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100 Seniors Presented for Graduation

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Cover Picture: (L-R) Pinyada Vang-sundaraporn 12C and Sukhveera Sachdev 12A were two of 100 seniors presented for graduation. (Page 20)

Letter from the Director

Dear Students, Parents, Alumni and Friends:



Surapee Sorajjakool, MEd., PhD

We have almost come to the end of another school year. I want to congratulate all students for completing another year of studies successfully, especially the seniors who will be graduating and going to universities and colleges to further their education. I also want to thank parents, alumni and friends who have given their support to the success of our school.

As we look back on the year that is soon to pass, we have nothing but thankfulness for all the blessings that our God has bestowed upon us. We will be looking ahead to the Summer Sessions, and the new school year.

As Director of the school, I will continue to encourage the school to expand and improve the quality of education for all students in the coming years. I will also continue to support and encourage the many life-enriching events, activities and programs which will provide a well-rounded educational experience for all students. While the primary emphasis is the academic growth of each student, social and problem-solving skills will also be addressed throughout the year.

I want to assure you, students, that Ekamai International School with its dedicated teachers and staff will continue to foster creativity, individuality and excellence in teaching and learning. We see our mission as “Education for Life” and we believe that we can assist students to progressively accept more responsibility for self-discipline, to develop self-respect, to contribute to the community, to develop a love of learning and to strive for excellence. Your experience at EIS will be one of growth, change and opportunity – the opportunity to learn new things, meet new people, exchange ideas and debate issues. We will guide you along the way. Faculty will inform and challenge you. Staff and administration will assist you. Alumni and fellow students will inspire you. Through your collective experiences at EIS, our desire is that you will find your passion in life and use this fully to serve others.

May God bless you.

Yours sincerely,

Surapee Sorajjakool, MEd., PhD
Director

Making Learning a Success

Interview with Mrs. Walaya Vatanasak, Registrar

By Mr. Lee Chin Beng, Editor

Please tell us about your educational and working experience.

After graduating from AES/EIS in 1976, I attended the Southeast Asia Union College in Singapore for a year. I then went to the Adventist University of the Philippines and graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Education in 1980. I taught at EIS for 10 years before moving to the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Thailand for 16 years. Four years ago I came back to teach at EIS, and was appointed as Registrar in 2009. Presently, I am studying for a Master of Education in Educational Administration from Ramkhamhaeng University.

What are your main goals?

Goals for this year include keeping accurate and updated student records as well as grading. Students will soon be able to check their results of placement tests and classroom assignments online. In the near future, we hope students will be able to check their grades online as well.

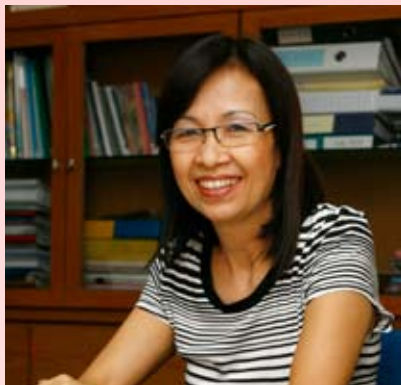
What are the roles and importance of the Registrar's Office?

The Registrar's office updates and edits records. It also keeps data, assists students in their registration, and reports to the Ministry of Education on our accomplishments for each academic year. We serve as a source of information on administrative, academic, and procedural matters to students, prospective students, faculty, and staff. We coordinate teaching schedules for academic classes. We prepare examination schedules, shorten periods, and assemble the school calendar. We also coordinate with teachers for student placement.

What are the enrollments for the last five years?

The enrolments for the last five years are as follows:

Year	Enrollment
2005-2006	1215
2006-2007	1195
2007-2008	1179
2008-2009	1241
2009-2010	1239



Mrs. Walaya Vatanasak, BEd.

Students need to know and believe in themselves that they can succeed.

What are the number of drop outs?

This year, the rate of students dropping out is the least in the last five years as shown below.

Year	Dropping
2005-2006	89
2006-2007	84
2007-2008	63
2008-2009	73
2009-2010	43

Reasons for dropping vary. Most of the students drop out to continue their studies either in Thailand or abroad. Only a small number of students dropped because of disciplinary or academic reasons.

What preparation do prospective students need to do to prepare for the EIS placement tests?

They must be prepared to display their English proficiency and mathematics skills. Parents can encourage their children to read. As a former teacher, I have seen students' interest and motivation increase by reading. That enhances their chances of getting high scores in the tests. The more they read, the better they become.

What is the best way to ensure success for students who enrolled at EIS?

Students need to know themselves and believe that they can succeed. They need to have faith in their abilities as learners to face challenges head on. When they face success each day, they will take the risks they need to take in order to learn. Teachers will make sure that instructional methods will match the students' abilities. Students will be given tools, strategies and help to enhance their learning to achieve success in their studies.

Do you screen students to enter EIS?

