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Rashee Pandey
Public Speaking Champion
2009

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Letter from the New Director



Surapee Sorajjakool, MEd, PhD

Dear Students, Parents, Alumni, and Friends,

We are living in an age of momentum, progress and innovation, where the key to success lies with the ability to create new knowledge and discover new ideas. Everything we know about today's economy, global competitiveness, health and social well-being tells us that investing in our children is one of the wisest things we can make.

Education provides students with more than just a body of knowledge; it provides the foundation for continuous learning, skills of creativity, problem-solving and leadership. Never has education been more important and valuable.

This year at Ekamai International School, we are celebrating 52 years of growth and momentum. We began as the Child Training Center to serve the educational needs of students living in this city. As we grew in size, we have become an international school serves with credibility and reputation, and moving on to address the needs of our students and community.

We have taken great strides. Our student population has increased to over 1200, and we are looking forward to higher enrollment this coming school year. Hopefully the new building construction will be completed soon to accommodate the increased number of students.

Our commitment to our students is unrelenting. We have made changes in our curriculum, sent teachers for upgrading, introduced the Fast ForWord program, purchased many new books for the library, trained students for leadership roles, and so on.

The present EIS represents a school for the new generation. It draws from the past and designs the future. But it lives and breathes in the present. Students become connected to the world - a world of ideas, challenges, possibilities, and relationships.

As I step into this new position, I want to invite you to become part of our momentum and help build a bright future with promise and potential. I also want to thank our talented faculty and staff for their dedicated work, and especially Mr. David Gouge for his leadership in the previous administration.

May God bless you.

Surapee Sorajjakool, MEd, PhD
Director

Director Gouge Says Farewell

Dear Members of the EIS Community:

The 2008-2009 school year will soon be history. So, time to ask, "How have we grown over the 12 months?"



Mr. David L. Gouge, MEd

I pray each of us is a little better for having been part of our learning community. I also trust the Lord will ensure EIS will remain a school that really empowers, inspires, and serves. We must continue to train young people to take their places in this ever changing world.

These past months have definitely been a time when victories repeated themselves. First, the Girls Varsity Basketball Team won the BISAC Tournament for the second consecutive time. Then Rashee Pandey came home triumphant from the English Speaking Union's speech competition. She duplicated a similar achievement by another EIS student a year earlier. I am proud not only of our winners, but of everyone who has done their best this school year.

As you may know, a new director arrived at EIS on April 1st. Before leaving, I want to thank everyone who has helped make my two years here very enjoyable and successful.

May God bless each one of you as you march successfully into the 21st century.

David L. Gouge, MEd
Director, February 1, 2007 - March 31, 2009

EIS New Director, a Seasoned Educator

By Mrs. Sarah Jawjong, Administrative Secretary



Surapee Sorajjakool, MEd, PhD

On April 1, 2009, Dr. Surapee Sorajjakool was appointed as the new director of the Ekamai International School. She is a seasoned educator and is active in the community. Her appointment as Director brings well-balanced experiences between academia and the community to the EIS family.

Director Surapee is an alumna of EIS. She joined EIS in 1992 as an elementary teacher. In 1997, she assumed the leadership role at the School when she was appointed as Manager on February 18 of that year. On February 22, 1999, she was appointed as principal. In 2002, she was called to serve as Vice President for Student Administration at Mission College, an international institution of higher learning in Saraburi where she served for 6 years. In April 2008, she was appointed as Administrator of the Adventist Ekamai (Thai) School.

She received her PhD in Higher Education from Chulalongkorn University. Her major research interests include reforms in post secondary education and innovations in education. She has also served as a member of the Committee of the Presidents of Private Higher Education, Committee of the Higher Education Students Network, and the Committee of Vice Presidents for Student Administration.

Dedicated to the noble cause of education, Director Surapee spends her spare time teaching graduate classes at the Assumption University. She is also active in conducting workshops and trainings for both local and foreign teachers in the areas of current innovations in education and Thai culture and ethics.

Ms. Markie Mentors Hard-Working Student Council

An interview with Ms. Markie Bazzy, Sponsor of the Student Council

By Rasna Sachasiri, Student, Grade 12D



Ms. Markie Bazzy (center) with members of the Student Council 2008-2009.

Please tell us something about your personal and educational background.

I was born in the US and I have lived in 7 different countries: US, Canada, England, Norway, Singapore, Australia, and Thailand. I began high school in Canada and finished it in the US. I then went to the Southeast Asia Union College in Singapore for a year before completing my undergraduate degree in Mass Communication from Walla Walla University in the US. I completed my Master's degree at Andrews University also in the US.

