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Welcome to LiZhi (LZ) hall! But LZ hall is not a hall. LZ hall has been a home for many students for the last ten years. Not only LZ hall is a home away home for those who are away from their families, it has also been a home for many local students who have found friendship, support, and sweet memories during their residency. My family and I had the privilege of joining the LZ family in the summer of 2008, and I am the second warden serving LZ hall.

The LZ core values

In every community, it is inevitable to have many cliques which are formed pretty naturally based on similar cultural backgrounds, interests, life outlooks, and many other factors. Beyond that, however, they must share a set of core values to form a harmonious and vibrant community. At LZ, we similarly have a set of core values which should be held by all LZ residents regardless of who we are.

- *Embracing cultural diversity* LZ hall is a center for residents of different nationalities and cultural backgrounds to meet and to learn from each other. LZ hall is a hall that welcomes, embraces, and appreciates cultural diversity. We will go extra miles to break the curse of the language and cultural barriers, and to achieve unity in our cultural differences.
- *Respecting one another* LZ hall is a place where all residents learn to respect others. Conflicts and misunderstanding will occur because of our different habits and life styles. Our fundamental approach to these problems is to pay due respect for one another. A pragmatic way is to respect the hall regulations which are designed to protect the safety and well-beings of our residents.
- *Striving for the best performance* LZ hall has been and is still a home for many excellent athletes and artists, and students with outstanding academic performance. All LZ residents are encouraged to do the best and persevere in their academic studies and when engaging with various sports and cultural competitions.

The team

The pastoral and management team at LZ consists of myself and tutors. The team is charged by the University to provide care and educational hall experience to the residents. The tutor team at LZ is multi-national, coming from Mainland China, HK, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Turkey. You could meet with them from the picture on the right:

- Back row (from left): Yin Zhi Wong, Tracy Au, Ruoxi Xiang, and Evan Susanto
- Front row (from left): Roy Lau, Rocky, and Aydin Yasar

We bid farewell to Ruoxi and Xiaofan Liu who have served LZ hall diligently and faithfully for a lengthy period of time. Besides their normal tutor duties, they also helped us win the soccer championship and several prizes in female ping-pong, badminton, and volleyball competitions. We will miss them dearly.

Every year a group of LZ hall residents (called Hall Association) is also elected by all residents to organize activities that will promote the values of LZ hall. They are called to serve all residents and to help the warden and tutors cultivate a safe, friendly, and vibrant environment for LZ hall residents. The 10th LZ Hall Association is led by Kenny Kwong, a second-year APSS student.

The past year

The past year is a record-breaking year for LZ hall.

For the first time our residents (Zhipeng Xing, Xinyu Zhang, and Yuchen Wang) won the solo, group, and instrumental entries in the inter-hall singing contest, and as a result our hall was the overall champion. For the first time again in the LZ hall history, we had two slates running for the 10th LZ Hall Association. The open consultation meeting attracted probably the largest crowd for such meetings in the PolyU Hall's history. The high table dinner held in that semester was also distinguishably different from our typical ones. Over thirty external guests representing many different professional sectors were invited to interact with our residents. Finally, and certainly not the least, the posters about myself and the Hall Associations in the campus in October-December last year rocked LZ hall and the entire Hall.

In the second semester, thanks to our sportsmen's dedication and perseverance, and the residents' unfailing support, our soccer team led by our captain Marcus Chan, and our basketball team led by Sky Tam and Kwok Fung Tsang captured the championship one after the other this year. In the Hall Festival this year, our team presented a very creative talent show that received an award, and Wing Yin Tam won the second runner-up for the photo competition. For the 10th Hall Anniversary, Emily Kam won the anniversary logo design competition, and another resident Lin Rongwei Ron won the third place. Our congratulation also goes to our long-time resident Xinyu Zhang (Jennifer) who is the Most Outstanding PolyU Student this year. Besides academic excellence, Jennifer also participated in the inter-hall table tennis tournament and singing contest.

An endnote

As LZ hall is entering into a next decade, it is my hope and prayer that every resident will be blessed through their hall life. Some may find new friendship and mutual support groups. Some may overcome their fear of befriending others beyond their usual comfort zone. Some may learn living independently and harmoniously with others. The list goes on and on. In whatever form the blessing may take, may your hall life at LZ mature and enrich your life.

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.” (Philippians 2:3-4)

“做任何事都不要出於爭競，也不可出於虛榮，而要以謙卑的心，各人看別人比自己強；每個人不要只注重自己的事，也要注重別人的事。”（腓立比書 2:3-4）