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Ekamai International School

The Christian School that Empowers, Inspires and Serves

Philosophy

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

Vision

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

Mission Statement

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



(L-R) Zhanping Ling 12C and Navapa Vaparak 12G at the presentation ceremony. (See page 16)

Message from the Acting Director



Prachack Jitbunyad, BS

Dear Students, Parents, Alumni and Friends,

We have come to the end of another successful school year. It was a pleasure to have served you during 2012-2013.

I would like to share some of the updates and plans for the coming school year. A major project is the construction of a new gymnasium and play facilities for primary and elementary students. Construction will begin as soon as a building permit is granted. Campus beautification is being implemented to make our campus green and beautiful. A wider range of healthy and delicious food and snacks will also be introduced.

Meticulous care has been made to assure that our students are safe. Regular maintenance and replacements have also been made to our facilities to make them conducive for studies. We have done and we will do all we can to ensure students coming through our doors have the support needed to complete their studies.

EIS's main goal is to help young people develop a personal relationship with God, an understanding of the world around them, become responsible citizens, develop good morals and build a faith in God.

EIS also provides a strong foundation that allows our alumni to define success as being able to empower, inspire and serve the world around them.

Finally, please be informed that since Mrs. Rajdeep Takeuchi resigned as a Director, I have been appointed as Acting Director until a new director is appointed. Mrs. Takeuchi has been requested to help serve as a consultant to EIS in this transition period. We appreciate your continued support and cooperation.

May God bless you.

Yours Sincerely,

Prachack Jitbunyad, BS
General Manager,
Acting Director

A Holistic School

An Interview with Mrs. Edith Chu Principal for the Primary & Elementary School

By Nandita Banik 10D
and Farheen Asim 9C

How long have you been at EIS?

I have been working here since 1983, approximately 30 years. It has been a rewarding experience for me and my students.

Tell us about your educational background and work experience.

I'm proud to be an alumnus of EIS, formerly CTC and AES. I graduated from AES in 1965. After completing my Bachelor's degree, I worked in Singapore and the US, but my love for the teaching profession and for the younger ones brought me back to my alma mater. I completed my Master's degree in Education in 2005, majoring in Curriculum and Instruction, from the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies in the Philippines. My experience as an educator includes being a teacher, grade level leader, section leader, and now a principal.

What is your role as a principal?

My most important role is to build up a good team of teachers, with me as a facilitator and partner of the team. I help set up and maintain the academic standard, as well as implement the school's policies and procedures. Supervision is another aspect which includes management of all staff and faculty. I also monitor students' improvements, so that the teachers and I can restructure the programs to fit their needs.

What do you believe are the important characteristics of a strong teacher work force?

Teachers should be loyal, competent, and dedicated to the mission and vision of the school. They should also be good at communicating and explaining concepts to students and parents. They should be dedicated and meticulous to details. It is also important that teachers should become good leaders as well as good friends to students in order to mold their lives in the ways of God.

What is your vision for the primary & elementary section of EIS?

My vision is to see that there is harmony between parents, teachers, and students. I want students to enjoy learning and to continue in the quality education which prepares them for the future.

Please share what you plan to do to achieve your vision.

I will ensure that the academic environment is positive, inviting and conducive for faculty instruction and



Mrs. Edith Chu, MEd
Principal

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student learning. I will emphasize with all teachers the need for effective communication between teachers, students, and parents. Lessons will be fun, interesting, and interactive. Our students will be taught essential skills for self-learning.

What are your goals for the Primary and Elementary schools?

My immediate goal is to provide a child-centered environment conducive to learning. I aim to help students succeed academically by implementing learning strategies into daily lessons, such as pairing, group learning and peer teaching. I will also introduce instructional technology and incorporate the latest teaching skills, such as critical thinking and effective communication across the curriculum.

My other goal is to help students master English communication skills as it would be the foundation of success in Middle and High school, as well as in the workplace later. There is a compelling need to improve the quality of students' speaking, reading and writing.

I would also like to see more students get involved in public service in

the school and community. More importantly, I want to make a concerted effort between the school and home to teach students to be good citizens of EIS, their community, and of the country.