What do you do at EIS?

I have been assigned to teach English and Journalism to high school students since I came here seven years ago, and I have been a sponsor for the Student Council for the past four years.

How do you feel working with the Student Council?

Someone once told me that it is important for a teacher to connect with a small group of students, mostly for retention, but I believe that a teacher has the ability to influence students whom they are close to. That's how I feel about SC-- it's a small group of students whom I have the greatest influence with, and I enjoy my work tremendously. The SC officers have been working hard to plan and prepare student activities and programs, and they have performed beyond my expectations. The officers often sacrificed their free time and even their studies to meet datelines and prepare the programs to perfection. I am very proud of them.

Please mention some of the programs planned by the SC.

The main activities are as follows: Welcome Back Bash, Battle of the Brains, Battle of the Bands, Sports Day, Talent Show, Songkran Day, EIS Idol, Staff & Faculty Talent show, and many others.

As a sponsor, what do you wish to achieve from the SC?

Unity. I want to see them come together as a team, especially since several different grades are represented. The Student Council has been established as a democratic student government to set high goals and standards, to promote unity through student activities and to develop leadership abilities.

How can one be a member of the Student Council?

To be a member of the Student Council, one must run and campaign for office, to be elected by the whole student body, using balloting procedures. They will have to appoint a campaign manager and actively campaign the cause they wish to achieve as an elected member of the SC. All candidates then must prepare a five-minute speech, and answer questions from the student body. The election usually takes place in early May and the results announced two days later.

What are your expectations from members of the SC?

Hard work. Being a part of the Student Council is a challenging job, but one will gain valuable experience not only for the future employment, but life as well. There is a huge time commitment involved not just during the school year but during the summer and holidays as well. The officers will be expected to be free to plan and organize events for the school. During the school year, they will be expected to attend weekly meetings and spend extra time after school and on Sundays as well.

Do you plan to continue sponsoring the SC in the coming years?

As long as the Administration wants me to continue, I will. I enjoy working with students and I want to assist them to achieve their potential and goals. I want to thank the administration, staff and faculty, and most of all the student body for their support and full participation in all student activities.

Intermediate Building Passes Half-Way Point



By Kraiwin Jongsuksathaporn, Student, Grade 12E

On April 30, 2009, Building 3 was judged to be more than 50 percent complete, as shown in the above picture. Work must still be done on the electrical wiring and much of the interior.

The building will provide rooms for intermediate students, Thai Language Department, photo copying room, and Emergency Clinic.

Mr. Prajuab Ekwiriyatorn, EIS Business Manager, stated an additional two million baht was allocated to the project to strengthen its substructure piling. He asked everyone to work around these inconveniences and be extra careful.



The hallway.



One of the classrooms.



Mr. Prajuab Ekwiriyatorn (R), Business manager is talking to Kraiwin.



The new Intermediate Building that is under construction will look like the above Building 6, the High School building.

Community Project in Chiangmai

*By Mrs. Beatrice Kootanasan, Principal for Student Administration
and Jasleen Doowa, Student, Grade 12E*

On January 5th, 2009, an EIS team – 34 seniors and seven teachers – boarded a train to begin a week of community service at the Chiangmai Adventist Academy (CAA) 30 kilometers outside of the northern city.

It was a busy time. Morning saw students, led by Ms. Melissa, teach English to primary students.

Later, they helped paint classrooms and organized Children's Day activities for the 200 primary students at CAA. In addition, food supplies and other necessities were given to the needy students.

"I feel proud of myself for doing this community service," said one volunteer. "It was an experience I will never forget."

EIS would like to thank parents and teachers for their support and for contributing foods and other supplies towards this community project.



Seniors posed in front of the Chiangmai Adventist Academy, accompanied by Ms. Udom Saengsawang (second row extreme right), Mrs. Raveewan Moolkeo, and Ms. Rujirek Kokanot, (front row, first and fourth from left), Ms. Melissa Ebernich, and Mrs. Beatrice Kootanasan (front row, first and third from right).



Seniors showing off their brushes, ready to paint a class room



Apat and Charas took time to play some music with their 'guitars.'



(L-R) Peeraya, Benyathip, and Papasree washing their hands and brushes.



(L-R) Thanaporn, Jasleen, Rasna, Skydao, and Aarti packing gifts for the needy.



Ms. Melissa, right, is teaching English to the CAA students, assisted by Chonlapob.



Mrs. Beatrice Kootanasan (middle), accompanied by (L-R) Thanaphum, Shaya, Apat, and Birat.

