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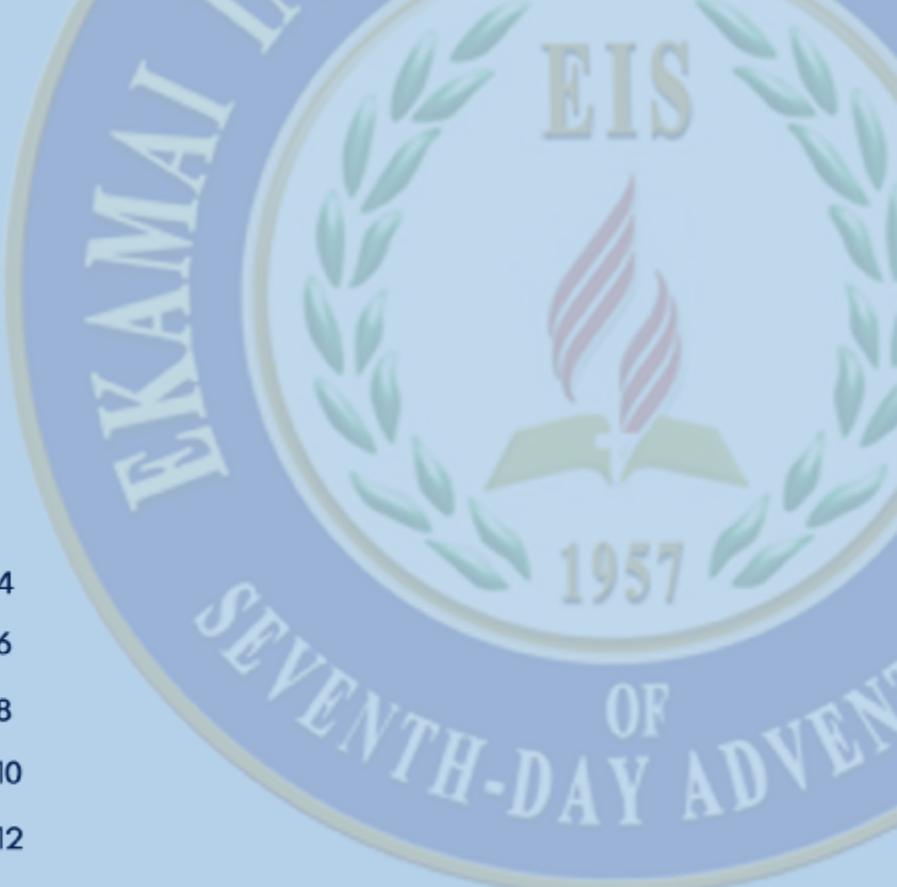
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The EIS Games is the most anticipated campus-wide event that fosters unity, fitness, and fun. Read full story on pages 6-7. Photo by Theerapat Santanaprasit.



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**God's word is a lamp unto my feet,
 and a light unto my path.**

Psalm 119:105

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



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Thank you for your trust!

As a family united in God's love, Ekamai International School continue to strive for quality Adventist Christian international education. We aspire a holistic development of our students needs through the collaborative efforts of our leadership team, faculty, staff, parents, and alumni.

We are blessed with a unified family that shares the same vision and desire, that is to honor our Master Teacher, Jesus Christ. We are grateful for this opportunity to serve you and your children, and we are perpetually thankful for your continued trust and confidence.

This second issue of the EIS Newsletter for the SY 2017-2018 focuses on service to God and to the community. It includes among others; the Senior Community Service in Chiang Mai, Week of Prayer, 60th Anniversary Celebration, EIS Games, Pathfinder and Adventurer Camps. It also highlights the feats and successes of our students in local and international competitions such as; Thailand High School Debate Championship, MUN Singapore Conference, University of Debrecen's Outstanding Student, Plaque of Honor from the Prime Minister of Thailand, and many others.

It is our prayer that through this Newsletter we can update you with campus events, announcements, and other concerns that will involve your voice as a member of our family. If you want to connect further, email as at info@eis.ac.th.

Thank you and God bless.

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Rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free.

Ephesians 6:7-8



HELP AND TEACH

SENIORS '18 CHIANG MAI COMMUNITY SERVICE

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.
-- Proverbs 19:17



By Urvi Shawijswarnkul, 12C

Starting the winter break with Community Service in Chiang Mai, the class of Seniors '18 not only donated toys, clothing, and money, but with the help of the Adventist Development Relief Agency (ADRA) and Chiang Mai Adventist Academy (CAA) also painted water tanks and taught English in 2 different schools. The trip began on December 16 when a group of 85 students and teachers boarded the overnight train to Chiang Mai; everyone was full of excitement.

Sunday, December 17, 2017

After arriving to the resort and settling down, we went sightseeing to the Mok Fa Waterfall in Doi Suthep-Pui National Park where we could play in the cold water, hike around the park, and enjoy nature.

Monday, December 18, 2017

Later after finishing our breakfast, everyone jumped onto a songtaew to go to Ban Maemam where we were divided into groups and given different tasks. Some taught English, while a few were sent to paint the newly installed water tanks. As I was teaching the young kids, I was surprised to see how the children were never out of energy.

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

Once again we departed to Ban Maemam to finish what we started. The groups had exchanged their tasks, and the most artistic seniors were given the opportunity to creatively draw and paint the water tanks with vibrant colors. I was delighted, right down to the bottom of my heart, when the children came to see what we were painting. Their faces showed great excitement in guessing the drawings plastered across the water tanks.



Wednesday, December 20, 2017

We had our closing ceremony today at Ban Maemam in the morning, after which we visited the village and their houses. The students of this school spend the night at school during weekdays, and return home on Fridays to spend their weekend with their families. Their houses are so far away that they were forced to follow this routine for their safety and time. After visiting their houses made out of bricks, wood, and leaves as their roof, I saw the real life out there. The people were welcoming and didn't judge us; they showed us their daily life routine and their method of earning money. I now recognize how blessed I am.



Thursday, December 21, 2017

It's the last day of community service, and we departed to another school – CAA. This was a large school, similar to EIS, in fact, and the students were very cheerful. When we entered the classes, some students were doing homework! This was my first time to see students doing their homework during their free time, not because they were supposed to, but because they wanted to. It was fun helping out while being with my fellow classmates and friends, but we've come to the last day of community service and I'm sad. Well, I guess there's the excursion to look forward to! I hope I can cherish more moments together before graduating from school.





I CAN'T, BUT WE CAN

EIS GAMES FOR SY 2017-2018

I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.

-- 1 Corinthians 1:10



By Tripti D. Rishi, 9C

December 13-14, 2017 were the most awaited dates for the students of Ekamai International School – the EIS Games. EIS Sports Day has been a part of our school's events for a very long time. It is a time when students get to work together and show their unity through teamwork. EIS Sports Day not only gives an opportunity for working together, but also to get to know each other and create bonds and everlasting friendships.

The themes for this year's color houses were:
Pink Aloha ,Orange Dynasty, Purple NYC, and Digital Blue.

We could see that all students had put in a lot of effort by simply looking at the amazing and captivating stands with their unique decorations. The experiences that the students gained while preparing their color groups was invaluable. It taught them that working as a team is more beneficial to working individually, and that we should always accept and help each other.

Three trophies were awarded for cheer-leading, sportsmanship, and for the overall event. The Pink House was in the spotlight this year, as they won all three trophies! Even though the Pink House won the trophies, each color house also shared their achievements.



Sports Day is a time when some win and some lose, but at the end what matters is that everyone is proud of themselves, and their team, for their accomplishments, while always cherishing these memories.



Linchi Phan Min of 10H, Student Council Public Relations Officer said, "I feel that Sports Day was a really tiring event considering that I had to help the Student Council prepare ahead [of time]. Although it was tiring, I had lots of fun and learned new things too. I wouldn't have asked for anything different."

Chiraag Rishi of 6G said, "I feel that Sports Day has always been my favorite event because of the amount of activities we get to do. It is also always a lot of fun getting to see all the performances and the cheering."



IEL HOSTS TRAVEL STORY TELLER WORKSHOP

WITH HEATHER HOPE & VOLKAN AKKURT

“Traveling - it leaves you speechless, then turns you into a storyteller.”
-- Ibn Battuta



By Verinda Quimba, IEL 2 Teacher

The audience, especially the IEL students, were gasping and awing as Heather Hope related her experiences about her travels with her husband, Volkan Akkurt. The students were impressed how this couple ventured the world with only knapsacks on their backs.

Heather and Volkan are travelers from the United States and Turkey. They have devoted a majority of their time to traveling around the world. They have an urge to travel, a passion that cannot be quenched, and a curiosity about people, culture, food, architecture, politics, as well as the history of other countries.

As they travel they are often invited to speak in schools about their experiences that may help the students be open, receptive, and appreciative of the cultures of the other countries. They were so overwhelmed and happy of how interactive, engaging, and intelligent the IEL students were. As part of her introduction, Heather showed a world map; and was impressed when the students were able to locate Turkey, among other countries, on the map.

When asked about the challenges they have faced, Heather explained that the most difficult things they faced were getting sick with tropical diseases and dealing with difficult visas.



The session was open to other participants, including teachers and students from the mainstream classes. Mrs. Hazel Gara brought her English 3 and AP English students, who were active during the Q & A following Heather's presentation.

When asked about his comments, Pongsmith Tapen of IEL 2 expressed his happiness by saying, "It was amazing! Very inspirational!"

Ms. Tatiana Benavides, homeroom teacher of 8B remarked that this type of workshop helps students to be more curious, and excited to learn about the world, people, and cultures. She, herself, is an avid traveler, yet was thrilled while listening to the presentation.



