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Philosophy

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

Vision

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

Mission Statement

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



Cover Page: (L-R) Ornpapar Limkijchareon and Wisith Tassnapanya sharing their moments of triumph at the Presentation Ceremony. Full story is on page 8. (Photo by Sarun Songpechmongkol)

Message from the General Manager

Dear Students, Parents, Alumni and Friends,

Much has been accomplished during the year. Perhaps the most notable was the accreditation visit by WASC and ONESQA in April 2014.

I want to commend students, teachers, staff and the leadership team, particularly Accreditation Coordinator Mr. Ian Cordero, for their dedication and support. We use the accreditation process to improve the quality of education at EIS.



Prachack Jitbunyad, BS

Our students' academic display showcased in Building 9 portrayed the creative work and critical thinking that lies at the heart of EIS learning experience.

In addition, students and teachers have been involved in many community service projects that not only help others but also do much to aid the spiritual development of participants. At EIS, guiding students towards becoming responsible and compassionate citizens is a goal we have enshrined in our ESLO objectives.

On behalf of the EIS family, I would like to extend special thanks to our CAE Alumni Association for its generous donation. The association also hosted the Alumni Day chapel program as an inspiration for our students. We appreciate our alumni who came and participated in the program.

Let us continue to work together to make our students – your children – into the people who have the wisdom and knowledge needed to make our kingdom such a wonderful home.

May God bless you.

Yours sincerely,

Prachack Jitbunyad, BS
General Manager



Kindergarten Department is Growing

Students of K3B are enjoying a moment of togetherness. Below, teachers are busy teaching Pre-K classes. K3A students love to play outside and to celebrate their birthdays together.

*By Mrs. Edith Chu,
Principal of Primary and Elementary School*

The EIS Kindergarten was started in August 1999 with three classes of K-3 pupils. The department has slowly been expanding through the years and at present there are two Pre-K classes, two K-1 classes, two K-2 classes, and three K-3 classes.

The first Pre-K class was started in August 2012 with 6 students and has steadily grown to the current student count of 20 with the second Pre-K classes started in January this year.

Classroom Activities

A typical day at the Kindergarten Department starts off with a flag-raising ceremony and is followed by a short exercise program. The students' formal classroom activities start with morning worship where they sing songs and listen to character building stories.

Structured curriculum is a part of the students' life. This includes English, Math, Social Sciences, Music, Computer (for K2-K3), Chinese, Arts and Crafts. The K2 students (Little Lambs) and the K3 students (Eager Beavers) are also active in the progressive class of the Adventurers, a program similar to Boy/Girl Scouts.

To complement the Kindergarten Curriculum, Montessori classes are also taught to Kindergarten students. During class time students are provided with tangible tools that promote learning in an orderly and structured environment where the child is free to move around and make choices as a part of their learning experience.



Other Activities

Out-of-the-classroom, kindergartners participate in different school activities such as school Fun Fair, Sports Day, Talent Show and school concerts. Students are also given a chance to venture out of the school campus to go on field trips to different places.

Kindergartners also go to the library every week as part of the storytelling program of the EIS Elementary Library. They know that enjoying a good story lies at the heart of learning to read. With this program, our librarians are helping the children to cultivate a love for reading and turning them into real book people.

Why Come to EIS Kindergarten

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

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



EIS Students Aid Border School

Ms. Monique Konings, High School English teacher, gives her donation. Below, Adventurers collect donations from other students or do volunteer work picking up trash and dry leaves. They also paint the side wall of the school.

*By Mrs. Maria Ejurango,
Adventurer Coordinator*

March 17 -21, 2014 was Adventurer Week. It was a perfect opportunity for the small hands of Adventurers to make a big difference to the EIS campus.

Grade 1 (Busy Bees) and Grade 2 (Sunbeams) worked to clean up the front of the Music Building.

Grade 3 (Builders) and Grade 4 (Helping Hands) joined forces to paint the back wall of EIS Building 3.

K-2 (Little Lambs) and K-3 (Eager Beavers) did their part by picking up trash around the school.

Adventurers, energized by their theme, *Numjai for the Needy*, also worked hard to raise funds for the needy.

"I went to my father's factory to ask for donations," said Paraya Thanyawong 3B. She filled up two bottles.

Anand Sethi 4A did equally well. "Besides asking my relatives for donation," he said "I also put all of my savings into the donation bottle."

Patalee Thammatinno 4A did the same, "I filled up two bottles" she said. "I am proud to be able to help children in need."

Adventurers have a common answer when asked why they were not shy to ask people for donations. All said they wanted to help build a better place for the children to sleep at the Maela Khlo School dormitory. The school is helping to educate poor children in Tak Province near the Thai/Burmese border.

Praise God for giving our little ones the courage to raise Baht 157,864. Pathfinders, students from grade 5 to 8, also helped Maela Khlo students by collecting used clothing, shoes and other necessities.



In June 2014, as part of their community service, they will visit the school along with EIS teachers and staff to present their donation, conduct an English Camp and help build beds.

Adventurer Donation Summary

Little Lambs	K2	Baht 10,703.00
Eager Beavers	K3	Baht 26,881.25
Busy Bees	G1	Baht 38,411.25
Sunbeams	G2	Baht 31,826.00
Builders	G3	Baht 23,702.00
Helping Hands	G4	Baht 26,341.00



Seventh Grade Visits Kanchanaburi

Students enjoy cooking their food the primitive way. Below, students have a good time river rafting, monkey climbing, cooking eggs and other nature activities.

By Emm Parnichkun 7D

January 22-24, 2014 was three days of fun when seventh graders travelled to Kanchanaburi to stay at the Pungwaan Resort.

Each class had to prepare a program to entertain the other campers. Class 7G took top performing honors – they also won last year – in the evening talent show with the theme "Songs and Yells."

Activities included bamboo rafting, wall climbing and singing around a campfire. Cooking was especially popular because students had to make bread over an open fire.

This camp was designed to build personal confidence and team-building skills. Students also learned to trust and respect one another. Friendship built during times like this make life at school a great deal better.





Grade 8 Students Go Camping

Students enjoy relaxing with Mr. Roy Ejurango, Pathfinder Coordinator (front row, 3rd from right). Below, Students enjoy outdoor and sports activities.

By Maeluene Teeravarnkongsir 8G

The Grade 8 Ranger Class camp was held from February 5-7, 2014 at the Rayong Brookside Valley Resort. Students were very excited and happy to be away from school and enjoy many activities among nature.

Activities on the first day were mostly team building activities. Porpim Jindasakchai 8G said, "I am a quiet person, the challenging team building activities has made me to open up and made new friends."

On the second day we had a lot of outdoor activities such as boating, swimming, wall climbing, flying squirrel, and snooker. The highlight of the trip however was the talent show in the evening with the theme "Songs and Yells." Students had a lot of fun showing off their hidden skills and talents.