What advice would you like to give to our students?

Dear Students, as you develop and grow to be lifelong learners, it is important to know what you want, and plan according to your goals. Remember it is a long process, so it is important to stay focused and remain diligent. Use your time wisely. It's all right to make mistakes because they are stepping stones to success. Don't give up when the going gets tough. Listen to advice from your parents and teachers. Most importantly, ask for God's help.

What would you like to tell our students' parents?

Dear Parents, the greatest thing you can do is to spend time with your children. Show your interest in what your children are doing. Your encouragement to them is a great motivation for them to move forward in life and not to give up. Giving them educational tools and electronic gadgets is not a guarantee for success. Your understanding and emotional support far outweighs anything materialistic. Your children want to know that you are always there to help. Encourage them to be curious and to find joy in self-discovery.

What would you like to say to prospective parents and alumni who want to send their children to EIS?

Every school is known for its philosophy. What is EIS' philosophy and why does it attract students? Our strength is in the solid four-fold program we offer a harmonious development of the physical, mental, social, and spiritual. We believe in holistic education. We teach our students to excel academically, as well as have moral values and good health. We want our students to learn to obey their parents and respect their elders, as well as serve humanity, bringing joy and happiness to the underprivileged. We believe that God can help our students become great students and responsible citizens.

Finally, I would like to invite all parents to send your children to join EIS. Choosing the right school and getting the best education will ensure that your children have bright futures.



Good Things Come in Small Packages

K1 students with their parents and teachers. Teacher Luisa Ragui is standing at the back row (left). Below left are pictures of K1 students acting out a skit about baby Moses. Below right, students playing with water during the Songkran celebration.

*By Jammie Karlman**

The K1 Class of 21 students presented a chapel program on Wednesday, March 13, 2013 with the theme “God’s Care.” Though small in stature, ages around three to four years old, the class was big and warm. The students were innocent enough not to be frightened or scared to be on stage in front of a large audience. Some may have been too comfortable as they frequently rushed to the front of the stage to wave at parents and the audience which added to the charm of the performance.

K1 also proved they had impressive memories. The class recited five Bible verses, sang six songs and performed a skit enriched with costume changes and props about the Biblical story of the Israelite leader Moses, who was hidden as a baby in the Nile River to escape an Egyptian decree condemning all Jewish babies to death. The program lasted about 20 minutes and included costume changes and props.

They spoke quite clearly, with what sounded like an American accent. Plus, they performed with plenty of personality and flair. Pachapon Ekaraphanich, the Pharaoh (or ruler) of Egypt in the skit, said his line with kingly authority, “Kill the babies!”

The class, taught by Mrs. Luisa Ragui, has Thai, Chinese, Filipino and Indian students, but the verses, skit and most of the songs were performed in English. A song in Thai was sung as their closing piece.



One young mother, with tears of happiness in her eyes said, “The chapel program was great. I want to thank the teachers for organizing such a fine performance. I am sure the future will be bright for these young stars.”

Another parent agreed and said, “They came, they sang, and they conquered our hearts.”

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PRIMARY SHOWCASE DAY



(Above and below) Glittering variety shows by the primary students and exhibition booths by various classes.

By: *Carizza Jyn Colegado*
K3B Substitute Teacher

On May 1, 2013, the Primary Section of Ekamai International School organized a Showcase Day to exhibit the many talents of students from K1 – Grade 2. It was a special day for the children as well as the parents. The auditorium buzzed with excitement as the families found seats to watch a wide variety of performances by their children.

With *Thailand* as the theme, the show started after welcoming remarks by Mrs. Edith Chu, Principal of Primary and Elementary school. The adorable students sang and performed in beautiful costumes as everyone in the auditorium applauded.

A student was overheard saying, “That was so much fun to watch! The kids looked cute singing and dancing.”

One parent said, “At first I thought some of the kids would be too small to perform, but when they stepped on stage they were actually really good. I was surprised and delighted at the same time!”

There were booths and displays of students’ work for parents and families to enjoy. Teachers prepared and decorated the booths with their students’ crafts, drawings, clay formations, and paintings. Refreshment was served as parents admired their children’s work in the booths.