It is a very difficult task to select "perfect" students. EIS wishes to place students in the grades that are appropriate to their abilities. Studies in the US found that more young people are struggling with anxiety and depression because they are not able to cope with their studies or the high expectations of schools and parents. Well-meaning and overprotective parents also contributed to the stresses. I want to assure students and parents that EIS is equipped to assist students with their problems and develop their abilities to succeed in their studies and life.

EIS wants to develop and instill enduring values and beliefs that will lead to success in school, work, and life.

Students and parents are welcome to call us or drop by if they feel we can help with any of their needs.

Striving for Excellence

Educators Professional Development Workshop

By Ms. Geneva Mertens, Teacher

Ekamai International School held its first annual Educators Professional Development Workshop on March 25 & 26, 2010, for EIS teachers and staff organized by Mr. Karlton Keller, Academic Principal.

Seminar Topics

1. Universal Design for Learning, a teaching/learning approach that focuses on multiple means of representation, expression and engagement to meet the needs of a diverse classroom.

2. Tools and Techniques to Engage Every Student, exploring a variety of ways to engage students and help them to become thinking participants in their own education.

3. Activities that Increase Comprehension and Thinking Skills, an essential skill for developing students' potential in learning, improving performance, and cultivating practical intelligence.

4. Classroom Research (for Thai speakers only), an introduction to the principles of classroom research.

5. Montessori Introduction, a teaching technique to discover the essential foundations for reading, writing, and practical applications to use with all children.

6. Student-Centered Instruction - How to Make It Happen, a practical consideration for the concept of a student centered instruction.

7. Activities that Increase Comprehension and Thinking Skills, a skill that is learnable and can be improved with appropriate training and practice.

8. Lesson Planning To Excite and Engage, focusing on theory and practices to give new life needed by both the teachers and students as they go through those daily lessons.

9. Instructional Strategies that Work, focusing on several instructional strategies which one can implement with ease and without cost as part of one's daily instruction.



Karlton Keller, MA



Nikolaus Mische, PhD



Bro. Tom Oldenski, PhD



Tarek Razik, PhD



Carol Hightower, MS



Bro. Robert Bouffier, PhD



Olga Marina, PhD



Surapee Sorajjakool, PhD



Nicki Sirinarapon, MEd

10. Creative Strategies for Teaching English, the use of dialogues and improvisations to help students gain confidence in their English skills.

11. Communication Skills for Effective Classroom Management, verbal and non-verbal techniques to improve both presentation and interaction in the learning environment.

12. Thinking Outside the Box When It Comes to Making A Difference, to create a self-sustainable project by providing examples and hands-on instruction to get started and make a positive difference in other people's lives.

Names of Speakers

1. Olga Marina, PhD in Pedagogy, an Associate Professor at the Moscow University.

2. Carol Hightower, MS in Occupational Therapy.

3. Surapee Sorajjakool, PhD, Director of Ekamai International School.

4. Nicki Sirinarapon, MEd in Early Childhood Education, a Montessori specialist.

5. Tarek Razik, PhD in Educational Administration.

6. Bro. Tom Oldenski, PhD in Educational Administration.

7. Bro. Robert J. Bouffier, PhD, an Associate Professor of theatre at Chamidale University of Honolulu, Hawaii.

8. Nikolaus Mische, PhD, Managing Director of United Educational Consultants.

"The seminars were inspirational. I learned that it is important to stay connected to the students and show interest in their lives," said Mrs. Walaya Vatanasak, Registrar.

All in all, teachers learned a lot and are looking forward to the next seminar.

Adventurers Show the Way!

By Mrs. Maria Victoria Ejurango, Director of Adventurer

The adventurer Club organized an Adventurer Week from February 8-12, 2010. The Adventurers, K2 to Grade 4 students, did many activities, especially community service on and off campus during this time.

Activities

The Little Lambs and Eager Beavers (K2 & K3 students) picked up trash around the school campus. The Busy Bees and the Sunbeams (Grades 1 & 2 students) planted shrubs in front of the Adminis-

tration Building. The Builders and the Helping Hands (Grade 3 & 4 students) painted the wall of the car park.

Raising Funds for Haiti

All club members joined the "Numjai for Haiti" campaign to raise funds for the Haitian children who became orphans unexpectedly because of the earthquake on January 12, 2010. The Adventurers carried empty water bottles with labels "Numjai for Haiti" to many places and ask family and friends to fill them up

with cash donations. It took courage for these young people to approach people for donations. A total of Baht 134,797.25 was collected for the unfortunate children of Haiti.

The Adventurer Week was a new and exciting experience for the club members and it has impacted on their learning experiences, their lives, and the lives of many others. Their acts of kindness will always be remembered.

K1 & K3 Students picking up trash



Grade 1 students planting shrubs



Grade 2 students planting shrubs



Grade 3 students painting the wall of a fence



Grade 4 students painting the wall of a fence



Kinder Open House

By Ms. Geneva Mertens, Teacher

The Kinder Department held an open house on April 2, 2010. The theme was "Springtime" and parents were encouraged to bring their students to experience EIS. The opening ceremony began at 7:30 am where Mr. Keller cut the ribbon and Ma'am Bee offered a prayer of blessing over the department. The teachers had decorated

their rooms with flowers and trees, organized their materials and had samples of the children's work available for the parents to see. Teachers were encouraged to socialize with the parents and students and refreshments were served. Parents went from classroom to classroom to see all the colorful displays. Promotional materials offering information about

EIS were passed out to the parents of prospective students. "I really enjoyed the open house," said Joy Liu, Kinder Teacher. "It gave us the opportunity to meet the parents. It helped us understand their expectations and it was also an opportunity to display student work."



