all.



- The UNGC's Ten Principles, derived from key international declarations and conventions, provide a comprehensive framework for businesses to uphold fundamental responsibilities in the areas of human rights, labor, environment, and anti-corruption. CAPSC recognizes the interconnectedness of these principles and their impact on global issues, including racial discrimination and social injustice.

In collaboration with Ling Jiou Mountain Buddhist Society, Chan Space, and Global Family for Love and Peace, CAPSC hosted an "A Youth Call to Action" event on September 24, 2022, in celebration of the United Nations International Day of Peace. This event aimed to raise awareness of pressing global challenges, including conflicts, racial discrimination, and the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on certain communities.

As conflicts continue to erupt across the globe, leading to displacement and race-based discrimination at borders, and as the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbates existing inequalities, we all must play a role in fostering peace and addressing racism. CAPSC recognizes the urgent need to dismantle structures that perpetuate racism and to support movements for equality and human rights worldwide.

Through initiatives like the "A Youth Call to Action" event, CAPSC seeks to promote anti-racism through education, advocacy, and reparatory justice. By engaging with youth and community stakeholders, we aim to empower future generations to become agents of positive change and to contribute to a more equitable and peaceful world.

CAPSC remains steadfast in its commitment to upholding the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and will continue to actively support initiatives that promote corporate sustainability, social responsibility, and global peace.



- CAPSC actively supports initiatives that promote cultural preservation, social harmony, and sustainable development, aligning with the principles of the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC). One such initiative involves our participation in the organization of the Global Mazu Culture Forum, held from December 1 to 3, 2022, at the Meizhou Mazu Temple in China. With a theme of "Mazu Culture, Maritime Civilization, Cultural Exchange," this event served as a platform for celebrating and advancing the promotion and preservation of Mazu beliefs and customs.

Mazu's beliefs and customs hold significant cultural value, promoting peace, general well-being, and social cohesion among coastal Chinese communities and their descendants. By commemorating Mazu and upholding these cultural traditions, communities foster family harmony, social concord, and a strong sense of social identity.

CAPSC recognizes the importance of culture in advancing peace, security, sustainable development, and human rights. The preservation and promotion of cultural heritage, such as Mazu culture, can contribute to fostering cultures of peace, tolerance, and unity for all humankind.

Through our involvement in the Global Mazu Culture Forum, CAPSC demonstrates its commitment to supporting the principles of the UNGC and promoting cultural exchange and understanding on a global scale. By actively participating in initiatives that celebrate cultural diversity and promote social cohesion, CAPSC contributes to creating a more sustainable and inclusive world for future generations.

We are proud to be part of efforts that uphold cultural heritage and promote principles of peace, tolerance, and unity, in alignment with the values of the United Nations Global Compact.



- One of CAPSC's initiatives in support of the UNGC principles is our collaboration with the NYS Assembly Office of Compost Giveaway in local communities. On June 25, 2023, CAPSC actively assisted in organizing and facilitating compost giveaway events, promoting the sustainable management of organic waste and reducing environmental impacts.

Our practice of composting aligns with the UNGC principles on environmental sustainability, specifically those outlined in the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development. By diverting organic waste from landfills and promoting the recycling of valuable nutrients back into the soil, we contribute to environmental conservation and mitigate the negative effects of waste on ecosystems.

CAPSC is committed to continuing our efforts to support the UNGC principles in all aspects of our operations. Through initiatives like the compost giveaway events and ongoing sustainability initiatives, we strive to demonstrate our dedication to responsible business practices and the advancement of sustainable development goals.

We are proud to be part of the global movement towards corporate sustainability and remain steadfast in our commitment to upholding the principles of the United Nations Global Compact.

- On August 2, 2023, the Chinese American Parent-Student Council (CAPSC) held a virtual conference with entrepreneurs and the Venerable Dharma Master Hsin Tao, the founding Abbott of Ling Jiou Mountain Buddhist Society, to discuss the University for Life and Peace, a higher-learning institution conceptualized by the Dharma Master for the preservation and stability of Mother Earth.



