

**SHIN SHIN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
AND  
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

DECEMBER 31, 2024

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# CGU CPA LLP

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Board of Directors of  
Shin Shin Educational Foundation

### **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Shin Shin Educational Foundation (The Foundation), which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2024, and the related statements of activities, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "financial statements").

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Shin Shin Educational Foundation as of December 31, 2024, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of The Foundation and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about The Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are issued.

### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute

assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of The Foundation's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about The Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

*CQU CPA LLP*

October 23, 2025  
Fremont, California

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
DECEMBER 31, 2024

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**ASSETS**

	<u>Total</u>
Current Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,715,890
Short term investments	4,206,534
Other investment	<u>79,288</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$ 7,001,712</u></b>

**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

Current Liabilities	
Accrued expenses	<u>\$ 13,000</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b><u>13,000</u></b>
Net Assets:	
Without donor restrictions	2,381,680
With donor restrictions	<u>4,607,032</u>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>6,988,712</u></b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$ 7,001,712</u></b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
<b>REVENUES AND SUPPORT</b>			
Contributions	\$ 10,000	\$ 1,054,034	\$ 1,064,034
Realized gain on investments, net	3,086	-	3,086
Unrealized gain on investments, net	117,957	-	117,957
Interest and dividends, net	127,884	-	127,884
Total Revenues and support	248,927	1,054,034	1,312,961
Net assets released resulting from satisfaction of donor and program restrictions	605,255	(605,255)	-
Total Revenues and Support	864,182	448,779	1,312,961
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Program services	605,255	-	605,255
Management and general	120,117	-	120,117
Fundraising	12,210	-	12,210
Total Expenses	737,582	-	737,582
<b>INCREASE IN NET ASSETS</b>	126,600	448,779	575,379
<b>NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	2,255,080	4,158,253	6,413,333
<b>NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR</b>	\$ 2,381,680	\$ 4,607,032	\$ 6,988,712

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

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**CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

Increase in net assets	\$ 575,379
Adjustments to reconcile increase in net asset to net cash (used for) provided by operating activities:	
Unrealized gain on investments	(117,957)
Realized gain on investments	(3,086)
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
Increase in accrued expenses	2,000
Increase in value of other investment	(16,566)
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Net cash provided by operating activities	<hr/> 439,770 <hr/>

**CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES**

Purchase of short term investments	(4,117,368)
Proceeds from sale of short term investments	3,264,296
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Net cash used for investing activities	<hr/> (853,072) <hr/>

<b>Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	(413,302)
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year</b>	<hr/> 3,129,192 <hr/>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents - End of Year</b>	<hr/> \$ 2,715,890 <hr/>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

# **SHIN SHIN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**

## **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

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### **NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND NATURE OF ACTIVITIES**

Shin Shin Educational Foundation (the Foundation) is a not-for-profit organization, established on October 1, 1999 in California, for the purpose of promoting education and improving learning environment for under privileged areas in the People's Republic of China. The Foundation is approved as a tax-exempt public charity under U.S. federal IRC Section 501(c)(3) and California R&TC Section 23701(d).

On January 29, 2013, the Chinese government approved the Shin Shin China Representative Office to operate as a not-for-profit organization in the People's Republic of China. The Representative Office manages the financial flow of funds, foreign exchange currency translation of wired funds from the United States of America and disbursement of funds to the various school programs in China in promoting the Foundation's purpose and mission.

The Foundation has two major types of programs described below:

- School Construction – The Foundation aims to provide funds to rebuild, refurbish or construct new primary schools in under privileged areas in China. Since the establishment of the Foundation in 1999, 365 Shin Shin schools and 47 reading rooms in 26 provinces and autonomous regions have been completed and constructed in China with the funding from the Foundation.
- Educational Programs – The Foundation strives to avail all children to quality education and healthy learning environments. The Foundation provides resources to schools in China to expand and enhance teacher training, library contents and capacity, e-learning, and other education programs, allowing children access to a wide range of books, use of computers and the internet, and teachers receiving professional training to improve the quality of education.

### **NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

#### **Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) has established the Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) as the source of authoritative accounting principles to be applied in the preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP. The financial statements have been prepared to focus on the Foundation as a whole and to present net assets, revenues, and expenses based on the existence or absence of donor-impaired restrictions. This has been accomplished by the classification of assets, liabilities, and net assets into two groups – with donor restrictions and without donor restrictions.



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These two groups are defined as follows:

- Net assets without donor restrictions – the portion of the Foundation’s net assets that is not subject to donor-imposed restrictions.
- Net assets with donor restrictions – the portion of the Foundation’s net assets that is subject to donor-imposed restrictions on the usage of the funds

A donor-imposed restriction is a stipulation that specifies a use for a contributed asset that is more specific than broad limits resulting from the nature of the organization, the environment in which it operates, or its mission. A donor-imposed restriction may be temporary or permanent. Temporary restrictions may be fulfilled by actions of the organization to meet the stipulations or be fulfilled by the passage of time. Permanent restrictions stipulate that the resources must be maintained in perpetuity. The Foundation had no permanently restricted net assets as of December 31, 2024.

