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Announcement

Dear Parents,

There is a suggestion box near the gate into EIS's campus. Khun Chanphen has the only key to the box so that it will be very confidential. The PCEIS officers will be wearing yellow ribbons for their identification card. This is to help you identify them when you want to talk with them.

Mr. David L. Gouge, Director

Ekamai International School would like to keep in touch with you.

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Cover Picture: Six-year old Phasin Vichitcharoenpaisarn from K3A, Champion of the US Kids Golf Tournament (under 7 years old)



**Ekamai International School
shares the loss of**

**Her Royal Highness
Princess Galyani Vadhana**

May 6, 1923 - January 2, 2008

Her Royal Highness Princess Galyani Vadhana was a much loved princess. She was also a much loved elder sister to two kings, namely His Majesty King Ananda Mahidol (Rama VIII) and His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej (Rama IX), the present Monarch of Thailand. HRH Princess Galyani Vadhana was an accomplished educator.

Letter from the Director



Mr. David L. Gouge, Director of EIS

Dear Students, Parents, Alumni, and Friends,

The winter months are upon us, but they have not cooled the spirits of EIS. Many activities have kept the students occupied with enjoyable and educational experiences.

One of the most outstanding activities was the Sports Day. The colors of PINK, PURPLE, ORANGE, and BLUE were paraded around the campus before settling down to the real happenings. The shouts and screams could be heard far and wide. Each group did its best. All were superb.

The students sponsored a week when everyone was to speak English on the campus. Some say it is hard to speak English when they have grown up speaking another language. English is very important in the international business world.

The TNL Camp was one of the highlights of the first semester. A bus load of enthusiastic students left on Friday, November 9, 2007 headed for the Hideaway Resort in Kanchanaburi Province. The theme for the camp was "Dare to be You."

The Week of Spiritual Emphasis lasted two weeks as the dreaded Hand-foot-and-mouth disease came upon us. Because of the possibility of an epidemic, the school closed its doors for most of a week so that everything could be sterilized and made ready for the students to return. We want to thank all who helped in the cleaning process. The vacation was nice, but most were happy when school resumed.

The speaker for the Week of Spiritual Emphasis, Dr. Paul Charles spoke to the students for two days before the closure. The students were happily surprised to find that although the speaker had returned to South Africa, all of his inspiring messages were presented via video.

One of the darling activities was the choosing of the Princes and Princesses from Kindergarten and Grades one to three. The students selected walked on red carpet in real fashion.

The Junior Film Show, which was delayed by the Hand-foot-and-mouth disease turned out to be another festival day. Students enjoyed many different games and fun booths as well as opportunities to try different kinds of food. The day ended with a movie *Surf's Up*, a story about Penguins surfing.

To kick off the 50th Anniversary year celebration, a Fun Fair Day was organized on November 18, 2007. The school fair was a great success. Booths lined the streets and sidewalks as various classes and vendors sold many different articles and kinds of food. The games and shows drew large crowds of people. Everyone seemed to have a great time. Proceeds of the fair will be used for school projects and community services.

On November 1, 2007, I went to the USA to recruit new teachers for next year. It looks like we may have several new native English-speaking teachers coming for the next school year.

We trust that each one of you had a wonderful holiday over Christmas and the New Year.

David L. Gouge, Director

An Interview with Mr. Grant Flaiz, Director for Curriculum Development

By Mr. Lee Chin Beng
Editor



Mr. Grant Flaiz

Mr. Flaiz, can you define “curriculum” and why is it important to education at EIS?

Curriculum is a set of courses and their content. Without a curriculum our school would find it very difficult to provide an education. That’s why it’s important to EIS.

What are the goals and objectives that you intended to accomplish as director of curriculum?

My goal is to help EIS develop a strong curriculum. To accomplish that, I must assist teachers and give them the tools necessary to make it happen. My work really is to act as a guide and help point the way.

Please elaborate some of the strategies that you are using to achieve your goals and objectives?

This school year we have just initialized a new curriculum mapping program called Rubicon Atlas. I am also going to be working with the individual subject areas to adopt standards that better suit our needs.

Curriculum mapping is a procedure of reviewing and improving a curriculum. Rubicon Atlas is a special program that helps EIS to accomplish that task. Before we adopted Rubicon, we only had a paper trail of course outlines to follow. Through the use of Rubicon, we now have a transparent view of what

My goal is to help EIS develop a strong curriculum. To accomplish that, I must assist teachers and give them the tools necessary to make it happen.

is being taught across the curriculum from kindergarten to grade 12. Teachers will have a better picture of what their students have already learned in previous years, and what they will learn in the years to come.

Some have said that EIS has one of the best curriculums in operation. Would you like to comment on this?

That is a matter of some debate. To those who say we already have the best curriculum, I would warn them not to rest on our laurels. If it is the best, we must strive to ensure that it stays the best. To those who say we have a mediocre or bad curriculum I would remind them that curriculum is evolutionary; it is a process of change. Often it does not come quickly or fast enough to suit everyone’s needs, but we are taking the steps necessary to improve it.

How do you think teachers, parents, and students will respond to your program, and how will it benefit the students as a whole?

So far, with regard to the adoption of Rubicon Atlas, I have received many positive responses from teachers. Some have even asked why we didn’t adopt this years ago. I am hoping that students and parents will respond favorably as well. Although it will take some time to measure the effects of Rubicon Atlas, I’m confident that it will eventually yield positive tangible results.