Mr. Ian Cordero, the Accreditation and IEL Coordinator, painstakingly arranged the workshop. He was grateful that everything turned out as was expected. He stated, "I am happy to see how the students and teachers respond to the workshop. I hope to have more programs like this in the future to give our students more opportunities to see and learn about the world through our guest speakers and their experiences."





KINDERGARTEN CELEBRATED THANKSGIVING WITH FUN & FELLOWSHIP

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

-- Colossians 3:17



By Angie Cordero, ES Principal's Secretary

Thanksgiving is a special day focused on being thankful. We think of things that we are thankful for such as: our family, friends, school, and home. Traditionally, it is a holiday celebrated in America as a reminder of how the Native Americans helped the pilgrims make homes and collect food for a better way of life. At Ekamai International School, Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November.

This year, the kindergarteners celebrated Thanksgiving by having a simple program. Mrs. Hazel Ilao, our Primary and Elementary School Principal, led out in singing and welcomed our speaker. Mr. Ian Cordero, the Accreditation and IEL Coordinator, presented his short talk by acting as a leper who had a cane and a bandage on his arm.

He talked about the 10 lepers who were healed by Jesus, but only one leper returned to Jesus shouting praises to God and thanking Jesus for the gift of a healthy body.

Mr. Cordero said that Thanksgiving is a day to thank God for His goodness and the good things He has given to us. It helps focus our attention on God's gifts and reminds us of God's blessings. He concluded with James 1:17, which reads, "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father."



The program ended with a delectable meal of corn, small oranges, turkey, and mashed potatoes with gravy and strawberry marmalade, served by our EIS snack bar, cafeteria, and staff. The kindergarten section Grade Level Leader, Deena Rakhi Das, and our PS-ES Chaplain, Sharleen Yvette Rosales, together with the kindergarten teachers and students, were thankful for a successful Thanksgiving celebration.





SCHOOL FAIR 2017

EXCITES AND UNITES EIS FAMILY

Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom in the future.

– Proverbs 19:20



By Nam Hoon Kim, 12E

On November 5, 2017, the Ekamai International School organized the biannual School Fair. The school fair has always been a special event at EIS because, unlike most school events that are exclusively held by certain grade levels, it is a collaborative effort with cooperation and participation from the entire EIS family – not only students and faculty members, but alumni and parents are also involved. Moreover, it is an event that is not held every year, rendering it more special.

Before the opening ceremony of the program, participants of the parade, dressed in beautiful, flamboyant costumes, convened at the AES covered court. When the clock struck 9 am, they began marching towards the EIS covered court for the commencement of the program. In the meantime, booths set up by different grade levels and parents were booming with people.

Booths selling delicious foods and drinks, such as fried mama, shaved ice, and soda, were crowded with throngs of hungry students. Occasionally, you could find elementary students walking around the school campus to advertise their booths, and sell foods and drinks.

After the arrival of the parade, Mr. Wilson, the EIS Chaplain and Head of the Campus Ministries, began the opening ceremony with a short word of prayer. Following the prayer was the singing of the king's anthem and the EIS song. Afterward, Mr. Prachack Jitbunyad, EIS Director, delivered the opening remarks, which was subsequently accompanied by an impressive performance by the EIS Adventurers. At 10 am, the ribbon-cutting ceremony marked the official commencement of the school fair.



Once the ribbon-cutting ceremony took place, strings of musical performances by EIS students of various grade levels followed. The dulcet voices of the choir students and beautiful melodies created by various instruments, such as violin and keyboard, were omnipresent on the school campus, livening up the atmosphere. Sporadically, in between the musical performances, school administrators drew tickets to award prizes. Phurimas Ruangrattanamane of 6C won the first prize of 25,000฿, and Thaninnat Bumroongchock of 6G won the second prize of 15,000฿.

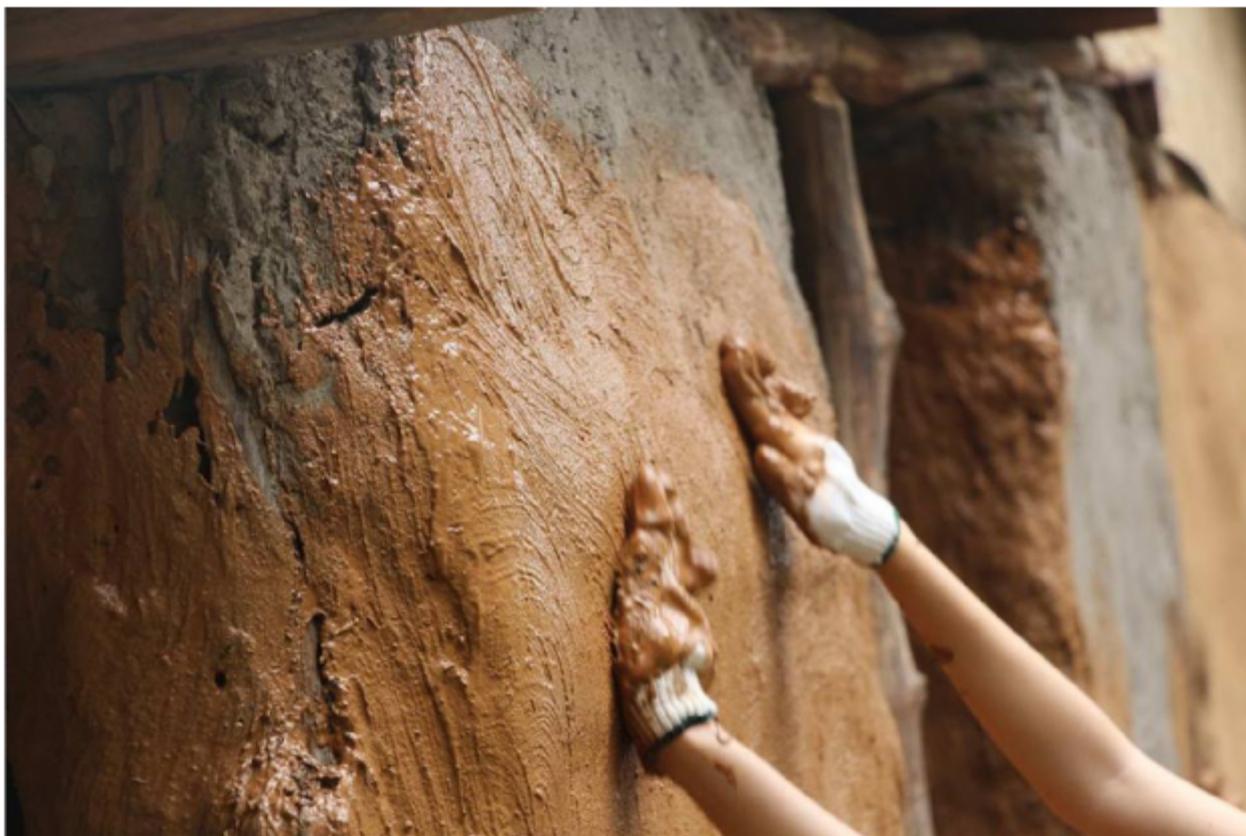
At 2:45 pm, the school fair came to an end with a closing prayer by Mr. Harold Dawat, Principal for Academic Administration. Everyone was tired, but simultaneously proud and happy for successfully organizing the school fair. Nonetheless, without the support from our sponsors, EIS would not have been able to organize the school fair successfully. We would like to thank 108OA, A Square E Co.,Ltd, Goodlifts Service Limited Partnership, Ink's Idea, iss, Kinokuniya, Lactasoy, Ngoy Meng Hua Ltd., part., Nestle, Riwigo, SCB, Singha Drinking Water, Srirungruang Office Furniture, Success Publication, Thai Namthip, Tipco, UOB, and Wall's, for their great support.



VOLUNTEERS BUILT CLAYHOUSE FOR WILDLIFE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FIELD TRIP

He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, He has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

-- Ecclesiastes 3:11



By Thitirat Siripaiboolping, 12A

On November 12, 2017, the Ekamai International School Habitat for Humanity club organized the first volunteering field trip of the school year at Pachee River Wildlife Sanctuary, Ratchaburi. With the help of 47 students, 3 supervising teachers, and Baan Din Thai (external volunteering organization), the clay house building trip was a success! Due to the lack of enclosed buildings at the sanctuary, the officers have experienced hard times during the rainy season.

To help contribute to the solution, the volunteers departed from the school by bus at 6:30 am, and spent the rest of the day at the Wildlife Sanctuary building a multipurpose hall for the officers.

In order to build the clay house, the volunteers were divided into three groups. One group would be molding clay blocks and softening the mud by stepping on it. The second group made paint by mixing natural ingredients such as sand and mud, and the third group would then paint the clay house. Each volunteer had equal opportunities to experience working on all these tasks. Altogether, the work from the three groups enabled the clay house to be built efficiently.



The multipurpose building would be able to aid the wildlife officers in their work, as well as increase their efficiency.

The clay house building trip did not only provide a volunteering experience for the students and teachers, but has also created unforgettable memories and bonds between the volunteers!



Although the project could not be finished in a single day, future volunteer groups would continue on the work from the previous volunteers until the construction of the multipurpose building is complete.



JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME

SENIORS '18 PRESENTATION

Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.
-- Proverbs 16:3



By Tanradee Mongkolpiyathana, 12A

On November 15, 2017, 136 seniors were presented to Ekamai International School. It was a memorable day for the Senior Class of 2018 as they marched down the aisle, holding blue and white Forget-Me-Nots. Their aim was, "Taking a step towards our future," and their motto was, "You are your own limit." Each senior, with their golden tassels swaying around, realized that they would have to leave their Alma Mater soon.

