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Ekamai International School

The Christian School that Empowers, Inspires and Serves

Philosophy

True education involves the whole person and promotes the harmonious development of the physical, mental, social and spiritual dimensions of human nature.

Vision

An international Seventh-Day Adventist institution providing a state-of-the-art education, in a Christian environment, to prepare students for the challenges of the 21st century.

Mission Statement

We offer a challenging, Christ-centered academic program and the opportunity for students to exercise and expand their varied abilities and potential. We endeavor to create a climate marked by a sense of God's presence and action in the world, love for one's neighbor and concern for social justice and equality for all people.

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Cover Page: Senior '14 students went to Phetchabun Province to do community service. Full story is on page 10. (Photo by Kachapol Trakulsap 12B)

Message from the Principal for Academic Administration

Dear Respected Parents, Teachers, Ardent Students, Alumni and Friends,

Not long ago, we celebrated the beginning of 2014. What went before is history.

The past gave us much. Each of us has learnt life lessons that stand, in the words of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, as the "footprints on the sands of time."

Even if our personal history was marked by embarrassment, sorrow or despair, we can still reach mountain peaks of achievement. Today is a new day, a new beginning, a new hope for a better tomorrow.

Let us find the courage to face our new beginnings. Longfellow, the great American poet, summed up our situation so well in his *A Psalm of Life*.

Let us then, be up and doing With a heart for any fate Still achieving, still pursuing Learn to labor and learn to wait

Emily Dickinson, another wonderful American poet, echoed his sentiments in her work *Success is Counted Sweetest*. She asserted the fruit of hard work does not come quickly, but when success does come, it is sweetest to those who have never tasted it before.

So, dear respected teachers and ardent students, what better day to begin than today. 2014 is already well begun so let us work together to educate ourselves for the 21st century.

God bless us all!

Harold Dawat, MEd Principal for Academic Administration



Harold Dawat, MEd

Interview with Mr. Geoffrey McRae High School Principal

By Catheriya Narang 11D



Mr. Geoffrey McRae, MA Ed

Tell us about your educational background and work experience.

I am a product of church schools, just like EIS. When I was in high school, I went to Takoma Academy. Takoma Academy is a lot like EIS. I finished high school in 1996.

I started out as a PR major at Columbia Union College. After my freshman year, I transferred to Southern Adventist University in Tennessee and graduated in 2000 with a bachelor degree in history and a minor in education.

I completed my masters in Educational Leadership at AIIAS in the Philippines.

After graduation, I worked as a volunteer teacher in Australia for a year.

I have also served as a teacher in Korea, Taiwan, Vietnam, China, and Thailand. How do you feel being the high school principal?

Exciting! Instead of sitting in the classroom, I see the school as my classroom. I enjoy working with students and teachers.

What has been your biggest accomplishment so far?

I think it is maintaining a positive attitude and getting to know more students and finding ways to help my co-workers.

What advice would you like to give to your students?

Their decisions made now will have serious implications in the future. Making a mistake is okay, what matters is what you do next.

How you treat your teachers, your classmates, and your school says a lot about what you value the most. Always consider others first, that is the first and best value to hold.



Students dressed up in international costumes singing Christmas songs brought cheers to their audience. They also raised funds to aid the victims affected by Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines.

By Mrs. Virnie B. Zulueta, Head of Music Department

The EIS Christmas concerts, organized by the Music Department, were held on a number of different days. November 20th was set aside for Elementary and Middle Schools while November 27th was the big day for the Primary School. Often last but never least, the Kindergarten Department had their hoho-ho day on November 28th.

All concerts were dedicated to the victims of the super typhoon Haiyan that hit the Philippines and destroyed many lives.

Students displayed their skills in playing the violin, keyboard, band instruments and choral singing.

The Elementary Section (grades 3 through 5) performed Christmas carols with much enthusiasm. Not to be outdone, primary students (Grades 1 and 2) presented *Christmas Around the World* made more lively by their colorful international costumes.

What made the program special was the participation by some of the parents. It was a family affair.

The program concluded with a musical play presented by the kindergarten students with the theme *The Little Bell That Could Not Ring*. They were very adorable in their lovely costumes. Each was a little angel.

The High School Choir also did much to make our program a success.

The Music Department wishes to thank all those supporting the fund raising project for typhoon victims.