Introducing the Kindergarten Department



Students and teachers in the EIS Kindergarten Department during the Christmas celebration

By Mrs. Edith Chu,
Head of EIS Kindergarten Department

Background

The EIS Kindergarten was started in August 1999 with three classes of K-3 pupils. At present we have one class for K-1, two classes for K-2, and two classes for K-3.

Classroom Activities

Kindergartners start their day with a flag-raising ceremony of their own, followed by they have a short exercise program. The formal classroom activity starts with morning worship where we sing songs and listen to character building stories.

Structured curriculum is a part of the students' life. This includes English, Math, Social Sciences, Music, Computer (for K3), Chinese, Arts and Crafts.

The K3 students are also active in the "Eager Beavers" progressive class of the Adventurers, a program similar to Boy/Girl Scouts.

Annet Huizing teaches literature enrichment. All kindergartners have the chance to attend her classes for interactive and real-life activities like role playing.

Other Activities

Out-of-the-classroom activities for these kindergartners include participating in the annual school Fun Fair and Sports Day.

They also participate in the church Vespers, Chapel, and Christmas programs. On November 23, 2007, a total of 69

members of the kindergarten family had a field trip to the Dusit Zoo. It is believed that learning doesn't always take place within the confines of the classroom walls, but also outside with nature.

Why Come to EIS Kindergarten

Relationships and experiences during the early years of a child's life determine the direction of the child's spiritual, physical, mental, social, and emotional development.

Thus, the EIS Kindergarten Program provides a climate for learning that is fun, stimulating, loving, and secure. Furthermore, this program was developed to ensure a natural transition from kindergarten to first grade.

Christmas and New Year Party



Children's Activities



Sports Day



Plan for the New Intermediate Building

By Prajuab Ekwiriyaton
Business Manager

Plans for the new Intermediate Building are now taking shape. Consultations with the Intermediate Level teachers, EIS administration and Thailand Adventist Mission officers were also completed.

Blue prints are being carefully reviewed to make sure that all instructional needs for space in the intermediate level are considered. The new building is expected to have seven stories. This new instructional facility is projected to include:

1st Floor	Health center, conference room, photocopy room, showers and rest rooms
2nd Floor	Music classrooms and Music library
3rd Floor	3 regular classrooms and 2 Music classrooms
4th Floor	Thai Language classrooms
5th Floor	6 regular classrooms
6th Floor	6 regular classrooms
7th Floor	2 Science labs and 1 spare room

A committee has been assigned to oversee ground breaking plans, and a building committee to study and review final needs and arrangements. Bidding quotations from different companies are expected to be in by January 31, 2008.

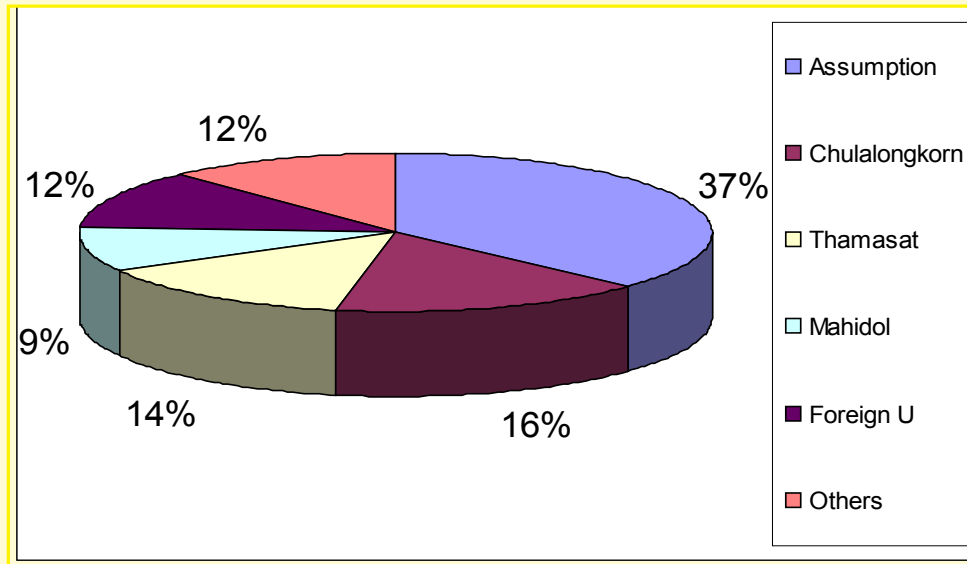
With all these plans progressively moving, the Intermediate Level will soon have a refuge they can call their very own.

Model of Future EIS Campus



- Marked in yellow is the site of the proposed 7-story Intermediate Building
- Marked in red are future building plans

Where EIS Graduates Go To Study (2004-2007)



Standing with Mr. Tommy Thomas are (L-R) Kittima Tatiyawongviwat, Praew Junnual, and Visutha Chairuengjitjaras (Class of 2007). They are studying at the Faculty of Science in Applied Chemistry, Chulalongkorn University.



Tanchanok Thitisaksakul, Yu-Chieh Chen, Ponchanok Wangpanitkul, and Ratika Thakur are studying at Assumption University. The first three are in the Faculty of Business Administration, and Ratika is in the Faculty of Communication Arts.



Pornkanok Numikorn is studying at the Faculty of Science in Applied Chemistry, Chulalongkorn University.



Yow Chun (Nina) Liu, is attending the Faculty of Communication Arts, Bangkok University International College.