Mr. Karlton Keller, Principal for Academic Administration cutting the ribbon.



Pilasini and Mona sharing a book.



Pimjai, K2A, is showing her mother what she has done in the class.



Naphat, K3A, is showing her parents what she can invent with her lego.



Parents of K3C are admiring the artwork of the students.



Mona with her parents in classroom K2A.



Children enjoying playing games while waiting for their parents.



A K1 student is showing his parents something that he has learned in class



A well decorated K3A classroom



A parent admiring artwork by students in K2A classroom.



Another scene from K3A classroom

“Educate to Innovate”

Middle School Science Fair

By Alek Xiandra Claro, Grade 7A

On March 2-3, 2010 the 7th and 8th graders held a Science Fair with the theme, “Educate to Innovate,” on the ground floor of Building 9. Students learned to innovate by putting two or more things together to create something new.

The fair was crowded with EIS students, teachers, parents, and students from the Bangkok Adventist International School.

The 7th & 8th graders who were manning the booths demonstrated and explained to the visitors what they had invented. They were also allowed to test and try their work.

Many students, teachers, and parents were amazed of the students’ creations. Prizes were given to the most innovative teams and popular booths.

The most innovative teams

1st place: “Reminder”

Grade 8D: Pattira, Poonyanuch, Raspreet

2nd place: “Automatic Slated Window”

Grade 7E: Saran, Anucha, Ekachai, Siravich

3rd place: “Smart Cap”

Grade 7E: Prin, Chaedtha, Patthita, Chayanid

The most popular booths

1st Place: “Night Light Shoes”

Grade 7D: Nutpaphat, Thanisa, Dollapa, Onphailin

2nd place: “Rotten Vegetable Fertilizer”

Grade 8C: Tharat, Thita, Tae Seong, Nitnida

The students worked hard to make this fair a success and no one was disappointed.

Lastly, students would like to thank teachers, parents and friends for helping them do this big project, especially to Mr. Jathrow Sikul, grade 7 Science Teacher, and Miss Jocelyn Kho, grade 8 Science teacher. Teachers had inspired the students to do their best and for making the Science Fair run smoothly.



Mr. Jathrow Sikul, Science Teacher and coordinator of the fair, announcing the winning teams.



Many eager students visiting the booths.



Automatic Slated Window



Water Dynamo



Egg Separator



Compressing Trash Bin



Alarming Pocket



Super Belt



Bicycle Power



Spy Camera

Fashion Show

By Ms. Geneva Mertens, Teacher

Students and teachers crowded into building nine for this year's exciting fashion show! Backstage, you could feel the excitement in the air as students rushed around fixing their costumes, and make-up artists brushed bright pink blush and dark, modern eye shadow on the models. The show's designer and EIS Art Teacher, Mr. Welmer Lozada, instructed the 7th and 8th grade students and showed staff and friends how to do the catwalk and to pose for the photographers.

You could hear the screams from the crowd as the first model came out and walked the red carpet to flaunt her fashion design.

The theme for the show was "Garment Reconstruction." When asked about the theme, Mr. Welmer said, "I have attended seminars about recycling and reconstructing raw materials and turning them into a decorative product or something that can be useful. So, I thought I would extend the idea into something

that can boost students creative thinking. I was inspired by the idea that we can restore or reuse a garment and turn it into something innovative, chic and fashionable."

The most fun of the show was when the students were able to show their finished products and also experience walking the catwalk. It built up their confidence and made them proud of what they have accomplished. Below are pictures of the models doing the catwalk.



"Esther: A Star In The Palace"

A Drama by the Middle School Students

By Chananchida Sand-Aram, Grade

On March 29, 2010 the Middle School drama club called "Actors for a Cause" performed a play called, "Esther: A Star in the Palace." This play follows the Bible story where Esther was chosen by the King as the most beautiful and favorable among all the young women and he made her a queen. Esther was a Jew and it turns out that the King's most trusted advisor, Haman, wanted to annihilate the Jews.

Everyone watched in anticipation to see what would happen. "I was very excited, but everyone acted very well," said Chanakan 8C who was one of the actors. Ms. Sharon Atun, the play director, concluded that everyone acted excellently and she wanted to congratulate all participants for a job well done.



Queen Esther and King Ahasuerus of Persia, played by Pawanrat and Sohil. In the middle is Jessada as soldier.

“Songkran Baan Na” Festival

By Ms. Geneva Mertens, Teacher

The Songkran festival at EIS was a morning of vibrant cultural dance and traditional blessing with water. Students, teachers and parents dressed in colorful Songkran attire crowded around the covered court to brave the heat and watch the show.