Asuka Yoshida 8D said, "I was amazed at how much talents the students have. They were very creative."

"I think this camping trip was the most memorable one for everyone. All students have become bonded together," said Andrew Makhijani 8C on the last day. "I wish we can stay longer."





113 senior students were accepted as candidates for graduation on May 27, 2014. Below, Mr. Paramate Rienjaroensuk, President of Copperwired Company, addresses the candidates who later sang their class song, marched ceremoniously from the auditorium and posed for pictures.

By Blessing Temitope Thomas 12E

Senior Class 2014 took a big step towards completing their graduation by holding the Senior Presentation on Friday, March 6, 2014 with the following themes:

Aim: Live to Love

Motto: Learners of Today, Leaders of Tomorrow

Color: Maroon

Flower: Cactus

Pacharanat Ananphumtripob 12A, the seniors' Public Relations officer, welcomed all guests to the ceremony followed by a slide presentation acknowledging all the 113 students who are candidates for graduation at the end of the school year.

Rosalin Herman 12 E, in a tribute to her fellow classmates, encouraged them to be like a field of cacti, each striving through heat and rain, yet still standing strong together.

Mr. Paramate Rienjaroensuk, president of Copperwired Company, better known as iStudio, an authorized dealer of Apple computers, gave the keynote address. His inspiring speech urged all seniors to make their dreams come true.

Class officers Tzu-yun Wang 12E and Sittinadh Wanotayan 12G presented Mr. Paramate with a token of appreciation.

The Seniors then rose to proudly sing their class song, arranged and composed by Kachapol Trakulsap, Isreeya Mitaree, and Matika Pornpattanasavai of 12B.

The ambience had a sense of togetherness – Class 2014 was noted to be one of the most united in memory.

“It was a special day for me,” said Chanyaporn Kiatyanyong 12D. “We realized that another milestone in our lives has passed and we have to keep on looking forward to reach our goals.”

The event concluded with many rounds of picture taking.





“Fullsteam AP” Debate Tournament

Participants from various international schools gathered at EIS to take part in a debate tournament. Below, Nandita Banik 11D, Debate Club President, welcomes competitors to the school. Other pictures show EIS debaters presenting their views about world problems. They were so convincing they emerged victorious from the tournament.

By Saranya Sachdev 11D

On February 23, 2014, the EIS Debating Club hosted an inter-school debating competition.

Participating schools were Wells International School, Pan-Asia International School, Saint John Mary International School and Assumption College.

A total of eight teams competed for the first prize, a prize that was taken home by an EIS team itself.

Students from Chulalongkorn and Mahidol Universities were invited as adjudicators or judges to make sure the tournament went on smoothly and successfully.

And successful it was.

Mr. Geoffrey McRae, EIS High School Principal, started off the Fullsteam AP Tournament with an opening speech – it got this peculiar name from the debaters themselves.

Clearly the competition had tapped some of the best young debating and adjudicating talent in Thailand.

"I loved meeting new friends from other schools," said Tanat Boozayaangool 11C. "I only get to see them once or twice a year."

"We debate to develop critical thinking," said club president Nandita Banik 11D.

"Debating is valuable training for careers in teaching and law," said Mr. McRae. "I want to congratulate the EIS Debate Club for not only winning the competition but also for organizing the event."



Grade Five Camping

By Djem Kurt Gagatam 5C



Pathfinders test their courage by crossing a river with a rope bridge.

On February 19, 2014, the Grade 5 Pathfinders went on a camping trip to Wang Dum Mountain Camp in Kanchanaburi.

It was a long but exciting trip. After placing our bags in our rooms, we went for lunch.

We then went to the meeting hall for our first activities. We could not keep ourselves quiet. Everything was new and exciting and did not realize how tired we were until we went to bed.

The next morning after breakfast, the leader led us to do many activities involving obstacle courses. We had a lot of fun playing and screaming especially the monkey bridge where we have to balance ourselves or we would fall.

After lunch Sir Roy took us for hiking along the mountain side. We had a lot of fun looking at nature.

Peerawat Leekaosong and Reycee Jedd 5D said, "It was amazing to be able to enjoy our time among nature."

"We enjoyed sleeping with friends the most, an experience that I will never forget. However, we wish we could sleep in tents," they added.

"We learned a lot from camping such as self-reliance and teamwork. We have to work and play together as a team," Khankamol Kongrukreatiyos and Ami Mori 5A expressed.

"If we have another chance to go, we will play the obstacle courses again," said Sam Suvichagorn and Pichya Anutassanakul 5B.

"We had the best time of our lives. To those who are going next year, bring along insect repellent as they are many bugs and mosquitoes bothering you."

Science Posters

By Tae-Yang Kim and Nam-Hoon Kim 8E



(L-R) Tae-Yang Kim and Nam-Hoon Kim. Below are posters that won prizes.

Science posters rarely get rave reviews as art, but they serve a vital purpose.

Every day we waste non-renewable energy that one day may run out as we search for alternate sources of power.

This year's competition, with its theme "Efficient Energy for Better Life," displayed various energy sources such as wind, solar and tides.

"It was a good experience as we had to think hard," said Yada Ponpittayalert. "It made science interesting and fun."

1st Prize - 8C
Vanabud Chaiprakorb
Yada Ponpittayalert

2nd Prize - 8E
Tae-Yang Kim
Nam-Hoon Kim

3rd Prize - 8E
Wimutiporn Potipimpanon
Pornapat Tirapairojana



Valentine's Day

By Gurpreet Sachdev 11E



Love is in the air for these Senior students as they share the joy of giving.

It was late afternoon on Wednesday, February 12th, 2014 when Juniors hurry up to prepare for the much anticipated Valentine's Day at EIS.

With everything romantic already ordered, students are too hyped to sleep. They spent much of the night making sure the big day runs on schedule with everyone getting their orders – especially the quickly wilting flowers – on time.

Flowers, red and white balloons, soft cuddly toys, fluffy monsters, adorable bears, overly sweet chocolates and candies had to be delivered almost instantly on Thursday morning.

Morning came. Juniors swing into action. Impossible expectations get met. Presents arrive on time.

Romance is in the air. Friendships, unimaginable an hour ago, now seem far more possible.

Food was also on sale to feed the hungry. Squads of grade 11 entrepreneurs have even set up gift booths – it is never too late to remember the person that got forgotten in the earlier buying frenzy.

Music ended the day. Talented people – singers as well as bands – got a chance to prove EIS has talent.

Blessing Thomas 12E said, "Valentine's day is very special to me as I can show my friends that I love them."

"Even though the day has been overly commercialized, but love was in the air all the time," she concluded.

Extracting DNA

By Charissa Sukontasukkul 9B



The DNA could be seen coming out from the kiwi juice.

On Wednesday, March 5, 2014, students of Mr. Twapon Bol's biology class conducted a lab experiment to extract DNA from Kiwi juice.