Piarin Kunadirekwong is studying at the Faculty of Business Administration, Thammasat University.



Hua Yi Huang and New Swasti-xuto (L-R), are attending Chulalongkorn University in the Faculty of Science in Applied Chemistry and Faculty of Communication Arts, respectively.



Kanitta Laothai is studying at the Faculty of Business Administration, Thammasat University.

1st Quarter Results: GPA 3.30 & Above (Without C)

3A		Sohil Sampat	3.38	7B	
Thitaree Chata-tanabu	3.94	Sirawut Kunapongsiri	3.32	Varinthorn Wongsawanporn	3.67
Siyaporn Saosaovaphak	3.93			Narath Thummanond	3.65
Natnicha Imamnuaysup	3.84	5B		Piya Phatpanichot	3.53
Sorrawee Hanmatheekuna	3.84	Anucha Sakdsrinarang	4.00	Aeri Kim	3.51
Chada Srihiran	3.83	Prin Laomanutsak	3.88		
Barame Suwansinpan	3.81	Nattaporn Lapitananuvat	3.83	7C	
Charissa Sukontasukkul	3.81	Tanat Manoosin	3.59	Acenee Apinchapong	3.43
Kun Kim	3.77	Ekachai Narula	3.45	Veerawut Akanisanant	3.37
Punnapa Pairojtanachai	3.74	Settavut Paradee	3.43	Pattaravadee Chintakawiphan	3.34
Chanun Asavasirikulkij	3.61				
		5C		7D	
3B		Siravich Kitpraphasiri	3.97	Amlaan Bhoi	3.60
Achiraya Petchdachai	3.97	Saran Rajpal	3.82	7E	
Si Yang Wang	3.88	Sirapob Mongkolpiyathana	3.78	Natcha Navakijthavornkul	3.96
Chatraporn Chatnithikul	3.84	Apichaya Ketyungyoenwong	3.73	Natchamol Siriwatwimol	3.96
Panjarat Kulvanichpisit	3.84	Prima Pupornchai	3.71	Kannanat Laosuwan	3.93
Vani Gupta	3.83	Gurpreet Sachdev	3.68	Grongjaporn Saosaovaphak	3.92
Henrique Thaik Din	3.58	Chaedtha Sakdsrinarang	3.56	Sejuti Mehjabin	3.89
Bohua Zhang	3.57			Arya Rishi	3.88
Maneegarn Kanjanasupark	3.57	5D		Ruchika Gambhir	3.88
Phurichaya Jirayutat	3.48	Seung-jin Kim	3.84	Onvara Arthornsombat	3.86
Jirawan Singkornwat	3.43			Ah Hyun Lee	3.85
Ashootosh Asnani	3.39			Sonia Parwani	3.85
		6A		Zhanping Ling	3.85
4A		Kachapol Trakulsap	3.81	Akanksha Sehgal	3.84
Miri Kim	3.87	Manali Kher	3.83	Vareesa Dangprasert	3.83
Poornima Iyer	3.80	Supreeya Srimanothip	3.76	Krisda Chugh	3.82
Nat Denpogpan	3.78			Peeranon Vorakulsathien	3.82
Pamornpol Hanmatheekuna	3.75	6B		Siranya Limphachya	3.81
Nithipat Leedhirakul	3.66	Chananchida Sang-Aram	3.83	Sherwin Ng	3.78
Kaviraaj Sing Sachdev	3.61	Jia Jie Fang	3.49	Chavaphol Amphol	3.74
Noppanut Wangkicharoenkul	3.60	Gurtejpal Sachdev	3.48	Yuthaphan Wiraponsawan	3.73
Lalita Kunadirekwong	3.57	Pawanrat Koonprugsakul	3.45	Napat Assavaborvornvong	3.72
Phan Karrassamee	3.54	Nutchai Sumonvarangkul	3.41	Samrat Lekhak	3.72
Elisa Clarke	3.50			Hsiang-Yu Hsieh	3.71
		6C		Manit Mukati	3.70
4B		Charis Smuthkochorn	3.83		
Sittikorn Khorvanichakij	3.85	Pandita Watanachariya	3.79	7G	
Vichaya Truskamol	3.85	Thanyalak Tharacheewin	3.77	Chowdhury Suparna Barua	3.78
Chananchida Ongwongwattana	3.70	Chanakan Sirisukhodom	3.74	Pichakorn Rahman	3.69
Vanda Taron	3.69	Kalpesh Sultan	3.73	Sawinee Sachdev	3.46
Amanda Li Yin Goh	3.58	Sittinadh Wanotayan	3.48		
Shouh Yann Mo	3.50	Napath Kosolsuparat	3.40		
				8A	
4C		6E		Naphat Sanguansin	3.92
Si Nae Kim	3.85	Morrakot Sae-huang	3.89	Paramintr Tienpasertkij	3.91
Pornpat Siriphanporn	3.75	Ornpapar Limkijchareon	3.88	Salisa Cheewapansri	3.90
Seong Yun Na	3.71	Vaibhav Sultan	3.76	Naina Chugh	3.89
Intuon Intatitan	3.66	Ria Kumari	3.73	Natcha Suriyavirun	3.89
Ratchanee Janthanit	3.57	Tharat Ratanapat	3.72	Pornkamol Huang	3.89
		Michiel Chanon Smit	3.70	Chatrinya Chaisadom	3.85
5A		Roongthita Yamokgul	3.56	Sarin Madarasmi	3.82
Saranya Sachdev	3.96	Matika Pornpattanasavai	3.42	Savitree Papatwibul	3.82
Atulit Kwatra	3.61			Nitipan Ratitong	3.80
Kwanchanok Unnawasakul	3.56	7A		Oranas Termsedcharoen	3.77
Chayanid Siripaiboolpong	3.50	Rittika Gambhir	3.61	Itsawat Paphangkorn	3.76
On-amon Chungpaiboon	3.50	Pavida Intatitan	3.56	Nantikarn Jantararuangtong	3.75
Glanelle Maria Ejurango	3.42	Natchaya Tansuwan	3.53	Laksika Kannasut	3.74
				Thanitnun Mongkoladisai	3.73
				Waewprach Sooksri	3.73