This year, a special dance act portrayed different aspects of Thai culture. Act one represented the love and care of His Majesty the King of Thailand from the hearts of all Thai citizens. Act two was a Thai traditional style of living that focused on the standards of love, care, forgiving and satisfaction with smiles. Act three consisted of traditional games shown by second grade students. The

final Act was a performance that showed the ways people lived in the past and the transformation into a new civilization.

Afterwards, the seniors participated in Rod Nham Dum Hua, which is when the teachers sprinkle water on the senior's heads as a blessing. “Every year the Thai teachers are very creative in their Songkran presentation. They teach our students Thai culture so that foreign and Thai teachers and students can appreciate how rich our culture is,” said Ms. Udom Saengsawang, Thai Director. “Thank you all for your participation in making this event successful. We would like to wish everyone a very happy Songkran day as our theme this year is Songkran Baan Na,” Ms. Udom added.



Ms. Udom Saengsawang, Thai Director, opens the “Songkran Baan Na” Festival by hitting the gong.



The beautiful Thai dance from the four regions of Thailand.



Students playing the Thai traditional game.



Cultural folk dance presented by middle school students.



A student asking for forgiveness and blessing from Mr. Bronsen Stoltz.



Ms. Geneva Mertens is giving new year blessings to a student.



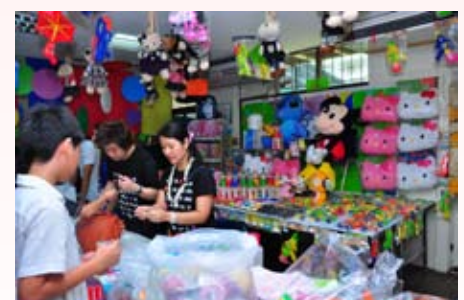
Students from the primary class also participated in the ceremony.



Takul and Harisawan at the welcoming gate



Happy celebrants welcoming the Thai New Year.



Teachers giving out prizes to the winners who participated in the games.

Home Sweet Home

F2F'S TRIP TO THE ELDERLY HOME

By Yuan Zhou and Oranas Termsedcharoen, Grade 10A

On March 25, 2010, members from the EIS Friend to Friend Club went to the home for the elderly in Nakornpratom, Thailand. There were 91 elders with 34 staff at the home. We went to give our love and joy to the elderly. We also gave them daily necessities such as rice, diapers, aprons, milks, toiletries, and some pocket money. All things were donated by the students and parents from Ekamai International School. The club wants to thank everyone for participating and giving out help for those who really need it.

There were lots of things that the members learned from this trip. "I love my parents and grandparents more than before. I am very happy to see the elderly happy and not lonely," said Natsupa Torsuwapun, grade 10E. "I learned about the value of respecting parents," said Ghan Suksamanvong 11A. "I learned that parents are the only people who will really care for you and we should show our gratitude towards them. If we can't take good care of those who are around you, then we can't really take good care of anyone else," added Pratik of 10E.

We learned that we have the responsibility to take good care and love our parents.

At the home, students participated in many of activities. They talked and shared memories and exchanged experiences. Later they had fun doing a Thai folk dance and performing a short play.

Members not only enjoyed the time together, they could also see the joy and happiness on the faces of the elderly. They really appreciated our help and kindness and realized that only a little amount of time that we can give may be the most memorable moment that they will never forget. The Bible says, *"Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. (Exodus 20:12)"*



A group picture of the Friend to Friend Club (F2F) who visited the home for the elderly.



Pawarisa and Ghan talking to grandma and grandpa.



Papada is being a good listener for the elderly.



Papada and Ghan are having a good time dancing with the elderly.



Hanbin and Ravipas listening to stories and wisdom of one of the elderly.



Rampha is listening to the life experience of an elderly.



Pratik was impressed by the friendliness and good spirit of a grandma.



A grandma said "Thank you" to all the members of the F2F for visiting and entertaining the folks at the Home.

Bienvenidos a Español Mundial

By Mr. Bronsen Stoltz, Spanish Teacher

On May 6th, Spanish was heard, seen and felt all over the campus of Ekamai International School. The Spanish Class students and Spanish Department of Ekamai International School were proud to present, Español Mundial. This event was designed to share the passion and power of Spanish with the EIS students, faculty, parents and respected members of the Spanish community in Bangkok.

Every Spanish speaking country was represented with traditional games, costumes, food and fun. The highlight of this event came after school, where a huge Piñata, filled with authentic sweets from Mexico, was bashed open for the students to enjoy. Many native Spanish speakers, and individuals with a love for Spanish, came to support the Spanish Class students.



Mr. Bronsen Stoltz (left) is lowering the Piñata full with sweets from Mexico and a student is waiting to bash it with a stick.

“The most rewarding part about the event for me, was when I saw students interacting comfortably in Spanish, with representatives of the Spanish community of Bangkok. They had worked hard throughout the year learning Spanish and their accomplishments were beyond my expectations.

On behalf of the Spanish Department and students, we want to thank everyone for supporting the event and hope to see you at the next year's, Español Mundial. Gracias, y que Dios les bendiga.”