DNA – its full scientific name is Deoxyribonucleic acid – is a molecule that genetically encodes instructions for the development and functioning of living organisms.

To extract the juice, students had to peel, cut and smash the Kiwi into pieces to squeeze out its juice. Two teaspoons of salt were then added to a mixture of 30 mL of water and 10 mL of liquid soap.

Students became excited as they began filtering out the juice using a fine cloth. Adding ice-cold Iso-Propyl Alcohol to the mix forced the DNA to form string-like conglomerates that floated like a white cloud on top of the residual Kiwi juice.

“It was really amazing the way the DNA just floated out,” said Rattanawadi Theerakulvanich 9B.

“We normally only see DNA in its chromosomal form in a textbook,” said Chayanisa Ongarjphanchai 9D. “It is really hard to see in the real world because it is very small.”

“I think that even if we used other types of fruits the DNA would still float out since all living organisms contain DNA,” said Natasha Gorowara, 9E.

“Thank you Mr. Bol,” she said. “This was a fun experiment and we enjoyed and benefited from it.”

The Mighty Bridge

By Linh Nhi Phan Minh 10C



The students with the strongest bridge that can support 111 kg of weight.

For the third quarter of school year 2013-2014, students from Mr. Felix's physics honors class had to construct bridges that were strong enough to support a great amount of weight.

Bridges come in different sizes, shapes, and styles. And each kind of bridge has its own explanations. But a truly successful bridge is one that can hold a lot of weight.

The bridge project was done by groups. Students were to research on a style of bridge that they wanted to make and understand how the bridge worked.

Each group of students received 200 colored popsicle sticks and latex glue to construct their bridges. Lots of effort and time were given for the construction.

To make it interesting, the project was arranged as a competition as to which group will make the strongest bridge.

The results of the competition was amazing! The strongest bridge, constructed by Thanapat Vongchansathapat, Rom Parnichikun, and Baramé Suwansinpan 10C won first prize. It supported a total of 111 kg.

Thanapat commented, “The project was not only fun but also very challenging. We were involved with lots of physics concepts. We didn't expect our bridge to hold as much as 111 kg! But everything turned out great with the results.”

Baramé said, “It was a fantastic way of learning. I learned that collaboration and deep thinking are important in accomplishing projects such as this. I always view engineering and design as too difficult to do.”

“Thank you Mr. Felix, I appreciate your teaching and for exposing us to the engineering concepts.”

Lizard Dissection

By Nalinwara Pattara-angkoon 9B and Natnicha Imamnuaysup 9E



The anesthetized garden lizard is about to be dissected.

In Biology Class students were given opportunities to dissect small animal specimens.

Recently, students had a session to dissect garden lizards. Students appreciated and their interests were heightened.

The main reason for dissecting is that a lizard has some anatomy similarities to the human body.

When students are exposed to the anatomy of the lizard, students can become more familiar with the inner workings of their bodies as well.

The dissection involves analyzing each of the vital systems and considering how they work with each other.

The digestive, respiratory and nervous systems could be observed and studied.

Knowing how to dissect is very essential. In order for the lizard to not feel painful, students have to drug the lizards first.

Upon dissecting, students can observe the lizard's heart, stomach and other parts. They were also able to see the lizard's heart still pumping steadily.

“It's an amazing experience to see the lizard's organs!” Kita Pairojtanachai 9E said.

“I was able to observe the lizard's organs closely, not just seeing it in the book.”

“Experiencing it in real life is much better than just learning through other means,” he concluded.



English Language Summer Camp

The first English Language Summer Camp at EIS started off on March 17 - it would last until May 2, 2014 - with students eager to upgrade their language skills in a fun environment. The six-week program had students come to school at 8:AM and leave at 2:PM. They were encouraged to speak English at all times since planners had envisioned an immersion program.

The activities included the following language learning strands:

- Phonics to get a clear picture of what was being said
- Reading for fun as well as knowledge
- Writing for basic information
- Listening to understand various accents
- Speaking to practice communication skills
- Group work to build networking and collaboration skills
- Sports and games to build up physical stamina

In the above picture are the graduates with some of the parents.

By Ms. Shireen Bazliel, Summer Camp Coordinator



Tony Awards 2014 Phenomenal

On April 2, 2014, during chapel period, EIS held the first Tony Awards ceremony to recognize the achievements of talented drama class students of EIS.

Before the awarding ceremony began, performances were made by the students such as Annie's *It's a Hard Knock Life*, *You Are My Destiny*, *Call Me Maybe*, *A Night to Remember* and *Tomorrow*. A collaboration of the drama students with students outside of the class made the performance interesting. All in all, it was a sweet and relatable performance, done to entertain.

The highlight was when Mr. Bronsen Stoltz, Drama Teacher, gave out the awards. Every single performer received a medal of recognition.

Nattanit Lertwannapong 12A, one of the drama class students said, "The awarding ceremony was one of the highlights of my studies at EIS. I enjoyed the drama class tremendously as I was able to use my singing talent to produce a musical Broadway production that will be remembered for a long time. I want to thank Mr. Bronsen for recognizing the talents of the students."

By Saranya Sachdev 11D



Academic Exhibition Showcases Snazzy Projects

Young students admire a display. Below, top left, Mr. Harold Dawat, Principal for Academic Administration, officially opens the Academic Exhibition. Displays contained student work from every grade or subject, including math, science, art and social studies. Older students dramatized a literary scene.

By Ava Sthapit and Nilar Myat Aung 9A

From April 3-8, 2014, EIS held its first Academic Exhibition on the ground floor of Building 9 to give students a chance to display outstanding work completed during the year.

The opening ceremony took place on the Covered Court. High school students sang some nifty songs before handing the microphone to Academic Principal Harold Dawat.

“The objective of the exhibition is to celebrate creative achievements,” said Mr. Harold. “It proves EIS students are not rote learners. They can be inventive.”

The exhibition showed a variety of work done by students from every grade. Areas covered included Math, Science, Art, Social Studies, Values, Commercial Arts, Foreign Language, English, PE and Health.

The Foreign Language booth attracted many students with the sale of quesadillas, a traditional Spanish dish that consists of tortillas and cheese prepared by the students themselves.

“We felt very connected to the Spanish culture while preparing the dish,” said Maneerat Singhnarang 9C.

There were also videos being shown of students speaking during their speech class. Students were very excited to be able to see their achievements.

“The projects were marvelous; I am very proud of what we have here,” said Mrs. Francesca, Geometry teacher.

Parents were invited to view their children accomplishments. All came away very impressed.





Areeya Jongjitaree and Nattagan Jaderungsun, both from 11C, play a duet entitled *Only You* on the ranard or Thai xylophone and guitar. Below, students from Pre-K to high school show off their talents to the enjoyment and delight of other students.

By *Sanya Singh and Nilar Myat Aung 9A*

EIS is a school full of students looking for a chance to showcase their special talents.

