

Kwang Hua School 光華中文學校

100 N. Beretania Street, Suite 306, Honolulu, HI 96817 (part of the Kuo Min Tang Society Hall);

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Mission: Objectives include learning respect for one's parents and gaining an understanding of Chinese history as well as language (reading and writing) in order to communicate with family.

History: Mr. Rex Fa founded the School on September 3, 1985, to perpetuate Chinese culture, so that future generations could learn about their Chinese heritage. The first students enrolled in the school were children of friends and acquaintances who were anxious to maintain a link to Chinese language and culture. When Mr. Fa returned to Taiwan, he passed the school to other willing volunteers to operate.

Activities: Mandarin classes are held each Saturday from 1:30-4:00pm and are open to ages 5 and above. The 16 week program costs \$150 per child and \$120 for each additional child within the same family. Text materials are provided free of charge by the Overseas Chinese Affairs Commission of the Republic of China (Taiwan), and supplemented by materials of particular interest to the students, provided by the teachers themselves.

Membership: Currently, there are 15-20 students enrolled. They are taught by three teachers, including the School principal.

School Principals:

1985-87 Rex Fa

1988-92 Lily Wu

1997-98 Lily Lu

1998-pres. Anna Hsiung

Right top: Lower school students posing with a bust of Dr. Sun Yatsen, in the Hsing Chung Hui, in the Chinese Cultural Plaza.

Right bottom: December 2001 performance at the Chinese Cultural Plaza.

Sources: UCS directory and correspondence with Anna Hsiung.

