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## President's Message



The pandemic continues to affect our lives as well as the operations of the school. Just as the conditions look to be better for the second half of the year, the covid variant has now become a factor in planning our return to class effort. But we have now learned to be flexible and innovative. Principal Lily Shan and her staff are doing a great job in creating a hybrid

curriculum so that students can return to the school in a safe and learning environment.

The Board of Directors continue to assist her in providing the facilities that can accommodate in-class and virtual instruction. Even as we have improved the appearance of the school, we still had to address Wi-Fi coverage to enable distance learning. Our newsletter publication has increased to twice a year to better inform the alumni and friends as well as the parents and students. The Mun Lun School (MLS) website continues to post a lot of information for viewers who want to learn more about the school, its programs, schedules, and accomplishments. Along with the continued maintenance and upkeep that our building requires, all the Board of Directors are called to work on tasks that they are experts on, and I want to express my deepest personal appreciation for their time.

The proof of our work showed up at graduation as we were proud to have sixteen students meet the academic standards set by the faculty and received their diploma at our 2021 commencement this year. In addition, we have had students participate in language competitions with other schools around the nation and to our delight, they have brought much honor to the school by placing high in rankings and in numerous categories. Many of their winning work are displayed on the MLS website for all to see. We thank the teachers who coached them to success. These honors make the Board of Directors feel proud of our school.

There were two organizations who gave us valuable furnishings and equipment to update our school. One was Punahou School that gave us many desks and chairs that were still in excellent shape. The other donation was from

Layne Yoshida of Resources Global Professionals. They gave us all the professional office furnishings that are now in our main office.

We, like most private schools, rely on financial support through donations. Tuition alone cannot support all the expenses needed to provide a quality Chinese education. While we have received CARES Act forgivable loans and grants this past year, the donations we have received through our first Annual Fund Drive, the Foodland Give Aloha and the AmazonSmile programs, are very much appreciated.

As the year draws to a close, we hope to gather our Alumni and Friends together either by a luncheon or box lunch fund raiser. Our bond with the school is too strong to break, so we will get together, even if it is a drive-thru event.

Our Board is constantly looking for members/directors who can help us in this continually changing education environment. If you would like to help, please contact me.

With my deepest gratitude, *Xie Xie!*  
Baldwin Au, President

## Principal's Message



2021 is the Year of the Ox. In the Chinese culture, the ox, 牛(niú) is associated with compliments such as awesome, great, incredible, amazing. When people say 你真牛, it means you are really great!

In the Year of the Ox, Mun Lun School does not forget its original intent and continues to promote its mission and vision even though the coronavirus pandemic is still ongoing. In order to provide our students with interesting and vivid online classes, our staff keep themselves busy learning different apps and creating various online teaching methods to help our students learn and grow. Meanwhile, we understand that some parents prefer in-person classes more than online courses. Therefore, we decided to challenge ourselves by offering our students hybrid learning in our classroom. We want to do our best to accommodate our parents and students. We want our school to continue being awesome 牛 as always.

Before the graduation ceremony, the teachers and I worked on the bulletin boards. We designed, drew, painted and combined our art with student's art works to brighten up our school. A special thanks to President Baldwin Au who painted the assembly room for us. We believe that parents and students will feel the difference and will like the new image of the school.

We had a unique graduation ceremony on June 26, 2021. We used a projector which was donated by Director Cy Feng to play the history of students and let them compare the past and present. Parents were very happy to see the stories of their kids and we were glad to witness the growth of our students in Mun Lun School. Moreover, we not only issued graduation certificates, but we also presented money awards to our winners who represented Mun Lun School and won in the composition competition in 2020 and 2021. Also, I deeply appreciate President Baldwin Au, Past Presidents

Wilbert Chee and Howard Lau for their special donations. A special thank you goes to Arnold Lee who took professional graduation photos for our graduates.