Princes and Princesses (L-R) Natnicha Singh 1A, Thalakorn Benjapongwattana 2A, Nathalie Vliek 2B, Alyssa Cholakian K3C and Punn Charusakulariyakul 1B. Missing is Suphakorn Komthongvijit K3B (below top left). Below are pictures of other participants.

By Gurtejpal Sachdev 12B

The Prince and Princess Pageant, an annual event hosted by the Student Council for kindergarten and primary students up to grade 2, was held in the Milne Auditorium on November 25th, 2013.

Parents waited anxiously to see their gorgeously dressed children walk the runway.

Each would be judged on personality as well as appearance.

Everyone put on very attractive costumes. Most girls were dressed as princesses, but the boys, less focused on titles, came as kings, knights, superheroes and even movie characters.

As contestants made their way down the catwalk, each found a way to impress judges and audience with their grace and self-assurance.

"I was glad to see my daughter participate," said one mother. "It will help her build confidence and selfesteem."

"The children walked like royalties," said another parent. "They were awesome."

At the finale, contestants lined-up on stage to take pictures and answer questions. All knew within minutes six of them would be crowned Princes and Princesses of the three junior sections of EIS.

The princes and princesses were: Kindergarten: Suphakorn Komthongvijit K3B and Alyssa Cholakian K3C. Grade one: Punn Charusakulariyakul 1B and Natnicha Singh 1A. Grade two: Thalakorn Benjapongwattana 2A and Nathalie Vliek 2B.



Kindergartners Give Thanks

By Ms. Carizza Jyn Colegado, Teacher

Thanksgiving at the EIS kindergarten (K1-K3) was celebrated in a unique way at breakfast time on November 20, 2013. Building 9 was buzzing with excitement as young children eagerly waited to partake in the little feast that was coming up.

Before the breakfast bash began, Mrs. Edith Chu, Elementary School Principal, led the students in the regular flag-raising ceremony.

Formalities complete, students lined up by classes to get their food. Soon they were sitting with their classmates on the floor eating chicken, mashed potatoes, green peas, and oranges.

What a delicious Thanksgiving breakfast. Definitely it was a day to say thanks.



"I Love You" Dad Father's Day Celebration

By Nilar Myat Aung and Sanya Singh 9A

IS would have liked to celebrate Father's Day on December 5th, but since this day is a national holiday commemorating King Bhumibol's birthday, the school chose December 4th as its "Dad's Day."

This truly heart-warming event started at 7:30 am with the National and King's anthem followed by an opening speech by EIS Acting Director Mr. Prachack Jitbunyad.

Other speakers gave speeches of tribute to the King and all the fathers present.

Students from the Primary School then performed a traditional Thai dance as a tribute to all the fathers present.

The event ended with students giving flowers to their father. There was happiness in the air as children showed their love and appreciation to their fathers

Wow! That was an emotional moment.



EIS Dancers Get TV Coverage

By Ms. Pramejit Jansuwan and Ms. Monjai Chansuwan, Thai Language Teachers

group of EIS students performed a Thai dance, *Long Live the King*, to commemorate the 84th birthday of His Majesty the King of Thailand, King Bhumibol Adulyadej.

The auspicious day was also celebrated as Father's Day.

The dance was recorded on November 7, 2013 and was televised by TV Channel 7 on December 5, 2013.

The performers were:

Punnaporn Besuwan 1D Sirathorn Tanyacharoenkarnca 1C Natatda Chanuan 1C Natchareeya Wongnirund 1C Budsarin Mateedunsatits 3B Paraya Thanyawong 3B Leilani Hul 3A Ponpun Yuttakaichaisri 3A Chanikarn Ngamlod 4A





Accompanied by the following Thai classical musicians:

Apapatra Teerapatum 8A Sitatham Puechkamut 8D Chatchanok Chinchaicharoen 8E Na-taat Panukchoklap 8B Natcha Nanthavithaya 8C Jin Ju Kang 8A



Khwanchanok Chatsrirung 8E Panutad Kuwijitsuwan 9A Chonnikan Sukajirawat 9D Supatcha Charnitadtrakul 9D Nattanai Kuprasert 9B Patthita Mongkolrattawat 11E Natcha Phutthisan 11D Areeya Jongjitaree 11C

Keep Singing High School Choir!

By Mrs. Virnie B. Zulueta, Head of Music Department

n October 5, 2013, the High School Choir of EIS joined eight other international schools participating in the 19th Bangkok International Choral Festival held at the International School of Bangkok.