-Señor Bronsen

Senior Excursion

By Tina Rungsawang, Grade 12A

Fun in the sun, was in every EIS senior's mind as they get ready for the trip they have been waiting their entire high school life for.

The Senior Excursion is an annual trip by the graduating class in order to bond and keep everlasting memories before they go off in their separate ways. This trip took the seniors to the far end of Southern Thailand in Phuket.

With activities like snorkeling, karaoke night, kayaking, and going to the Phuket FantaSea, seniors were able to enjoy the entire week leisurely for the last time as an entire class.

“It was great, as I got to spend time with my friends that I had known for many years. This trip really topped off my senior year,” said Sukhveera Sachdev of 12A. “I am sure the seniors will keep the memories of the excursion for the rest of their lives, along with every last moments they have here at our dear EIS,” he added.



A group of seniors enjoying themselves during the excursion.

“Read and Rise”

Book Fair

By Ms. Geneva Mertens, Teacher

“Read and Rise” is the theme for the 2010 EIS book fair, organized by the EIS Library. This biannual event was held for three days from March 30, 31 and April 1 in Building 9, ground floor.

The book fair is for all grade levels from K-12 which also includes materials for teachers. Different book companies such as Asia Books, Foyles, Scholastic, Advanced Media and D’s books came to display a wide variety of books. Hayashi World Education Toys, a Japanese company, also had an exhibit and encouraged students and teachers to look at their toys specifically designed for learning.

“I would like teachers to persuade their students to read more. When they physically pick up a book and interact, their imagination can develop, their vocabulary can improve, and they learn to concentrate better,” said Mrs. Mylene Mae Palmes, Acting Head Librarian.



Students and teachers eagerly browsing to purchase second hand books.



Students are looking for books to purchase for their book reports.

“Make a Difference”

Chapel Period of Grade 2C

By Ms. Almagyn Abinan, Teacher Grade 2C

On March 10, 2010 the students from Grade 2C put up a chapel program with the theme “Make a Difference.” The theme is all about community helpers and their love and passion to serve the people within the community.

The students were dressed up as doctors, police officers, nurses, taxi and bus drivers, firefighters, teachers, park rangers, engineers, and bankers to make the program more realistic and meaningful. The students rendered some songs and choral recitations, to show the audience what it meant to make a difference for others.

It was a joy for the parents to see their children performed on stage and it was also an experience that students will never forget. “Make a Difference” is a message of hope, peace, love and for a better future.



(L-R) Phakwan, Jantra, Noppadol, Tisha, Phasin, Soraton, Anont, Nithima, singing “The Lord’s Prayer.”



(L-R) Nithima, Vimomwan, Miah, Thanattham, Sirinada, Phasin, a community helpers of nurses and doctors.



Choral recitation of “Love,” by (L-R) Noppadol, Tisha, Phasin, Soraton and Anont.



(L-R) Tisha, Phakwan, Soraon, Jantra, Seongmin, Nichayada, singing “I am but a Small Voice.”

Chaplain Ministry

By Pr. Jonathan Montes, Head of Chaplain Department

We believe in a higher calling. We believe that we were made for a purpose, that our creator God made us in His image and we were created to show His glory. We are all spiritual creatures always searching for greater meaning to our lives and for a connection on a deeper level, a level that only our Heavenly Father can provide.

Provide Spiritual Guidance

The Campus Ministries mission is to provide spiritual guidance for the students and staff of EIS. Our goal is to point the school towards our Creator God and give a better understanding of His love story towards His sons and daughters.

Campus Chaplains

We are privileged to have four chaplains on staff this year; Renée Goff, Joe Detwinya, Roger Williams, and Jonathan Montes. Renée will be the

main chaplain for grades K-6, Joe will be concentrating on grades 7-12, Roger's main focus will be on parents and staff, and Jonathan as head chaplain will be overseeing all areas and programs.

Planned Activities

1. Two weeks of spiritual emphasis in October and in February.
2. Each Tuesday there is a program called TNL where there are games, music, snacks and spiritual topics to share each week.
3. Special program for the lower grades that will take place on the last Thursday of every month.
4. Two Christian camps are planned for this year, in the fall and in the spring.
5. Weekend trips out of the city where we will concentrate on spiritual matters.
6. We are hoping to join a school from the States on a mission trip to

northern Thailand to work on a gravity fed water system for a village in need of clean water to drink.

7. Community outreach to distribute food, clothing and other necessities to the needy.

Towards a Spiritual Campus

The Campus Ministries Department is looking forward to a wonderful year full of God's blessings and challenges. With your help we will strive to make EIS a highly spiritual campus where God's presence can be felt and seen through our students and our staff. We are available for counseling, prayer, Bible Study or just to give an ear to your concerns. Please feel free to stop by at our office any time, we are located in Building 9 ground floor, we would love to meet you. You can also contact us by phone or e-mail with any needs you may have. jonathanm@eis.ac.th



Fun group discussion on TGI Friday



EIS Side by Side camping with members of the Grace Adventist Center.



EIS students with members of the Grace Adventist Center on a hike to a waterfall.