Luckily, for performers – be they dancers, singers or musicians – the annual Talent Show, organized again this year by the Student Council (SC), gave students an opportunity to dazzle a live audience with their hard earned stage skills.

The show theme, ‘It’s Time,’ seemed simple, but the logistics of staging a four-day, multifaceted, morning-long entertainment extravaganza had SC organizers wondering if they should make event planning a future career.

On Tuesday, February 25th, the Primary section got the game going with musical numbers so highly original – young talent feels free to roam creatively – that Mom and Dad could not resist gushing with pride.

“I was in awe to see students perform,” said one parent. “These children certainly have budding talents.”

Wednesday saw the Elementary section repeat the triumph. Even teachers, long accustomed to watching junior Mozarts perform, were quick with praise.

“It was fascinating to watch young students perform with so much passion,” said Mr. Welmer Lozada, Art Teacher.

As the week progressed, the program just got better. On Thursday, Middle School pushed up the bar. “It was a blast of creative energy,” said Ms. Sarita Arora, one of the judges.

Friday gave the High School its big day. It was all there: vocal solos, vocal groups, instrumental solos, group instrumental, dancing and musical bands. Emcees with a gift of the gab



made the event even livelier. “I could not imagine my close friend could dance as he did,” said a new student.

Everyone had their favorite entries. “I was amazed by the song accompanied by the beating of plastic cups,” said one student.

“However, the highlight of the day for me was the energy-packed performance by the group Senior 2014.”

“All participants, whether they received an award or not, are winners,” said Mr. Carlos Cirilo, SC head sponsor. “They all had fun.”



On January 24, 2014, 37 EIS students, members of the EIS Aviation club and two supervising teachers went for a field trip to Suvarnabhumi International Airport. Students went for a once in a lifetime opportunity to see the Thai Airways International Maintenance facilities.

Students also had the exciting opportunity to see the powerful 4.7 ton Rolls Royce Trent 700 jet engines and the sacred cockpit which no passenger is allowed to see during commercial flights. They even were taken to the hazardous areas in which the students have to wear protective equipment.

In the afternoon students went to the observation deck to see planes taking off and landing from all over the world. Junyee Seon 10D said, "It was a wonderful opportunity to see the maintenance facilities. The experience has inspired me to seek a career in aviation."

By Nuttapat Kueakomdej 10C

Week of Prayer Taps Student Spirituality

EIS's second Week of Prayer, held on January 27-31, 2014 was very different from others because Chaplain Carlos switched from inviting outside guest speakers to asking students from different sections to share their inspirational stories.

Each day of the week started with different worship melodies, but the final number was always "You are Everything," the theme song of the week. Being that the theme for the week was "Unashamed", students from different sections came up to share about their experiences with God and how they are not ashamed of admitting it. Every story was different yet the same. The whole week was filled with lessons and inspiration.

"It was interesting hearing students speak on stage instead of a guest speaker." Said Irah Gagatam 9C.

Dashvin Singh 10C complimented, "I'd like to give a thumb up to the SC for organizing an interesting activity which gives students an opportunity to share and voice their opinions."

Prin Laomanutsak 11A pronounced,



(L-R) Sitatham Puechkamut 8D, En Ju Kang 12A, Krisanapong Olanackaraseyranee 6C, Pakawan Ahkuputra 12C, student speakers, share their experiences with God.

"A week filled with people lifting up their shame."

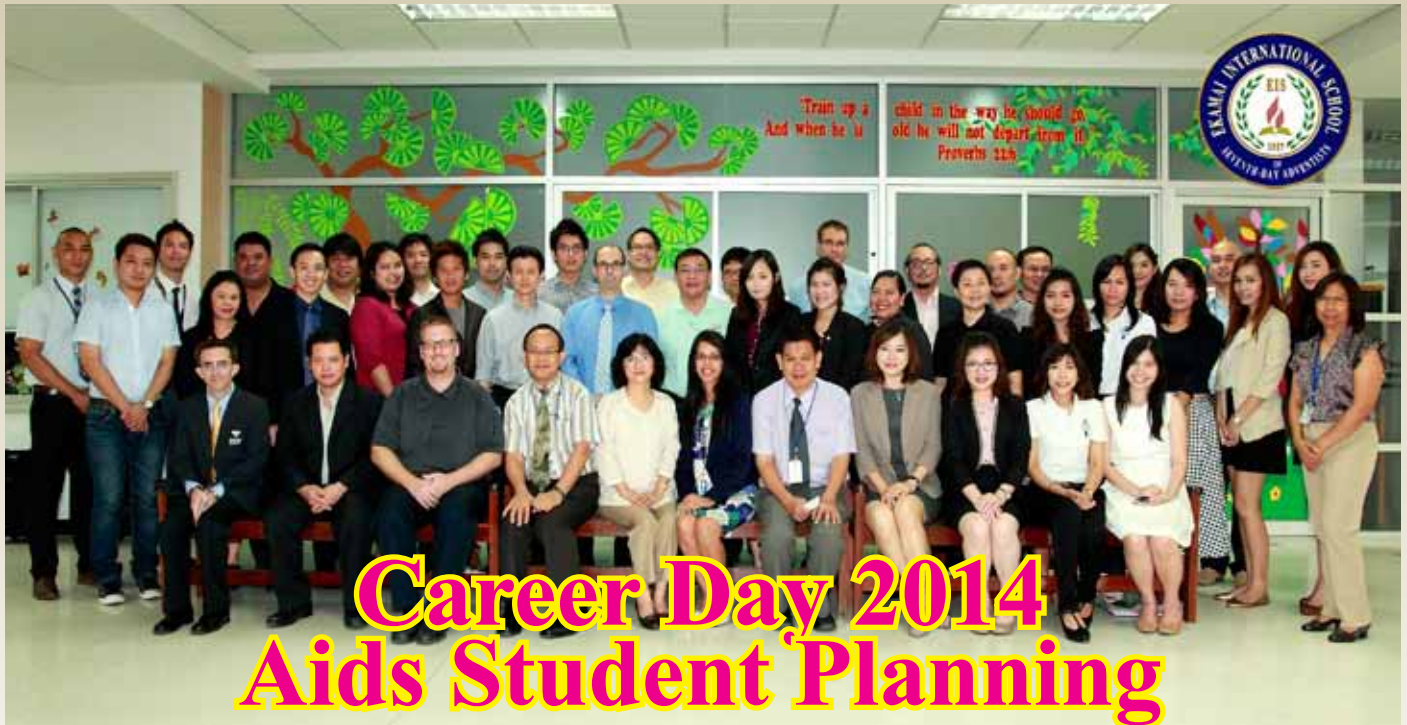
And finally, Chanakan Sirisukhodom 12E commented, "This week of prayer is very extraordinary. The stories of my own peers inspired me to understand even more that God really is guiding each and every one of us."