One parent exclaimed, “The show was certainly nice and entertaining. I enjoyed watching the students sing, dance, and act. More importantly, I appreciated the booths as I got to see my child’s artwork.”

It was a rewarding day for everyone involved, most importantly for the parents and families who got to see their children’s accomplishments.



“Shine Like A Diamond”

Talent Show Sparkles



Yeajin Choi 2A performing a ballet dance.
(Below L-R) Natnicha Sing K3C, Gwenneth Angus 2B, Rda Meenaphant 4A, Jim Nathan Carado 4B performing their moves.

By Mr. Carlos Cerilo, Student Council Advisor

Talent Show 2013, held between February 26 – March 1, had as its theme “Shine Like a Diamond.” It was divided into Primary, Elementary, Middle and High school.

“I was amazed at the talents displayed during the performances” said a new student. “I have never seen such fine performance before.”

“I have taken music lessons and dancing lessons from a very young age,” said Nandika Banik 10A who performed an Indian dance. “The talent show has provided me with an avenue to perform and show my abilities.”

“I have to really practice hard to polish my moves,” said Rusali Agrawal 10C, another Indian dance performer. “Winning was not my aim. I just want to enjoy myself and entertain my friends.”

“There is more to education than just academic success,” said Suhail Prasathong 12A, Student Council president who did much to organize the event. “I think singing, acting and dancing also can contribute many valuable lessons that can help a person become a well rounded person.”

“I loved every minute,” said Mrs.

Vivian Geow, a science teacher from the Middle School. “It was fun to see my students in a different setting and atmosphere.”

There were a lot of surprises for the winners. One of the judges said, “We really had a hard time choosing the winners as all participants performed very well. I think everyone is a winner. I hope it has been a great experience for everyone.”

The winners were given cash prizes, trophies and certificates of recognition.





(Above and below) Emerging young performers from the Primary, Elementary and Middle School perform a concert to show their musical talents. The music teachers are at the bottom of the page (L-R) Joanne Magro, Suprane Saabsaen, Virnie Zulueta, Weerajak Wongngoen, Max Keller, Hussien Domocmat.

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

The Music Department organized a Summer Concert 2013 for emerging young performers on May 1, 2013 for the Primary School students. For the Elementary students and Middle School students, the concert was held on May 8, 2013.

The concert was a great experience for the students as well as a joy to the many parents who came to witness the performances. They sang, played violin, flute, keyboard, drum and many other instruments in the band.

One performer from grade 4 said, "I didn't know that I have talent in music. All I want to do is to just play for my own satisfaction and enjoyment."

One mother also commented, "I am happy that the children are very talented in music. My soul was especially uplifted when I hear the children choir singing."

The Primary Section did a splendid performance, enthralling many parents who came to see their children perform.

One parent commented, "I was amazed at what the children can do. They were so enthusiastic in singing and acting. They did a fantastic job. I did not know they have such nice voices."

The Middle School students were more advanced especially the songs played by the band under Mr. Weerajak. The students showed their expertise as they played all-time favorites to the delight of the audience.

Mr. Edwin Cotto, Principal of the Middle and High School, in his closing remarks said, "Thank you students for performing and sharing your skill in music. I also want to thank the parents for supporting your children to reach their potential and hope they will grow to become good citizens of this country and of heaven."





Public Speaking Champion

Intouch Piticharoen (L) winner of the Public Speaking competition with the theme “Ideas are Our Greatest Weapons.” At right is Mr. Prajuab Ekwiriyatorn, Marketing Coordinator of EIS.

By Mr. Lee Chin Beng, Editor

The Ministry of Education of Thailand, in collaboration with the English Speaking Union of the United Kingdom, recently organized the annual National Public Speaking Competition at the Imperial Queen’s Park Hotel in Bangkok.

A total of 64 competitors from 23 universities and 41 high schools participated in the event.

The objective was to promote the value of effective communication around the globe and to help people realize their potential. The topic chosen for this year was “Ideas Are Our Greatest Weapons.”