"A magical performance by the choirs," commented Mr. Kevin Allen-Schmid, a guest speaker from Arucha International School, Tanzania, East Africa. "Their voices were brilliant."

"It was a unique experience for students from various international schools to gather together to sing praises to the Lord," said Prin Laomanutsak 11A.

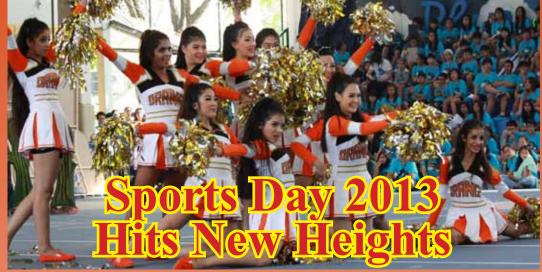
EIS is proud of their performances which boosted their self-esteem even though it was their first time participating in such a big festival.

We hope the students will continue to develop and use their talents to praise God.









Orange House cheerleading team won the Cheerleading competition. Below are pictures of cheerleading squads from other color houses, students participating in various running competitions and representatives displaying their trophies (bottom right).

By Saranya Sachdev 11D

ports Day 2013, held on December 2-3, 2013, started with a parade filled with drama, beauty, and excitement. Drum majors from each house brought out screams and shouts from the stands as they performed well-known songs such as *Treasure* and *What Does the Fox Say*.

Pink House

Seniors, convinced their "vintage steam punk" was a winning theme, scored big points with their mesmerizing parade performance, but they slipped badly with a cheerleading routine that failed to impress the judges. Despite their third place finish, Pink House cheerleaders performed crowd pleasing complicated moves with only a few minor errors. Fortunately, they rebounded to deliver a strong finish in track and field. Elsewhere, Pink clocked a second place finish in sports, falling only 22 points behind the first place leader.

Orange House

With cacti and teepees, the junior-led Orange House went native. Their stand was clearly the most striking and waving of flags kept spirits high. Day two was colored orange from the moment the house cheerleading squad stepped onto the Covered Court. Unique dance steps gave Orange House a first place finish. Even more satisfying, their athletes received first place in the overall sport competition by a small margin. Tears were shed, hugs were shared, and joy was on everyone's face. Victory tasted sweet.

Purple House

Purple House's sophomores gave us a masquerade ball complete with masks and costumes. Team spirit and unity was evident, but this house clearly lacked the oomph displayed by their competitors. Despite some impressive choreography, Purple cheerleaders ended up in fourth place. Their athletes also finished the day in the last spot. Yes, a disappointment. But next year it will be a different story.



Blue House

The stand of the freshmen's Blue House almost nailed it with their 'Once In A Blue Moon' theme, but not everyone understood the message. Fortunately, their costumes in the parade – they wore outfits associated with romantic nights under a full moon – hinted where they were going



conceptually. Bagging second in cheerleading was a major triumph even if their third place finish in sports had some freshmen wishing they had run faster.

For first timers, it was a day worth remembering.



Student entrepreneurs doing brisk business at the General Business Sale.

By Linh Nhi Phan Minh 10C

The General Business Sale, held on November 25, 2013, allowed students to display their entrepreneurial and budgeting skills.

Each booth had its own sales strategy so General Business (GB) class students were able to practice lessons learned from their semester of study.

"It was a good day, said Christina Bergsoe 10C. "Even though we did not make a huge profit, we had a great time"

"It was a learning experience for all of us," said Rose Agrawal 11E.

GB students, as company managers, were required to come up with products with customer appeal. Profit, or at least no loss, was their goal for the day.

Students have been preparing for this project since the start of the school year. Many were proud of their success.

"I was very excited when the first customer bought our product," said Jungeun Yun.

"It was a great learning experience for all GB students," said Chanlika Ting 10C. "Some students ended with a loss, but they were still happy they had gained priceless knowledge."

















Senior students getting ready with their supplies for their adventure helping the needy in Phetchabun. In spite of the freezing weather, they were able to shed rays of warmth to the people in that area.

By Blessing Temitope Thomas 12E

From December 15-19, 2013 many members of the senior class went to the beautiful mountains of Khao Kor in Phetchabun province to do a community service.

Seniors this year taught little children basic English, built the walls of a church and donated goods to the local villagers. They were able to shed rays of warmth wherever they went.