Students enjoying a trip to the beach and nearby island.

Rice, Rice, Rice

EIS Community Service

By Pr. Jonathan Montes, School Chaplain

On February 6, 2010, EIS students, teachers and staff went to a local community to pass out rice to the needy, organized by the Chaplain's Department. The rice given out came from a rice drive put on by the chaplain's office. Over the span of three weeks over 1000 kilos of rice was collected and on the 6th it was distributed to over 200 families and elderly people. It was an eye opening for the 30 or so students, teachers and church members that went to see the condition and need that people within our own community live in. Along with the rice, some toys and other food products were passed out and a short children's program was put on by Chaplain Renee and a few others. Since the initial rice drive, we have been blessed with 500 additional kilos of rice that have been donated and we are looking for the time in our schedule to bless another community in the near future.



Vashdev and friends are loading rice into the truck.



Group photo with children in the community.



Handing ceremonial rice to the leaders of the community.



Prayer and blessing on the community before the rice distribution starts.



People lined up by families to receive the rice.



Pastor Jonathan Montes handing out rice.



John Venn helping with the rice distribution.



Delbert Perera distributing rice



A happy man, delighted to receive the rice bag.



Taking rice to those who could not leave their homes.



Delivering rice and other food to the homes.



A grateful lady receiving food items.

Career Day

By Ms. Udom Saengsawang Head of Guidance & Counseling Department

Seminars and workshops during Career Day were held on February 19, 2010 to provide High School students with an opportunity to explore career opportunities by meeting with career professionals representing many different occupations. Career professionals provide students with information on education and skills needed for various career positions within their organizations.

Presenters discussed their own level of education, the skills they used regularly on the job, and how their typical work day looked. This year, we had 16 different career presentations from a film director, scientist, dentist, doctor, fashion designer, interior designer, architect, engineer, programmer, pilot, singer, photographer, hotel manager, businessman, lawyer, and diplomat.

Teeraporn Mangkalarangsee from 10-E commented that "This activity broadened my interests in my future career. It is fun to know more about one's experiences in the field I am interested in. It gave me not only an inspiration but also motivated me to be as successful as the presenters."



Students with His Excellency Mr. Prof. Jayaratna Banda Disanayaka, Ambassador of Sri Lanka (middle in black suit)



Students with Mr. Sun Chalorkulthumrong, business owner of Lotus Zipper (middle with necktie)



Students with Dr. Anooprani Gorowa from Ramkhamhaeng Hospital (middle in blue blouse)



Mr. Tom Sigurdson (R) and students with Mr. Chalermchatri Yukol, Film Director from the Fukduk Company (middle in blue shirt)



Students with Ms. Monthira Kanpai and friend (middle), Fashion Designers from the Academia Italiana.



Students with Atty. Cynthia (middle in grey blouse), Lawyer from Tilleke and Gibbins Co. Ltd.

Guidance & Counselor's Meeting

By Ms. Udom Saengsawang Head of Guidance & Counseling Department

On Friday, March 5, 2010, EIS had an opportunity to host the Guidance & Counselor's meeting among international schools in Thailand at the Milne Auditorium. There were 48 counselors in attendance, coming from many international schools including ISB, RIS, Harrow, ASB, AIMS, Bangkok Pattana, Regent, Wells, NIST, TCIS, CIS, and other private practitioners.

The main speaker was Dr. Marcia Meckler, Regional Psychiatrist for the US Embassy who presented the information about Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and Asperger's Syndrome which now occurs in one of 110 children in the US.

In the afternoon session, delegates shared useful information about colleges and universities in Thailand and abroad.



Some of the delegates from various international schools in attendance

H.O.P.E. Club

Doing a Community Outreach

By Xiang June Wan, Grade 11D

On November 2, 2009, members of the H.o.p.e . Club (Helping Other People and Environment) with their sponsors, Mr. James Lawson and Ms. Rujirek Kokanot, went to a primary school in Bangkru to do community service. Their mission was to teach the children to communicate in English. They also brought along gifts for the children.

On arrival at the school, the primary school children lined up on both sides of the road holding welcome signs and banners.



Harit, Sunny, Katleeya, Suwanna and Cindy were telling stories to the children.

Hope Club members divided themselves into five teams. One team taught the children simple vocabulary in English, like names of animals. Another team did storytelling, while other teams taught English through drawing, dancing and so on. Children took turns going to each station. A "bonus" of cookies was given to those children who could answer questions correctly.

At the end of the day, the members were very tired, but very happy. They realized that doing good for others give them joy and happiness and brought



Penpitcha, Nuri, Pichitchai, Ming and Witoo were teaching English through songs.

blessing to those in need. They were happy that they were able to help the less fortunate, thus fulfilling the commission of Jesus, as he said, "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." Matt. 25:34



Vicky, Thananya, Kodchakorn, Chotiphol and Diane were teaching new words.

Congratulations to EIS Teacher and Administrator



On January 31, 2010, Mrs. Thalika Khakai, teaching Thai Culture and Language, graduated with a Master of Education degree in Educational Administration (MEd) from St. John University with honors. Her dissertation was entitled “Opinions of students on learning and Teaching of Thai language and culture at Ekamai International School.” Congratulations!