Five high school students represented Ekamai International School in this event. Intouch Piticharoen 12C was one of five candidates who made it to the final round on March 24, 2013, and emerged as the champion of the competition in the High School category.

Last year Intouch was also the winner of an English speech contest entitled, “One Community One Vision: Towards a Healthy ASEAN,” organized by Siriraj Hospital. He said, “It feels great to be victorious once again. I value the opportunity to develop important skills that enable me to speak with confidence in public. Special thanks to my teachers at EIS for their support and assistance.”

Ornpapar Limkijcharoen 11B, one of the EIS participants, said “The importance of effective communication skills cannot be underestimated. The ability to speak confidently in public is very important. With the spoken word, we can persuade and inspire.”



Intouch Piticharoen (L) is receiving the winner’s trophy from Mr. Pongsapat, Minister of Education of Thailand



EIS representatives to the speech contest (L-R) Napat, Ornpapar, Chananchida Chanakan and Poonyarak

Intouch will represent Thailand at the International Public Speaking Competition Grand Final in London in May 2013.

Congratulations to Intouch Piticharoen, Winner of the Thailand Annual National Public Speaking Competition 2013.



Art work by students on display in Building 9

By Mrs. Dyan Kincaid, Art Teacher

This year has been a wonderful time to experience the growth of Arts at Ekamai International School. The school's vision is to expand the visual arts program to make it available to all students pre-kindergarten through 12th grade.

Over six-hundred students learned in the visual arts classes. The students learned about the elements and principles of art and explored multiple forms of media to learn about drawing and painting, print making and sculpture, art criticism and history and much more in between.

With the collaboration of the two art teachers, Jirattaya Martwijit (Middle and High school) and Dyan Kincaid (Primary, Elementary and Middle school), the First Annual School Wide Art Exhibit was displayed during the month of April. Close to one-thousand student works were shown. The students were excited to show their work for all to enjoy.

The exhibit is comprehensive, ranging from art by 2 year olds to Seniors preparing to graduate.

Students' works are displayed in Building 9. The art works on each floor are by grade level and the Art Room on fifth floor houses the sculptures and window art. Many of our students' works were also displayed at the Bangkok Art and Culture at Pathumwan District, Bangkok.

Come over to EIS Building 9 to enjoy the showcase of student art works. Our students will appreciate your support.





Songkran Festival A Splashing Success

Khomthong Rungsawang 12A is pouring water on the hands of Mrs. Walaya Vatanasak, EIS Registrar as a show of respect to elders.

By Charlie Visudharomn 12E

On April 8, 2013, EIS celebrated its annual Songkran celebration employing the theme “Happy Northeastern Songkran Opens the Door to ASEAN.”

The program, packed full of exciting performances prepared by the Foreign Language Department, had a plentiful supply of Thai Traditional dances. To add an international touch, a traditional Spanish dance was also performed by the Spanish class.

This year’s Songkran certainly became more international emphasizing the importance of cooperation and unity among all ASEAN nationalities.

After the performances, the highlight of the program began as students of all grades performed the customary “Rod Nam Dum Hua” ceremony which involves pouring water onto an elder’s hands and asking for blessings for the coming year.

The seniors were especially moved this year as it was the last time they were going to do this ceremony at EIS and express their gratitude to their teachers.

Throughout the day, food stalls involving traditional foods were opened as the Foreign Language Department worked tirelessly to satiate the hunger of EIS students.

After classes were over in the afternoon, the water festival part of the Songkran celebration began in earnest at the football field. Children and adults joined in and had fun splashing water on each other.

Eventually, the day had to end, but everyone admitted this year’s Songkran was an outstanding success.



Mr. Prachack Jitbunyad, Acting EIS Director officially opened the festival by playing a Thai instrument.



Navapa Varapark 12G is performing a Thai traditional dance.



(L) Ms. Terra Schwartz is blessing Caterina Pietropaolo 12D. (R) Ponpun Yuttakaichaisri 2B performing a Thai Dance.



Master of Ceremonies, Charlie Visudharomn 12E (L) and Inthu Engpornsin 11B (R).