In spite of the teeth-chattering cold, seniors had already gotten to know the community and were teaching English – lessons ranged from numbers to fruits to body language – by the end of day two.

Seniors were also able to find time away from helping others to enjoy themselves.

They visited spectacular temples and then headed out to view strawberry farms nestled in the valleys of gorgeous mountains.

"It was a great moment to spend times with my fellow seniors," said Kantinan Tunveenukoon 12A. "I feel sorry for those who missed this opportunity to serve the community."

"The community service trip was definitely one of the most memorable trips I've had," said Chalisa Visudharomn 12D . "It really bonded us together."

Mrs. Beatrice Kootanasan, Principal of Student Affairs, who accompanied the students, appreciated how willingly seniors invested their Christmas holidays to be with the needy.

"It was quite an experience to bathe with icy water and sleep under the cold weather in this part of the world," she said. "It was trip that we will always remember throughout our lives."



Science Projects

Egg Drop



Nunnaphat Songmanee 10B and Subin Hyun 10E getting ready to drop their eggs from the 6th floor.

By Saranya Sachdev 11D and Glanelle Ejurango 11G

Recently, Mr. Felix Nada's Honors Physics class conducted the famous egg drop project, dropping two raw eggs at the same time from the 6th floor of the high school building.

The egg drop is a classic science demonstration that illustrates kinematics and Newton's Laws of Motion.

The idea for this project originates from problems encountered in space exploration. Instruments destined to explore Mars or the moon must be packaged so that they are not damaged upon takeoff or landing.

"Although we expected to do this project even before entering class, actually coming face to face with the challenge is quite scary," said Linh Nhi, a student whose eggs survived the six floor drop.

From foam balls to straws, from cotton to bubble wrap, everything was used to protect these eggs from facing a tragic end.

Some students failed the experiment. Broken eggs stained the ground at the cafeteria entrance. One student said, "No matter whether the experiment was a failure or success, all students applied their physics skills in their projects and reports, and nothing teaches a student better than hands-on applications and rectifying previously made mistakes."

Another student said "Mr. Felix's egg drop project is great for promoting critical thinking and problem solving. Thank you Mr. Felix for an experience of a lifetime!"

Newton's Scooters Demo Third Law



A balloon-powered scooter

By Linh Nhi Phan Minh 10C

uring the first quarter of this school year, students from Mr. Felix Nada's Honors Physics class presented their two or four wheel "scooters" built to illustrate Newton's Third Law of Motion. It states that for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction. Each model had to move more than three meters across the room as a reaction to the power of an opposing force.

Students and Mr. Felix had a wonderful and time, sharing not only knowledge but also laughter and disappointments. Students learned from each other different ways to apply the concept. Models were run by balloons, rubber bands and even by water!

"The Newton's Scooter presentation was very exciting and fun," said Miri Kim 10C.

"The project was very nerve-racking because I panicked not knowing if my model would travel over three meters," said Chanlika Ting 10C. "I was relieved when it ran seven."

Sukanya Gopalakrishnan 10E really enjoyed the day. "It was really exciting to see how students came up with creative ideas to make the scooters workable," she said. "They were all very innovative and smart."



Thai Forest Ecosystem



An ecosystem designed by Nalinwara Pattara-angkoon 9A and Natnicha Imamnuaysup 9E.

By Nalinwara Pattara-angkoon 9A & Natnicha Imamnuaysup 9E

To partially complete their course requirements, four Biology students – Nalinwara Pattaraangkoon 9A, Natnicha Imamnuaysup 9E, Phurichya Jirayutat 9E and Varindhorn Kasiraksa 9B – replicated a Thai forest ecosystem complete with species, populations and a community.

"The project looked simple," said Phurichya, "but we had to spend a lot of effort in planning and designing to make it as realistic as possible."

"It was very challenging to figure out how an ecosystem can sustain and benefit the environment," said Varindhorn. "We depend on our physical environment for food, water, shelter and other necessities. Each enhances the other."

All students were grateful to Mr. Twapon Bol for his guidance. It gave students a deeper understanding of the natural world around them.



(Left and above) Self-propelled scooters illustrating Newton's Third Law.

Alexander Wins Gold at the Taekwondo Championship

lexander Sanderson 5D recently went to compete in the British National Taekwondo Championships in Manchester, England on September 7-8, 2013. Alex won a gold medal and the title of 2013 British National Champion to go with it!