Adventurers Plant Trees

By Mrs. Maria Ejurango, Director of Adventurer Club

To help ease the problem of global warming, 254 members of the Adventurer Club of Ekamai International School dedicated a part of March 4th, EIS Adventurer Day, to planting hedges on the campus. Definitely not a one day exercise in raising environmental consciousness, club members continue to care for these shrubs.

Adventurers believe tree planting not only cools the planet, but beautifies the environment. Beauty, in turn, brings peace of mind. Peace of mind makes learning fun. We encourage everyone to be nature-friendly. Plant a tree wherever you can.



Sarah of Grade 1A is very proud of being able to plant her shrub.



Thanattham of Grade 1A is waiting patiently to plant his shrub.



Mr. Welmer is giving a helping hand to Morning of Grade 2C.



Sasithorn of Grade 3A is admiring her shrub before planting.



Primary students are helping each other in planting the shrub.



Students are waiting for their turn to plant their shrubs.



A general view of the place where the Adventurers plant their shrubs

Amazing Talent Show 2009

By Nathaporn Nithichat, Student, Grade 12C

On February 23rd -26th, the EIS Student Council organized talent shows for our primary, elementary, intermediate and high school sections. Great excitement was in the air as our creative students sang, danced or played their way to a moment of peer recognition. Not all won prizes, but most were proud they were able to publicly display their talents.



Nithida Leedhirakul (7E) performing the "Swan" ballet



Pasini Piriya-apitha (11E), captivating the audience with her song, "Only Love"



Siravit Wararatchai (8D), playing a rendition on his electric guitar, "Rock Bottom"



Pithayuth Saminpanya (12B) mesmerized the audience with his violin.



Surachok Sang-Aram (12D) playing his guitar



Manit Sakchiraphong (12B) singing his heart out in a song "True"



The DASH dancers who won the heart of the audience and the judges are showing off their trophy and certificates.

Songkran Festival

By Worawee Wongsawat, Student, Grade 12A

Pictures by Mr. Passan Ruckmeet and Mr. Winyou Silapachan



(L-R) Yada Malapat and Natawat Thansomsat, Master of Ceremonies



Dr. Surapee Sorajjakool, Director is hitting the gong to begin the festival.



Students from Kindergarten were also in attendance.



A view of the student body sitting on the bleachers waiting for the festival to begin



Visupa of Grade 1A receiving a certificate for being an outstanding student



Students lining up to pay respect to the teachers



A student is paying respect to Mr. Tom Sigurdson.



Students are getting ready to perform a classical Thai dance.



Students dressed up in Thai costumes waiting to perform a folk dance



Senior students are performing a modern Thai dance.



Senior students, Pitcharee, Fongfon, Elisa, Mondhira, are enjoying the festival.



Tawanrat, Nattaya, and Kulchaya enjoying ice-cream sticks to cool themselves.



Many things were on sale to raise fund for the Thai Language Department.

“Fast ForWord” on the Go!

By Mr. Lee Chin Beng, Editor

Ekamai International School introduced Fast ForWord at the beginning of this year to replace the ESL classes previously used by the school to improve the English proficiency of students from grades 3 to 12.

How It Works

Fast ForWord trains the brain to optimize learning potential. It does this by developing and strengthening four fundamental skills which are essential for learning and reading:

1. Memory

To enhance working memory, short and long-term memory.

2. Attention

To improve both the attention span and the ability to focus.

3. Processing Rate

To increase the rate at which students are able to process information.

4. Sequencing

To improve the recognition of sounds, letters, and concepts.

Benefits

1. Improves learning capacity and academic performance.
2. Changes the attitude of students struggling to read.
3. Accelerates English language acquisition for those learning English.



Pornpat (5A) is concentrating hard.



Nithipat (5A) is enjoying the session.



“Fast ForWord” is fun!



Primary students are in session.



Rebecca Moor is giving a helping hand to one of the students.



Grade 11 students are in session.



Piyathep, from Grade 12C is also enjoying the session.



Elementary students are working hard.

INTERMEDIATE STUDENTS GONE INNOVATIVE

By Supakarn Niruktisart, Student Grade 11E

On March 3 & 4, 2009, the intermediate Science Department celebrated the Year of Science 2009 by organizing a science fair under the theme, "Innovation." Students in Grades 7 & 8 were challenged to improve a product and add value to it; and to improve any item to make it easier and more convenient to use.

This event was held at the Student Center, Building 9. There were 72 entries, each with different products of different creative ideas. It was even hard to believe that the products were from the intermediate students.