Ms. Sarita Arora, Principal for Student Administration, gave an opening speech to welcome all high school students to the ceremony. A speech given by Mr. Douglas Harrison reminded all students to seek their futures and to never give up on their dreams. The seniors then sang their senior song, "Journey of a Lifetime."

"This event wouldn't have been filled with such bliss and nostalgia without the cooperation of the entire grade – how we all have matured and grown together is unbelievable," said Senior Class President, Sijhana Virakul, "The Senior Presentation really showed how much we have grown as one big family compared to the start of our freshmen year."



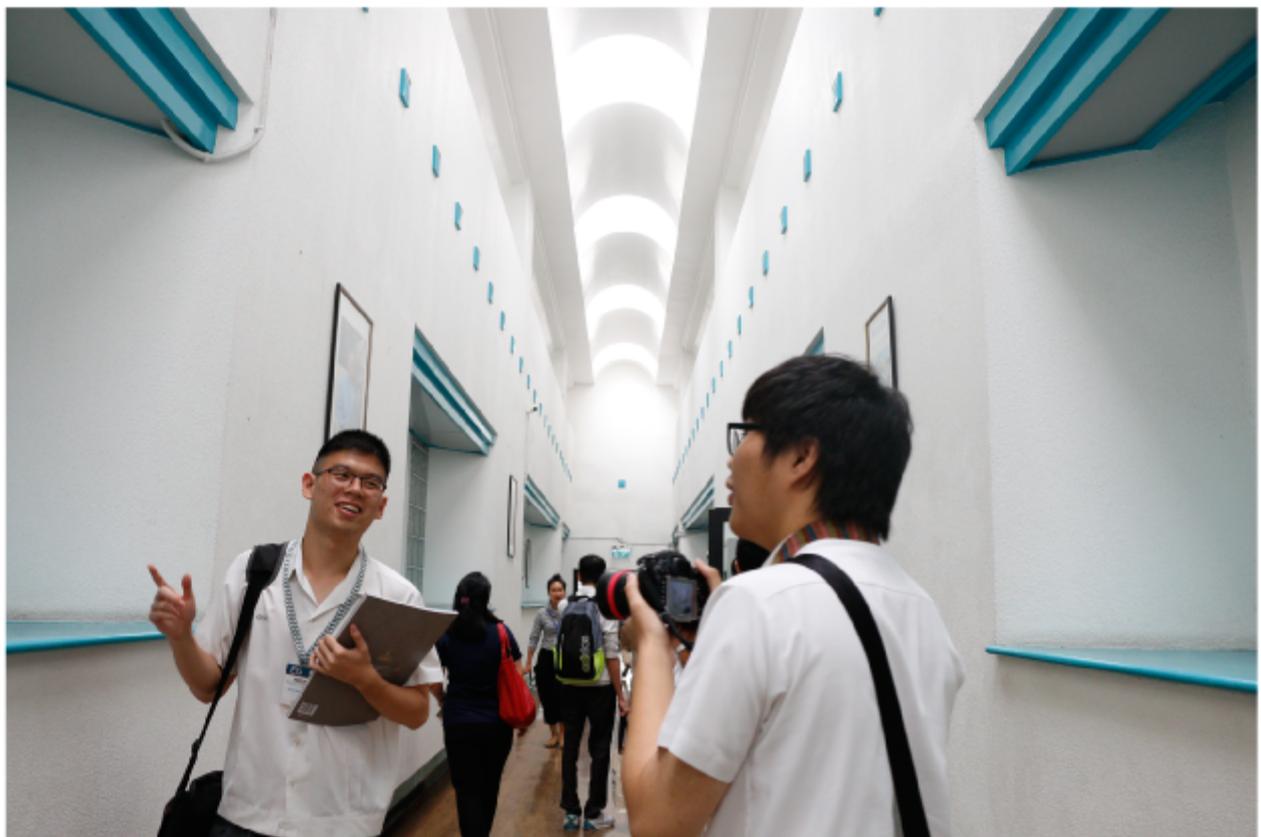


FUTURE JOURNALISTS VISITS BBC & BANGKOK POST

Media Education Tour

“Journalism without a moral position is impossible. Every journalist is a moralist. It’s absolutely unavoidable.”

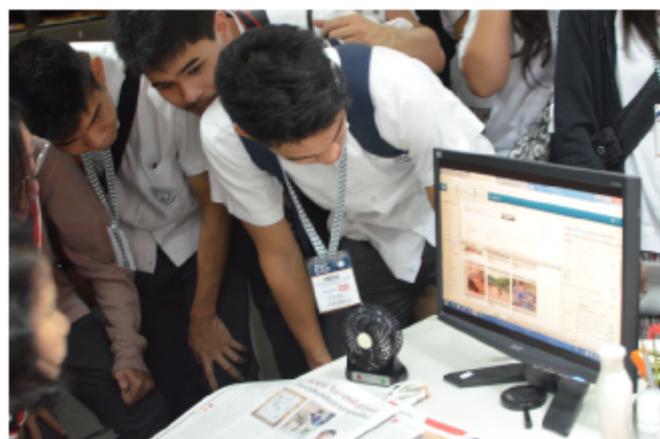
-- Marguerite Duras



By Paras Chhokra, 10C

On November 21, 2017, the Journalism classes (Breeze & Yearbook), AP English Class, and members of the Article Writing Club went on an educational tour of the Bangkok Post Editorial Office and the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) Thailand News Bureau. This educational trip allowed students to dive into the real world of journalism. Students learned first-hand about the newspaper publishing process, how articles are written, edited, and sent through post processing, and how photography is interwoven, among many other things.

At Bangkok Post, the students listened to a lecture on how the publishing company works. The lecturer taught them: the process of how they gather their news daily, how the news is edited and formatted by different departments, how the photographers go to various lengths to get the right picture they need, how everything is then fitted onto a page, as well as how the pages are arranged. Along with all that, the students were taught how to edit the news to make it their own, and make sure everything is true, so the readers can trust the source is not faulty. It was interesting to know how the newspaper is physically delivered daily around the city of Bangkok. Students also learned about the deadlines given to the writers. For the system to function, it is important that each writer sends in their articles by a specific time.



At BBC, students were shown how their news is gathered and recorded, and were given a tour of the recording and podcast studio itself. Students were also told about how news reporters go to different countries for meetings and to gather international news. Along with all that, students learned about how each different BBC department gathers news, including the language barriers they face, and how they break through them to give news to their viewers.



BBC Correspondent, Jonathan Head shared, that as a media practitioner, a journalist should first and foremost be cynical and inquisitive. He further said that a career in media is not a typical 8-5 job because everyday is different. You also get to extensively travel and pursue people and stories.

Overall, this was a very educational trip and the students who went along definitely learned significantly. The reporters we met on this trip, and our teachers who organized it, were very kind and nice, allowing students to truly see into the heart of the company, so that we may clearly understand, be inspired, and make improvements on our own EIS publications.





ADVENTURERS FACES FEARS DURING 2-DAY CAMP

Grade 4 Out-of-School Camp

Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

-- 1 Timothy 4:12



By Anusit Laalee, Adventurer Club Coordinator

Adventurer Camping this year was scheduled from November 16 – 17, 2017 at the Pine Resort, Pathumthani. There were 79 students and 8 teachers who participated. Students were so excited to attend this camp. "I have been waiting for this camping trip since I was in grade 1, and today I am excited that the time for camping is approaching," beamed Andy of 4C as he was preparing for their departure.

The Adventurers had leaps and bounds fun on this trip, especially when they climbed up to the treetops and walked along the monkey bridge.

Rattavit Panakul of 4B reflected on his experience: "At camp I had so much fun – much more than what I expected – and there were many challenging activities that helped me overcome my fears. I also liked the wall climbing – it was so high and I was so scared to stand at the top, but I was very proud that I could make it to the top with the help of my team."



Adventurers not only had fun enjoying the physically demanding activities, but with the spiritual moments of reflection as well. Ms. Sharleen Yvette Rosales, the Elementary and Primary School Chaplain, also delivered a powerful message during worship to develop their spiritual life.



We want to especially thank God for the safety of this trip, and for the teachers and parents who contributed this year.





PATHFINDER LEADERSHIP CAMP FOSTERS TEAMWORK

PATHFINDER CLUB OFFICERS SY 2017-2018

So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

-- 2 Timothy 2:22



By Tripti D. Rishi, 9C

On September 16–17, 2017 the Pathfinders convened for the Leadership Training Camp. Many students eagerly await this event because it is an enjoyable experience for everyone. The camp was held at school, and Pathfinder unit leaders from grades 5 to 8 attended.

The students were given this opportunity to develop many skills such as: teamwork, water filtering, cooking, and many others. There was a lot of effort put in by the Grade 9 senior officers to arrange fun-filled activities and games, including: an interactive scavenger hunt, running man, and an obstacle course.

The event commenced with an inspiring speech by Ms. Sarita Arora, Principal for Student Administration, followed by the stations and activities arranged by the senior officers and teachers. In the evening, the Pathfinders cooked dinner for themselves. After their delightful dinner, the students got to perform some drills and marching, which was conducted by our guest speaker, Mr. David Andrew Burrows.



The next day students were up at 5:30 am to prepare breakfast and get ready for their upcoming surprise – an obstacle course! They thoroughly enjoyed the obstacle course even though they ended up getting all wet and dirty, and yet some students wanted to go through twice! I am sure all the students who attended this camp have learned how to work better in teams, and also how to accept all their friends without being judgmental.

Overall it was an amazing and memorable experience for all the Pathfinder students and they cannot wait for the next Pathfinder Leadership Camp.