"I am a new student here," said Alex, "but I am already enjoying the environment. The teachers and friends are great and very supportive. I am happy to be studying at EIS."

By Mr. Lee Chin Beng, Editor as told by Mr. Chris Sanderson, father of Alex.



"Run for the King" Marathon

n Thursday, December 5, 2013 at 5:00 am, about two hundred EIS students, faculty members and parents gathered at Lumpini Park to participate in the 11 km marathon "Run For the King" in honor of the King of Thailand on his 86th birthday. EIS family members were the second largest group who participated in the event. Congratulations to Si Youn Kim 8G who was the first winner from the EIS group.

By Mr. Prajuab Ekwiriyaton, Marketing Coordinator



SC Tidies Up EIS Campus

The Student Council 2013, under the leadership of Suhail Prasathong, wanted badly to make the EIS campus as sanitary as possible.

As their final project, the Council purchased garbage bins in different colors: white for dry wastes such as paper, green for plastic bottles, and yellow for other wastes.

"Having a color-coded system will teach the younger generation to be more eco-friendly," said Suhail.

"Projects like these expose students to many learning curves," agreed Mr. Carlos Cirilo, SC Head Sponsor.

By Sarun Songpechmongkol 12G



"My Grace is Enough"

Week of Prayer

By Nandita Banik 11D

his school year's first Week of Prayer, held from November 11 - 15, 2013, saw keynote speaker Ben Thanteeraphan, pastor of the Bangkok Adventist Hospital Church, focus on key aspects of grace.

Each morning started with singing. "As the Deer" and "Happy Day" were favorite numbers, but "Praise You in this Storm" was the program's theme song.

"This song was picked to support those in the Philippines who were affected by typhoon Haiyan," said Ms. Sarita Arora. "It portrays how we can hold onto God in times of crisis and praise His glory."

Throughout the week, Pastor Ben spent time explaining what grace means and how people have use it every day.

His main message was "My Grace is Enough" referring, of course, to God's great gift to mankind. In addition, he shared his college-live stories, his family pictures and his life lessons.

Students were encouraged to ask questions. In the end, many students learnt how God's grace can change their lives.







(Top right) Pastor Ben Thanteeraphan of the Bangkok Adventist Hospital Church was the speaker of the Week of Prayer. (Above) Senior students led out in the song service accompanied by Pastor Joe Dejwinya on the guitar.

Christmas Caroling Brings Cheers

By Piyawat Boonma and Kachapol Trakulsap 12B

n Monday, November 25, 2013, students from the Accounting class of Mr. Tommy Thomas organized a Christmas caroling trip to the EIS Primary section. They sang many joyful songs such as *Jingle Bells and Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer*.

"This is the first time I went caroling" said one student. "It brought cheers to my heart."

"Christmas is a time of peace, love and blessings, a time for sharing and giving," said another student. "I hope our songs have uplifted the hearts of the students."

Mr. Tommy reminded the students that Christmas is a celebration of the birth of Christ. It is meant to celebrate peace and joy.



"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16 Bible)



"'Don't be afraid! . . . I bring you good news of great joy for everyone! The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born tonight in Bethlehem, the city of David!"

And suddenly a multitude of the heavenly angels appeared praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." (Luke 2:10-14 Bible)

Storytelling Enlivens Itlementary Library

By Sukittima Sukruaycharoen 12E

The EIS Elementary Library knows enjoying a good story lies at the heart of learning to read.

In fact, thanks to a storytelling program conducted every week with Pre-K students and every other week with grades 1- 4 students. Elementary librarians are currently turning dozens of young children into real book people.

"I want students to have fun listening when I read to them," said Ms. Kessarin Muangkram, main story teller. "It is so enjoyable they want to read more books."

Ms. Kessarin sometime reads stories from the book that supports the school curriculum. She even finds educational videos related to the books or events happening at school.









Piano Quintet Concert

By Mrs. Virnie B. Zulueta Head of Music Department

piano quintet concert, held on September 25, 2013, was a great success. It went well beyond piano playing. Volunteer musicians from other international schools as well as EIS students shared their talents in singing and playing musical instruments.

The concert raised Baht 60,025.00 for the purchase of a new grand piano for the school.