Rovija Lare	3.69	So Young Lee	3.61	Yanika Tinaphongs	3.87
Piraya Vittayasing	3.67	Peeralada Sukawat	3.44	Rashee Pandey	3.85
Watcharin Srisuk	3.66	10D		Benyatip tiraviriyapol	3.62
Manita Rattananruengchai	3.62	Suraphat Somsri	3.91	Thanaphum Tangkrachang	3.58
Thanapong Nimitmongkol	3.60	Thanita Uparanukraw	3.91	Yanisa Dechwattanatam	3.52
8C		Wai Pok Yeung	3.71	Charas Eauampon	3.48
Natsupa Torsuwapun	3.58	Ploynisa Mongkoladisai	3.62	Chalita Samuthrat	3.44
8D		Karina Tamura	3.55	Pitipat Kootrakul	3.32
Pratik Sampat	3.49	Pheeraphat Sahasakkul	3.52	11E	
Teeraporn Mangkalarangsee	3.43	Natthaphon Wilaimethanun	3.50	En-Ci Huang	3.81
9A		Jutarat Mangkalarangsee	3.31	Shuyi Shang	3.81
Kasina Soitanasirikul	3.85	10E		Patarin Temvisutkul	3.72
Kavin Watanachariya	3.67	Ji Hyun Lee	3.95	Waivich Komonpale	3.72
Chinnawat Chungchiranon	3.64	Nattikarn Jantakananuruk	3.91	Piyapat Kootrakul	3.67
Chotiphol Anantasainont	3.57	Vichita Jienjiltert	3.87	Natawat Thanomsat	3.62
9B		Jing Shu Zhang	3.85	Chonlapob Jongsatitpiboon	3.57
Jidapa Jittasaiyapun	4.00	Panpanat Tangmunchittam	3.82	Phunjasit Chokesomritpol	3.54
Yanisa Vilairatanasuwana	3.95	Alisa Pachariyangkun	3.81	Manying Shi	3.44
Anshika Sharma	3.81	Christopher Hilderbrand	3.81	12A	
Kulaprapha Thanasuwankasem	3.62	Veena Mohnani	3.72	Yosvadee Kateoun	3.95
Pontakorn Pakavaleetorn	3.55	Cattleya Phureepipat	3.72	Jin Shi Wang	3.82
Suthasinee Arunyakasem	3.44	Hoyoul Kwak	3.68	Clarissa Protima Bol	3.78
Waranyu Rungcharassaeng	3.38	Kornvika Luangaramvej	3.57	Akhrathep Srinarula	3.68
9C		Itsaraphong Sawangsri	3.48	Itthi Poldeenana	3.68
Klittima Vatcharobol	3.62	11A		Rachasak Sachasiri	3.68
Sawinee Direksathaphorn	3.61	Kulwanida Sukumalchitkul	3.87	Nuttanon Vorakulsathien	3.67
9D		Yotsawat Charoensakwatana	3.87	Pat Teerasawat	3.62
Jutimar Boonyingyongstit	3.65	Khongpak Khunanupabkhun	3.72	Thivaporn Komolsinghskul	3.58
Xiang Jun Wan	3.61	Nathaporn Nithichat	3.68	Pui Lam (Sunny)	3.34
Sung-sil Kim	3.48	Sarunporn Thanasuwanditee	3.68	12B	
9E		Yanisa Thitisaksakul	3.62	Neti Changbencharong	4.00
Chidchanok Sakdapanichkul	4.00	Karadee Wannaphanom	3.60	Nutpawee Chutivanichayakul	4.00
Manassanan Oonpipat	4.00	Nathaphol Ananthasainont	3.54	Ruamporn Vongurai	4.00
Ghan Suksamanvong	3.87	Chatchai Narula	3.48	Thaksheela Thomas	3.91
Tanyathorn Arthornsombat	3.85	Mei-yin Hjuang	3.34	Hojung Kwak	3.81
Adrian Thaik Din	3.81	Napat Surajaras	3.34	Nuttapong Tangdumrongkul	3.77
Noppawan Wangkicharoenkul	3.72	11B		Pichya Theinvutichai	3.77
Anna Pachariyangkun	3.71	Korakot Asvalertson	3.81	Taksaon Assavapisitkul	3.77
Bridget Ratitong	3.61	Prisana Khamijoun	3.81	Napat Trakulsap	3.71
Ju-Yeon Jin	3.58	Thanaporn Urunanont	3.77	Apimuk Wittayanakorn	3.67
Yossawee Laowattanawong	3.58	Kamolchanok Siriprachai	3.72	Thanwa Sakdapanichkul	3.55
10A		Teerana Thakur	3.68	12C	
Prasamsa Trishama Dhakal	3.71	Adhip Sharma	3.67	Nunatanat Techamahachai	3.91
Chulalak Limthanyalak	3.52	Supriya Srikuruwal	3.67	Puntumart Masathein	3.82
Supakorn Kueakomoldej	3.50	Hataipat Smathvithayavech	3.64	Nontawat Thanakiatkai	3.78
Patraporn Priyawat	3.48	Kanatkit Thongpool	3.58	Tanachote Vongsurbchart	3.77
10B		Siripak Preeyawattanawit	3.42	Chaovane Daoprakaimongkol	3.72
Phapimol Intaraksar	3.82	Salin Cheewapansri	3.30	Pridsadang Posanakul	3.67
Theerapat Supawarodom	3.44	11C		Porntipa Sankatumvong	3.62
10C		Skydao Laosuvisethkul	3.82	Jindarat Srisuk	3.62
Thanida Chaempuing	3.91	Chonthicha Sakdapanichkul	3.81	Non Meeboon	3.57
Ladasa Tiraviriyapol	3.85	Pat Adireksinsuntorn	3.72	12D	
Pichaya Wattanasaranont	3.77	Mondhira Piamrattanawong	3.64	Pornvalai Intarapravich	4.00
Pavinee Siripanichsutha	3.71	Tanaphol Choksiripreecha	3.62	Chanisa Dangprasert	3.95
		Salinee Bancroft	3.54	Kanyanat Piticharoen	3.95
		Jasleen Doowa	3.40	Krittirat Jaronwit	3.95
		Kantapong Chuprajak	3.34	Wajjanathon Tantitarthon	3.95
		11D		Yotsanan Simakorn	3.95
		Praepilai Songprasertkul	3.87	<i>Continued on page 12</i>	

