

The School of the Nations was delighted to host a visit by Dr. Alexis Tam, Secretary of Social Affairs and Culture for the Macau Special Administrative Region on 18 April 2017. Dr. Tam was accompanied by Madame Leong Lai, Director of the Macau Education and Youth Affairs Bureau (DSEJ); Mr. Wai Cheng Iong, Advisor of Office of the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture ; Mr. Lou Pak Sang, Subdirector of DSEJ; Madame Kuok Sio Lai, Subdirector of DSEJ; Ms. Leong Vai Kei, Director of Department of Education of DSEJ; Mr. Wong Kin Mou, Director of Department of Research and Educational Resources of DSEJ; Mr. Kong Chi Meng, Director of Division of Pre-school and Primary Education of DSEJ.

Dr. Tam and his colleagues met with the School of the Nations Council, School Director and Administrative Team. Ms. Candy Fok Kam Mui welcomed Dr. Tam and the guests from the DSEJ on behalf of the School Council and expressed the Council's appreciation for the extensive support the government of Macau has provided to the school since its inception nearly 30 years ago. Dr. Tam then shared that he was pleased to pay a visit to the School for his second time, noting that the School had made a lot of progress over the years in its efforts to contribute to the welfare of Macau. Dr. Tam commented on the importance of students developing their capacities in the Mandarin language and using their talents to contribute to their community, society, and nation. School of the Nations Director Mr. Vivek Nair also expressed his deep appreciation of the assistance the government had provided to help the school advance towards its vision of developing the great capacity of young people to contribute to the well-being of society, noting that the School regards every human being "as a mine rich in gems of inestimable value" and that education is the process by which this potential can be released.

Following further discussion, the group visited the School's arts department, during which time Dr. Tam and his colleagues had a chance to meet with students and discuss with them their artwork and the concepts they were based on. The visitors then proceeded to visit and discuss the School's International Baccalaureate Program, including visits with students undertaking experiments in the Biology and Physics labs. Finally, Dr. Tam had a chance to address the School's graduating class, during which he inquired about their plans for future study and encouraged them to strive for excellence.

The School of the Nations community was very encouraged by the visit and looks forward to continuing to serve the community of Macau under the guidance of the Department of Social Affairs and Culture and DSEJ.

聯合國學校在 2017 年 4 月 18 日很榮幸地接待了澳門特別行政區社會文化司司長譚俊榮博士蒞臨指導。陪同的還有澳門教育暨青年局（教青局）局長梁勵女士、社會文化司辦公室顧問惠程勇先生、教青局副局長老柏生先生、教青局副局長郭小麗女士、教青局教育研究暨資源廳廳長黃健武先生、教青局教育廳廳長梁慧琪女士、教青局學前暨小學教育處處長龔志明先生。

譚司長一行與聯合國學校發展諮詢委員會、校長和行政團隊見了面。霍金梅女士首先代表學校發展諮詢委員會致辭歡迎了譚司長和教青局一行，對澳門政府在聯合國學校近 30 年建校以來所給予的廣泛支持表示衷心的感謝。之後譚司長表示他非常高興能夠再次參觀聯合國學校，對學校能夠連續多年促進澳門社會福祉發展的進步和貢獻表示讚賞；也強調了培養學生普通話能力，發揮他們的才能以貢獻社區、社會和整個國家的重要性。聯合國學校校長 Vivek Nair 先生也對政府予以學校一如既往的支持，幫助學校朝着發掘青年一代的強大潛力為實現社會的願景步步邁進表達了深深的感激之情。Vivek Nair 校長也提到學校視每個人為“一座蘊含無價寶藏的富礦”，他們的潛能唯有通過教育這一進程方能被挖掘出來。

後來訪團一行觀看了學校的藝術部門，期間譚司長一行和學生面對面溝通，討論他們的藝術作品和藝術理念。來訪團也參觀了聯合國學校的 IB 國際文憑項目，並分別觀摩了學生在實驗室的生物和物理實驗課堂。最後離開前譚司長對學校畢業班寄語，詢問了他們將來的計劃並鼓勵他們堅持不懈地追求卓越。

聯合國學校社區對於本次參觀和指導倍感鼓舞並期盼在澳門社會文化司和教育暨青年局的指導下繼續為澳門整個社區竭誠服務。