

## Fuzhou Foreign Language School Brief Introduction

Fuzhou Foreign Languages School (FFLS) is a foreign language middle school. It originated from Trinity College Foochow, a private missionary school founded in 1907 by Trinity College Dublin of Ireland. In October, 1952, it was taken over by the government and officially named Fuzhou No.9 Middle School, operated then as a new-type public school. In July 1993, the government renamed it as Fuzhou Foreign Language School.

In the past century, thousands of talents have graduated from this school, entering colleges, universities and different trades in society. Significant numbers of graduates have become famous experts or scholars, among whom are the great mathematician, Chen Zeren and the famous scholar Xie Mian.

Now FFLS is the only public foreign language school in Fuzhou City. It is located at 39 Park Road, Cangshan District. It covers an area of 29,726 square meters with a total floor space of 29,496 square meters. The school has in the campus a bell tower in Memory of Mr. Pakenham- Walsh who was its first principal and an erstwhile Russian consulate, both of which have been listed as buildings protected by the government. It is recognized as a garden-like institution with its charming courtyards and statues among the old and tall banyan trees.

The whole campus is well-equipped with multimedia teaching facilities, science labs and special classrooms to facilitate an interactive teaching and learning process. In addition, there are outdoor sports facilities for basketball, volleyball, table tennis, badminton, football, etc.

In recent years, under the guidance of national curriculum plan, FFLS has put forward the educational goal to develop a foreign language school with the characteristics of "multilingual, multi-skilled, multicultural and happy learning" according to the circumstance and its orientation, striving to explore the multilingual teaching mode with English, Japanese, German and French.

In order to create a multicultural environment and enable students and staff to have an authentically international teaching and learning experiences, the teaching team is composed of staff from both home and abroad, and international educational co-operations have been established and well-developing, which has brought a number of international exchange programs, such as Japanese Student Exchange Program, TCD English Experimental Class and DSD German program. So far FFLS has been maintaining partnerships respectively with Naha Kaminoyama Middle School in Japan, Anglican High School in Singapore, Gymnasium Weierhof Middle School

in Germany, Gilbert Middle School in the U.S, Trinity College Dublin and West Tokyo International University. Inter-school exchange visits and communication promote friendship, enrich students' extracurricular life and broaden their international vision.

Besides the feature of foreign languages, FFLS is also well-known for its football in Fuzhou. In 1911, when Mr.Pakenham Walsh founded Trinity College Foochow, modern football from Britain was brought into the campus as well, which made it the birthplace of Fuzhou' s modern football. With the continuous effort of several generations, football has been well inherited and developed in the school.The school team not only has achieved good results in matches of different levels, but also has cultivated many football talents including Li Guoning, former footballer on National Team. FFLS has been awarded the title of "State-level School of traditional sports"

With unremitting efforts, FFLS has achieved remarkable accomplishments. The TCD English Experimental Class took the National College Entrance Exams for the first time in 2006, and the students did so well that they were awarded by the municipal government. The students learning Japanese took Japanese Language Capability Test and 80% of them received the first or second grade certificates in Japanese language proficiency. In the past few years, many students participated in science and creativity competitions, bringing in 26 awards and the prizes of over 130 person times in competitions on various subjects at national, provincial or municipal levels. Its football team represented Fuzhou secondary school students to compete in the national and provincial football matches and won good scores.

With a rich history of over 100 years, FFLS is being revitalized and striving to deliver high-quality education so as to live up to its title of a foreign language school.