Natcha Tunveenukoon 12B receives a splashing from her friend.



A student is sprinkling water on his friend.



Computer Club Teach Primary Students

Members of the EIS Computer & Technology Club on a mission to teach primary school students how to use computer tablets, coordinated by Thanakorn Suppakarnpanich 11D, President of the Club (middle row holding a certificate). (Below) Members of the club in action in the classrooms.

**By Thanakorn Suppakarnpanich 11D,
President of the Computer & Technology Club**

For the past several months, 36 members of the EIS Computer & Technology Club have been visiting Darakhham School, a public school located about three kilometers from EIS. Their mission was to teach the first grade students how to use computer tablets efficiently.

The aim of this project is to equip students with appropriate technology in order to enhance their learning experience regardless of location, distance, and socioeconomic standing. This would provide equal opportunities for everyone to access learning materials and knowledge as well as foster self-learning. If successful, this would be part of the paradigm shift in the country's educational system.

"To be honest, I did not have high expectations of these students, but our visits totally proved me wrong! As I looked into their eager faces, full of gratitude, I realized that they were not the only ones who learned something. We also have received something precious that will stay with us for a long time," Kachapol Trakulsap 11D expressed.

Tharat Ratanapat 11E, Secretary of the Club, shared the same opinion. "Our visit to Darakhham School was an experience of a lifetime. We were enchanted by the smiles on the kids' faces. We are also extremely proud of what we could achieve in a relatively short time. We hope to find other opportunities to be of service in other communities in the future."

"I would like to thank all members for their whole-hearted cooperation," Tharat concluded.





A Day of Love, Happiness and Kindness

EIS students are giving their all to give joy and happiness to the disabled at the Christian Care for Disabled Children Foundation in Pakkred, Nonthaburi, also known as Rainbow House.

By Dashvin Singh and Ratchanee Janthanit 9D

On Friday, February 15, 2013, a group of students from Grade 9 Health Class went for a field-trip to the Christian Care for Disabled Children Foundation (CCD) in Pakkred, Nonthaburi, also known as Rainbow House. Accompanying the group were Mr. Edgar Tubilag and Mr. Sonny Ronquillo, EIS Teachers, and Mr. Edwin Cotto, Principal for Middle & High School.

CCD has been providing care and support to abandoned children with disabilities since 1986. Their mission is to demonstrate Jesus' love by helping disabled children achieve their highest potential through a holistic approach. CCD aims to provide them with equal rights, opportunities, good quality of life, and full integration into mainstream society. Mr. Edgar took this visit as an opportunity to show his students the realities of life, and allow them to experience and demonstrate compassion and love to those who are less fortunate.

Praevaryn Sucharitachandra 9E said, "When I first saw the children in the home, my heart was touched and filled with compassion. I wish I could help them to be normal like us."

"The children were so different yet similar to us," said Linh Nhi Phan Minh 9C. I could see that they really appreciated our visit. I was happy that all of them enjoyed being with us. They might be disabled but they have potential and talents. The children with cerebral palsy were amazing! They could use their feet to create beautiful paintings!"

Vachiravit Sukonthotok 9A said, "One question kept coming to my mind: why



did their parents abandon them? I was determined on that day to make them as happy as I could."

"I tried to play with every child," said Oraya Denkijkul 9C. "I hugged them and pushed their wheel chairs. This is such a wonderful place where everyone is accepted. I admire all the volunteers who came to help these unfortunate children," she added.

Mr. Edwin Cotto, Principal, summed up the whole experience. "We have witnessed and experienced something that will stay in our minds for a long time. Even though the children are handicapped, they are able in a different way."

"I want to encourage everyone to be thankful for the little things in life, and not take anything or anyone for granted. Our parents deserve our gratitude for giving us a good home and providing us our needs. God has a plan for everyone. We should use our potential and talents for the good of others."

"Special thanks to Mr. Edgar for arranging this wonderful trip and for helping this institution in many ways. This trip was a great experience for all of us." Mr. Cotto concluded.