Every single student was inspired, and everyone became more connected to God.

By Linh Nhi Phan Minh 10C



Students are leading out in the lively song service.



Career Day 2014 Aids Student Planning

Career Day, held on Monday, March 17, 2014, allowed students to structure their dreams with a real world perspective. The day was a success because high-school students got to know about different careers not based entirely on business, medicine and engineering – EIS streams some students into these areas and teachers supply essential information.

In the picture above could be seen many academics from several universities – Assumption, Chulalongkorn, Thammasat, Mahidol, and Bangkok – joined professionals from industry to talk about specific careers and educational opportunities. Presenters talked about careers ranging from culinary arts, psychology, biotechnology, global studies and social entrepreneurship to air traffic controlling, hotel management, business data analysis, theology, law and marketing.

“I am glad I was able to talk personally to the lecturers from different universities about the career that I am interested in,” said Koichi Yoshida 10A. “Career Day helped me decide my future profession,” added Ji Min Yoo 10C

By: Anisha Karna 9A and Nandita Banik 11D



Visit by Private Education Commission Officers

Officers from the Office of Private Education Commission (OPEC) (4th-6th from left), Mrs. Sireethorn Benjangkapradit, Mrs. Sumittra Thongsang and Mr. Veerat Phutsuk, visited EIS on March 21, 2014 to follow up the internal assessment of Ekamai International School curriculum context and Thai Language and Thai Culture Department. Others in the picture are members of the EIS administration.

By Mr. Ian Cordero, Accreditation Coordinator



Songkran 2014 a Splashing Success

Senior students perform the beautiful fan dance. Below, Mr. Prachack Jitbunyad, Acting Director, officially opens the Songkran Festival. Other pictures show students performing or pouring water on the hands of elders as a sign of respect.

By Gurpreet Sachdev IIE

Songkran, a water festival celebrating Thai New Year, was observed in traditional fashion inside the EIS Covered Court on April 10, 2014.

With the stage beautifully decorated to depict life beneath the Andaman Sea, the program started almost immediately after flag line-up with two seniors – Tae-Seong Jin and Poonyarak Cheerawanichkun – acting as MCs. Each wore a traditional southern costume.

After Mr. Prachack Jitbunjad, Acting Director, completed his opening remarks, Mrs. Beatrice Kootanasan, Principal for Student Administration, gave out awards to students who had excelled in their Thai classes.

Senior students dressed in traditional costumes of Southern Thailand then performed the Thai Fan Dance and Mon-Sa-Nae Pak Thai Dance. After school students followed with Tuk Si Na Batik Show Dance before letting the youngsters from Primary and Elementary amazed everyone with a dance number entitled Andaman Hun Sa.

Rot Nam Dam Hua, the pouring water on to the hands of elders, teachers and parents, was the highlight of the morning as students lined up to pay respect to their teachers and receive blessings.

“We are glad we can performed this rite,” said Chanakarn Sirisukhodom, Senior Class president. “As seniors, we want to show our appreciation to teachers who have shaped the lives of students in this school.”

The Thai Department also prepared tables brimming with Thai food, fruits and kanoms or sweets.

Water fight began in the football field after school. Indeed EIS Songkran was a SPLASHING success!





“ASK” Day Answers Big Questions

Approximately 50 alumni came to EIS to celebrate the Alumni “ASK” Day. They conducted the High School chapel and found time to compete athletically with current students.

By Vagisha Mishra, Class of 2014

On May 1, 2014, the CAE Alumni Association staged its annual Alumni Day.

This reunion of graduates from Ekamai International School (EIS), previously known as Child Training Center (CTC), Adventist Ekamai School (AES) and EIS itself, were united by the theme “ASK,” an abbreviation for Alumni Share Knowledge.

The event, staged in the Milne Auditorium, began with Ms. Hazel Ilaio, Class of 2000 leading her fellow alumni in singing – numbers like *I Got Peace, Sweet Jesus, and He’s Able* evoked memories of chapel programs long forgotten.

Mr. Anil Ramchandani, Class of ’88 and CAE president, welcomed everyone while Mr. Pitipat Kootrakul, Class of ’09, kept the program lively as its energetic MC.

Everyone felt moved when Khun Kawee Chaichoowong and Khun John Djung – Classes of ’54 and ’55 respectively – went on stage to share their experiences at the Child Training Center, the pioneer school of the EIS family.

Interview sessions with seven successful alumni soon followed. They had a great story to tell on how they have achieved success in their professional lives.

Lunch was provided in the EIS cafeteria, another walk down memory lane for many. Current students grabbed this chance to talk with the alumni about their families and careers.

Volleyball and basketball matches between current students, teachers and alumni, staged after school, ended the memorable day.

Nostalgia was plentiful, but so was alumni generosity. CAE donated Baht 80,000 for the development of EIS.



EIS Administration (1st-3rd from left) received a check of Baht 80,000 from the CAE Alumni Association.



Khun Kawee and Khun John Classes of ’54 and ’55 respectively share their experiences at the CTC.



(L-R) Mr. Anil Ramchandani, CAE President and Mr. Pitipat Lertru-angkul, Vice President share ideas.



Mrs. Beatrice Kootanasan, Principal for Student Administration (in orange sweater) is surrounded by alumni.



Left to right, Pitipat (Bam) Kootrakul, Haru Suprakob Yamaguchi, Suvapak (Richard) Visavutanont, Annette Tate, Pichayasuda (Oil) Pinyovitayawong, Shannon Kalayanamitr, Shibata Masashi, Vinit Pathela tell their stories. Below, alumni in front of the welcoming board.



“Alumni Day provides an opportunity for graduates to come back to their alma mater,” said Mrs. Beatrice Kootanasan, Alumni Day Coordinator. “They are part of the EIS family.”



EIS Welcomes WASC-ONESQA Accreditation Team

The visiting committee, (L-R) Kristin Kappelmann, Kathryn Lewis, Dr. Thomas Penland, Tonya Parham, Maneeon Cordes and Manitsara Kolius. Back row are members of the EIS Board and EIS Leadership Team.

*By Mr. Ian Cordero,
Accreditation Coordinator*

On April 6-7, 2014, the WASC-ONESQA Visiting Committee conducted a two-day assessment of EIS – the results will not be known until summer, but our school has always retained its accreditation.

Indeed, ongoing visits are part of the process – WASC was last here three years ago. When the team will come again will be known when the WASC Commission delivers the final report in July.

EIS takes the WASC process seriously. Being accredited means our graduates can apply for admission to universities around the world.

Equally important, receiving the stamp of approval by WASC and AAA – an accreditation organization affiliated with the Seventh Day Adventist Church – is intrinsic to our school’s commitment to ongoing reform.

Indeed, EIS sets its own agenda of change linked to our Expected School-Wide Learning Outcomes (ESLOs).