"I would like to thank Sijhana Virakul 8E and Supanee Kitmahawong, an alumnus from New York, for donating Baht 10,000 each towards the project," said Mrs. Virnie Zulueta.

The amount collected may be small but it will certainly help towards the purchase of the new grand piano for the school and music ministry of the Bangkok International Church.

The music department appreciates the support of the administrators, students, parents, alumni, teachers, staff, church members and friends.









New Elementary Playground Dedicated

By Mr. Prachack Jitbunyad, General Manager

The new kindergarten and elementary playground is fast becoming a reality. The old playground for kindergarten students has been upgraded and an all-purpose open court will be built next to the football field to provide a game area for children and a meeting venue for adults

On December 12, 2013, a prayer dedication ceremony was conducted by Pastor Chanchai Kiatyanyong, Chairman of the EIS Board, seeking God's blessing on the new project.

The reconstruction, begun on December 9, 2013, will be completed during the first half of February. A new roof as well as new flooring for the KD area will be built to make the area weather-proof and safe. A new and bigger imported equipment will be installed for the children to play.

EIS would also like to thank EIS alumni and friends for their donation for this project.



Members of the EIS Board, Administrative Staff, teachers and students gathered in prayer at the construction site to dedicate and seek God's blessing on the project.

A model of the new and bigger equipment that will be installed for the children to play.



Donation to Relief Fund for Victims of Typhoon Haiyan

By Mr. Prachack Jitbunyad, General Manager

s part of its community outreach, Ekamai International School, students, parents, faculty and staff, alumni and friends donated a total of Baht 100,000.-towards the relief fund for the typhoon victims in the Philippines.

Picture at right (4-6 from left) shows Mr. Nopparin Seksantisakul, Finance Manager, Mrs. Rajdeep Takeuchi, Consultant and Mr. Prachack Jitbunyad, General Manager, presenting the check to (1-3 from left) Pr. Khongkrit Imkamon Communications Director, Ms. Patcharaporn Satayavaksakool, Treasurer and Pr. Chanchai Kiatyanyong, President of SDA Thailand Mission.



By Mr. Ian Cordero, **Accreditation Coordinator**

t the beginning of the school year, a number of parents braved the inhospitable weather and joined the EIS Leadership Committee to attend the year's first Parents Council of EIS meeting.

At the meeting, one parent voiced his expectation and said, "As an international school, it is a must for all students to speak English not only in the school but also in their every day lives."

Then after a short exchange of questions and answers, Principal for Academic Administration, Mr. Harold Dawat, talked about the school wide literacy drive.

Middle School Principal Mrs. Brenda Boudreaux seized everyone's attention with her Read to Succeed Club presentation and her catchy treasure box exhibit.

The parents then huddled together representing different sections and exchanged names and tales while selecting their five representatives.



PCEIS Basic Goals

- 1. To foster excellence in education by promoting the philosophy, vision and mission statements of EIS
- 2. To advance the cause of Christian education in the home, the school, and the community.
- 3. To promote communication and understanding between parents, teachers and the administration.
- 4. To provide an organization through which parents can help meet the needs of EIS.
- 5. To share ideas with the school to
- improve students' welfare as a whole. 6. To work with section principals and administration to facilitate the implementation of actions taken by the administration and PCEIS.
- To have social activities and informative meetings for parents to foster the harmony and unity of the school family.
- 8. To raise funds to support the school development.

By Chanakan Sirisukhodom 12E

kamai International School (EIS), together with Thailand Adventist Mission and Ramkhamhaeng Advent International School, joined hands with the Ministry of Education of Laos to conduct community service at the Chon Paow Vienxay School, an ethnic boarding school in Sam Neua in the northeastern part of country.

Paow Vienxay has 533 students, mostly orphans, and 41 teachers.

On arrival at the school, students stood in line to receive T-shirts, slippers, notebooks, pens, mosquito nets, blankets, and other necessities.

"Smiles of joy were reflected on their faces," said Mrs. Beatrice. "We prayed God's power would be reflected in our deeds.





Nurture, Trust & Teamwork Teachers & Staff Retreat

By Mr. Bronsen Stoltz, Drama & Spanish Teacher

The EIS Teachers Retreat was organized at the beginning of the school year at Garden Seaview Resort in Pattaya. It was a very nice and relaxing place to re-energize the faculty before the new school year began.

Mr. Bronsen Stoltz and his team led out in creative and fun activities. One teacher said, "The team building activities were great, they helped to boost our morale and cohesiveness and we got to know each other better."