The Joy of Service

A Community Service by Seniors 2013 to Chiangmai

By Intouch Piticharoen 12C

It was nearly Christmas, but the week beginning December 15- 21, 2012 was anything but carefree for the 86 seniors and nine teachers who travelled to Chomtong Village in Doi Inthanon, Chiangmai to build a concrete wall around a church, teach English in a primary school and give gifts to children.

“I was almost in tears when I discovered that I had to bathe in freezing cold water,” said Sirinna Ruayrinsaowarot 12G. “We slept on the hard concrete floor.”

“It sounds simple to construct walls,” said Samrat Lekhak 12A, “but I was completely exhausted at the end of the day.”

Progress was slow. The task seemed endless.

“To build a 200-meter wall sounds impossible, but the Seniors working together completed the construction on time,” stated Gerardo Simonetto 12A.

“When I looked at the completed wall a wave of both relief and sentimentality came over me,” expressed Tanawat Vimarapirat 12E. “The wall wasn’t simply stones; it represented our united physical efforts and the integrity of our souls.”

Other students went to teach English at a nearby school.

“It was a joy for me to be able to teach simple English to the children,” said Navapa Varapark 12G, one of the student teachers. “They were very eager to learn.”

“I didn’t know I could teach,” Motomi Fukui 12B added. “It was fun and I was glad that I could share my knowledge with others.”

James Wilson summed up the experience of all Seniors.

“I think our experience this week has brought us to a reality that we owe something to the world. We should be able to share not only our money but also our talents and our souls to those who are in need. The wall will forever stand as a testament to our successful rite into greater maturity.”



SC Hosts MUN Conference



EIS delegates to the Ekamai International School Model United Nations.

By Sarun Songpechmongkol 11D

On Sunday, April 28, 2013, the EIS Student Council and our Model United Nations Club (MUN) wrote a new chapter in their joint history when they hosted the first Ekamai-based MUN conference.

The participants role-played as diplomats representing a country in a simulated session of a committee of the United Nation such as the Security Council or the General Assembly. They also researched a country, took on roles as diplomats, investigated international issues, debated, deliberated, consulted and then developed solutions to world problems.

“Ekamai’s MUN was amazing!” said delegate Jung De Castilla from the International Community School. “I thought it wouldn’t be fun, but it was really fruitful and enjoyable.”

The kick starter conference attracted over 150 participants from five international schools: Ruamrudee International School, Ramkamhaeng Advent International School, KIS International School, International Community School and Ekamai International School.

“This is a brilliant platform for EIS to join and merge with the global community,” said SC and MUN club President Suhail Prasathong 12A. “The conference should become an annual one in the years to come.”

Advisers and teachers from other schools also suggested our conference should become part of the chain of conferences that are held every year in Bangkok.

The day ended with bittersweet moments as bonds were created, social media ID’s were exchanged and knowledge was gained all round. We would like to thank the administration and all other parties involved for making this event a massive success.



Delegates from various schools are gathered to witness the opening ceremony of the first ever MUN conference at EIS.



Delegate Charlie Visudharomn 12E confidently proposes a resolution in the Security Council.



Delegate Praevaryn Sucharitachandra 9E questions the credibility of the speech given by a delegate from RAIS.



Delegates and chairs are eager to start the debate procedure in the Economic and Social Council.



EISMUN Secretary General Suhail Prasathong recognizing International Community School for their participation.”



EISMUN Secretary General Suhail Prasathong recognizing Ruamrudee International School for their participation.



“Strength to Challenge”

Senior 2013 Presentation

Seniors 2013 celebrate the conclusion of their studies at Ekamai International School.

By Intouch Piticharoen 12C

Friday, April 29, 2013 was an auspicious day for EIS Seniors. Mrs. Beatrice Kootanasan, Head Sponsor for the Class of 2013, presented 126 seniors to Mr. Harold Dawat, Principal for Academic Administration. These students had completed all the requirements for graduation.

As the senior class marched down the aisle holding their class flowers, each graduate realized that this was a very special day.

The keynote address was presented by Mr. Somchai Chuenjit, President of the Bangkok Adventist Hospital. He challenged each Senior to live up to their motto “Outstanding Success” and their aim “Strength to Challenge.”

