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Nienhuis Montessori and House on the Hill Montessori Pre-School announce collaboration to develop the Montessori curriculum for the Asian market with the first Pre-School fully equipped according to the excellent standard of Nienhuis Montessori.

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In Asia there is a growing interest in Montessori education. Many Montessori initiatives do carry the name Montessori but unfortunately do not follow her philosophy. Montessori education respects the natural development and intrinsic motivation of a child to learn. A child may choose its own activities and can take the necessary time to master its skills together with children of a different age. In a prepared environment ideally suited to its age period and its interests, the teacher is only there as a guide. The teacher does not teach, the teacher facilitates the possibility to learn. Children need space to explore and need to be able to work independently. For this they need the best materials available in the world!

That is why we are very proud to announce that House on the Hill is the first pre school in Asia to exclusively use Nienhuis Montessori materials for their Montessori curriculum. The two companies are also planning study trips and staff exchanges as well as work on developing a Mandarin component to the language module of the curriculum.

Christian Willemsen, the Export Manager of Nienhuis Montessori said: "We are excited about expanding into the Asian market with our world class product and to find such a willing & progressive partner as House on the Hill to join us on the journey of developing educational excellence."

Oliver Bettin from House on the Hill, added "Right from the start, we felt we needed to do things properly, so we are delighted with our collaboration with such a prestigious company as Nienhuis Montessori with its long history with Maria Montessori herself. Through our work together we are hoping to stay true to Maria's core principals while acknowledging that children in Asia grow up in a different environment".

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House on the Hill Montessori Pre-School

Situated in a beautiful colonial building in a quiet but central location on Mount Sophia, House on the Hill ensures each child's talents are nurtured in a warm, open and fun environment. Our hands-on curriculum provides individually tailored learning complemented with a focus on native-like pronunciation for its language component. With our collaboration with Nienhuis, which

represents the gold standard in Montessori equipment, we pride ourselves on staying true to the values and educational excellence of Maria Montessori's approach that provides a solid foundation in all subjects necessary for academic and life success.

Nienhuis Montessori

During the 1920's, the company's founder, Albert Nienhuis Montessori, collaborated with Dr. Maria Montessori for the purpose of constructing materials in accordance with her educational philosophy. Today, after many decades, they continue their tradition of craftsmanship and quality with an understanding that results from their long association with Dr. Maria Montessori, Dr. Mario Montessori and the many Montessori leaders worldwide. As a result of this alliance, they are the largest of the 3 companies worldwide authorized to manufacture Montessori materials according to detailed blueprints provided by The Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) which itself was founded in 1929 by Dr. Maria Montessori to maintain the integrity of her life's work, and to ensure that it would be perpetuated after her death.

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