#### **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash in bank accounts, undeposited checks, money market accounts held by brokerage firm, and cash in PayPal/Square accounts. The Foundation considers all short-term and highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition as cash equivalents, unless the investments are held for meeting restrictions of a capital or endowment nature.

#### **Short-Term Investments**

Short-term investments held by the Foundation include bank certificate of deposit with over 3 months in maturities and mutual funds with maturities of one year or less. Short-term investments in mutual funds are stated at fair values, determined based on quoted market prices as of the balance sheet date. Unrealized gains and losses resulting from market fluctuations are recognized in the period such fluctuations occur. For the purpose of determining realized gains or losses, the cost of securities sold was computed based on the weighted average method.

The Foundation invests in high-quality mutual funds in order to achieve the maximum yield consistent with safety of principal and maintenance of liquidity. The primary objective is the preservation of capital and assurance of appropriate liquidity, by limiting default risk and market risk, to meet the needs of the Foundation. The secondary objective is to maximize the current and expected yield on the fund assets, so as to provide additional income for operating purposes.

Interest and dividends are recognized when earned.

#### **Endowment**

Endowment investments consist of investments purchased with the resources from Board-designated endowments, which are resources set aside by the Board of Directors for an

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indeterminate period to operate in a manner similar to a donor-restricted permanent endowment. Because a board-designated endowment results from an internal designation, it can be spent upon action of the Board of Directors. Endowment investments also include investments purchased with unspent investment income and net gains on these resources. Endowment investments are reported at fair values.

#### **Support**

Contributions, including unconditional promises to give, are recognized when received. All contributions are reported as increases in unrestricted net assets unless use of the contributed assets is specifically restricted by the donor. Amounts received that are restricted by the donor to use in future periods or for specific purposes are reported as increases in either temporarily restricted or permanently restricted net assets, consistent with the nature of the restriction. Unconditional promises with payments due in future years have an implied restriction to be used in the year the payment is due, and therefore are reported as temporarily restricted until the payment is due unless the contribution is clearly intended to support activities of the current fiscal year or is received with permanent restrictions. Conditional promises, such as matching grants, are not recognized until they become unconditional, that is, until all conditions on which they depend are substantially met.

#### **Contributed Services**

Contributed services are recognized if the services received create or enhance non-financial assets, or require specialized skills that are provided by individuals possessing those skills and would typically need to be purchased if not provided by donation.

The volunteer service hours provided during the year ended December 31, 2024, totaled approximately 13,512 hours, which was valued at the California minimum wage rate, at approximately \$216,192. However, since these services do not require specialized skills and do not meet the recognition criteria set forth under the guidance on not-for-profit entities; these were not recorded as support and expenses.

#### **Functional Expenses**

The expenses of providing the various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of activities and statement of functional expenses. Expenses that can be identified with a specific program or support service are charged directly to that program or support service. Costs common to multiple functions have been allocated among the various functions benefited.

#### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent

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### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

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assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

#### **Concentration of Credit Risk**

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Foundation to concentrations of credit risk consist of cash and cash equivalents. The Foundation manages this risk through the use of high credit-worthy financial institutions. Interest-bearing accounts and noninterest-bearing accounts are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$250,000 with each financial institution. The Foundation's foreign bank balances are also insured by the local depository insurances. As of December 31, 2024, approximately \$2,011,000 cash and cash equivalents are not insured. The Foundation has not experienced any losses from its deposits.

#### **Income taxes**

The Foundation has received a determination of tax-exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and from California Franchise Tax Board under R&T Code 23701(d), as a public charity. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes is reflected in the accompanying financial statements.

Management is not aware of any activities or tax positions taken that would jeopardize the Foundation's tax-exempt status. The tax returns of the Foundation are subject to examination by federal and state taxing authorities, generally for three to four years, respectively, after they are filed.

#### **NOTE 3 – CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

The cash balances as of December 31, 2024, consisted of the following:

Wells Fargo - Checking	\$ 1,360,913
Wells Fargo - Saving	746,910
Merrill – Cash	250,806
Beijing Bank Account	222,401
Square Account	300
Morgan Stanley - Money Market	<u>134,561</u>
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>\$ 2,715,890</u>

#### **NOTE 4 – SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS**

Short-term investments are carried at fair value as follows on December 31, 2024:

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Certificate of Deposit	
with maturities greater than 3 months	\$ 2,319,271
Mutual Funds	<u>1,887,263</u>
 Total Investments	 <u>\$ 4,206,534</u>

The primary investment objectives of short-term investments are liquidity and preservation of principal, with a secondary objective of earning a competitive market rate of return.

#### **NOTE 5 – OTHER INVESTMENT**

The Foundation received a donation from one of its former board members for a life insurance policy with the Foundation being the owner and beneficiary of the policy and the donor being the insured. The face value of the policy is \$251,486 with a cash value of \$79,288 as of December 31, 2024.