Ms. Phitshanad Phaengpanga, EIS Treasurer, obtained her third Bachelor's Degree in February 2010. This time she received a Bachelor Degree in Law from Ramkhamhaeng University. Her other degrees are Bachelor in Finance & Banking and Bachelor in Management Accounting. She also has a Masters Degree in Finance and Banking. Congratulations!

Combat and Survival Training Club

By Mr. Lee Chin Beng, Editor

Combat and Survival Training Club (CAST) was founded by Wouiping Grissanadilok of Grade 11C early this year. The main objectives are to foster innovation, train leaders, show concerns to the need of others and to do whatever is right by setting examples.

Wouiping, who is also the president of the club said, “In this time of trouble, we need to train leaders who are morally right and who are not afraid to uphold principles that will be of benefit to all mankind.”

Interested students are welcome to join the club.



(Front Row) Teekayu Klongtuajrok, Suchet Sethi, Wouiping Grissanadilok (President), Yosawee Laowattanawong. (Back Row) Patis Poomprakobsri, Harit Posanakul, Anand, Patthadon Agartsupa, Panu Satanasavapark, Chi-kit Yeung, Adrian Taik Din.

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Harold Heys	1B	Tanya Rishi	4A	Thanitnun Mongkoladisai	10A
Nicha Songsilph	1B	Achiraya Petchdachai	5A	Naphat Sanguansin	10E
Khankamol Kongrukreatiyos	1C	Charissa Sukontasukkul	5A	Pichaya Wattanasaranont	12B
Dachathorn Tharacheewin	2B	Barama Suwansinpan	6A	Vichita Jienjitlert	12B
Napassorn Rojbundit	2B	Anucha Sakdsrinarang	7E	Nipapat Rongkarattanakul	12C
Nichayada Somsak	2C	Prin Laomanutsak	7E	Sitthinee Simakorn	12C
Phasin Vichitcharoenpaisarn	2C	Chowdhury Puparna Barua	9A	Thornnipa Vatcharobol	12C
Sirirudee Chanthachaiwat	3D	Oranas Termsedcharoen	10A	Veena Mohnani	12C
				Thanita Uparanukraw	12D

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Rojbundit
2B



Marc Roy
Ejurango
2C



Nichayada
Somsak
2C



Phasin
Vichitcharoen-
paisarn 2C



Jirakit
Yingyuenyong
3B



Nahnath
Phasuphong
3B



Chatraporn
Chatnithikul
5A



Anucha
Sakdsrinarang
7E



Chowdhudy
Suparna Barua
9A



Naphat
Sanguansin
10E



Nattikarn
Jantakananuruk
12B



Veena
Mohnani
12C

Senior Class Presentation

By Ms. Geneva Mertens, Teacher

The EIS senior class of 2010 held their Senior Presentation on April 5, 2010. They were excited as they came into the auditorium dressed in their blue gowns holding their class flower, a carnation. The stage was decorated with their motto "Today we follow, tomorrow we lead," and their aim, "Conquer the impossible."

As the music began to play a mixture of emotion crossed their faces. Some were elated and others were solemn because they knew that it is almost time to say goodbye to their beloved classmates and teachers. The senior class cheered as

they watched a slide show full of pictures and memories of the times they had spent together.

The guest speaker, Mr. Vinai Varayanondh spoke about the importance of developing the ability to think critically. "Don't worry about all the details such as Math and Biology, but instead learn how to think and solve problems." Mr. Varayanondh left students with a final word of advice, "Learn from older people and learn to stand on our shoulders and learn from our mistakes. With a good conscience, go out and build a better world."



Mr. Vinai Varayanondh, former Computer Engineering Professor from Chulalongkorn University giving the presentation address.



(L-R) Donyapan, Vichita, Ploynisa, Supakorn, Thanida holding their class flowers.



(L-R) Sitthinee, Chonticha, Punthita, Sireethorn, Jirat-orn, Chulalak, Poonyanuch (middle), happy to be graduating.



Graduating Class stood at attention for the King's anthem



Graduating class paying close attention to the speaker.