AI Coding courses is a new Mun Lun School program that we collaborated with ThinkLand AI school. During the summer session period, students had great experiences with AI coding classes. The program has 5 different courses, Scratch Jr., Scratch, Scratch AI, Python and Java for the students who are 5 years old or older. We will offer AI coding hybrid classes to our Mun Lun School students for this fall semester and a teacher or teacher assistant who speaks Chinese will help and teach them in the class. The purpose of having this program is to help new immigrants and students who want to have AI coding classes in Chinese.

Other enrichment classes will be held on Saturday afternoons. Our drawing and brush painting classes will be divided into three classes. When parents pick up their kids, students show off their drawing and painting. I can feel the satisfaction from their smiles.

Mun Lun School participated in the 2021 Overseas Chinese Youth Creative Composition Competition. There are 296 overseas Chinese schools from 33 countries who joined in an international composition contest which was organized by the Chinese Language Education Foundation of China.

Emily Yim	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize
Josephine Lau	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize
Jessica Lau	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize
Kelly Zhang	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize
Denny Huang	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize
Wenjing Mo	Participation Award
Xiaoying Wang	Participation Award

The Year of the Ox is not over yet. For the rest of 2021, we will continue to unite together to overcome the difficulties of the pandemic and offer the best to our students. Being awesome 牛 is all we want.

Thank you,  
Lily Shan, Principal

## MLS Graduates & Awardees



Congratulations to all the essay winning awardees: (Left to right) President Baldwin Au, Jianrong Li, Denny Huang, Jessica Lau, Josephine Lau, Principal Lily Shan, Mr. Jie Ma.



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Mun Lun School 2021 Weekend Graduates:  
Front row: (Left to right) Jiaorong He, Alison Lau, Kacie Lee, Kellie Wu, Xiaoying Wang  
Back row: (Left to right) Andy Huang, Joe Ning Langworthy, Zuxing Zhen, Zhixuan Li, Chao He, Lanson Do



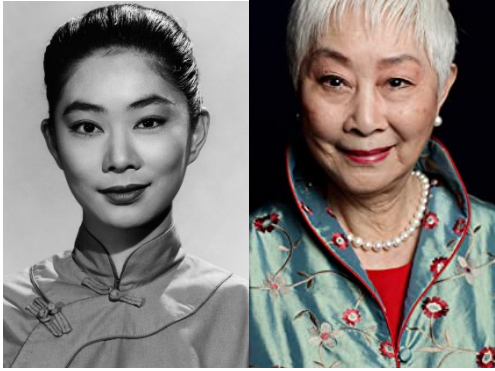
Mun Lun School 2021 Weekday Graduates: (Left to right) Raine Cheng, Jianshen Ruan, Yawen Li, Josephine Lau, Denny Huang



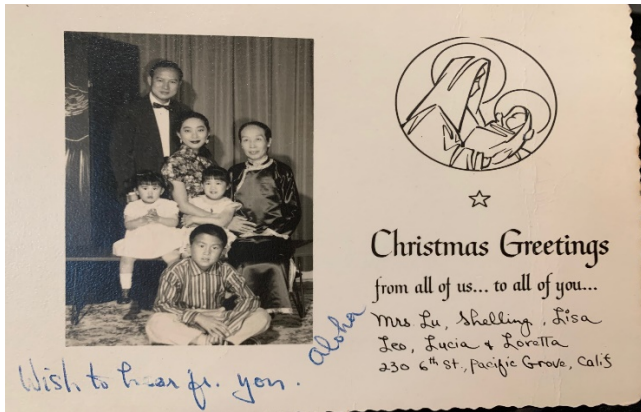
# Spotlight on Actress Lisa Lu

By Baldwin Au

Did you know...that actress Lisa Lu has ties to our Mun Lun School? Yes. She most recently starred as the grandmother in the 2018 film "Crazy Rich Asians." Her film career has spanned many decades and she has also starred in the movies, the "Joy Luck Club" and "The Last Emperor" along with many other films and television series.