Awards

Two awards were given: Most Innovative and Most Popular Booth. The Most Innovative award for the eighth graders went to the booth "Mr. Ice has 2 Children," an apparatus that waters plants by allowing ice to melt in the ice box and water goes down a hole to recycled water bottles that spin when heavy with water. The Most Popular award also for the eighth graders went to the booth "Magic Bike," which sprinkles water on to the plants as you cycle.

Most Innovative Booth:

Grade 7

Matika Pornpattanasavai
Methaporn Vichaitanaruks
Michael Ragui
Intouch Chaipradittrak

Grade 8

Tae Jin Kim
Sung-Jun Shin (Steve)
Natchamol Siriawatwimol

Most Popular Booth:

Grade 7

Supreeya Srimanothip
Tae Seong Jin
Tharat Ratanapat
Ria Kumari

Grade 8

Grongjaporn Saosaovaphak
Chavapol Amphol
Napat Assvaborvornvong
Titima Jenmananchaiyakun

Science Fair has provoked students' minds to be creative and innovative.



Piya and Rittika admiring the "Hovercraft" on display, invented by Ruchika and friends



A typical booth displaying inventions



Napat and Hsiang Yu trying on the "Magic Bike," that won the "Most Popular" award, invented by Grongjaporn and friends

IT Department

*By: Mr. Clandestine Claro, Department Head ,
and Kraiwin Jongsuksathaporn, Student, Grade 12E*

The Information Technology Department, or IT, is an essential part of EIS since almost every activity on campus depends on the smooth running of computers and the Internet. Currently, the department has five staff members. Besides providing technical support, some IT staff members also teach.

Technology Facilities

Computer systems range from Windows to Linux to Mac servers. Client comput-

ers run Windows OS in three computer laboratories and OS X Tiger in two computer laboratories. MacLab, as it is called, is primarily used by the elementary department from kindergarten to grade five. Client computers in the offices and classrooms are running Windows OS with the exception of two departments – Yearbook and Graphics – which use iMac.

Recent Work

The IT Department recently set up a Wi-

Fi wireless or “hotspot” for internet connection throughout the campus. Anyone who has a notebook, mobile phone, MP3 or PDA may now connect to the Internet. The IT Department also maintains the EIS website which provides information about the school and its programs.

Our Vision

The IT Department would like to ensure EIS has the technology it needs to enhance the learning experience of students inside and outside of the classroom.



Mr. Roongroj Seksantisakul, Mr. Dem Gagatam, Mrs. Thitima, Mr. Clandestine Claro (Department Head), and Mr. Ronald Mendiola



An outdoor access point



An outdoor antenna



An indoor access point

Students Receive Recognition

By Mr. Lee Chin Beng, Editor

Golf - Arthitayapong Sripatprasite

Arthitayapong, a 13-year old Grade seven student, has been playing golf since he was six years old. He was nominated for "Order of Merit" recognition in 2008.

Tournaments entered: 68 Competitions
First Place Champion: 27 times
1st Runner-up: 33 times
Hole-in-one: 2 times



Arthitayapong (Poom) in action.



Arthitayapong (4th from left), with his parents (third and sixth from left), and members of the administration, displaying some of the 68 trophies that he won.

Golf - Phasin Vichitcharoenpaisarn

Phasin, a seven-year old Grade one student was selected as the "Best Player of the Year" in 2007. He has been paying golf for the past two years.

Tournaments entered: 43 competitions
First Place Champion: 17 Times
1st Runner-up: 17 times
2nd - 4th Runner-up: 19 times



Phasin in action.



Phasin with his mother (in stripe blouse), and Mrs. Perla Camagay (in brown coat), Principal for Academic Administration, displaying some of the 46 trophies that he won.

Kumon Math Gold Medallists

Many students in EIS are taking Kumon Math, an after school tutoring program. Recently four students were awarded gold medals for their exceptionally good performances. The following are their names:

1. Pamarnpol Hanmatheekuna
Grade 5A, age 11, Level J
2. Pornpat Siriphanporn
Grade 5A, Age 11, Level I
3. Barame Suwansinpan
Grade 5A, Age 10, Level H
4. Intuon Intatitan
Grade 5C, Age 11, level I



Pamarnpol, Pornpat, Barame, and Intuon proudly showing off their hard earned gold medals with Mr. David Gouge, Director.

Rashee Pandey, Public Speaking Champion 2009

By: *Kraiwin Jongsuksathaporn, Student, Grade 12E*

EIS student, Rashee Pandey (12C), recently talked her way to London by winning first place in the high school division of the English-Speaking Union's prestigious public speaking competition.