Another teacher agreed and said, "The activities helped us to create a focus and direction for the new school year. I want to thank Mr. Bronsen and especially Mr. Prajuab for organizing the event".

When the retreat ended, the Social Committee decided that the fun activities, good memories, and theme should continue throughout the year.







Hola Bronsen Stages Fiesta Success

By Vannida Singhnarang Kaur 12B, Rosarin Gambhir 12B and Pattira Pirattwaranun 12G

The 4th annual Español Mundial or Spanish World Festival, held on May 23rd, managed to squeeze a lot of fun into the tiny space between Buildings 6 and 9.

The stage, decorated by the Spanish, Drama, and Magazine classes, was the central focus, but few left without buying some of the delicious Mexican food provided by Bourbon Street Inn Restaurant.

"The enchiladas, burritos, and nachos were delicious," said Inthu Engponsin 12D.

Colorful papier-mâché piñatas filled with sweet candies did much to enliven the atmosphere. They would eventually be broken to allow everyone – especially the younger students – to scramble for sweets.

"I am happy so many students were able to speak Spanish," said Señor Bronsen.





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New Teachers



I am Michael Herman from the USA. I graduated in 2006 with a BA in General Mathematics from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

Soon after graduating, I began working as a drafter for a structural engineering firm where I worked for five years. After traveling for a year, I realized I wanted a change from the sedentary and repetitive nature of my occupation.

While overseas, I began teaching English for Beltei International school in Cambodia and discovered an occupation worthy of my need for a commitment. Later, I would also teach ESL courses in Taiwan, teaching learners ranging from 4-18 years of age.

After briefly visiting my family in the U.S., I arrived in Bangkok to complete my CELTA (Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) certification. Soon after, I was warmly welcomed into the Intensive English Language Department here at EIS.



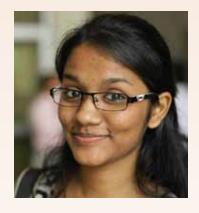
G'day, my name is Sheryn Suet Voon YU and I am from Australia.

I have a degree in medical science, a Masters in education and I am about to complete a PhD (Australian National University).

I moved to Thailand when my husband received a job posting in Bangkok.

I am honoured and delighted to join EIS as colleagues are exceptionally friendly and my students brighten up my day. I am currently teaching Grade 7 and 8 Algebra.

I look forward to utilizing my aptitude and skills to inspire, motivate and facilitate students' effective learning, making learning maths fun, enjoyable and meaningful.



My name is Cassandra Andrews from Malaysia.

I graduated from Asia-Pacific International University in Muak Lek, Saraburi, Thailand, with a Bachelor of Arts in Education and Psychology.

I am currently a homeroom teacher of Grade 1B, and this is my first year of teaching. I am glad to be here.



My name is Archana Prashant from India.

I came to Bangkok with my family in 1995.

I completed my B.A. with a Specialization in English Literature. I also completed my MEd from Assumption University in Bangkok.

Currently I am teaching Language Development to the High School students at EIS. I believe in providing a stimulating environment for my students to be able to learn and understand the English language and also to develop a liking for the language through the creativity of its literature.

Alumnotes

By Ms. Hazel Ilao, Teacher



Nattara Virapriya

Nattara Virapriya (Class of 2012) known to her friends as Nan, is studying at King Mongkut's University of Technology in Thonburi, Thailand. She is in the School of Architecture and Design doing a degree in their Architecture Program.

Nan tells us that graduating from high school and entering university was a big move. However, making new friends and adapting to her new environment was not as difficult as she expected. As an architecture student, the requirements are quite tough and it takes up a lot of energy. There are projects to submit every week and good time management must be well-practiced. There is no more spoon feeding and self-studying is what drives the learning process. Nan's tips to be successful while studying are responsibility and time management.

After graduating from university, Nan plans to find some working experiences in the architectural field first then when a fitting time comes, she will continue on to take a master degree.

In her 13 years at EIS, our school became like a second home, our teachers like second parents, and friends like brothers and sisters. The people are the most important part of her experiences here.

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Sarinrat Penpatcharapanich

Sarinrat Penpatcharapanich (Class of 2010, Grade 11) attended Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts in Singapore where she obtained a Diploma of Illustration Design. Her time in Singapore was a very memorable one where she was exposed to so many types of people and cultures. It has helped her develop more tolerance towards individuals with different opinions. Living by herself in Singapore has made her more responsible and dependent in managing herself such as completing school projects or doing house chores.