EIS DEBATE TEAM WINS COUNTRY-WIDE DEBATE ANEW

10th Thailand High School Debate Championship

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

-- Philippians 4:13



By Iris Angelica Zoe Alvez, TIB

The Ekamai International School Debate Team once again returns with an outstanding performance from the 10th Thailand High School Debate Championship. On January 9, 2018, a total of 9 students represented EIS at Triam Udom Suksa School, and their accomplishments this New Year prove that the team has been propelled by their overwhelming successes of last year. The students were divided into 3 teams, with one team leading EIS to victory. Teeravee Khuprasert, Siri Thitipankul, and Thiti Thitipankul excelled to the final round where they debated against Shrewsbury International School. This team of experienced EIS debaters ultimately won and was declared to be the grand champion – adding yet another title to the heavily decorated EIS Debate Club.

Congratulations to Teeravee Khuprasert, Siri Thitipankul, Thiti Thitipankul, Prince Paris Jackson Wongsaroj, Pana Samathapand, Thitirat Siripaiboolpong, Pornsinee Setprapha, Ramil Charoonsak, Sitatham Puechkamut for your prowess in debating and the contributions you made to the team.

"It felt great to have the opportunity to pitch my ideas against different schools and have constructive discussions with them," the debate president, Siri Thitipankul, reflected afterwards. He also shared the secret to their many triumphs in debate. "We prepare for upcoming debates by holding meetings where we have sparring debates with each other for training. We also try to do cross-training with other schools' teams in order to adapt to their style."



Such drive and determination is setting the team up for more success at the upcoming Patumwan Demonstration School Debate Challenge, Thailand World Schools Debate Championship 2018, and the 13th European Union in Thailand Debate Championship. Based on their past achievements, we have set high expectations, and EIS will be awaiting their return from these events eager to hear the results.

The entire EIS family is so proud of you!



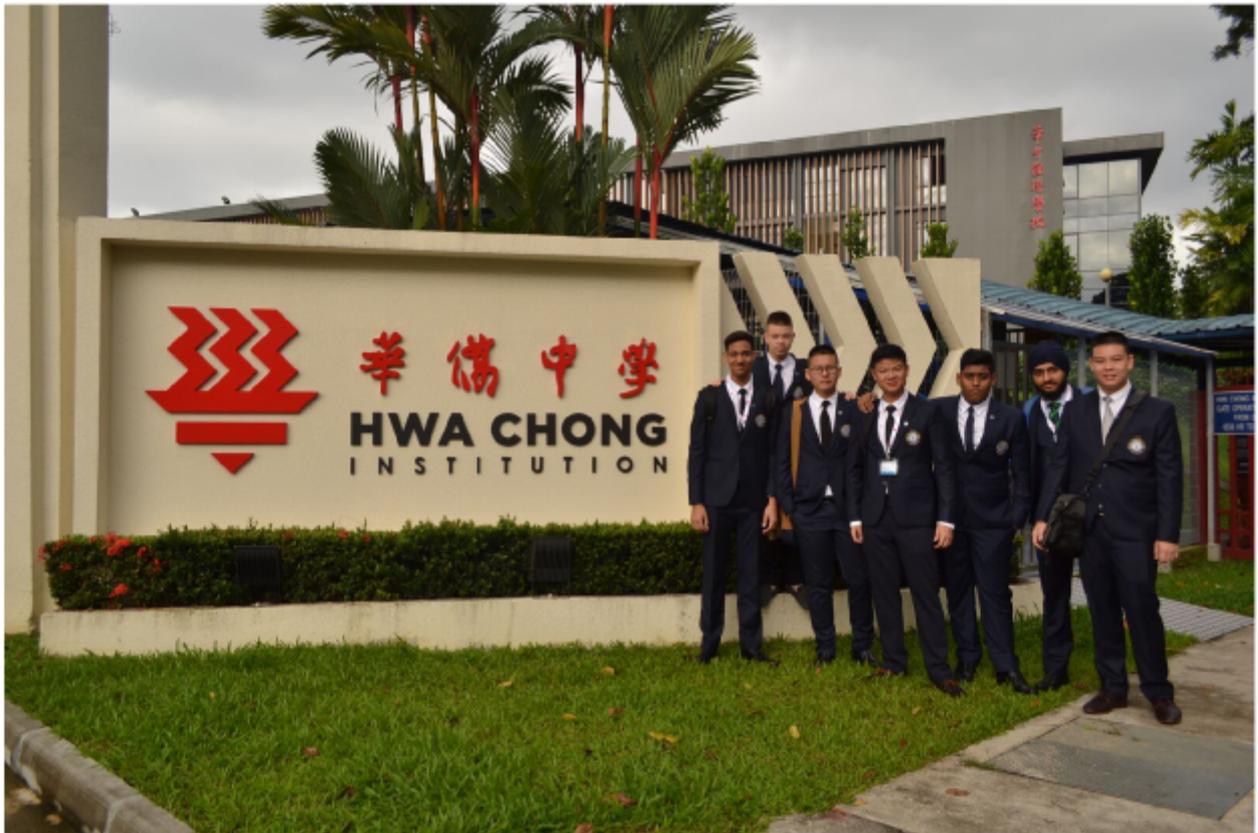
Photos by Thiti Wannamontha of Bangkok Post



EIS MUN JOINS OFFICERS WORKSHOP IN SINGAPORE

THIMUN SINGAPORE CONFERENCE

An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.
-- Proverbs 18:15



By Nam Hoon Kim, T2E

From November 20 - 24, 2017, seven students from our school, namely Kavin Singh, Teeravee Khuprasert, Thiti Thitipankul, Sudev Bhatia, Altaf Ronak, Ratchadej Wongsrisakul, and Nicolas Ranza, attended The Hague Model United Nations (THIMUN) Singapore Conference, representing the delegation of Slovenia. THIMUN Singapore, established in 2004, takes place during the second half of November annually, and offers high school students unique opportunities to debate and have discussions about current world affairs.

On the first day, delegates from several schools convened to register for the conference. Moreover, they also attended the student officer workshop. In the following days intense debates and discussions occurred in different committees of the UN, namely Human Rights Council (HRC), Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), Security Council (SC), General Assembly (GA), and International Court of Justice (ICJ). Delegates aimed to seek solutions to critical issues of the world, such as questions of human rights, protection of the environment, and economic development.

By participating in THIMUN Singapore, our students gained valuable experience and learned important lessons. In addition to becoming more aware of our world today and articulate, our students, who hold important positions within the EIS MUN, garnered important advice on successfully hosting MUN conferences - from handling logistics to improving the content and depth of the debates.



Kavin Singh, co-president of EIS MUN, commented, "Personally, I found this conference to be a perspective expanding experience. The depth and level of debate in the conference was unlike anything I've experienced in Thailand. There were participants from about 12 SEA countries and 1 Middle East country. I got to interact and get an insight to the school life of my international counterparts. All of them were really experienced MUN participants, so I learned a lot from them."



OPEN CHESS COMPETITION IGNITES CRITICAL THINKING

EIS CHESS CLUB HOST 3rd OPEN CHESS

“Chess helps you to concentrate, improve your logic. It teaches you to play by the rules and take responsibility for your actions, how to problem solve in an uncertain environment.”

-- Garry Kasparov



By Siri Thitipankul, T2A

On October 18, our very own EIS Chess Club hosted the 3rd EIS Chess Tournament. Over 40 participants joined the event, with many EIS students making the event their very first chess tournament. The goal of the event was to promote chess to every student at every age group as it is a game that promotes critical thinking. The event started off with a preliminary round in which participants played on random tables while waiting for the arbiter to announce the start of the tournament.

Once the arbiter reviewed the rules and regulations of the tournament with the players, the event officially started with the organizers releasing the match-ups.

The players had 5 minutes to make their plays – creating a very fast and risky game for both sides. Every round demanded the full attention of the players, lest they risk making a mistake that could be fatal to their game. Meanwhile, the club officers were busy checking to make sure that everything was done according to regulation and recording the results of each round. After 5 rounds of rapid, but meticulous, play, the scores are tallied up and the closing ceremony ensued.



The victors of the tournament were Pattarapong Asawayutpong, Ekasith Buasrong, and Poompong Wiwatanadate respectively. The school's top rankers were Nguyen Le Minh Phu, Chhatresh Sehgal, and Passawee Wongsathitporn.



"I feel that this is a successful tournament, and a great stepping stone for EIS chess club to be recognized at the inter-school and also in national levels," said EIS Chess Club President Thanatad Songpetchmongkol.



OFFICIAL ANNIVERSARY VIDEO WINNER NAMED

60th ANNIVERSARY VIDEO COMPETITION

Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep.
- Scott Adams



By Hafsa Qasam, 10B

To celebrate the school's 60th Anniversary, Ekamai International School through the joint efforts and collaboration of its Media and Publications Department, Information Technology and Communications (ICT) Department held, a video competition for students of all levels to register in hopes of winning cash prizes and certificates for the best video that would showcase four core areas, namely: history, students' feats, philosophy and values, and facility development.

There were stern judging criteria for the video submissions since the winning entry would become the official EIS 60th Anniversary Celebration video. The underlying theme of the video must be about EIS and its history over the last six decades. The videos were judged on student's creativity, content, technical expertise, and compliance with required time limit.