WASC makes recommendations based on how well we are living up to our aspirations to the set standards by WASC and ONESQA. In other words, EIS writes the exam, WASC marks it.

Three days prior to the accreditation revisit, EIS celebrated students' achievement by organizing an Academic Exhibition in Building 9.

Highly visual, the exhibition displayed the creative side of our academic life through posters, magazines, student



Dr. Thomas Penland, chairman of the visiting committee, being welcomed to the campus by Mrs. Rajdeep Takeuchi, EIS Consultant.

Mr. Harold Dawat, Principal for Academic Administration, introduces Dr. Penland and the visiting team to the student body.



portfolios and projects, and even animated Powerpoint presentations.

The Leadership Committee, of course, rolled out the red carpet, but the real preparation had involved almost everyone in the EIS community.

When Dr. Thomas Penland, Committee Chairperson, asked the Leadership Team and Board Members what they considered their greatest source of

pride, Pastor Chanchai Kiattyanyong, Thailand Adventist Mission President, replied "team effort and collaboration." It was a fitting answer.

WASC left knowing we had done our best to improve the school since their last visit.

"Thank you EIS," said Dr. Penland, "for your cooperation, support, and tremendous hospitality."

Students with GPA 3.70 and Above

Third Quarter 2014

By Mrs. Walaya Watanasak, Registrar

1A		Phuwadej Temkijrungrueng	4.00	Vitsupa Hengnopparatkun	3.92
Tanya Suteesukprasert	3.94	Wiranpat Suksanit	3.98	Napassorn Rojbundit	3.90
Wadwalai Rujipornpong	3.94	Kris Luangpenthong	3.92	Napatsorn Chadanuntakul	3.88
Kanpanit Kulsuptrakul	3.92	Suphakit Piulueangsawat	3.82	Marc Roy Ejurango	3.87
Peeraya Jira-anankul	3.92	Kon-ek Ngamchaiyaponkun	3.80		
Natthanun Loakhajorn	3.90			6E	
Shopan Panakul	3.90	2C		Christopher Tingle	3.92
Ratchaphon Chotmongkol	3.80	Amolapha Singprasong	3.92	Thanattham Thospornvichai	3.84
Lapas Mahattanakul	3.79	Praopundeun Boonprasong	3.89	Napat Pheeraphan	3.84
Nagon Intrasut	3.79	Yubin Kim	3.89	Sarun Prasitdumrong	3.70
Avi Bhagnani	3.77	Seo Yoon Moon	3.88		
Eun Ji Noh	3.74	Wan-shan Sandra Wu	3.79	7A	
		Norrapat Nivespathomvat	3.73	Pana Samathapand	3.88
1B					
Cho Won Kim	3.94	3A		7B	
Punn Charusakulariyakul	3.92	Leilaani Hul	3.88	Manolo Jan Momongan	3.88
Chrysmay Virn Zulueta	9.84	Nithipath Tangmanuswong	3.85	Chonsiri Sirisongtham	3.71
Chanunpornrat Lerthitvong	3.83	Napatthorn Assanaungsanakul	3.71		
Glennson Angus	3.81	3B		7D	
Sun Wook Kim	3.72	Paraya Thanyawong	3.95	Emm Parnichkun	3.96
Thammata Chalermpao	3.70	Budsarin Mateedunsatits	3.91	Natcha Channara	3.81
		Phasit Trakoonlakkana	3.91	Sudev Bhatia	3.77
1C					
Josephine Heys	4.00	3C		7E	
Natcha Songsilph	4.00	Nano Suresettakul	3.87	Kavee Pairojtanchai	3.96
Natchareeya Wongnirund	4.00	Swasti Shrestha	3.83	Pattadon Khobunsongserm	3.96
Sirathorn Tanyacharoenkarnca	4.00			Pichaya Kovitsophon	3.96
Tanasorn Wiboonkanarak	3.98	4A		Pimchanok Anukoolprasert	3.96
Patrick Chislon Lee	3.96	Nathavuth Gambhir	3.96	Natasha Leenanuraksa	3.92
Praewa Lertsansaran	3.96	Anand Sethi	3.94	Thiti Thitipankul	3.91
Woraphol Punthong	3.96	Anand Sethi	3.94	Nattakorn Shrestha	3.88
Natatda Chanuan	3.94	Yanisa Tantadsavad	3.92	Pimsucha Kanjchanapoomi	3.85
Tada Yodmondhop	3.94	Praeploy Nakmai	3.87	Paphada Vasinsittisuk	3.82
Tanakorn Rattanapitak	3.94	Alyssa Tingle	3.85	Siris Swasdikulavath	3.79
Naiyarat Hanmatheekuna	3.90			Chae Young Hyun	3.74
Poomipat Luekrajangtum	3.81	4B		Olarn Likanasudh	3.73
Surasik Thammachote	3.81	Tanya Channara	4.00	Putthida Chalerm-pao	3.70
Krischaphat Piromchayavanich	3.79	Passara Vajanavinit	3.96		
Thanadetch Mateedulsatits	3.77	Watsa Jukthumrong	3.87	7G	
Marissa Master	3.75	Pimvalan Petchmunee	3.84	Dhanabordee Mekintharanggur	3.96
				Jirakit Chanlongbutr	3.96
1D		4C		Kanta Sudsawad	3.96
Archawin Shah	3.96	Matina Chaiwarut	4.00	Bhavika Shrestha	3.95
Kitayarad Chor Kongrukreatiyos	3.96	Praiya Woralertpicharn	3.82	Zaigham Nisar	3.87
Narida Totiemsri	3.96			Janine Charoonruk	3.77
Punnaporn Besuwan	3.96	Grade 5A		Napatra Punnachaiya	3.72
Centraporn Visesvasit	3.92	Khankamol Kongrukreatiyos	4.00		
Pawara Pawareewong	3.92	Supichcha Leenanuraksa	3.94	8C	
Yada Taepanicharoen	3.90	Praewiranya Yaophrukchai	3.92	Yada Ponpittayalert	3.90
Phantila Rungruangchai boon	3.88			Vanabud Chairakorb	3.89
Peeraphat Jiraanankun	3.87	5B			
Rittikorn Wongsakamhang	3.87	Rhea Agarwal	3.99	8D	
Teenaphoom Ngampramuan	3.84			Sitatham Puechkamut	3.95
Teerapak Thospornvichai	3.77	5C		Pornsinee Wattanapramot	3.88
Pakamon Keadsomboon	3.74	Nicha Songsilph	4.00	Smith Sermsrisuwan	3.80
Supakit Satitkulrat	3.70	Pincha Prommart	3.92	Chernboon Suwansinpan	3.74
		Monsicha Rujiragonsgul	3.77	Ye Jin Kim	3.74
2A		Djem Kurt Gagatam	3.73	Pallavi Rawal	3.73
Renika I. Gadaun	4.00	Surachat Dolayanukloh	3.73	Yaneesa Rattanathanmas	3.70
Samantha Jawjong	4.00				
Titawarin Lapayanun	4.00	5D		8E	
Aanchal Chand	3.94	Na Kyung Lee	3.98	Tanya Rishi	4.00
Jaraspim Chankanithirun	3.92	Pasika Taychaburapanone	3.94	Thitirat Siripaiboolpong	3.96
Tanat Jumnongpakdee	3.92	Dippin Kukreja	3.80	Jung Min Yun	3.92
Henry Kim	3.88	Kitkanok Ussayaporn	3.79	Nam Hoon Kim	3.86
Krittin Saisuk	3.83	Chichada Tanyaluck	3.77	Kanoknan Tunpichart	3.84
Pattapon Ongarjphanchai	3.82	Maynaka Tanumathaya	3.71	Siri Thitipankul	3.84
Phurimas Ruangrattanametee	3.81			Chatchanok Chinchaiharoen	3.76
		6D			
2B		Natcha Eiamsirikij	3.92	IEL-1	
Jiratchaya Jiratthitunin	4.00	Nichapatra Teerapatum	3.92	Changhao Hu	3.85
Matilda Suriyayothin	4.00	Pipatra Tirapairojana	3.92	Jutamane Sombatrongrong	3.85