Fun Fair Day

By Clarissa Bol
Grade 12A Student

Fun Fair Day, held on November 18, 2007 was no ordinary fun fair. People converged at the school not only to enjoy themselves, but also to celebrate the Thai King's 80th birthday and the 50th anniversary of EIS.

Good times began the moment the band started playing and students representing 14 countries – India, Taiwan, Thailand, Japan, U.S.A, North Korea, South Korea, Russia, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Australia, China, Switzerland and Ghana – paraded

towards the covered court.

One of the highlights of the day was the drawing of the winners of the raffles tickets. The grand-prize was a notebook computer, costing Baht 45,000 won by In-wei Hu from Grade 5-D.

Many thanks to Webster University, GUTS Company, Rangsit University, Mission College and Ideal Education for supporting the Fun Fair Day.



In-wei Hu, Grade 5-D, grand-prize winner of the Lucky Draw, receiving the Compaq notebook computer from Mrs. Beatrice Kootanasan, Organizer of the Fun Fair Day.

Guidance and Counseling Department

“We Care” Program

By Udom Saengsawang
Head of Guidance and Counseling
Department

During the past decade bullying received national attention because it evolved as a real emotional and physical danger in our schools.

The EIS Guidance Department organized a week-long program last quarter to encourage everyone to practice being caring toward one another. When we care for someone, we will not hurt or bully them.

During the flag raising ceremony representatives from each grade level presented quotes and thought to encourage everyone to practice being caring towards one another. Other activities are featured at right. **From top:** High school students wearing the “We Care” wristbands; Grade 2A students showing their “We Care” drawings; Students pledging to care for their friends.



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1st Quarter Results

12D (cont.)

Nutthaporn Sankatumvong	3.91
Somsri Youngpattana	3.85
Shubnam Sakdsrinarang	3.75
Akapot Rex Chantraporn	3.72
Duangkamol Learteerawong	3.68
Kanittha Thepasak	3.67
Phongsuphat Kanchanakorn	3.67
Cassandra Dewi Sariganon	3.62

12E

Kwanporn Tulyathan	4.00
Nattanit Thitisaksakul	3.95
Praewpan Suethanapornkool	3.95
Teekaporn Srisatjaluk	3.95
Ashish Malani	3.91
Chandni Premmanisakjul	3.91
Patarasuda Niruktisart	3.87
Sirichat Siriwatwimol	3.77
Thikumporn Sahussarungsi	3.77
Yuvadee Rungreungrayupkul	3.77
Kanlaya Jensapviwat	3.75
Ching Ching Rojpinyawut	3.71
Manasawi Wongratthana	3.58
Switt Jienjitlert	3.38
Vanich Vong-urai	3.34

Young Entrepreneurs of EIS

By Rachaniphorn, Ngotngamwong
Teacher, Business Department

A general business sale, which was part of the General Business Curriculum, was conducted on November 26, 2007. The objective was to incorporate things learned in class to a real world situation.

Students, having grouped themselves at the beginning of the quarter, selected food, games, drink or desserts as their specialty. As part of our hands-on approach, they had to project an income statement (the amount they intended to sell, at what price, and the expenses involved). Students also had to advertise, make marketing surveys and list out responsibilities for each person in the group. Finally, they had to draw a layout of their booth.

Students were allowed to conduct the sale for the whole day. A few stores were completely sold out by 11.30 am. After the sale, students submitted income statements, allocating 10% of their net profit as a tithe and 30% to charity. This year, the Samaritans of Thailand were the recipient charity. The remaining profits could be shared equally among the group members.

Students worked hard and realized that money does not come easily. It also helped the sophomores understand the burdens many of their parents carry everyday. The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and looked forward to another sale this year.