Students were free to work individually, or collaborate in a group effort. Video screening and judging were participated by EIS School Director Prachack Jitbunyad, Principal for Student Administration Sarita Arora, Media & Publications Coordinator, Evangeline Tan-Alvez, and Photographer Winyou Silapachan on November 14, 2017. The video competition was a success with 2 submissions from Middle School, and more than 30 submissions from High School. Teachers took this opportunity to integrate this project into their curriculum; in particular, Computer II students were compelled to join the competition, and their submissions would be graded. The following are the winners and their corresponding prizes:

Best video won 4,000 ฿ along with certificates for each member

- Thitirat Siripaiboolpong
- Pornapat Tirapairojana
- Tanya Rishi

2nd Place won 2,000 ฿ along with certificates for each member

- Jae Won Choi
- Emm Parnichkun

3rd Place won 1,000 ฿ along with certificates for each member

- Nichapatra Teerapatum
- Napassorn Rojbundit
- Napat Pheeraphan

Special Citation won 600 ฿ along with certificates for each member (Middle School)

- Jirath Sakkunawuthikul
- Sam Angelo Yuan Alvez



Finalists from middle school who received a certificate of excellence and participation were Mookmanee Boontaganon and Thu Shoun Haythi Saing.

Finalists from high school were the following:

- Ramil Charoonsak
- Sitatham Puechkamut
- Jenima Gurung
- Muhammad Fikri Pradana
- Shika Borge
- Choeyeon Lee
- Kavee Pairojtanachai
- Saranya Pansuwan
- Worapol Burana Atachai
- Atsushi Hosono
- Kavin Singh
- Panutad Kuwijitsunan

Congratulations to the winners and finalists. EIS is proud to present these talented, young, and wonderful students the prizes they deserve.



EIS MUN X RESOLVES LOCAL AND GLOBAL ISSUES

EIS MUN X CONFERENCE

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.
-- Ephesians 4:29



By Urvi Dhawijswarnkul, 12C

Words can create a revolution or peace," said Ms. Aneth Medina, advisor for Ekamai International School Model United Nations (EIS MUN), during the opening ceremony of the conference attended by seven schools from all over the country, and hosted by Ekamai International School. She reminded every one of the importance, power, and effects of words. "The time has come for us to come together to discuss the life of our nations," she continued.

The opening of the first EIS MUN conference transpired in 2013, and its increasing membership in 2017 has shown us myriad of problems resulting from human actions and decisions.

The Model United Nations has broadened the views of its members with the hope of resolving local and global issues surrounding us. Welcoming delegates from various schools, EIS prepared a special program with Jason Jittaseno performing a solo violin rendition of River Flows in You. This performance not only moved the audience, but it also encouraged them to perform their best during the debate. The Deputy Secretary-General of EIS MUN, Nicolas Ranza, said, "It is possible to get together, to present together, and still unite together." MUN has given its members the necessary voice to not only state their problems and opinions, but to also answer the issues of their nation collectively as MUN members. Parliamentarian Teeravee Khuprasert introduced the different committees of the MUN namely: Security Council, General Assembly First and Second Committees, Human Rights Council, and Economic and Social Council.



Each was given the orientation of their functions and directed to their respective meeting locations for the conference. The members of the MUN has created memories together; students from different schools have come together and expanded their network of friends. The MUN is an organization that connects members from different schools, and forge and heightens bonds. Secretary-General, Sudev Bhatia, said, "The issues are doubting, but the world is improving." He has brought a realization to all the delegates that even though there are problems occurring in various countries around the world, the solutions to these problems are also appearing slowly and steadily. EIS is grateful to everyone for attending this conference and for resolving to work together in whatever global issues through unity and cooperation.



CHONLAPAT RECEIVED PLAQUE OF HONOR

FROM THE PRIME MINISTER OF THAILAND

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

-- James 1:17

By Amara Joan Sims, Assistant Editor

Chonlaphat Ingkharratphithakon of 9H was chosen to join the student group "Youth Who Bring Good Name to the Nation" by the Ministry of Education. Moreover, he received the plaque of honor from the Prime Minister of Thailand, Prayut Chan-o-cha during a special recognition ceremony for the Thai National Children's Day 2018 at Santimaitri Building Government House.

The initiative behind granting this distinguished accolade was a result of the Ice Hockey Association of Thailand (IHAT) choosing Chonlaphat to be one of the 18 team players on the Thailand Men's National Ice Hockey team. The team traveled to join the 2017 Southeast Asia Youth Cup (SEAYC) for the tournament on September 27 - 30, 2017 in Malaysia. Teams from 5 countries joined this tournament, including teams from Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Philippines, and Indonesia; and Thailand won 1st place.

The Association sees that this group of young people should be supported and recognized so that it could encourage them to continue to develop their skill in hockey in the future.



SITHATAM HAILED AS OUTSTANDING STUDENT

BY UNIVERSITY OF DEBRECEN, HUNGARY

Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man.

-- Proverbs 3:3-4

By Tanradee Mongkolpiyathana, 12A

On November 22, the University of Debrecen awarded Sitatham Puechkamut of 12E with a 5,000 baht academic award during the high school chapel. The criteria for receiving this award include: having outstanding academic performance, good citizenship, and involvement in the school community. High school teachers voted Sitatham for her involvement in the school's community and the University of Debrecen lauded not only her academic performance, but also her involvement in various curricular, and community activities.

"You are your only limit," Sitatham simply stated.

EIS is proud to have such an exceptional student and encourages other students to work hard.

The University of Debrecen is a university located in Debrecen, Hungary. It is the oldest continuously operating institution of higher education in Hungary.



QUARTER 1 ACHIEVERS 3.70 ABOVE GPA LIST FROM GRADES ONE TO TWELVE

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

-- 2 Timothy 2:15



By Weeriya Thanwima, Registrar

As the new school year, new sets of outstanding students who has exhibited their academic prowees making them part of the first quarter Grade Point Average (GPA) list.

Grade 1A	
A Ri Song	3.90
Alisa Chalieopiyasakun	3.87
Apinya Sudla	3.89
Chanaprueth Arpnikanondt	3.92
Hamin Jeon	3.98
Kasiphon Poonoil	4.00

Kirathchaphat Laomanutsak	4.00
Nitchanun Jaruskulungkul	3.79
Pharit Luengrungrroj	3.83
Rattanakamon Krantasamparn	3.74
Suveraya Visedpaitoon	3.89
Tahm Suwannakij	3.96
Tamisa Dongpong	3.98
Tanasorn Lertbunjerdjit	3.74
Vasupat Teekhasaenee	3.81

Grade 1B

Akkarawin Leksakulchai	3.89
Aoilguchi	4.00
Avarin Srisukwattana	3.87
Brandon NinoRios Barrios	3.78
Chutikarn Juntarasriwong	3.73
Hyunjung Kim	3.81
Janaryn Panleesakul	3.98
Phakvalun Tansathitikorn	3.96
Pirawich Voointranon	3.95
Saranrath Unesenee	4.00
Sirikarn Suesatsakulchai	4.00
Supisara Thanasaenchok	3.91
Taisei Hayashi	3.87
Voravalun Tansathitikorn	4.00
Yada Han	4.00
Zuvisith Sivaleepunth	3.81

Grade 1C

Anton Sutthapreeda	3.92
Boonyisa Saeheng	3.93
ChutipapaWang	3.89
Matthiew Hul	3.92
Nizharn Luksananant	3.96
Norrapat Sitthiponchai	4.00
ParanitAssawasukee	3.94
Phonpachara Fonnes	3.83
Pimthip-lapa Assawasukee	3.86
Primjai Paovarojkit	3.98
Sirinapa Seksantisakul	3.90
Sophiya Soni	3.98
Supanat Artnonla	4.00
Supisara Wongworachatkan	3.98
Tanapat Siriworanan	3.87
TarnsaiSuwachrungeon	3.89
Tristan Anish Tudu	3.94
Vyaan Raju Naveen	3.98

Grade 1D

Ansh Bhagnani	3.83
Aysz Iaine Cordero	4.00
Bhumpat Wongkhongsawat	3.98
Hyunjin Chin	3.79
Katherine Chantaravisoot	3.78
Lorynda Skulgunbundit	3.83

Peradol Vongvitootai	4.00
Plengpin Paovarojkit	4.00
Ploypatcharin Fonnes	3.93
Praowfah Paovarojkit	3.94
Punnawat Medhisuwakul	4.00
Thaninpong Thaivutinukul	3.79

Grade 2A

Akepawit Leeburapa	3.98
Hyo Joo Oh	4.00
Jennipat Kuesagul	3.74
Kotchapat Anciro	3.81
KritKieosangsong	3.89
Nattapat Rojbundit	3.98
Nattawin Chotikarat	3.81
Pasharaorn Wichaipinyo	3.80
PunnWiratphinthu	3.87
Purichaya Choksiriwan	3.98
SittisakChaimat	3.70

Grade 2B

Bhrut Limjaroenrat	3.85
Chachawin Phaisakamas	3.98
Jade Laphikanont	3.74
Jong Chan Park	3.84
Kannthika Rattanamanee	3.98
Nattawat Moleeset	3.86
Nipoon Jarukulvanich	3.88
Pannaphat Siripromptak	3.77
Patpat Boonklomjitr	3.98
Pavattana Chanacharoenchaikul	3.80
PhonNaovaratpong	3.81
Pinyapar Paoborom	3.70
Pitchaya Nakmai	3.70
Vachirun Nanaewsuk	3.81
Valerie Arissa Kristianto	3.86
Weerapatra Silapichit	3.94

Grade 2C

Alin Charusakulriyakul	3.79
Gewarin Ruangrattanametee	3.81
Jenita Yupensuk	3.98
Jumpolpat Benjamongkolchai	3.74
Karen Matsuyama	3.81
Natthapat lampanit	3.92
PanutriBoonphromon	3.96
Pipoppat Uttamot	3.72
PloyrungKasuwan	4.00
Pornpreeya Decharin	3.79
SuradaThanapreraphat	3.83