IEL-2		Sarita Thapanachote	3.72	11G	
Kanokporn Tangjaitweesuk	4.00	Oraya Denkijkul	3.71	Pornchanok Vichittakarn	3.95
9A		10D		Vanantorn Suttikajornkijjakarn	3.91
Chaipatr Wattanapramot	3.95	Chayanij Pichitkarnkar	3.75	Wonki Hong	3.91
Si Yang Wang	3.95	Panuddaporn Dowrueng	3.72	Hye Sun Lee	3.87
Nilar Myat Aung	3.87	10E		So-hyun Shin	3.85
Sanya Singh	3.85	Le Minh Nguyen	3.81	Sittikorn Khorvanichakij	3.77
Prima Sukmanop	3.77	11A		Parima Chaiwarut	3.71
9B		Jung Yoo	3.91	12A	
Charissa Sukontasukkul	3.95	Kietthibhum Boonchuay	3.90	Nachon Keaokrisri	3.71
Mintra Bunditanukul	3.91	Kanyarak Kunyawatyuwapong	3.87	12B	
Suphasuta Kittihut	3.82	Nattanon Ruangsubvilai	3.87	Gurtejpal Singh Sachdev	3.91
9D		Anucha Sakdsrinarang	3.85	Isreeya Mitaree	3.87
Achiraya Petchdachai	4.00	Nisarath Thanchaphat	3.82	Taeseong Jin	3.87
Chonnikan Sukajirawat	3.72	Tawin Kunattanond	3.75	Arthima Chavanaittinant	3.85
9E		SettavutParadee	3.72	Vannida Kaur Singhnarang	3.81
Pattham Puechkamut	4.00	Gorppol Limkijcharoen	3.71	Kachapol Trakulsap	3.77
Chatraporn Chatnithikul	3.91	11B		Rosarin Gambhir	3.77
Natthida Luthra	3.91	Ekachai Narula	3.95	Anchalee Sachaphornskul	3.72
Chada Srihiran	3.90	Rachthep Bhatia	3.77	12D	
Suphaveer Keeratireungrit	3.85	11C		Vagisha Mishra	3.95
Natasha Gorowara	3.82	Nattaporn Lapitananuvat	3.95	Tony Sermsrisuwan	3.87
Bohua Zhang	3.77	Nattagan Jaderungsun	3.90	Inthu Engpornsin	3.85
Kita Pairojtanchai	3.75	Takehiro Suzuki	3.81	12E	
10A		Tanat Boozayaangool	3.81	Ornpapar Limkijchareon	3.95
Pirada Svasti Na Ayudhya	3.87	11D		Chanakan Sirisukhodom	3.87
10B		Sirapob Mongkolpiyathana	4.00	Kulatida Keerikoolpan	3.87
Sittha Chadha	3.72	Apichaya Ketyungyoenwong	3.95	Chananchida Sang-aram	3.85
10C		Duangkamon Huangphattarakul	3.82	Kanis Dhanesuan	3.85
Linh Nhi Phan Minh	3.95	Natcha Phutthisan	3.81	Napath Kosolsuparat	3.72
Jungeun Yun	3.91	Pantaree Rodjanawatana	3.71	Sukittima Sukruaycharoen	3.72
Nichakorn Benchasattabuse	3.82	11E		Blessing Temitope Thomas	3.71
Christina Marisa Bergsoe	3.81	Gurpreet Sachdev	4.00	Pandita Watanachariya	3.71
Farheen Asim	3.81	Priyaphorn Madarasmi	3.91	12G	
Pornpat Siriphanporn	3.81	Pakanun Taveeratana	3.87	Thanakorn Suppakarnpanich	3.91
Barama Suwansinpan	3.77	Chawanya Tachanirut	3.81	Vaibhav Sultan	3.85
Miri Kim	3.77	Patthita Mongkolrattawat	3.81	Kalpesh Sultan	3.81
Vichaya Truskamol	3.77	Angella Makhijani	3.77	Heetae Lee	3.77
Dashvin Singh	3.72	Min Wook Song	3.71		

Sanderson Scores Second Triumph

Alexander Sanderson 5D, a contestant in the 4th Annual Royal Princess Cup Taekwondo competition on February 15th in Nakorn Pathom, once again brought gold home to EIS and his RSR Gym. He had previously won the British National Taekwondo Championship in Manchester, England.

Alex competed in the under-12 age and at the 41-45 kg weight class. The tournament was under the patronage of HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn of Thailand.

It was an uphill battle. After a slow start, the score in the first bout of the final match was 2-2. Alex was clearly having trouble dealing with a wary opponent, but he managed to score points before both fighters were penalized for not being active.

Luckily, Alex's opponent already had a half point foul from earlier bouts. The rules of the competition gave our Trojan a 4-2 lead. In the final round, with very little time left Alex now just needed to defend his lead.

His opponent came on strong, but left himself exposed to a head kick. The score was 7-2 in Alex's favor with a few seconds left. A last second score for Alex's opponent was not enough. Our champion, with a 7-3 victory, claimed gold.

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



EIS Seniors 2014 Accepted by Universities

By Mr. Pak Luanpreda,
Head of the Guidance Department

Universities Overseas

University of Virginia
Chanakan Sirisukhodom - Economics

University of Washington
Naruth Kongurai - Computer Science

Troy University
Heetae Lee - Risk Management

University of Wisconsin at Madison
Sarat Sirirachtapong - Economics

Albana College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Sarun Songpechmongkol - Health Sc.