CAPSC hopes to partner with entrepreneurs in implementing a public-private partnership mechanism to support the work of the University for Life and Peace in disseminating concepts of peace, love, and human rights to global citizens and promoting a sustainable planet.

- Chinese American Parent-Student Council (CAPSC) has been a committed and staunch advocate on the issue of food insecurity in our communities. Food insecurity has nevertheless been exacerbated and more widespread during the COVID-19 pandemic due to the rising number of individuals who have lost their jobs and further compounded by supply chain issues, extreme weather events, and spikes in food prices.

To address this crisis within our communities, CAPSC took decisive action and mobilized efforts, working alongside businesses and nonprofit organizations, in organizing a food drive in September 2023. The proceeds were donated to the Food Bank of New York City to assist food banks and pantries across our neighborhoods that don't have the resources they need to continue serving, especially in vulnerable communities.

- One of CAPSC's recent activities in support of the UNGC principles was our participation in the 10th Anniversary of Asian American Community Empowerment on September 22, 2023. During this event, CAPSC engaged in discussions with local businesses and entrepreneurs to raise awareness of environmental and sustainability issues and to strengthen advocacy and engagement in the areas of human rights, labor, and anti-corruption.

CAPSC focused on promoting Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) related to environmental sustainability, specifically SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation, SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy, and SDG 13: Climate Action. By fostering dialogue and



collaboration with local stakeholders, including businesses and community members, CAPSC aimed to drive positive change and contribute to the achievement of these vital SDGs.

Our participation in events such as the 10th Anniversary of Asian American Community Empowerment demonstrates CAPSC's commitment to integrating the UNGC principles into our strategies, policies, and actions. By working together with diverse stakeholders, we strive to create a more sustainable and equitable future for all.

CAPSC remains dedicated to upholding the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and will continue to actively engage in initiatives that promote corporate sustainability and responsible business practices.



MEASUREMENT OF OUTCOMES

At the Chinese American Parent-Student Council (CAPSC), we firmly believe in the critical importance of corporate sustainability, rooted in a company's value system and a principles-based approach to doing business. As an organization committed to promoting responsible practices and advancing the principles of the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC), CAPSC actively supports initiatives that align with the UNGC's Ten Principles.

1. **Participation and Engagement:** Measure the attendance and level of engagement at each event, including the number of participants, feedback received, and social media interactions. This will indicate the reach and impact of CAPSC's activities in supporting the UN Global Compact principles and fostering community involvement.
2. **Awareness and Education:** Assess the extent to which CAPSC's initiatives have increased awareness and knowledge among participants regarding corporate sustainability, environmental conservation, social justice issues, and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Conduct surveys or interviews to gauge changes in understanding and attitudes.
3. **Collaboration and Partnerships:** Evaluate the effectiveness of partnerships and collaborations with organizations like the United Federation of Teachers, Ling Jiou Mountain Buddhist Society, and local government agencies. Measure the outcomes of joint projects, shared resources, and collaborative efforts in advancing shared goals.
4. **Environmental Impact:** Track the impact of environmental initiatives, such as the rain barrel giveaway event and composting initiatives, by quantifying the amount of rainwater collected, organic waste diverted from landfills, and the reduction in carbon emissions. Monitor changes in local ecosystems and community behavior towards environmental conservation.
5. **Social Impact:** Measure the social impact of CAPSC's activities, including improvements in community well-being, access to resources, and civic engagement. Assess changes in



attitudes towards education, environmental stewardship, racial equality, and social justice issues within the community.

6. **Policy Influence:** Evaluate the influence of CAPSC's advocacy efforts on local policies, regulations, and community practices related to education, environmental conservation, and social justice. Monitor any changes in policy frameworks, statements of support from government officials, or media coverage of relevant issues.
7. **Long-Term Sustainability:** Assess the sustainability and scalability of CAPSC's initiatives over time. Monitor ongoing engagement, continued partnerships, and the replication of successful interventions in other communities. Measure the long-term impact of CAPSC's activities on promoting corporate sustainability, social responsibility, and global peace.

By systematically measuring these outcomes, CAPSC can evaluate the effectiveness of its actions, identify areas for improvement, and demonstrate its contribution to advancing the principles of the UN Global Compact and fostering positive change within communities.