Grade 2D

Chayanis Tanupabrungsun	3.98
Inthanon Sivasri	3.87
Jeehoon Kim	3.96

GRADE 2D

Jirushchaya Klongkitroj	3.89
Keanu Lucas	3.81
Kiyotaka Takagi	3.96
Kyrra Leesakul	3.72
Mark Albuquerque	3.81
Nattanich Thongmee	3.87
Panithi Ruengpongson	4.00
Passara Paweewan	3.87
Phopthorn Chaiwattanachai	3.89
Prae Kiatsunthorn	3.92
Sittipus Denpongpan	3.76
Thammarath Chatirung	3.93

GRADE 3A

Chayanan Apichitchaichot	3.81
Jiramek Liu	3.87
Logan Scott	3.91
Nutwaree Chanthavijaikul	3.87
Panasopha Charoensakwatana	3.93
Prada Duangdee	3.75
Tarm Suwachrungeon	3.89
Thunyapat Inyam	3.75

Grade 3B

Isara Sirisak	3.77
Jirapak Thaiphiromsamakkhee	3.75
Manisa Trakoonlakkana	3.81
Nisha Thepmanee	3.93
Pachapon Ekaraphanich	3.71
Panitsiree Dolayanukloh	3.95
Phodsavee Laochumroonvorapong	3.79
Pidnapak Sakkunawuthikul	3.93
Vorralak Kanjanaphutk	3.77

Grade 3C

Achiraya Laphikanont	3.95
Berlzson Malqued	3.89
Chayanoth Arpnikanondt	3.88
Chura Sumihiro	3.95
Korn Vootiprux	3.81
Napaparin Petcharanon	3.90
Nitchanan Wongnirund	3.81
Praefah Kasuwan	3.95
Rinrada Thaweedej	3.90

Grade 3D

Chayapim Assawasukee	3.84
Hyunseo Chin	3.86
Methapon Wangpipatwong	3.95
Napatcha Prachayamuneevong	3.86
Pandhera Keobua	3.79
Phurichaya Choksethakit	3.95
Thaoaphan Pakkarommaneepakorn	3.91

Grade 4A

Kanpitcha Kaewkongkaew	3.84
Tarumart Chirasanta	3.75
Varrayu Thanavaro	3.70

Grade 4B

Arisara Sukhanan	3.82
Papon Setthajinda	3.75
Rattavit Panakul	3.73

Grade 4C

Arisara Atrajai	3.89
Daisy Tenun Soisuvarn	3.90
Panissara Cheepsamut	3.80
Panus Kaesaprapat	3.82
Pinyapat Sattamwilai	3.80
Pitchayapa Hongtong	3.84

Grade 4D

Alyssa Deesawasmongkol	3.84
Athicha Malhotra	3.84
Pongkun Setthajinda	3.76
Santinath Tangmanuswong	3.98
Sedtawut Lertsamart	3.73
Thannicha lampanit	3.94

Grade 5A

Nalisa Decharin	3.73
Natcha Wanchartcharoen	3.92

Grade 5B

Apisara Tanyacharoenkarnca	4.00
Kanpanit Kulsuptrakul	3.87
Kenshin Watanabe	3.89
Natatda Chanuan	3.80

Grade 5C

Archawin Shah	3.71
Natcha Songsilph	3.87
Patrick Chislon Lee	3.75
Phantila Rungruangchaiboon	3.71
Pimnara Chutasen	3.70
Tanya Suteesukprasert	3.96

Grade 5D

Josephine Heys	3.96
Naiyarat Hanmatheekuna	3.83
Pawarisa Naphanuruk	3.70
Pukaphol Thienpreecha	3.70
SooHwa Kim	3.77
Tanasorn Wiboonkanarak	3.90

Grade 6A

Jiratchaya Jiratthitinun	3.75
Nonchalat Malungpaishrope	3.77
Renika I. Gadaun	3.92

Grade 6B		Grade 8C	
Jaraspim Chankanithirun	3.87	Kawintra Potipimpanon	3.84
Jirath Sakkunawuthikul	3.85	Kiattikun Kiatsiri	3.80
Leenada Borvornpadungkitti	3.76	Matina Chaiwarut	4.00
Sam Angelo Yuan Alvez	3.74		
Wiranpat Suksanit	3.80	Grade 8D	
		Nano Suresettakul	3.70
Grade 6C		Pimvalan Petchmune	3.78
Aditia Thepmanee	3.71		
Matilda Suriyayothin	3.85	Grade 8E	
Phuwadej Temkijrungrueng	3.93	Panisara Kasemteerasomboon	3.94
Sasicha Dechphaiboontanakorn	3.72	Pitchayanant Laemad	3.79
		Watsa Jukthumrong	3.94
Grade 6D			
Ran Shinohara	3.70	Grade 8G	
		Passara Vajanavinit	3.84
Grade 6E			
None		Grade 9A	
		Na Kyung Lee	3.77
Grade 6G			
Ohga Sumihiro	3.96	Grade 9B	
Pattheera Rungsittimongkol	3.82	Xin Wan	3.72
Thaninnat Bumroongchok	3.79		
Yuno Wannakajeepeboon	3.81	Grade 9C	
		None	
Grade 7A		Grade 9D	
Insali Yaowakhan	3.81	Khankamol Kongrukgreatiyos Chor	3.77
Khushi Taikambhai Savani	3.71	Krid Klibkaew	3.72
		Maynaka Tanumathaya	3.82
Grade 7B		Nicha Songsilph	3.77
Nithipath Tangmanuswong	3.96	Pasika Taychaburapanone	3.77
Radanut Bawarntanaoran	3.80		
		Grade 9E	
Grade 7C		None	
Napat Borvornpadungkitti	3.85		
		Grade 9G	
Grade 7D		Ariya Likitwattanawiboon	3.71
Phasit Trakoonlakkana	3.90		
		Grade 9H	
Grade 7E		None	
Korawan Pisalwongwan	3.91		
		Grade 10A	
Grade 7G		Chia-chen Liang	3.81
Budsarin Mateedunsatits	3.94		
Jiya Jindal	3.92	Grade 10B	
		Pipatra Tirapairojana	3.81
Grade 8A		Tanvi Mishra	3.71
Abigail Supreeleela	3.87		
Tanya Channara	3.84	Grade 10C,D,E	
Thammathorn Paweevan	3.79	None	
Grade 8B		Grade 10G	
Chawika Sainont	3.85	Natcha Eiamsirikij	3.81
Kaemika Nirotrangsee	3.82	Nichapatra Teerapatum	3.81
		Pakorn Wangsuekul	3.71
		Racharit Ramnarong	3.72

Grade 10H

Miah Imduaikiat	3.72
Napassorn Rojbundit	3.82
Pimpattra Limpitigranon	3.77
Wichaya Wanaroj	3.95

Grade 11A

Bhavika Shrestha	3.95
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Grade 11B

Iris Angelica Zoe Alvez	3.77
Junnosuke Kamohara	3.72
Shinnosuke Kamohara	3.72

Grade 11C

Janine Charoonruk	3.71
Napatra Punnachaiya	3.82
PaphadaVasinsittisuk	3.72

Grade 11D

Dhanabordee Mekintharanggur	3.91
EmmParnichkun	3.72
Kanta Sudsawad	3.91
Nayoung Lee	3.81
Pattadon Khobunsongserm	3.77
Pimchanok Anukoolprasert	3.72
Pimsucha Kanjchanapoomi	3.87
Popham Chaviengpop	3.81

Grade 11E

Jenwiji Ratanasiriwit	3.77
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Grade 11G

Pichaya Kovitsophon	3.91
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Grade 11H

None

Grade 12A

Arush Pratap Singh	3.82
Kavin Singh	3.87
Natcha Nanthavithaya	3.77
Nattaya Aksornchat	3.90
Smith Sermsrisuwan	3.95
Sunatchapol Hosono	3.95
VanabudChaiprakorb	3.91
Yada Ponpittayalert	3.87

Grade 12B

Jin Ju Kang	3.87
Khwanchanok Chatsrirung	3.81
Natnaree Kulchan	3.72
Pornsinee Setprapha	3.95
Siri.Thitipankul	4.00
Tana Rishi	3.90

Grade 12C

Anirudh Kwatra	3.72
Bela Siripotjananont	3.75
Elena Narang	3.91
Gorramuth Prasertkull	3.72
Heejae Chung	3.91
Jenisa Chaichuenchob	3.72
Mathavee Sachdev	3.91
Nithinan Leangpanich	3.91
Pallavi Rawal	4.00
Teeravee Khuprasert	3.91
Ye Jin Kim	3.95

Grade 12D

Annie Andosakoonchode	3.80
Lada Kunpalin	3.75
Tanradee Mongkolpiyathana	3.90

Grade 12E

HassalakParadee	3.91
Hsin Hsiang Chou	3.71
Nam Hoon Kim	3.95
Pana Samathapand	3.87
Ramil Charoonsak	3.91
Sapon Chupongstimun	3.91
SitathamPuechkamut	3.95
Wimutiporn Potipimpanon	3.91

Grade 12G

Apapatra Teerapatum	3.95
Jung Min Yun	3.77
Manolo Jan Momongan	3.82
Natthapatt Sooppapipatt	3.91
Sijhana Virakul	3.95

IEL 1

Chawinnut Neamkasipong	3.77
Ponlasate Diewwanich	3.70

IEL 2 & 3

None

Congratulations to everyone who made it to the first quarter list of students with excellent GPA. Continue to advance in your academic journey to make your parents proud, and for the honor and glory of God, the giver and source of all wisdom.