Our next project, to be conducted in May 2008, will see the General Business students collect donated items for the less fortunate. Hopefully, it will instill students with a sense of social responsibility. Please support our project.



Young entrepreneurs showing their food booths, which include: buttered corn, meatballs "lookchin ping", french fries & chicken wings, fried Taro, happy egg, Mama noodles, nuggets, somtam & sticky rice, sushi, gyoza, kimbub, and toast

Introducing Teachers and Staff

By Sarah Jawjong
Administrative Assistant

Geneva Renee Mertens



Geneva, an American who teaches Speech, Drama and Creative Writing, received an Associate of Arts degree from Walla Walla University. Transferring to Eastern Washington University, she earned two degrees, a Bachelor of Science in Communication Studies with an emphasis in Public Relations, and a Master of Science in Instructional, Organizational and Cultural Communications.

Before joining EIS, Geneva taught at Eastern Washington University and worked as a public relations specialist for He's Alive Television and First Night Spokane. Truly eclectic, she has also been a rock climbing instructor, certified challenge course leader and English tutor.

So far, at least, she enjoys her course load. "It's great," said Geneva, "I get to see the students develop their performance skills, overcome communication apprehension and use their creativity."

She does not admit to any real problems. "I enjoy the challenge of writing drama scripts, searching for fun speech topics and finding venues to perform our plays."

Nanisha Lerdee

Nanisha is a Thai. She has a Bachelor's degree in Nursing from Mission College



and a Master of Science in Counseling Psychology from Ramkhamhaeng University. She works as one of the two EIS school nurses.

Melissa Nichole Erbenich

Melissa, born in Red Deer Alberta, Canada grew up in the United States where she received Bachelor degrees in



Speech Communications and Theology. Armed with a minor in Biblical Languages and a MAT for Secondary Education, she is ideally suited to teach Values IV. "EIS is highly academic," said Melissa. "The students are awesome and the administration fully supportive."

Melissa was attracted to this part of the world because she loved to travel and was looking for a mission opportunity.

Eliseo L. Judan, Jr.

Eliseo, a Filipino better known as Jun, has a Bachelor's degree in Chemistry



from the Adventist University of the Philippines. The homeroom teacher of Grade 12C, he teaches AP Chemistry and Physics.

Jun came to EIS with six years of experience as a senior chemical analyst. He also has four years of teaching experience, two years each at college and high school level. "I would like to impart the knowledge and experience I gained from the testing laboratory," said Jun. "It will prepare students for a bright future."

Mila Hidalgo-Sales

Mila, a Filipina, has a Masters in Library Science from the Centro Escolar University in the Philippines. Our elementary circulation librarian. She hopes to help the library become responsive to modern technology.



Adonias M. Sales

Adonias, a Filipino, has a Bachelor's degree in Commerce from Philippine Union College. He has also completed a Certificate in Physical Education from the University of the Philippines and has



25 units towards a Master of Science in Sports from the same university. He is currently the Subject Coordinator for Physical Education.

Adonias, who has been teaching Physical Education for more than 30 years, hopes to help EIS students develop positive attitudes towards health and physical fitness.

Joanne Daphne M. Magro

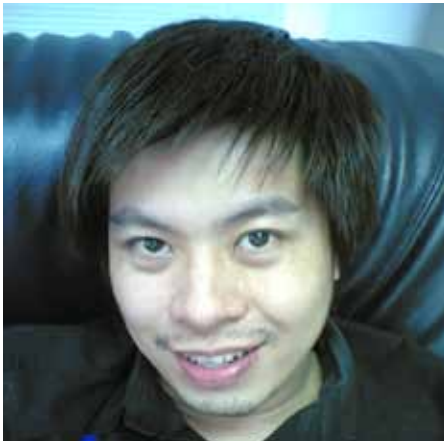
Joanne, a Filipina, has a Bachelor's degree in Music Education from the Adventist University of the Philippines. She is one of the EIS Music teachers.



"I came to EIS to apply my knowledge," said our new music teacher. I also want to share my musical and teaching skills.

Passan Ruckmeelum

Passan is from Thailand. He graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Thai Lan-



guage from Payap University. He is a Thai Language teacher. He loves the teachers in his team as well as the students. Passan is here to help promote the school name and let others know more about EIS. "I love EIS!" says Passan.

Jezreel Ronn Daguro

Ronn is from the Philippines. He graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Physical Therapy from Southwestern University



in the Philippines. He recently completed the Professional Teaching Certificate from Mountain View College in the Philippines. He is the Teacher Assistant of Grade 2C. "EIS is a school committed to effect Christian principles on every single person it is associated with and I want to impart the knowledge God has given me about Him in every single way I can," says Ronn.

Merryce de Jesus

Merryce is from the Philippines. She completed her Bachelor of Secondary Education, major in English from the Adventist University of the Philippines. She is the homeroom teacher of Grade 7E and also teaches Grade 7 Grammar. Merryce finds joy in imparting quality Christian education to her students. Being a fresh graduate herself, she looks forward to a fruitful teaching and learning experience with her students.



Ronald B. Mendiola

Ronald is from the Philippines. He graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science from the Adventist University of the Philippines. He is the Grade 6 Computer teacher and also works as one of the IT Technical Support staff. Before coming to EIS, Ronald worked as a computer teacher at different schools including the Adventist University of the Philippines, BAIS, Bangkok and at the Manado International School in Indonesia. Ronald believes that God



has prepared a great opportunity for him here at EIS to help students be efficient computer users at an early age. "EIS is a great school," remarked Ronald.