Her topic, global warming, reflected her own beliefs. "It is an issue the global community cannot neglect any further," she said. "Everyone can contribute little acts to save our Earth."

Rashee was selected as one of ten finalists during the competition's first round in February. The final round took place at the Imperial Queen's Park Hotel on March 27th. After a five-minute speech,

each contestant had to answer questions asked by a panel of judges.

Rashee received a trophy, a bouquet of flowers, some books and, of course, that trip to London.

"I loved the flowers," she said, "but I was really elated when I realized that I would be representing Thailand in London!"

May 17th is the big day, but with fifty countries each sending two contestants, competition will be stiff.

Rashee, best of Thai luck!



Rashee Pandey, holding the winner's plaque.

ROTC Builds Camaraderie

By *Pabhawin Srisinsuphya, Student, Grade 11E*

Khao Chon Kai Military Training Camp, located 150 kilometers from Bangkok in Kanchanaburi province, is well known amongst EIS students. Home of the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC), it is famous – perhaps even infamous – as a tough training ground. Definitely, the ROTC program pushes our young men to the limit by introducing them to the hardships faced by real soldiers.

From February 9th – 11th, 2009, our finest once again had a chance to test their mettle. Despite harsh conditions and tough terrains, most returned with an enlarged sense of camaraderie, tolerance for others, and pride in the army and themselves.



Thiti is getting ready for the tough training.



Nipat is ready for some action.



Year 2 ROTC students.



Year 3 ROTC students.

Hope Club Visits the Unfortunate

By Rujirek Kokanot, Secretary to the Student Administration



On March 27, 2009, the members of the EIS HOPE Club, a club dedicated to serve communities in need, went to Baan Pakkred, Home for the Boys. The members, under the leadership of Thanida Dangprasert of 11D, the HOPE Club President, spent time and play with the orphans, as well as donated items such as snacks, toys, and clothes.



On the same day, the HOPE Club also went to visit Baan Rachawadee, a place for the mentally disabled. Here, our members provided activities which included singing, dancing, and other various performances. At the end of the day, a lot of the members were drenched with sweat, but with high spirits and contented smiles on their faces.

Field Trip to “Money Factory”

By: Phajneesh Sachdev, Student, Grade 10E

On March 23, 2009, Mrs. Rachaniporn’s General Business class went for a field trip to the Bank of Thailand, accompanied by four staff members. Students were shown the techniques and procedures used by the “money factory” to print money. Students were also shown how to differentiate counterfeit notes from the genuine, learnt the history of Thailand’s money-making and the distribution of money throughout the country.



General Business Class students walking towards the entrance of the Bank of Thailand Building.



Some of the students who were thrilled for being able to see the “Money Factory.”

Earth Day Fair

By: Kraiwin Jongsuksathaporn, Student Grade 12E

The Evergreeners, a club promoting green earth, under the direction of Rashee Pandey, and Mr. James Lawson, the club president and sponsor, respectively, organized an Earth Day fair on April 21, 2009 in Building 9. Their goal was to make EIS a sustainable campus, and hoped to influence students and teachers to take action and understand the importance of preserving our “Mother Earth.”



Students and visitors were encouraged to wear green with the slogan “Love Earth, Save Earth.”



Primary students with Teacher Laura Chuan, watching an art exhibition promoting green earth.

Career Perspective

Want to be Be a Pilot?

By Nuttapol Areechom, Student, Grade 12E

Captain Somsak Panukchoklap, a father of Na-taat in 3D, works as a pilot for Thai Airways International. His training was sponsored by the national carrier at the Civil Aviation Flying School in Hua Hin. His years of flying make him an excellent person to offer advice to those thinking about a career in the airline industry.

"A pilot," he said, "must care for his health at all times. Basic knowledge of English, mathematics, and science is also very important."

Observant and humble, Captain Somsak credits his family, especially his wife, who also works for Thai Airways International as an air hostess, for much of his success. His job is full of personal satisfaction. "Whenever I bring my passengers to their destination safely," he said, "I feel proud."

Captain Somsak encourages capable students to choose piloting as a career. He would be happy to guide older students planning a career in aviation.



