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ome of you may remember the 1985 hit song, "We are the World,"

sang about working together, past our differences. Or perhaps you remember the tremendously successful United Colors of Benetton ad campaign back in the celebrating young faces of every color, signaling the look and feel of a world without borders. Media images like these showed us the world and nation, as we wanted ourselves to be -- pictures and soundbites of many races cooperating, communicating, and sharing opportunity and fortune.

If only it were that simple. Almost 25 years later, we are still struggling to make that vision real -- in our business practices, in the running of our cities, and, now, in the context of great cultural, demographic, and economic changes brought on by global-

ization. As 21st century leaders, you know that building, guiding, and sustaining truly diverse communities is tremendously difficult work. Over the last decade, city populations workforces have changed faster than at any point in history -- job relocation, mobile commerce and ease of travel have changed our cities' demographics quickly and often. Immigrant and new communities continue to influence and change the culture of our cities. Young families and children supplant the aging baby boomer generation, again, changing the character and priorities of a community.

At the same time as we become a more diverse, more prosperous nation, our cities have also become more segregated. In fact, studies from SUNY Albany. and UCLA, the Harvard Graduate School of Education have reported that segregation of our children has worsened over the last decade, even as we live in more integrated areas. As newcomer groups grow in critical mass, so does the tendency to organize along racial, ethnic, or other group-affiliated lines. Changing demographics and the growth of ethnic enclaves have made race awareness and identity politics an effective means of voicing the needs of some of our cities' otherwise marginalized groups Amid all of this,

civic and corporate leaders are confronted with difficult choices every day. Worthy projects from different community sectors must compete for lim-Appointments and commissions must be assigned in ways that satisfy all the interests represented in our constituency groups, assuring each of them adequate representa-

Fluency: Leading in the Midst of Change

face crisis-fueled change, forcing them to guide their communities quickly through controversies.

Does this sound stressful? Indeed, scenes of a diverse community can be those of chaos, fiefdoms, even balkanizing, as some futurists and scholars

ing of challenges.

whether local or global team, in the midst of huge demographic and economic shifts? How do leaders create communities where all constituents feel included, counted and equally produced by Quincy Jones and predict. Alternatively, some see these receiving of the opportunities offered an inspiring cast of musicians who times as momentous, opening the by a community? And how do we have

How does one lead a community, accountability, not only from our cific composition and the issues it not necessarily language fluency, leaders, but from ourselves?

The answers to these questions most important skills of a leader Contd. on pg 2

our best intentions into action and depending on a community's spe-skill set of cultural fluency. This is

tion. From time to time, leaders also door to the grandest and most inspir- difficult conversations that turn are certainly many and varied, through changing times will be a faces. Nevertheless, one of the as that term is usually used.

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Special Needs Educator & Caregiver

An expat family relocating to Sri Lanka, seeks the services of a qualified, experienced, English speaking special needs teacher to provide home-schooling for their son, aged 8.

Job Description:

The right candidate will possess a teaching degree in special education from an accredited institution and/or a minimum three years experience in a special needs classroom as teacher, assistant teacher or educational assistant within an accredited school.

Fluency in English is a must.

Roles & Responsibilities:

- Primary responsibility will be home schooling an 8 year old special needs child, Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 3 PM based on a set curriculum following the IB/PYP model as advised by his home country school.
- Responsibilities will also include incorporating basic hydrotherapy, basic physiotherapy, basic occupational and speech therapy, into his curriculum.
- Providing assistance with his day-to-day living skills (e.g. brush teeth, bathing, eating/drinking, toilet training, etc.)
- Educational visits and leading a play group with 2-3 other special needs children will also be required to enhance social interaction.
- A sensory room will be provided for sensory integration stimulation.
- Liaise with home country educators from time-to-time by e-mail/Skype to obtain feedback on the child's educational targets, goals and other related issues.
- Other responsibilities may include organizing and conducting after school hours activities that with his siblings (e.g. art, music, games, etc.) in order to enhance family interaction (a maximum of two hours).
- Ability to swim and a basic knowledge of first aid will be an asset.
- Some travel with family will be required.

\$23,000 to \$30,000 USD per annum based on experience.

Two years commencing August 2011 - Terms negotiable.

Free boarding and food provided. Return airfare provided for entry into and exit out of the country for non-local candidates. The applicant will be responsible for all other personal, travel expenses incurred during the contract. Paid holidays provided over Christmas and summer breaks when school is not in

Interested applicants are requested to submit their resume/CV including references, via e-mail to irisyamanaka@yahoo.com / samanmali_chandrasiri@bat.com.

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