#### **NOTE 6 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

The fair value of investments is measured according to the Fair Value Measurements (ASC 820) of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification. ASC 820 establishes a fair value hierarchy that distinguishes between market participant assumptions developed based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity, observable inputs, and the reporting entity's own assumptions about market participant assumptions developed based on the best information available in the circumstances and unobservable inputs. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3):

Level 1 - Quoted price in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 - Significant observable inputs other than quoted price for the assets or liabilities, including quoted price in active markets for similar assets or liabilities; or quoted price of identical assets or liabilities in less-active markets.

Level 3 - Significant unobservable inputs.

The following is a description of the valuation methodology used for assets measured at fair value.

**Mutual Funds** – These investments are valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Foundation are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value and transaction prices. The mutual funds held by the Foundation are deemed to be actively traded and are classified within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy.

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### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

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#### **NOTE 7 - ACCRUED EXPENSES**

Accrued expenses consisted of the following as of December 31, 2024:

Auditing fees	\$ 13,000
Total Accrued Expenses	<u>\$ 13,000</u>

#### **NOTE 8 – NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTION**

Net assets with donor restriction contain donor-imposed restrictions that expire upon the passage of time or once specific actions are undertaken by the Foundation. The net assets are then released and reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions when these restrictions are satisfied.

Net assets with donor restrictions consist of the following as of December 31, 2024:

School Construction Fund	\$ 528,927
School Related General Fund	<u>4,078,105</u>
Total Net Assets with Donor Restrictions	<u>\$ 4,607,032</u>

#### **NOTE 9 – BOARD - DESIGNATED NET ASSETS**

Board-designated net assets are endowment funds without donor restrictions that are subject to self-imposed limits by action of the governing board. The Foundation established the Board-Designated endowment funds to support the mission of the Foundation for current and future use. The funds shall be used to support the annual board-approved education-related programs. The Foundation has an investment policy specific to its endowment investments, which is monitored by the Board of Directors. The investment policy describes the objective for the fund and sets ranges for asset allocation. The objective of the endowment investments is to earn the highest possible total return consistent with a level of risk suitable for these assets. At a minimum, long-term rates of return should be equal to an amount sufficient to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment investment assets, to provide necessary capital to fund the spending policy, and to cover the costs of managing the endowment investment assets. The portfolio is constructed using a total return approach with a significant portion of the funds invested to seek growth of principal over time. The assets are invested for the long-term, and higher short-term volatility in these assets is to be expected and accepted. The guideline of investment returns is 5.5% net of fees per annum which is subject to annual Board of Directors' review and approval.

The guideline of withdrawing policy is 4% per year which is subject to annual board of director's review and approval. The withdrawal amount cannot exceed the income allocation projection each year.

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### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

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The following is a summary of the asset allocation guidelines, with allowable ranges and Board preferred allocation for each asset type:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Preferred</u>
Cash	0%	15%	8%
Fixed Income	20%	50%	35%
Equities	35%	75%	57%

Changes in the endowment's net assets are as follows for the year ended December 31, 2024:

	<u>Without Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>With Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>Total</u>
Endowment net assets on December 31, 2023	\$ 343,674	\$ 1,938,468	\$ 2,282,142
Investment return:			
Net investment income	18,003	109,843	127,846
Net appreciation (realized and unrealized)	3,923	31,804	35,727
Total investment return	\$ 365,600	\$ 2,080,115	\$ 2,445,715
Contributions	30,000	-	30,000
Grant distributions and expenses	(2,691)	(19,193)	(21,884)
Endowment net assets on December 31, 2024	<u>\$ 392,909</u>	<u>\$ 2,060,922</u>	<u>\$ 2,453,831</u>

#### **NOTE 10 – FUNCTIONAL ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES**

The following tables represent expenses by both their nature and function for the year ended December 31, 2024:

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## **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	<b>Program Services</b>		<b>Supporting Activities</b>		<b>Totals</b>
	School related excluding construction	School Construction	Management and General	Fundraising	
Educational programs in schools	\$ 461,392	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 461,392
School construction projects	-	143,863	-	-	143,863
Salaries and wages	-	-	68,110	-	68,110
Professional services	-	-	23,765	-	23,765
Insurance	-	-	2,652	-	2,652
Volunteer costs	-	-	904	-	904
Annual event expense	-	-	200	12,210	12,410
Bank service charges	-	-	1,078	-	1,078
Office expenses	-	-	6,344	-	6,344
Foreign exchange gain	-	-	(4,404)	-	(4,404)
Other	-	-	21,468	-	21,468
Total	<u>\$ 461,392</u>	<u>\$ 143,863</u>	<u>\$ 120,117</u>	<u>\$ 12,210</u>	<u>\$ 737,582</u>

The financial statements report expenses that are attributed to more than one program or supporting activities. Expenses require allocation on a reasonable basis that is consistently applied.

### **NOTE 11 - SUBSEQUENT EVENT**

In preparing these financial statements, The Foundation evaluated subsequent events through the time the financial statements were available to be issued on October 23, 2025, in compliance with applicable accounting standards. All material subsequent events have been either recognized in the financial statements or disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.