Clandestine J. Claro

Clandestine is from the Philippines. He has a degree in Business Administration major in Computer Science from the Central Philippine Adventist College. He works as the Grade 8 Computer teacher and also as one of the IT Technical Support staff. Clandestine has worked as a computer teacher for 12 years and 8 years as Network/System Administrator in the Philippines. "I heard many good things about EIS and I am excited to expand my work horizon and share my expertise where needed," said Clandestine. While here he also aims to maintain and improve IT-related duties and offer



better solutions to the technical needs of EIS as a whole.

Inthira Chulapamonsri

Inthira Chulapamonsri, a Thai, is a fresh graduate from Mission College in



Saraburi with a Bachelors' degree in Psychology and Education. She is working as a Grade 3 Teacher Assistant.

Inthira aims to get more teaching experience with young kids. She loves the concept of working together as a family here at EIS.

New Teacher Replacements

In December 2007, two teachers, Karoline Saboya, substitute teacher, and Mi Mi Tun Chit, Teacher Assistant for Grade 1C left EIS. They were replaced by Shireen Bazliel, and Surong Jamang. **Shireen Bazliel** is from India. She completed her BA in Liberal Arts at Spicer College in India, and an MA Tesol from Avondale College.

Surong Jamang is a Malaysian, a recent graduate from Mission College, completing Bachelor of Arts degree in Education and Psychology.

Welcome aboard, Miss Shireen and Mr. Surong!

Alumnotes

Kristy Makcharoenwoodhi (Class of 2003) graduated from East Los Angeles College with an AA degree. She worked



Kristy Markcharoenwoodhi

with Pow & Associates Law Office LTD here in Bangkok, Thailand in 2005.
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Krisanee Taychachaiwongse (Class of 1989) earned her BBA degree from Pacific Union College, USA and currently works



Mrs. krisanee Taychachaiwongse and family

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Lin Yen Chang (Class of 1991) earned his degree from Stamford International.



Mr. Lin Yen Chang and family

He is an Account Manager for electronic components and is currently stationed in Singapore.
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Prachaya Kulvanichpisit (Class of 1986) is currently the Executive Director and Deputy Managing Director of the



Mr. Prachaya and family

Securities Dealing Department at Phillip Securities (Thailand) Public Co., Ltd. He graduated from Sasin Graduate Institute of Business Administration of Chulalongkorn University with an MBA in Finance. He is a proud father of one daughter and one son who are currently studying here at our school.
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Sitti Paul Bumrungritikul (Class of 2002), is a senior at the Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management



Mr. Sitti receiving an award from the Dean of university

at the University of Houston. He is also currently working in guest services department for Marriott International. "I am very proud to be an alumnus, and represent EIS in one of the top hospitality schools in America. What I miss about EIS the most is the tightly-knit group of instructors and classmates."

Joompon Tasakorn (1975–1976) studied at our school during his 10th grade year. He completed his B.Sc. (Physics) from King Mongkut Institute (University) of



Mr. Joompon Tasakorn and family

Technology Thonburi and is currently the Technical Manager and Senior Network Consultant for Telindus (Thailand). He is happily married to Khuntol Tasakorn and is a father of two boys, Phoom and Arnajak.

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Phanthira Tamsukhin (Class of 2004) is currently studying at Lipscomb University, USA. She remembers EIS for its teachers, friendships, warmth and



Phanthira Tamsukhin

activities. She plans to go to medical school and graduate with a M.D.
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Wichit Srikureja (Class of 1989) graduated from Loma Linda School of Medicine, USA and is currently a physician in the specialty of gastroenterology. Currently he is on a mission service in Guam and will be there till about the middle of January 2008. He is married to his loving wife Bobbie Jo Srikureja, and is a proud father of three children.
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Vinai Lelapinyokul (Class of 1977) received his degree in Chemical Engineering from Arizona State University and also has a degree in Computer Science



Mr. Vinai and family

from West Coast University. He works with the management team of CP Group of Companies and has two daughters, Yanisa (Grade 5C) and Nattaya (Grade 1C), studying at EIS.

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Kittipat Chirungsarpsook (Class of 2001) graduated with bachelors in Mechanical Engineering from Sirindhorn International Institute of Technology, Thammasat University with first class honors. He has also completed his MA in Mechatronics Engineering and is currently working for Phoenix Surgical Equipment (Thailand) Co., Ltd. Other awards and honors received were Nippon Keidaren Scholarship for internship in Japan, SIIT Academic Excellence Award, and Siam Cement Good Academic Award.

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Mr. Kittipat Chirungsarpsook receiving the "King's Scholarship for Development of Education in Asia" from Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn of Thailand

David Lyman (1949-1950) is one of our oldest known EIS alumni. He graduated from Duke University in North Carolina, USA in 1958 and Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco, California in 1965. After being admitted to the California State Bar in 1965, he joined Tilleke & Gibbins, Thailand's oldest law firm in 1967, following a career in the U.S. Navy Submarine Service. He became a senior partner in 1984, and is currently the Chairman and Chief Values Officer of Telleke & Gibbins.

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Mr. & Mrs. David Lyman

Kawee Chai (1953-1956), also one of our other oldest known alumni, graduated from West German Technical Institute with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry. He had worked with companies such as U.S. Summit Corporation, Berli Jucker Company and Bayer Thai Company Limited. Later on he came back to look after his family's leather business. He has been retired for about 8 years. He has two sons and two daughters who have all completed their education in other field. Mr. Kawee is currently the president of the EIS Alumni Association.