When her husband was a diplomat in Honolulu, she was a teacher at our school. When an alumnus showed me a picture of her and her family during their stay in Hawaii,



I was curious to see if she would remember us, given that her career had more important events than the everyday teaching at our Chinese school. With the assistance of my daughter, Valerie, I prepared a letter to Madam Lu to see if she would respond. After some effort, Valerie was able to deliver my letter to her and to my surprise, she replied!

Here is my letter:

Madam Lisa Lu,

Hi, I am Baldwin Au, President of Mun Lun School in Honolulu, Hawaii. I was recently informed that you were once a teacher at our school in the 1950's when your husband was a diplomat here. Everyone was excited to know this fact and one of our Directors had a Christmas card from you to her mother which I have attached.

If you can recall this experience, I would like to ask you a few questions about your tenure at our school.

1. Do you recall when and how long you taught at the school?
2. Do you recall any fellow teachers you worked with at the time?
3. Was there any student that stood out that you can remember?
4. Was there any event that you can recall that was special in your memory of the school?
5. What advice would you give to the students of Mun Lun School today regarding learning the Chinese language and arts?
6. If there are any other thoughts you would like to convey to our students, please feel free to add to your reply.

And here is Madam Lisa Lu's reply:

Dear President Au and Valerie,

I am delighted to hear from you. Teaching Chinese Mandarin and singing in the Mun Lun School is among my fondest memories of my ten year stay in Hawaii. Mr. Cheng Ren Xian was president at that time. He was an exceptional scholar who devoted his life to the education of young Chinese citizens and was passionate about having them learn the Chinese language and culture. He had, and always will have, my deepest admiration.

The students were sincere in their desire to learn. I shared mutual enjoyment with them in taking and teaching my singing class. We had a great time together. One of the students, William Au, came to my home to see us and to improve his language skills. We became good friends and we have kept our association, even today! Another student, L'au, became a physician and entertained me royally when I last visited Hawaii.

I have such fond memories of Mun Lun School, President 郑任先, and the obedient, eager students in my classes. As I recall, Ms. 李少珍 took over these classes when I left Hawaii.

It is more important than ever for young students to learn our Chinese language. It is one way that we preserve our culture and enrich the lives of the next generation of leaders, artists, educators and citizens. The United Nations has even recently announced that Chinese will be the official language for their international meetings!

Thank you, again, for reaching out to me. Teaching at Mun Lun is a pleasant memory. I will look forward to visiting the Mun Lun school of today and to meeting you in person. Thank you for carrying forward the values and mission of the school and to your dedication to education.

With best wishes,

Lisa Lu

P.S. Please let me know if there are any other questions I can answer.

We are so honored to be remembered by such a famous person who has good and vivid memories of our school. Her words of encouragement to learn the Chinese language and the arts is something that Mun Lun School strives to provide our students. We wish her continued film success and hope that Madam Lisa Lu can pay us a visit sometime in the future.

Now you know...

## Board of Directors

President: Baldwin Au

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Maylani Chang

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Tina Tin

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Chinese Secretary: Tom Lai

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Assistant Treasurer: Lily Tang

Auditor: Cy Feng

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Directors Emeritus:

Marietta Eng, Wesley Fong\*, Jensen Hee, Joseph Young\*, Stanford Yuen\*

\*Past President

## Donor List

Thank you to all who donated (February–July 2021) to a grateful Mun Lun School and Mun Lun Alumni Association. Mo Hock Ke Lock Bo dba Mun Lun School is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, ID #99-0075245.

\$1000 and above:

Warren Luke

Maylani Chang/Wah Duck & Grace K. S. Young Memorial Fund

\$500–\$999:

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Howard & Diane Lau

\$100–\$499:

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Robert & Velma Akinaka in Memory of Carolyn Ching

Leeann Choy

Madeline Wong

\$99 and below:

Barbara Annis in Memory of Carolyn Ching

Jeffrey Annis in Memory of Carolyn Ching

Calvin Chun

## MLS Scholarship & Financial Aid Programs

Learning is very important to a student's future and Mun Lun School wants to financially reward and help our students. For many decades, MLS has been awarding scholarships to qualified MLS students through our Jonathan Ching Scholarship Fund program. In addition, MLS receives generous scholarship donations from our directors, alumni and the community at large.

