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# Jardins d'Enfants Nurseries for Nurseries

2nd Season-Competition for Young Gardeners at School 2016.9-2017.6

Free competition on registration Children from 5 to 10 years old

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### **NURSERIES FOR NURSERIES IN A NUTSHELL**

The "Nurseries for Nurseries" competition is a friendly contest initiated and organized by the French Embassy in China and Limagrain China in order to promote and to grow vegetable gardens in kindergarten and primary schools in China. The goal of this amazing educational project is to encourage children to learn how to care about their environment and take an interest in healthy eating and living.

The first season (2015-2016) was a tremendous success with 23 participating Chinese schools (21 in Beijing and 2 in Gansu Province), 800 children directly involved and 22,262 children impacted in total. The second season of the contest will take place from September 2016 to June 2017 and will be crowned by a prize giving ceremony at the French Embassy to recognize and celebrate the efforts and accomplishment of all participants. Schools are invited to participate by registering now. The participants will receive a full starting kit with all materials needed as well as continuous support throughout the project.

## WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

- Any school in China can participate FREE of charge by sending us their application before January 27th, 2017
- Each school can put forward 1 team with a maximum of 50 children, which can be comprised of children from one or several classes as long as the children are between 5 and 10 years old. The school must provide at least 2 team leaders (teachers or parents) to oversee the project and act as liaison with the organizers
- We suggest each team should have access to at least 20m2 to plant their garden

# WHAT YOU WILL GET (free of charge)

- Young gardeners Kits (seeds, soil, organic fertilizers, organic pesticides, tools for up to 50 children). This is everything which will be needed in order to plant a garden of 20m2. You are welcome to plant a bigger garden and select a larger team at your own expense.
- A booklet containing step by step information about how to plan, sow, nurture and harvest your very own garden
- Continuous follow-up by the organizers with 2 visits for each team, advice and communication throughout

## WHAT IS EXPECTED FROM YOU

- 20m2 of space either a patch of earth in which planting can take place or a space which can accommodate containers measuring a total of up to 20m2
- To select 2 team leaders and a maximum of 50 children for your team
- Once the contest has started, your team and its leaders will be responsible for planning and designing the garden by yourselves
- You will also be responsible for sowing the seeds, transplanting them and looking after your garden until fruition
- Each school will be member of a WeChat group in which they are expected to participate by sharing information, updates and photos. There will also be a final report to which each school needs to contribute (submitting pictures and simple reports, details and timings for which will be circulated by the organizers)

### **AGENDA**

October 2016	2 <sup>nd</sup> Season-Launching Ceremony
November 2016	Registration of participants
27 January 2017	Deadline for registration
February 2017	Preliminary visit to schools to evaluate, assess basic requirements, confirm the school's participation and provision of gardening kits
Early March 2017	Training for school team leaders
April 2017	1 <sup>st</sup> Visit at school : Transplant and feedback
End May 2017	2 <sup>nd</sup> Visit at school & final report
Early June 2017	Evaluation by the Jury
End June 2017	Official prize ceremony at French Embassy in China

# AN INTERACTIVE PROJECT

Each team will be able to show its progress, share information and get tips and advice on the Nurseries for Nurseries dedicated WeChat Group

### **COMPETITION PRIZES**

The winners will be announced at a special ceremony to be held in June 2017 at French Embassy in China. All prizes are awarded at the discretion of the Jury and all participants will be rewarded in some way

You can make a difference to children's education and urban agriculture in China!

Join the 2<sup>nd</sup> season "Nurseries for Nurseries" School Contest!

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