During her stay in Singapore, she had the chance to partake in an internship called the "Game Innovation Program". It is an internship for students who wish to learn more about the game industry. The internship involves students with experience in different skills where they are grouped together to create a game according to what the client wants. From this experience she learned about the pros and cons of working in a big game company, the working process of a published game, and how to commercialize your product.

Sarinrat's top three tips to be successful while studying are time management, self-discipline, and attentiveness. One should divide work into small processes allowing enough to complete work, stick to the plan and not divert from the goal, and be aware of the things around you such as class, friends, and activities.

Sarinrat is currently working as a freelance illustrator. Some of her work experiences include working as a Graphic Designer for Musikinder Art School (May 14, 2011 - July 14, 2011) in making a music book and working as a Game Artist for the Game Innovation Program (June 13, 2013 - August 16, 2013). Sarinrat plans to continue her studies in illustration at the New School of Design in New York. During her stay there she wants to find a place to intern and gain more experience so that someday she can start her own company here in Thailand.



Umang Kumar Agrawal

Umang Kumar Agrawal (Class of 2011) is currently pursuing his Bachelors Degree at The University of Iowa, with a Major in Accounting. He will be graduating in May of 2015, but he also plans on doing his Masters in Accounting at Iowa and should be graduating by May of 2016. He wants to be a certified CPA and land a full time position with a public accounting firm

As a student at the University of Iowa, Umang has experienced working as a Resident Assistant for University Housing and Dining and is currently working as an Accounting Assistant for the John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center in the Tippie College of Business. He is also on the Dean's List with a GPA over 3.50.

Umang's recipe for success as a student is never skip a class unless you absolutely have to, take AP classes in high school as it will lighten your load in college, work on public writing and speaking, volunteer and get experience, take as many math classes as you can in high school, and make yourself stand out. Last and most importantly have fun in high school because they are the best days of your life!

EIS holds a lot of dear memories for Umang. Much of his time was spent hanging out with friends or playing football during lunch or after school, hanging out in the library, or chilling in the Student Council room. As a Student Council Sports Coordinator for SC'11 he also has a lot of memories of that too.

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One of Sarinrat's most memorable experiences in EIS was time spent in the library drawing with her group of friends. She wrote, "It was a great feeling to be able to talk and share things with people of the same interest. After I left EIS, I have yet to find someone whom I'm able to share such an experience with."

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Students from grade two delighted the audience with their well choreographed performance. Below are many scenes from the fun fair.

By Sukittima Sukruaycharoen 12E

kamai International School organized an EIS and Alumni Fun Fair with the theme "One EIS, One Family" on Sunday, October 25, 2013 to raise funds as well as to bring the school family together for a good cause.

Many booths were set up in various locales to sell food, drinks or specialty items. Inside the Covered Court, there were game corners, a dunk tank, a giant slider and several giant water balls.

The Milne Auditorium was transformed into another fun center with booths selling raffle tickets or offering prizes to the skillful – throwing darts was a big favorite for those with a steady hand and a sharp eye.

EIS students from Pre-K to Grade 12 entertained parents, visitors and their fellow students with performances – the show began with a touching rendition of *Dream of Love* by K1 students. The High School choir soon followed with *We Are the World*. Definitely worth mentioning was the Medley Show from EIS Seniors 2014. It portrayed the experiences of a child, acted by Napath Kosolsuparat 12E, growing into adulthood.

"I was proud our kids gained confidence to perform in front of a big audience," said Mrs. Beatrice Kootanasan, Principal of Student Administration and the organizer of the Fun Fair.

"I would also like to thank all students, parents, teachers, and alumni for your efforts and participation in making the EIS and Alumni Fun Fair 2013 a success. We were able to raise funds to improve the school's Wi-Fi system."





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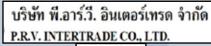
















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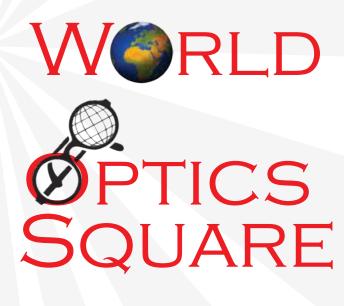
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