Did you know that Lung Doo Benevolent Society and See Dai Doo Society have offered Scholarship and Financial Aid to their members attending Mun Lun School?

For members of Lung Doo Benevolent Society attending MLS, please contact our Director, Cy Feng for more details: mobile: (808) 227-5463 or email: [cy.feng@gmail.com](mailto:cy.feng@gmail.com)

The See Dai Doo Scholarship is pending and an announcement will be made in the future with instructions to apply. This scholarship is for students from Nanlong area of Zhongshan.

## 3 Ways to Donate to MLS

Like most schools it has been a financial and technological challenge for Mun Lun School to survive during this trying COVID-19 times. Our administration of one has done a miraculous job getting our students and staff online and continuing to execute our vision of having "... Mun Lun School pursue excellence in sustaining and preserving the Chinese Language and culture in Hawaii." However, dealing with all the changes in educational, social, safety and health issues have been difficult and has severely affected our income in keeping MLS economically afloat. We humbly ask for your help by donating to MLS in these unpredictable times.

**Option 1:** Donate whatever amount you wish to the school. (Mun Lun School, 1290 Maunakea St., Honolulu, HI 96817)

**Option 2:** Start/continue your donations whenever (24/7) you shop at Amazon. We are a part of the AmazonSmile donation program. It permits registered organizations (such as Mo Hock Ke Lock Bo (MHKLB) dba Mun Lun School) to receive a 0.5% purchase donation from AmazonSmile whenever customers make qualifying purchases on AmazonSmile's link below. Give your friends and family the information so they can know about this wonderful option and can make a donation to MHKLB:

1. Every time you plan to shop at Amazon, first click on this link to get into AmazonSmile's unique Mo Hock Ke Lock Bo Mun Lun School charity link:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/99-0075245>

2. Once you are there, begin to shop. AmazonSmile automatically donates every eligible purchase you make to Mun Lun School. Every eligible purchase is marked "eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on its product detail page.

**Option 3:** From September 1–30, 2021, go to any Foodland or Sack N Save Store and designate a donation to MHKLB. When you donate, Foodland and Western Union will also make a proportional donation from a designated assigned Give Aloha Fund to MHKLB:

1. Go to any Foodland or Sack N Save Store.

2. At the checkout cash register location, give a donation to MHKLB (ID # 78580).

3. Take out your Foodland Maika'i card so Foodland can identify you and also give a donation to MHKLB from its designated fund. The maximum amount that can be given from each Maika'i card holder is \$249. It's a win-win!

4. They will give you 2 receipts. Take one receipt and write your name or your MLS child's name on the receipt. Give the copy to Principal Shan or email it to

[munlunschool@gmail.com](mailto:munlunschool@gmail.com)

for an acknowledgement by the school.

Xie Xie! for your donations to help us fulfill Mun Lun School's Vision.

With much gratitude and appreciation,  
Mo Hock Ke Lock Bo Board of Directors



Dear Mun Lun School Alumni and Friends:

Due to the recent surge of the ongoing Pandemic, our annual Alumni and Friends Luncheon has been cancelled for a second year! We will again seize this opportunity to have a fundraiser that will be a take out box lunch (便當 bian dang/飯盒 fan hup) from the vendor below. This past year has forced us to navigate online and hold hybrid Chinese classes for our students, that have strained our tech resources, due to outdated laptops and wifi stations. However, we are committed to survive this crisis and to thrive in this new initiative from our innovative Principal Lily Shan. Please join us in support of this endeavor.