SISTER SKATERS DOMINATES ISI ASIA

AMONGST 350 ASEAN ICE SKATERS

I praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

-- Psalm 139:14

By Nam Hoon Kim, IZE

The first week of December 2017 was a blissful week for the Decharin sisters. Both Nalisa Decharin of 5A, and Pornpreeva Decharin of 2C, participated in the Skate Bangkok 2017 competition that took place from December 7 – 10, 2017 at Mega Bangna. Pornpreeva earned 3 medals in total: 1 gold medal for the solo program, 1 silver medal for character spotlight, and 1 bronze medal for solo composition. Similarly, Nalisa also collected 3 medals in total: 2 silver medals for solo composition and light entertainment spotlight and 1 bronze for the solo program.

Skate Bangkok is an annual skating competition hosted by Sub Zero Ice Skate Club, in association with Ice Skate Institute Asia (ISI Asia), that attracts prospective skaters all over from Thailand. Nalisa and Pornpreeva's achievements are amazing considering the fact that more than 350 skaters joined the competition.

Receiving medals from a prominent skating competition was a huge accomplishment for both sisters. Hidden behind the medals were countless hours spent practicing. Having been skating for only a year and a half, both of them spent 3 months preparing for this competition. In addition to training with the coach on the weekends, they willingly spent their time practicing alone for the performance. Through this competition, they not only won medals but also learned important lessons. Both of them would like to improve their physical strength and endurance by training more. In the end, this competition further motivated them to work hard and achieve higher.



Currently, the Decharin sisters are training hard to earn more medals in upcoming skating competitions. Congratulations to Nalisa and Pornpreeva Decharin for winning several medals!



SIBLINGS WIN MULTIPLE AWARDS IN HOCKEY

BOTH LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

-- Romans 8:28



By Urvi Dhawijswarnkul, 12C

The ice hockey siblings in EIS are creating fire. Alin Charusakuliyakul of 2C, Poon Charusakuliyakul of 3A, and Punn Charusakuliyakul of 5A have participated in many ice hockey tournaments, not only in Thailand, but also in other countries including Hong Kong, China, and Taiwan.

From May 23 – 27, 2017, the 2017 Bangkok Fly Ice Hockey Tournament was held and the three siblings played forwards on the Bangkok Warriors team, winning all of their games, and were rewarded with gold medals and the Champion Cup for the U10 and U12 divisions. In addition, Alin also achieved the gold medal and Champion Cup for the U8 division playing for the Taipei Silver Monsters.

At the 2nd Annual CCM Cup Beijing International Youth Invitational (CCM Cup), all three siblings played for the Taipei Silver Monsters in different divisions. Punn's team finished in fifth place, and Poon's team finished in sixth place among 12 international teams. From August 18 – 22, 2017, the Asian Youth Ice Hockey League (AYHL) held the Sina Cup in Beijing, where Punn's U10 team won the bronze medal and Poon's U8 team won silver.

From September 27 – 30, 2017, both Punn and Poon participated in the Malaysia Invitational Ice Hockey Tournament (MIHT) 2017 by playing for the Bangkok Warriors in the U10 division.

With all the dedicated teamwork, the Warriors won all of their games and achieved gold medals and the Champion Cup. Punn and Poon continued to play together on the Taipei Silver Monsters team at the 2017 Taipei Cup International Ice Hockey Tournament from October 2 – 5, 2017. Alin also joined the competition in the U8 division and won a silver medal.

Moving forward, all three siblings participated in the Chiangmai Ice Hockey Challenge Cup 2017 organized by Sub Zero Ice Skate Club from October 12 – 15, 2017. Punn played the forward position, while Poon and Alin played defense for the Griffins Chiangmai Ice Hockey team in the U10 division. The siblings had another successful championship during the Beach Bach 4-on-4 Youth Ice Hockey Tournament 2017 held in Pattaya from December 6 – 9, 2017. All siblings were forwards for the Bangkok Warriors U10 division. For both competitions, the siblings were awarded gold and won the Champion Cups. Punn also received the Best Player Award from this tournament.



Special congratulations to Alin who played in the U6 and U8 divisions at various events with only 6 other teammates. Notably, her U8 team received the gold medal at the Jamboree Games 2017 in October, and she received the Best Player Award from the 1st Bangkok Women's Ice Hockey Tournament 2017 held on October 30 – November 4, 2017, playing the forward position in the U12 division. At the Beach Bach 4-on-4 Youth Ice Hockey Tournament, Alin played as a full-time goaltender and as a forward for the U8 and U10 divisions, where both of her teams won gold medals and the Champion Cups.



The siblings' team has advanced to the final event of the Thailand Junior Ice Hockey League 2017 - the semi-final round. However; they are already looking forward to this upcoming 2018 season, when they will play in at least 5 international tournaments including events held in Japan, Singapore, China, and many more. EIS would like to wish them the best and salute them and their manager for all the hard work they have put into developing their talents.

GET OVER YOURSELF

Week of Prayer Encourages Everyone

Let us examine and probe our ways, And let us return to the LORD.

- Lamentations 3:40



By Zenita Pakhrin, TIC

From October 16 - 20 the EIS Campus Ministries held the biannual Week of Prayer for all sections. The theme for this week was: Get Over Yourself. EIS Alumni joined the program each day to inspire students with a personal story with hopes that whatever problem anyone is facing, they are guaranteed to succeed over it. The week began with EIS Alumnus of 2014, Rosalin Herman, or Roxy. She shared her experience in EIS as being a cheerful student who could get along with everyone; yet behind closed doors that was not who she truly thought she was. She explained that as time passes, everything will change.

The following day our guest speaker was none other than Pastor Apirak Detwinya, or Pastor Joe to those who remembered him as one of our previous chaplains. He shared the story of David, when after successfully defeating the mighty Goliath, he found out that the place of Ziklag went committed arson and his own troops threatened to kill him because their wives and children were kidnapped at the same time. David found his solution by shifting his focus to God, and going after to save them. The moral was whenever you are in times of trouble or you feel lost and confused, ask God for help and He will give you the strength.

On Wednesday, EIS Alumnus Chanawut shared his personal experience on how he thought that he had everything in life, was successful with a career, and other satisfying factors. However, it soon tumbled downhill after he lost his job, followed by his girlfriend breaking up with him. He described the feeling as not knowing what you really need in life the most, until it is gone. A miracle happened; the tables had turned and he was able to find his path again.

Thursday approached with the guest speaker, Jenjira Velasquez, who was an alumnus of 2005 and currently the secretary for Sarita Arora, Principal for Student Administration. She shared her story of being a rebellious teen back in high school, and it has taught her that life indeed is so much more than what we think. She encouraged everyone to value and accept what life will throw or give us regardless good or bad.



Finally came Friday, the final guest speaker was Jeff, an Alumnus of 1990. He shared his experiences with God, and revealed that with God's help he was able to get over his discouragement and disappointment. He thanked God for preparing a plan just for him and this helped him get to where he is today.

Overall, this entire week had a unique theme and inspiring speakers. Worship songs were sung beautifully with the melodious voices and musical offerings were played and performed by talented EIS students.

The Bible verses related very well to the stories that were shared. The Campus Ministries would like to sincerely thank the school's cooperation and hopes to keep the tradition of the Week of Prayer with improvements every year.



Selected students from high school shared their life-changing testimonies to the middle schoolers while Mrs. Rem Tura and Ms. LJ Noay, youth leaders from the Bangkok International Church (BIC) of Seventh-day Adventists, led out the week of prayer for the primary and elementary sections, respectively.



It is during week of prayer that everyone in EIS come together to pray, feast on God's word, and reflect on the messages, and recognize the power of praying together as a family.

EIS CELEBRATES 60 YEARS

With Vespers and Sabbath Worship Services

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in the earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

- Matthew 28:19-20



By Amara Joan Sims, Assistant Editor

Ekamai International School hosted its 60th Anniversary Celebration during the Sabbath beginning on November 17 at sundown, through November 18, 2017. The focus of the weekend was to give thanksgiving to the Supreme Director of EIS – God. The EIS family; including administrators, faculty, staff, and their families, as well as EIS Alumni, current students and parents, gathered together after sundown to open the Sabbath with a special vespers programme. Worship songs were sung, Bible passages were interactively read, and testimonies were given by an administrator, EIS Alumnus,

a representative for the current student body. There was a connecting theme throughout the evening: Jesus never fails. Mr. Harold Dawat, Principal for Academic Administration, shared his initial experiences facing the early floods in Bangkok. He shared that God will always take care of His school, as Scripture promises His wisdom, knowledge, judgment, and ways are “past finding out!” (Romans 11:33) and “as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are [His] ways higher than [our] ways...” (Isaiah 55:8-9).

Jung Min, a senior from the current senior class of 2018, shared that EIS has taught her the power of prayer.

Regardless of one's religion, every EIS student is trained to respect another's beliefs and will bow down their heads in prayer in the classroom. She summarized that the purpose of EIS is to do God's will (1 John 5:14).



When he sat at the back of the auditorium, he still felt the spirit of purpose – missionary purpose – that EIS always emphasized. Although EIS started in a small garage, no one would imagine it to grow to where the institution is today. 60 years later, EIS is in its prime, and we can reflect that EIS is situated at just the right time to do good things for people in Bangkok and around Thailand. After all, EIS is preparing the people of Thailand, abroad, and one another for heaven.

This 60th Anniversary Celebration Sabbath was not special because of the beautiful flowers on stage, nor the nicely dressed EIS family members, nor the delicious fellowship lunch, but because Jesus is our Creator. All glory be to Him.



The celebration continued on Saturday morning with a wonderful Sabbath celebration and fellowship. Atikom Sriratanapapat, Chief Operating Officer of the Bangkok Adventist Hospital, shared a message in the morning.



JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

2017 IEL YEAR-END PROGRAM

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

- Luke 2:11-14



By Verlinda Quimba, IEL 2 Teacher

The show is very impressive," said one parent; "I like the show, it is very nice," as another parent commented. These were just two of the numerous comments that IEL parents have shared after the 2017 Year-end Program for the IEL Department last December 10, 2017.

The show was entitled Journey to Bethlehem, and portrayed the journey of Mary and Joseph leading up to the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. The IEL teachers were inspired to come up with such presentation after supporting the Bangkok Adventist International School's spectacular show of the same title.

The casting and the script were distributed after the second quarter exams, and there was not enough time to prepare. One way to help orient the students was to let them experience the journey themselves. The students were encouraged to watch the show at Bangkok Adventist International School last December 1, 2017.

Despite the shortage of time, the students were able to deliver their parts very well. All of them were excited about their own character, especially when they tried on their costumes. Some of them had a hard time internalizing their character but surprisingly performed very well on an actual day.

The show came to life and was engaging when the choir, mostly composed of students from IEL 1, enthusiastically sang Christmas carols in between each scene as a seamless transition. Both the students' tension and excitement were obvious, but they proudly executed their tasks to their bests. IEL 2 student, Jayyada Anantachart, expressed that the year-end program was a very fun program though she was nervous. She said, "As part of the choir, I was nervous. One time, I sang the wrong part. I felt so awkward. But nobody noticed it anyway (giggling)." Suvitchaya Veerachit said, "The year-end program was so cool. I was the narrator and I have to sit in the VIP area. That day, my tummy almost exploded because I ate too much."

In addition, the program was composed of some students performing their different talents in vocal solo, group, and individual performances playing different musical instruments. The parents were impressed and very proud of every little detail that their children did.



After the show, Ms. Sarita Arora, the Principal for Student Administration, acknowledged the effort and dedication of both the students and the teachers for a job very well done. She was also encouraged because she saw the need that EIS should make an official set of costumes which could be used in similar presentations in the future.



The IEL team is looking forward for a bigger production hopefully next year in order to reach out a bigger audience to present the reason why the joy of Jesus' birth must be remembered and celebrated around the world.

EIS PUSHES FOR MORE BOUNDLESS & BOUNTIFUL SERVICE TO THE CHILDREN IN ON NUT SOI 49

Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.

-- Luke 6:38



By Amara Joan Sims, Assistant Editor

Ekamai International School emphasizes humble service to others. The events and activities of the school reflect how important service is by organizing and supporting monthly Campus Ministries outreach programs, yearly Seniors community service trips, and even activities initiated within the classroom setting.

This year Ms. Amy Angelo assigned a special Christmas project to students in her Grade 10 English classes. Following the guidelines of Operation Christmas Child and the Samaritan's Purse non-profit organization, her students were to decorate a shoebox and fill it with gender- and age-appropriate gifts.

The shoeboxes were bursting with notebooks, pens, coloured pencils, stuffed animals, toys, clothing, and some snacks! Students were also required to write an encouraging note and include a Bible verse inside their box. A total of 43 boxes were collected, and on December 9, 2017, some grade 10 representatives shared these gifts with the children of Pakistani refugees and their families.



Over a month later, another opportunity presented itself to distribute the remaining shoeboxes during Wan Dek (Children's Day). Thus on January 14, 2018, over 30 children who attended the Jesus for Slum Kids ministry in the small community at On Nut Soi 49 received the boxes with joy. The organizers are very thankful for the support of Fan Yang, an EIS alumna from the Class of 2016, who came to hand out the shoeboxes to the children and also donated clothing and stationery.

We praise God, the ultimate Giver, who taught us that it is a joyous thing to serve together and serve one another!





CURRICULUM SNAPSHOTS

Curriculum Development System



Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.

-- Proverbs 9:9



By Ian Cordero, Accreditation & IEL Coordinator

Some of the main takeaways from the preceding articles are worth remembering to connect the salient points flowing throughout the whole series of curriculum snapshots.

- The school's curriculum not only is current, dynamic, and future-driven, but also defines what the school promises to deliver to its students whose individual and group needs and aspirations are to be met as new developments and needs arise in the society.
- The school's philosophy, vision, mission, goals and/or objectives are reflected and achieved as well as the Expected Student Learning Outcomes (ESLOs) and other student learning needs through the delivery of the curriculum.
- A curriculum development system is in place, involves the collaboration of school stakeholders, and also takes into account their interests in the process of constructing the curriculum.



- There are various curriculum models which the school can use to develop the curriculum with careful consideration of what can potentially work well in the school's context.

For this issue, I have decided to touch a bit on curriculum development system as a prelude to other curriculum models and dwell on underlying organizing principles of curriculum development system.

Firstly, the dictionary defines development as an act of improving by expanding, enlarging, or refining. It is a process in which something passes by degrees to a different stage especially a more advanced or mature stage. Needless to say, development connotes change.

What kind of change is needed since change may not always result in development? Such change is called positive change characterized by: (1) An intentional purposeful change based on clearly defined targets or objectives; (2) A systematic sequential planned change following an orderly progression of scheduled activities and tasks that are executed over a period of time and will lead to the identified targets or objectives; and (3) A positive progressive change that brings about improvement of a person or a group to a higher level.

Curriculum development, therefore, should be characterized by positive change that exerts a ripple effect upon the accomplishment of the school's vision, mission, goals and/or objectives, and upon the ESLOs which contribute to character development of the students.

Secondly, a system is defined as a group of independent but interrelated elements comprising a unified whole. In management, a system can mean as some form of structure or operation, concept or function, and consisting of united and integrated parts.

Similarly, a question of what happens in a system may be pointed out for discussion. So, then, here are some of the characteristics based on systems theory. (1) A system has well-defined limits or boundary which gives the system its identity. (2) A system operates in a specific time-and-space context or environment. (3) A system is subject to stress and strain, wear and tear, change and conflict as it interacts with forces in the environment. (3) A system strives to maintain a state of equilibrium so it will continue to function and tries to avoid a state of disorder. (4) A system, either small or big, may be a subsystem or a suprasystem having its own parts or subsystems. (5) A system has a communication network to maintain coordination among its parts, monitor operation, and make improvements or correction of any dysfunction in the system. (6) A system has synergy viewed as a whole for a better understanding of its processes and outputs. (7) A system has interdependence in which the elements of a system cannot act on their own. Whatever affects any element of the system in some way affects every other element.

In the interest of curriculum development, a system is composed of different interacting human and material parts which count more in totality as opposed to its separate parts. The significant part is how these individual parts interact and work together to make the whole system perform its intended function, in this case, to deliver an up-to-date and dynamic curriculum.

In conclusion, a curriculum development system as defined by Palma (1992) is an "integrated, coherent, and comprehensive program for continually updating and improving curriculum and instruction in a school so that it can better attain its purpose." It is an interdisciplinary entity with interrelated and interdependent parts. Changing one part of the curriculum development system will affect other parts and subsequently the entire system in one or more ways. For a curriculum development system to bring about positive change and growth, it needs to adjust with the school's environment and context as well as adapt to the school's principles, culture, dynamics, constraints, and other conditions in order to function well and achieve the purpose for which it is created. A sound curriculum development system will also aid in the maintenance of its parts. Lastly, active energy will drive the changes needed to protect the system and enable growth to accomplish its goal.



EIS NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2017 ISSUE RECEIVES PRAISE

Readers Feedback of Previous Issue

If you listen to constructive criticism, you will be at home among the wise.
-- Proverbs 15:31

By Jenima Gurong, TH



Consistent with the school's values and standards, all its publications and other medium of reaching out to the parents, alumni, students, employees, and the community has always been a collaborative efforts. It is design not only to inform everyone of the various campus updates but to also inspire recipients with some interesting stories, gospel truth, and service to the community. We welcome feedbacks, stories, and feats from students that will keep our EIS family empowered and inspired as we continue to serve our loving and powerful God.

Here are some feedbacks from the October 2017 Issue:



-- Winyou Silapachan, Graphic Artist & Photographer

Thank you for the labor of love. My kids and I loved it.

-- Lizette Zambrano, Former ES Teacher

Good job ;) I really like it :D

-- Daiane Kelly Silva, ES Teacher

I read the latest issue of EIS Newsletter. Congratulations! It's very nice, professionally edited and presented. God bless your work!

-- Sandor Mulaj, ES Art Teacher

We would love to hear from you too. Send your feedback, comments, and stories to info@eis.ac.th or to evangelinea@eis.ac.th.

All praises and glory to God!





UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 7 High School Career Day
- 7-9 Grade 8 Camping
- 12-13 ITBS Grade 3-8
- 14 Junior Love Day
- 16 Chinese New Year
- 26 Primary School Talent Show
- 27 Elementary School Talent Show
- 28 Middle School Talent Show

MARCH

- 1 Makha Bucha Day
- 2 High School Talent Show
- 6-8 3rd Quarter Exams
- 9 Teacher Grading Day
- Grade 10 IELTS
- 12 4th Quarter Begins
- 13-15 Book Fair
- 13-16 G9-12 Pre-Registration
- 23 High School Musical Presentation
- 26 Grade 5 & 8 Literacy Test
- 29-30 Professional Development

APRIL

- 2 IAAT for Grade 6-7
- 4 Songkran Celebration
- 5 SPT Conference
- 6 Chakri Day
- 9-16 Songkran Holidays
- 17 School Begins after Songkran
- 23 Grade 7 AAT, Grade 8 GAT
- 25 Grade 8 Pre-Registration
- 26 Adventurer/Pathfinder Community Service
- 23-27 ITBS for Grade 2
- 25-27 Senior Final Exam
- 27 Summer Concert
- 28-29 Pathfinder Officers Year-end Camp

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