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Mr. Kawee (middle) and family in his younger days

Weddings

Hong-ming Ku (Class of 1980) graduated with a PhD in Chemical Engineering from Northwestern University in Illinois, USA. He is currently the Managing Director for Thai Sui Heng Industry Co., Ltd. and is also the Director for Chemical



Mr. Hong-ming Ku and family

Engineering Practice School at King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi. Dr. Ku is married to Ming-Ye Tu. They have two children named Stephanie and Anthony.

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Klao Sanasen (Class of 1989) is currently the Managing Director of a family-owned company, Sanasilp Co. Ltd. The company operates small art galleries in Bangkok



Mr. Klao Sanasen & family

and Chiang Mai and provides art-related products and services. He earned his MBA degree from Duke University, USA, with an emphasis in Finance. His experiences include Corporate Finance Manager in the Shin Corp. Co. Ltd., Assistant Vice President in the Debt Restructuring in the Stock Exchange of Thailand.

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Rosemarie Villa (Teacher of Grade 1C) married **Pastor Rodel Gotos** on December 18, 2007 at the Diamond Head Seventh-day Adventist Church, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA



Sukanya (Mook) Boonsook (right), married **Sanya Loo** on November 17, 2007

Golf Champion of EIS

Phasin Vichitcharoenpaisarn, who has just turned six, is presently in K3A. He has just been playing golf for over a year, but has won many tournaments. He was the 2nd runner up in the True Visions - Singha Junior Golf Championship (under 7), Champion of Class F (Boys under 7) at the ISF Junior Golf Premiership 2007, and Champion of the US Kids Golf (under 7) and to be a US Kids Golf Presefer for year 2008 at the US Kids Golf Tournament 2007.



Gearing Up for Success

By Suthep Madarasmi, Ph.D.

Going to College

Sooner or later you will have to say goodbye to EIS to make the big move to college. "What college? Which country? What major? Will college be tough?" are questions you'll likely ask. First, let me give a note of assurance about college. If you do well in the 11th grade, you will likely continue to do well in the 12th grade, and likewise in college. Sure, some of you may see a performance you don't expect.

Being Creative

When you find it difficult to focus on your studies, try creating action activities such as making notes in Power Point, recording voice as question/answer notes into your MP3 player, or forming a study group with friends. Be imaginative. You can also squeeze in some study time here to keep the studies bite-sized and easy to swallow.

These little activities can help spice up your study life.

Getting Involved

Watch Out! Spending all your college days with books alone can mean you have wasted the best years of your life. If life's a journey, then you will likely remember your college days as the part of the ride along the beach road. Do make stops along the way to enjoy the view, the waves, and "smell the roses," so to speak. In addition to academic learning, college is also a time to learn about friendship, relationships, and discover who you truly are. Get involved in extra-curricular and other activities such as road trips, sports, music, student magazines, student organizations, etc. You will make lifelong friends and gain worthy experiences from such involvement, often worth much more than the classroom experience.

Choosing Majors

Choose a major you're passionate about. Very often Dad would want you to pick a major that will make more money than

the one you like. No problem. Today you can choose something to satisfy both. For example, if you like Art and Dad likes Engineering, consider Architecture where you can design buildings, shopping arcades, and landscapes. Other similar majors are Printing, Media, and Packaging. A major in Information Technology (IT) or Management of Information Systems (MIS) can also satisfy business and computer interests. Are you interested in business and creative arts or movie making? If so, consider Advertising. If

In addition to academic learning, college is also a time to learn about friendship, relationships, and discover who you truly are.

you love Art and Computer Science, then a focus in Animation, Game Programming, or Web Design may be ideal. If you are 50/50 between two majors such as Business and Engineering, I suggest picking the tougher one (i.e., engineering) because fewer people can do it, giving you a competitive edge for a career. If later on you decide you want to get a business degree, you can always join an MBA program where your technical undergraduate degree will actually be an advantage.

Going Abroad

If you can afford to study abroad, do it. I would suggest choosing a "melting pot" country with diversity in cultures such as USA, Canada, UK, or Australia. Exposure to their world-class university environment will give you an attitude of confidence that you can make it anywhere in the world. Also, your strengthened English skills will guarantee you a place in the future global marketplace. To increase your chances of getting into a college of your choice, you must try to maintain good grades. Concentrate espe-

cially in Math and English, because most entrance exams such as SAT and TOEFL/IELTS focus on these two subjects.

Needing Help

If you need any further guidance, you can contact the Guidance Department of EIS, or you can email me at suthep@kmutt.ac.th and I'll try my best to help. As an EIS graduate, I can confidently say that EIS does a great job in preparing its students for college. Personally, I would like to see more of you choose challenging majors in the best institutions both here and worldwide. On an ending note, I do hope, as you face new challenges ahead, you never forget to enjoy each part of your life's journey whether through school, college, work, parenting, or even retirement.



Dr. Suthep Madarasmi, graduated from EIS in 1980. He then spent 2 years at Andrews University, Michigan, and 2 years at Michigan State University where he received a B.S. in Computer Science. He then completed an M.S. degree from Michigan State University, followed by a Ph.D. degree from the University of Minnesota. He is currently the Head of Computer Engineering Department, King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi and also a senior consultant for Genesys InfoCAD, a software company. He has 2 boys studying at EIS in grades 7 and 8.



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