Captain Somsak (back), wife and Na-taat

Career Day

By: Supakarn Niruktisart, Student, Grade 11E

Every year, EIS high school students are offered opportunities to get a glimpse of different careers. This year, on February 6th, 2009, guest speakers were invited once again to share their working experiences with students to give them ideas about what awaits them in the future. Here are the names of the respective speakers:

1. Ms. Savitri – Textile designer
2. Ms. Siriwan – Designer
3. Mr. Songsak – Architecture
4. Mr. Wongsarond – Architecture
5. Dr. Surachai – Engineer
6. Dr. Supat – Engineer
7. Ms. Piyanuch – Business/Hotel
8. Ms. Orakit – Business
9. Dr. Clyde – Doctor
10. Mr. Chanapai – Medical Student



Mr. Chanapai (red shirt), 6th year medical student from Srinakharinwirot University encouraging students to pursue a career in Medicine.



Mrs. Piyanuch (black skirt), F&B Marketing Manager of the Sofitel Centara Grand, encouraged students to consider a career in Marketing.



Dr. Supat (blue shirt), has a PhD in Engineering, encouraged students to consider engineering as a career.



Dr. Clyde Camagay (far right, standing), a Physician from Bamrungrad Hospital, encouraged students to consider a career in Health Care.



The speakers with Ms. Udom (extreme left, and Mr. Gouge, second from right)



Ms. Orakit (middle), General Manager of Mentor International, encouraged students to consider Computer Science as a major.



Dr. Surachai (back row, far right), has a PhD in Polymer Science, and the Managing Director of Best Plastics Technology, encouraged students to consider a career in Chemistry.

Congratulations, Graduates of 2009!

Names of EIS Graduates accepted by universities in Thailand and abroad

By Ms. Udom Saengsawang, Head of Guidance Department

<p>Thammasat University Faculty of Com. and Accountancy Benyathip Tiraviriyapol Chananya Vanapanubet Chanaphim Akkharaphiriyawanit Charas Euaumpon Chien-Chieng Lien Chonticha Sakdapanichkul Kannicha Yongkittikul Kantapong Chuprajak Korakot Asavalertson Kulwanida Sukumalchitkul Mondhira Piamrattanawong Napat Surajaras Nathaphol Anantasainont Pat Adireksinsuntorn Pitipat Kootrakul Piyapat Kootrakul Prisana Khamijoun Thitaree Thakur Vichitpong Sattawongsa Yanika Tinaphongs Yanisa Thitisaksakul Yotsawat Charoensakwatana</p>	<p>Rangsit University Waivich Komolpaew -Medicine Chatchai Narula - School of Dentistry</p> <p>Mission College Yada Malapat - Nursing</p> <p>Assumption University Aarti Sachdev Apat Salamone Hataipat Smathvithayavech Jasleen Doowa Jetrin Gorowara Jittinan Weerachunharak Ming Yen Chang Natawat Thanomsat Nikhita Bhatia Nipat Rongkarattanakul Niramom Jaijitman Piyathep Komolsingsakul Pongpanote Ua-charoenvongs Pratchavee Amornsethchai Rahul Ventatraman Rashee Pandey Rasna Sachasiri Salin Cheewapansri Samprithi Somasundaram Sarut Nawapraditkul Shaya Kamphu Na Ayudhaya Shivek Kumar Skydao Laovisethkul Supriya Srikuruwal Surachoke Sang-Aram Thamarat Boakye Thanathat Padungtantrakul Thunwarin Thananonkraisin Wamika Rachanivorakornkul</p>	<p>Faculty of Language and Culture Chanphim Akkharaphiriyawanit Fongfon Pirunrak Pithayut Saminpanya Rita Ramnarong Salinee Bancroft Siripak Priyawatanawit Thanaporn Urunanont Worawee Wongsawat</p> <p>Faculty of Com. and Accountancy Chananya Vanapanubet Chien Cheng Lien Chonticha Sakdapanichkul Kannicha Yongkittikul Korakot Asawalertson Mondhira Piamrattanawong Napat Surajaras Patarin Temvisukul Pitipat Kootrakul Piyapat Kootrakul Thagoon Chainartvorakul Thanaphum Tangkrachang Thitaree Thakur Worraset Lerdthanavarant Yotsawat Charoensakwatana</p>
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EIS Band Concert



The EIS band, under the baton of Mr. Weerajak Wong-ngoen, performed a concert in front of Building 9 recently, to show and demonstrate what they have learnt throughout the year. Mr. Weerajak said, "We want more students to join. You do not have to know music, we can teach you, but you need to practice. Please come and join." (By Kraiwin Jongsuksathaporn)