University of Southern California
Thanakorn Suppakarnpanich - Com. Sc

Yokohama Design College
Tanint Uransatien - Design (Graphics)
Nachon Keaokrisri - Design (Graphics)

Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University
Arthima Chavanaittinant - Int. Mgmt.
Blessing Temitope Thomas - Social Sc.
Tae-Seong Jin - International Mgmt.
P. J. Taron - International Management

Hong Kong Polytechnic University
Tzu-yun Wang - Engineering
Vaibhav Sultan - Engineering
Kalpesh Sultan - Engineering

Zhejiang University
Pakawan Ahkuputra - Medical Science

Shih Chien University
Peishan Lin - Fashion Design

Symbiosis Inst. of Media and Com.
Vagisha Mishra - Journalism

Universities in Thailand

Chulalongkorn University
Faculty of Engineering (ISE)
Chon Kanchand
Jesada Suriwan
Thita Ratanapat
Tony Sermsrisuwan

Faculty of Com. & Acc'y (BBA)
Duangkamol Jong-udomsub
Kachapol Trakulsap
Wisith Tassnapanya

Faculty of Economics (EBA)
Isreeya Mitaree
Sirichok Thangjaitaweasuk
Patcharanan Pipatananon
Tharat Ratanapat
Thawanhatai Kruayatidee
Chinda Sumanatham

Fac'ty of Art L. & C'ture (BALAC)
Jirada Phetlam
Kultida Keerikoolparn
Napath Kosolsuparat

Faculty of Architecture (INDA)
Kanika Termsedcharoen
Pimauborn Sirisook
Worawee Buasai
Yoojin Cho

Faculty of Architecture (CommDe)
Pawanrat Koonprugsakul
Darun Khanchanusthiti
Faculty of Communication Arts
Pattira Piratworanun
Seol Hee Baik

Faculty of Psychology
Sirirada Pattara-angkoon

Mahidol University Int'l College
Faculty of Business Adm. (BBA)
Anchalee Sachaphornkul
Cattaliya Techawathanathorn
Kantinan Tunveenukoon
Kittipoj Rujjanavate
Pum Thammongkol
Sirithorn Chottanakul
Vannida Kaur Singharan

Faculty of Science
Jaksawat Pipitvitayakul
Methaporn Vichaihanaruks
Pandaree Tailungkah
Pranop Madarasmi
Rosalin Herman
Rosarin Gambhir
Siradanai Kanithasevi

Mahidol College of Music
Nattanit Lertwannapong

Thammasat University
Faculty of Engineering
Ananya Ongwongwattana
Sirawit Kunapongsiri
Thana Leewongjaroen

Faculty of Political Science
Natat Asadamongkol

Faculty of Economics
Khaempaphat Charoenboonyanan
Suthinee Katakunpisarn
Tanapat Whangthanachoti

Faculty of Social Administration
Maripha Siripool

Faculty of Business Adm. (BBA)
Krittapas Leangsiriwattanakul
Matika Pornpattanasavai
Natanon Dhamasetavut
Prapada Chulapamornsri

Global Studies and Social Entrepreneurship (GSSE)
Inthuon Hirunreungrong
Pornpicha Dansirisanti

Kasetsart University
Faculty of Engineering
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Tropical Agriculture
Napatsorn Katechaiyong

Silpakorn Un. Int'l College
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Juo-Lan Chen
Napat Kleosakul

Media Design
Manassara Vanthaneeyakul

Sirindhorn Int'l Inst. of Tech'gy
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Piyawat Boonma

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Faculty of Arts in Ed. & Psy'gy
Chanyaporn Kiattyanyong

Assumption University
Faculty of Business and Ec. (BBA)
Joon Seo Park
Kingsarit Vongchanphen

Faculty of Engineering
Phanuphon Supanantanonont
Yanata Chaipidej

Faculty of Hotel management
Alina Kunattanond

Faculty of Communication Arts
Noravit Kongkietnati

Chandrakasem Rajabhat University
College of Alt. Medicine (BCM)
Niramom Tangthongtavee

Alumnotes

By Ms. Hazel Iao, Teacher



Nuttapat Akarapongchukij

Nuttapat Akarapongchukij (Class of 2008) graduated with a degree in Communication Arts with a Major in Advertising from Assumption University.

As a university student he made lots of new friends, met different kinds of people, and learned how to socialize with them.

In February 2011 he founded TeaO Franchise Co. Ltd. and is currently its CEO.

In August 2012 he received a HIV Presentation Award, and in October 2013 he was part of the Social Services of American Chamber of Commerce (AMCHAM) Thailand Charitable Foundation.

Asides from managing the company he founded, Nuttapat is also an executive researcher at 360° Search Recruitment Co., Ltd. He has been working in this position since September 2013.

Nuttapat's tips to be successful while studying is to aim high and set your goal step by step. He also suggests not to forget to have fun while studying, love what you do, and work hard and play hard. Believe in yourself and everything will be fine.

His memorable experiences at EIS include spending time playing basketball and football with his friends. tinefang@gmail.com



Chanakan Sirisukhodom

Chanakan Sirisukhodom (Class of 2014) is planning to attend the University of Virginia majoring in Economics.

She was actively involved in school activities, holding positions as class presidents and president of the Student Council as well as members of many school clubs.

Awards and honors received include Thailand national winner in the 2013 Junior Achievement International Trade Challenge, second place in the 2012 Asia Book's Reader Theater Competition and third place in the 2012 Sripatum University Public Speaking Competition.

While in school, she said, "All subjects have in one way or the other, shaped my life. The subject which I believe has helped me grow both mentally and emotionally is AP English, since we were taught to think out of the box and connect the dots of literature and today's society."

Asked to recall memorable experience, Chanakan said, "Working as a president of the Student Council 2013-2014, doing community service, going for senior excursion and the charitable trip to Laos with Mrs. Beatrice were very meaningful to me."

As an advice to the current students, Chanakan said, "Don't think poorly of yourself. Thirst for experience, hunger for knowledge. The first key to success is to believe that you can achieve anything. EIS is filled with bountiful opportunities, and if you learn to choose the right path, you'll be a hundred steps ahead of others. Dream, believe, and work towards it."



Vagisha Mishra

Vagisha Mishra (Class of 2014) has just graduated and is planning to study at the Symbiosis Institute of Media and Communication, Pune, India specializing in journalism as well as international relations.

While in high school, she was heavily involved in many activities as a news reporter, a photographer, vice-president of the eYearbook club, member of the Friend 2 Friend Club and president of the Article Writing Club.

"EIS has definitely played a significant role in my life," said Vagisha. "It has shaped me to become a happy and outgoing person."

Memorable experiences at EIS include getting scolded by Ma'am Bea for not wearing EIS socks, coming to school late without blue slippers and skipping classes to eat food.

"The ambiance of EIS is very lively and cheerful," she said. "I don't think we could get such a warm affectionate feeling from any other place. EIS is definitely irreplaceable."

"Start thinking about what you want to get from life early and enjoy your high school life to the most."



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