**Mun Lun School Alumni and Friends  
Annual Reunion Fundraising Benefit**

**Date:** Sunday November 7, 2021

**Time:** Pick up from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**Place:** Simply Sichuan (Formally Won Kee Seafood Restaurant)  
the Cultural Plaza. Drive thru on 100 N. Beretania St. Hon., HI. 96817

**Cost:** \$20.00 per Box Lunch (donation & tax included)

**Menu:** (Preserved Vegetables Sliced Pork Mai Funn, Ham Ha Chicken  
Wings, Siu Mai, Chiu Jow Fun Go, Spinach Gau, Jin Dui)

**Please order our Limited available Baked Goods**

-----Cut from here and return by Saturday October 30, 2021-----

Name \_\_\_\_\_ MLS Class of \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Please copy this reservation form for yourself and for each person picking up lunch box(s) so that they may also order our Donated Baked Goods to support our event.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Box Lunches(s) @ \$20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_ Lana's Honey Granola Bread @ \$8 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Linda's Mini Mango Bread @ \$6 = \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_ Cheryl's Mini Banana Bread @ \$6 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Cheryl's Boiled Peanuts @ \$6 = \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_ Cy's Chinese Pretzel Bag @ \$6 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Cheryl's Custard Pie @ \$15 = \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_ Wil's Bag of Shrimp Chips @ \$5 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Florence's Almond Cookies 8 @ \$5 = \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_ Florence's Mini Nien Gao @ \$3 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ amount ordered.      Monetary Donations welcome \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check(s) payable to: Mun Lun School. Mail checks and forms to Mrs. Lana Au, 2715 Liliha St., Hon., HI. 96817. Your check will be your receipt. (\$9 of each Box Lunch is tax deductible). For questions, contact Maylani Chang @ 225-0660 or Cheryl Kong @ 386-3382 Deadline Oct. 30, 2021.**

明伦学校2021年8月至12月课程安排  
Mun Lun School Schedule for August to December, 2021

班次 Class	日期 Dates	上课时间 Time	收费 Fees	备注 Remarks
秋季下午班 Fall Daily Chinese Classes	8/2 - 12/17/21 20周 Twenty Weeks	星期一至五 Monday - Friday 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm	\$295	7/12/2021 前注册有\$10折扣； 每位学生只享受一次折扣 7/12/2021 后，第一位学生按原价，同一家庭兄弟 姐妹第二位学生起减收\$10元。 Register before 7/12/2021 to receive a \$10 discount. * Only one discount per child.* After 7/12/2021, the first child is registered at the full price. Any additional siblings registered will get a \$10 discount.
秋季周末班 Fall Saturday Chinese Classes	8/7 - 12/18/21 20周 Twenty Weeks	星期六 Saturday 9:30 am - 12:30pm		
成人中文 Adult Chinese Classes	8/14 - 11/20/21 15节课 (5 Classes)	星期六 Saturday 9:30 am - 12:30pm	\$350	5 人以上开班 Class may be canceled if enrollment less than 5
少儿编程 人工智能 - 编程 AI - Coding 000 Scratch JR 001 Scratch 002 Scratch+AI 003 Python 005 Java	8/14 - 11/20/21 15节课 (5 Classes)	星期六 Saturday 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm	\$360 <b>Online</b> 网课	3 - 4人一班 3 - 4 Students per Class. Class may be canceled if enrollment less than 3 <b>Online learning from home</b>
		Flexible schedule provided per request	\$405 <b>Hybrid</b> 在校 混合式教学	8 人以上开班 Class may be canceled if enrollment less than 8 *Please bring an Ipad/laptop to school for class. 请自带平板电脑/笔记本电脑来校上课。
绘画/国画班 Drawing Painting Brush Painting	8/14 - 11/20/21 15节课 (5 Classes)	星期六 Saturday 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	\$210	7 人以上开班 Class may be canceled if enrollment less than 7
		星期六 Saturday 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	\$315	
钢琴初级班 Basic Piano	8/14 - 11/20/21 15节课 (5 Classes)	星期六 Saturday 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm	\$300	一对一: 30分钟 1-on-1: 30 min
手工艺术 Art & Craft	TBD			

[表上课程可能会因实际情况变更]

请将支票支付给“Mun Lun School”，谢谢！  
Please make checks payable to “Mun Lun School”，Thank you!



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