International Schools Exhibition



(Left picture) From February 27 - March 1, 2009 EIS participated in an exhibition at Central World to inform the parents and other interested groups about EIS. Many parents showed interest in enrolling their children at EIS. The highlight of the program was the performance by the EIS Adventurer Club of Grade 1A students. (Right picture) The following assisted at the EIS booth: (sitting L-R) Ms. Melissa Ebernich and Ms. Udom Saengsawang, (standing L-R) Ms. Rujirek Kokanot, Pinyada Vangsun-daraporn, Mr. David Gouge, and Lee Ji Huyn. (By Kraiwin Jongsuksathaporn)

Bibles for Classrooms

Mr. Merle Das, Head of the Values Department of EIS, initiated the purchase of new bibles for the purpose of getting the students to use them in class. The Bible version was the children version which is easier to read and understand. A total of 500 Bibles were purchased and were equally distributed throughout all classes from Grades 1-12. (By Kraiwin Jongsuksathaporn)



Book Fair

On March 11, 12, 2009, the EIS Library organized a book fair. Excitement was high as eight vendors presented books, CDs, and many other school supplies in the exhibition hall of Building 9. It was good to see many young people interacted among the book displays and purchases many books. (By Mrs. Leona Gouge, Head Librarian)



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Students accepted by universities

Mahidol University International College (MUIC)

Worarat Lowpakulkiat
Nuttapol Areechom
Fongfon Pirunrak
Boonyavee Tangkrachang
Salinee T. Bancroft
Pitcharee Seemakorn
Hataipat Smathvithayavech
Nattaporn Nithichat
Karadee Wannaphanom
Worawee Wongsawat
Aarti Sachdev
Atitaya Bhusray
Thanaporn Urunanont
Manit Sakchiraphong
Jetrin Gorowara
Shivek Kumar
Pichayut Wattananon

Stamford International University

Nikhita Bhatia

If Only For One Night....

By Nathaporn Nithichat, Student, Grade 12C

On April 5, 2009, the Junior class invited the seniors to the prom at Sheraton Grande Sukhumvit Hotel. The prom theme for this year was "If Only for One Night..." Everyone dressed beautifully.

The prom would not be a prom if there was no prom king or queen. This year the Prom King was Shaya Kambhu na Ayudhaya and the Prom Queen was Annie Saekow. Pitipat Kootrakul and Kornkanok Wisavutanon are voted as the "Best Couple" of the prom. "It's not what I expected, but ...yeah... I'm very proud of it," said Kornkanok. The night ended wonderfully leaving those beautiful memories with all the seniors and Juniors.... forever.



Senior Excursion

By Worawee Wongsawat, Student, Grade 12A

From March 21-27, 2009, 114 Seniors went to Phuket and Pang-nga, in the southern part of Thailand for an excursion. They stayed at the beautiful Novotel Phuket Resort. It was a trip that everyone will remember. "This was the most wonderful and unforgettable trip for me," said Peeraya, one of the Seniors. Many friendships were made, and fond memories will linger for a long time.



Presenting Seniors of 2009

By Mr. Lee Chin Beng, Editor

On March 9, 2009, 115 seniors led by Class President Phunjasit Chokesomritpol marched down the isle of the school auditorium to begin the Senior Presentation Ceremony. Parents, teachers, and high school students were on hand to witness this auspicious occasion.

Minutes later, Ms. Marklynn Bazzy, Senior Class Sponsor, presented the graduating class to Mr. David Gouge, EIS Director. Preliminaries were soon over and keynote speaker Mr. Saksit Vejsupaporn, a well known entertainment personality and 2002 EIS graduate, gave the afternoon a focus by encouraging seniors to acquire their own personal identity and never settle for second best in their lives.



A Group of Seniors 2009



Mr. Saksit Vejsupaporn, the keynote speaker



(L-R) Korakot Asvalertson (12C), and Mondhira Piamsriwong (12A)



(L-R) Joseph Wongpichedchai (12E), and Thongkorn Viphadavanich (12E)



Karadee Wannapanom (12C)



(L-R) Annie Saekow (12B), and Manying Shi (12A).



(L-R) Wamika Rachanivarakonkul (12D), and Hataipat Smathvithayavech (12C)

Alumnnotes

Trakarn Chensy (1978) completed his BA in Economics from California State University in Long Beach and his MA in Economics from the University of Washington, Seattle in the USA. He is currently the Director of Talents International Pre-School and the Director of the Samaritans of Thailand. He is married to Ann Jiranakhon and has one son--Punsmi "Troy" Chensy.
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Mr. Trakarn Chensri and family

Poramit Srikureja (1997) received his Masters Degree in Management (Entrepreneurship) from Mahidol University and his Bachelors Degree in Electrical Engineering from Assumption University. He currently manages Ramkhamhaeng Advent International School owned by his family. He is happily married and has two children aged four and two. His most memorable experience at EIS was during the Senior Excursion.
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Mr. Poramit Srikureja and family