EIS Seniors Accepted to Universities

Chulalongkorn University Bachelor of Business Administration Gye Hyeong Jun Wai Pok Yeung Natthaphon Wilaimethanun Thanita Uparanukraw Nada Tephaval Suchaya Jiworrawattankul Nopadet Tayarachakul Alisa Pachariyangkun Jutarat Mangkalarangsee	Thammasat University Pridi Bhanomyong International College Tanawat Pravichpipat Nanda Chaioipipat Bachelor of Economics Theerapat Palawongs Tanita Sangshotchaungchai Primchat Sakpitak Chavalrat Rerkkajornnamkul Punthita Chulapamornsri Sirapob Chuprachak Thanita Uparanukraw Chulalak Limthanyalak	Panpanat Tangmunchittham Po Shien Lee Pinyada Wangsuntharaporn Ladasa Tiraviriyapol Wai Pok Yeung Pichaya Wattanasaranont Panachai Chankrachang Nivit Madarasmi Li Yun Huang Thiti Samuthrat Wanlapa Witayakornkamol Warisara Asawadilockchai Rani Amornrattanavej Sudathip Sukcharoenkraisri Thornnipa Vacharobol
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International School of Engineering Jirat-orn Siripanan Patorn Suttikajornkijjakarn Surapat Somsri	Bachelor of Art in Business English Com. Sudathip Sukcharoenkraisri Warisara Asawadilockchai	Universities Abroad Jing Shu Zhang Supakorn Kueakomoldej Steffi Lim, Pichayad Mitaree Itsaraphong Sawangsri Puntira Wongwaiwit, Ming Kao Hung Wei Chang, Min Hsiang Ya Hsuan Lin, Li Yun Huang Wai Pok Yueng, Ji Hyun Lee Sung Hye Kim, So Young Lee Sukhveera Sachdev Ron Premmaneesakul Ekkasit Thunyakunsatja Karina Tamura, Ho Youl Kwak
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Alumnotes

By Hazel Paculanang, Teacher

Janette Camagay Hamman (Class of 1984) received her degrees in Pre-dentistry, Dentistry, and Dental Hygiene and is currently working as a Dental Hygienist. Through her years as a student of dentistry, she has received several awards and honors. She was a 2nd and 3rd year scholar at Manila Central University School of Dentistry where she received her degree in 1991, graduated with honors, Summa cum laude, from Roane State Community College School of Dental Hygiene (2001), received the Hinman Scholar Award for the Georgia Hinman Dental Society (2001), and also the Outstanding Dental Hygiene Student Award from Tennessee Dental Hygienists' Association (2001). Her memorable experiences at our school include the Senior trip to Phuket and the Senior fund raising program. She is happily married to her husband Sonny and they take care of their four family cats.



Dr. Janette Camagay Hamman (R) & Mr. John Hammond, husband



Mrs. Piyanuch Kasuwan & family

Piyanuch Kasuwan (Kootanasan) (Class of 1997) received her Bachelor in Marketing from Mahidol University International College (MUIC) and her Master in Marketing from Bournemouth University, England. She is currently working as an F&B Marketing Manager. Previously, she worked as a flight attendant for JAL where she received 2 awards for Customer Quality Service.

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Ms. Savinee Buranasilapin

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Rajdeep Takeuchi (Srikureja) (Class of 1995) - After high school graduation, Rajdeep ventured out for her college study in the United States where she also met her wonderful husband, Ronald Takeuchi. After graduating from Pacific Union College with a Bachelors degree in 1999, she got married to Ron in 2000. She then pursued her Masters degree in Education and graduated from Pacific Union College, Angwin, California in 2002 while working as a full-time teacher in Sacramento. Then, later in 2002, Rajdeep and her husband moved back to Thailand where she served at Ramkhamhaeng Advent International School as principal from 2002-2006. Rajdeep and Ron's precious little girl was born in 2006. Currently, Rajdeep is the Associate Vice President of Student Administration at the Asia-Pacific International University (Bangkok Campus). She is also the DJ host for New Life Radio FM 96.75 Mhz. She praises God for blessing her with a wonderful family and rich experiences and for leading her life thus far. rondeep16@hotmail.com



Mrs. Rajdeep Takeuchi (Srikureja) & family

Mondhira Piamrattanawong

Thai Supermodel 2009



Ms. Mondhira Piamrattanawong, (Class of 2009) was nominated as the Thai Supermodel 2009 in October 2009, organized by the TV Channel 7. Mondhira is presently studying at Thammasat University, Faculty of Commerce & Accountancy. Congratulations!



Mr. Lookpetch Nielson

Lookpetch Nielson (Class of 1994) graduated from Mahidol University International College (MUIC) in 1998 with 2nd Class Honors and currently work for Transpeed Co. Ltd where he has been working for the past 10 years. He has received honor and awards for triathlon and adventure racing and fondly remembers EIS its tough teachers, all the sports and the abundance of food. lookpetch@hotmail.com



Mr. Verachai Tangpornphan

Verachai Tangpornphan (Class of 2000) graduated with his Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical Engineering Major in Telecommunications) from Sirindhorn International Institute of Technology (SIIT) Thammasat University and his Master of Arts in Business and Managerial Economics (MABE) from Chulalongkorn University. His work experiences include working as a Risk Assessor for Hutchison CAT Wireless Multimedia, and IT Consultant for Deloitte Touche Tomatsu Jaiyos, a Chief in Project Management for DTAC, and an Assistant Unit Manager for Kasikorn Bank. verachai79@yahoo.com



Mr. Ahsanul Kabir

Ahsanul Kabir (Class of 2005) after graduating from EIS, he got a scholarship to study at Assumption University where he graduated with his Bachelor of Business Administration Major in International Management. EIS has left him with many good memories. He cherishes every single day of his Jr-Senior year and remembers Valentine's Day when he and his friends stayed up all day and night assembling and delivering flower bouquets. dipspeeder@hotmail.com



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