

## MESSAGE FROM FATIMA DE CASTRO - OUR FORMER CHAIRPERSON

Fund-raising is definitely a challenge in our country. The committee and fund-raising staff of Lusito will however continue to meet the challenge with each year. In an organisation such as ours, it is overwhelming to see the generosity of our supporters, whether it be press, volunteers, sponsors, the Lusito staff and the committee with their families.

Lusito depends on the community and businesses for its survival and therefore the success of Lusito is also their success.

I was honoured to serve on the Executive Committee of

Lusito as Chairperson for two consecutive years. We have had many achievements this year and one of them was another successful Lusito Land. Witnessing the continued growth of the school has been very rewarding for me.

It is through the humble relationship we have with our dedicated supporters, which ensures that Lusito continues to provide the best possible care for our special children. I would like to appeal to everyone to continue to carry out our good name in order to keep the spirit of Lusito alive within many hearts.

May the blessings of Christmas be with you and your family now and throughout the coming year.

## OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

We're pleased to inform you that the extensive renovations and additions to existing buildings have almost been completed - the boundary walls and new classroom block are complete and the reception area should be ready by the end of this year. The school will therefore move to the new section in 2000.

In addition, the construction of the function hall, made possible by financial sponsorship from the banking group BCP/Atlântico in Portugal, has commenced. According to the building programme, the roof of the hall should be up by the end of this year. This hall will be hired out for various functions and conferences in order to create additional income for the school.

Our long-term goal is to build boarding facilities to accommodate boarders as there is a great demand for this special service.

We want to thank all of those people who helped us make the Lusito School's goals become a reality. As you know, Lusito receives no government subsidy and its survival depends entirely on fund-raising. Events such as the Lusito Land Festival, and donations from the community and business organisations, are critical to our continued existence.



## PARTILHANDO CONVOSCO OS NOSSOS SUCESSOS

Temos o prazer de informar que as renovações da Escola estão quase completas. As crianças irão mudar para o novo bloco talvez no princípio do ano 2000.

Para além da Escola, a construção do salão de festas está já em franco progresso e esperamos que esteja pronto num futuro próximo. Este salão foi

patrocinado pelo Grupo BCP/Atlântico em Portugal.

Segundo o programa de construção, o telhado do salão será instalado até o fim deste ano. O salão irá ser alugado para festas e conferências a fim de criar fundos para a Escola.

O nosso objectivo a longo prazo é a construção de um internato para acomodar as crianças pois há uma procura grande neste sector.



Queremos agradecer a todos quantos ajudaram a transformar o sonho do Lusito na grande realidade que ele é hoje. Como é do conhecimento de todos, o Lusito não recebe qualquer subsídio do Governo e a sua sobrevivência depende inteiramente da angariação de fundos. Eventos tais como o Festival da Lusitolândia e donativos da Comunidade e Firms Comerciais são absolutamente indispensáveis à manutenção e continuidade desta obra.

