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Dear Parents and Friends,

I am glad to inform you an opportunity for you and your child/children learn Chinese language and culture in a fun and supportive environment. Using information I learned from the intensive graduate classes I took at Indiana University (Chinese Pedagogy Institute) this summer, I am designing a program that is intended to make learning Chinese fun and easy. The teaching objectives are based on Standards for Chinese Language Learning in America. I am glad to find teachers and parents who share my passion to include teachings of character (e.g. manners, respecting parents, honesty) as part of education of Chinese language and culture. We believe children who receive this education will have a bright future.

The classes are intended to stimulate children's interest in learning Chinese language and culture. Also, it is intended to help children who speak Chinese at home to feel that their home language and culture is valued and supported. Families who do not speak Chinese at home will learn simple Chinese (e.g. numbers, greetings, family members, and simple sentences) in the class. The curriculum meets the standards of foreign language teaching in the public schools. We do ask students to attend classes regularly in order to make good progress. We would like to have a small class size, so please register ASAP. Students who have attended my classes in the past can receive \$10 discount for material fee.

The material fee will be used to purchase materials used for the class and cultural celebration events, and to produce information that is not available at the Buddhist library to share with others and offer public education. All of the materials from the Buddhist library are available for free distribution.

Please feel free to share this information with anyone who may be interested in taking this class and let me know if you have any questions. This class will be a good supplement for anyone who is already enrolled in Chinese language school. Additional time to practice Chinese outside of the classroom is suggested as repetition is important to learn a language well. I intend to provide high-quality classes to give back to the community, as I was one of the 20 people selected in the nation to attend the program at Indiana University this year. We respect and welcome people of all faiths to attend this class.

Sincerely,

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