



**East Spring Secondary School**  
**Power of Positive Energy (PPE)**  
**Staff Presentations**

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Good morning colleagues and East Springians, I'm Mdm Liu, senior teacher in Chinese Language and my PPE today will be regarding the upcoming Chinese New Year.

According to the Chinese calendar, 2014 is the year of the Horse. This Thursday, the school will be celebrating the Lunar New Year, in lieu of the festive season which starts this Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> 2014.

According to the Chinese saying “老马识途”, horses are believed to be honest and trustworthy. Besides, they often show resilience as they are able to persevere and gain valuable experiences when being placed in a new environment. This corresponds to our school values as we also place great emphasis on cultivating students' resilience.

In this ever-changing world, the horse is able to adapt well and identify its weaknesses. These characteristics often lead them to success as well as gain higher achievements in life. This corresponds to our school visions to cultivate students as global thinkers who are able to adapt to various situations in this globalized world.

Besides, the Chinese sayings “龙马精神, 一马当先” speak of horses being energetic, having a strong spirit that never gives up but keeps on going courageously. East Springians remember your ACE card and the target you set! We should learn from them!

Last but not least, the horse possesses the spirit of teamwork pushing the team to strive for the final victory. Let's learn from them, work as a team and gain success! I hope that all East Springians will be leap into the new year in 2014, full of strength and wisdom to Aspire and Strive for Holistic Excellence in Education.

The Chinese teachers came up with a couplet “东源迎春喜洋洋, 马到成功梦飞翔” which corresponds to our schools' tagline “AIM HIGH, ACT NOW”. 有梦的地方就有希望. This means that our dreams direct us to success. As we celebrate the lunar New Year this Thursday, let us embrace the good beginning. Let's also be inspired by our principal, Mrs Jalil, to “Aim High, Act Now” for our academic goal setting and subject target setting. 一马当先、龙马精神、马到成功!

On behalf of all the teachers, I wish everyone a happy lunar new year and have a great festival ahead. Thank you.