Oranee Ann (Wick) Pierce (1971) a registered nurse in Pediatrics and Geriatrics, worked as a Quality Assurance Coordinator and Discharge Planner, coordinated the first Case Management Program for seniors for the State of Alaska where she received the Alaska Public Health Nursing Outstanding Service Award. Oranee is married to David S. Pierce and has two grown daughters and a son-in-law.
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Mrs. Ann Pierce (second from left) and family

Surachai Ratitong (1981), received a Bachelors in Chemical Engineering from West Virginia University, U.S.A. and in 1990 completed his PhD in Polymer Science from the University of Connecticut, U.S.A. He worked as a Corporate Research Scientist at Ferro Corporation in the U.S.A. for 4 years and helped develop advanced polymeric materials. He then returned to Thailand and set up Best Plastics Technology Co. Ltd. His two children are studying at EIS, daughter Bridget in 10A, and son, Asawin in 8G.
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Dr. Surachai Ratitong (third from left) and family



Dr. M.L. Tannapat Devakul

M.L. Tannapat Devakul (1994) formerly known as **M.L. Tippaporn Tevakul**, is a full-time doctor at Vejthani Hospital and is currently taking courses at the American Academy of Anti-aging Medicine. She received her degree, Doctor of Medicine, from Rangsit University, Thailand. She had a wonderful life as a student here at EIS and is proud to be a graduate of our school. She would like to let her teachers know that the English skills have helped her greatly, and the Speech class taught her to overcome stage fright and be brave. She, like many others, built life-long friendships at EIS. D_Tannapat@hotmail.com



Mr. Numchai Srisuwongse

Numchai Srisuwongse (1986) completed a Commerce Certificate and has been an employee in computer engineering for about 7 years now. His memorable experiences here at EIS were when he used to participate in dramas and tell stories in English class. numchai@hotmail.com



Randy Nopasri (1979) recently changed career from a Hotel Convention Coordinator, specializing in Audio Visual Services, to health care. He likes to play tennis, golf, bicycling and jogging. He will graduate as a cardiac sonographer from the Cardiovascular Technologies Program at Grossmont College this coming June. His wife, Debra, a Respiratory Therapist at UCSD Medical Center, has been in the field for 18 years. She is also a clinical instructor for the college. Randy left our school in 1979 to finish his senior year in Huntington Beach in California and recently visited Bangkok in 2007 where he was able to visit the EIS campus and met with Mrs. Perla Camagay and other staff. randynopasri@gmail.com



Ms. Pavichya Prae Suwansupha

Pavichya Prae Suwansupha (2005) graduated from Assumption University Faculty of Visual Communication Arts with a major in Graphic Design. She has exhibitions from time to time, the latest one being a water color exhibition at Siam Paragon where her work was displayed with other famous Thai artists. Her most memorable experiences at school were her position as Senior Class Artist, and the School Fun Fair in 2005. prae.pavichya@gmail.com



Mr. Jo Lin

Pyssanuwat (Somyot) Songwattana-othin (2001) also known as **Jo Lin**, obtained his Bachelor Degree in Industrial Engineering from Thammasat University. His working experiences have been those in the entertainment industry where he has been a VJ for Channel V, a News Anchor/Reporter for Channel 3, and an emcee for Channel 9. He is also the business owner of a modeling agency. jolin.quickframe@gmail.com



(L-R) Ms. Pimpat & Ms. Pounpen

Pimpat Jangrew (2005) is taking her Bachelors Degree in Business Administration, with a major in Accounting and a minor in Finance and Banking, from Thammasat Business School and will be graduating in May 2009. Presently, she is doing her student internship as a Project Assistant for Young Consulting Program at the Thammasat Business Consulting Center and is a member of McKinsey Consulting Fellowship Program at McKinsey & Company. In 2008 she was a Tax Consultant Trainee at KPMG Phoomchai Tax Ltd. She was also a candidate for First Class Honors for Thammasat Graduating class of 2009, was one of the 7 finalist team competing in L'Oreal Brainstorm 2009, and was one of the top 50 finalists out 5,000 contestants in the Young Financial Star Competition organized by the Stock Exchange of Thailand. She misses being in the EIS classroom, hanging out with her friends in the hallway and studying in Mr. Tom's English class and Mr. Tommy and Mrs. Rachaniporn's business classes. Pimpat says, "true friendships were built there." pimpatj@hotmail.com, pimpatj@gmail.com

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