In his response speech, Tanawat Vimarapirat 12E, Vice President of the 2013 Class said, “Thank you teachers for guiding us through the years we lived and studied at EIS. We have learned not only knowledge from the books but also from your example.”

The Grade 12 presentation saw smiles of satisfaction since many Seniors had struggled to reach their fullest potential. The memories of bad times were completely forgotten as a unique sense of camaraderie pervaded the hearts of all members of the EIS High School.

“I will certainly miss EIS,” said one Senior. “It has become my second home. I studied here for 13 years.”





Students enjoying the Valentine's Day in the classroom.

Valentine's Day came again to EIS on February 14th. It started, of course, with sweet surprises and ended with a spectacular bang. Once only famed for lovers, this year the EIS event focused heavily on showing appreciation to friends.

Gifts and presents had far more variety than ever seen before. Songs were sung, shouts of surprise were heard and both students and teachers enjoyed the moment. From preschoolers to high school students, each and every person had a look of joy on his or her face. Some wore shirts showing their status and a few even wore shirts declaring their Valentine's dedication to their friends.

As the day progressed, the usual food and drink stalls were opened, but there was anticipation in the air. Music bands played during lunch break and resumed after school. No one wanted to leave that 'afternoon of happiness.'

"I have been here since K3," said a senior. "Valentine's Day this year turned out to be really unexpected and proved that it too, can change for the better."

By Akanksha Sehgal 12C



Guest speakers who came to Ekamai International School on Career Day with members of the Administration and Guidance counselors.

The Guidance Department organized Career Day on Friday, March 1, 2013. It was a day in which students learned about different careers and vocations. Guest speakers were invited to share their working experiences with the students and offered tips on how to be successful in their chosen careers.

The speakers that came were as follows: 1. Ms. Rujira Wanotayan - Engineer, 2. Mr. Sarawut Rujipornpong - Engineer, 3. Dr. Panthip Sudsriwong - Doctor, 4. Mr. Butrpoth P. - Businessman, 5. Mr. Narindr V. - Businessman, 6. Mr. Wanawit A. - Information Technology, 7. Ms. Sarapi Gaston - Translator, 8. Mr. Bruce Gaston - Musician/Singer, 9. Dr. Pintong Penkitti - Dentist, 10. Dr. Sunyarat R. - Psychologist, 11. Ms. Jasnam K. - Psychotherapist, 12. Mr. Nittikorn S.- Airline Pilot, 13. Mr. Pathunyu Y. - Athlete, 14. Mr. Nattapong J. - Engineer, 15. Ms. Araya H. - Finance Manager, 16. Mr. Ekthana F. - Hotel Management., 17. Mr. Jair Parada - NGO

By Mrs. Nipha Khamphato, Guidance Counselor

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Turn Back the Clock Again Alumni Day

The EIS Alumni Association raised Baht 100,000.- for the beginning fund of the newly founded Alumni association. (Below) Alumni are having fun playing and socializing together.

By Sukittima Sukruaycharoen IIE

May 1, 2013 was another auspicious day for the EIS Alumni. Almost 100 alumni from the graduating classes of 1990-2012 came to visit their alma mater.

Turn Back the Clock was the theme again, similar to last year's event, organized by the well-known musician and composer, Mr. Boyd Kosiyabong and his friends.

The group came to present a chapel program reminiscing of their high school years by leading in the song service, followed by a slide show of last year's event and the Alumni Night.

Mr. Richard in his tribute to teachers said, "The most valuable lesson that I learned from EIS was the values that has shaped my life, preparing me for my role in society. No one can deny that EIS teachers had played a major role in the lives of EIS alumni by their example."

Flowers were then presented to teachers by the alumni as a show of their appreciation.

Alumni were delighted to meet their classmates and former teachers again. Games and friendly volley ball and basketball games were organized and played with the current students of EIS in the afternoon.

Both teams demonstrated the spirit sportsmanship and fun during the games.



Alumnotes



Mr. Mahesh Ramchandani

Mahesh Ramchandani (1988), whose nickname is Anil, after graduating from AES, started working in a trading company to gain experience.

In 1991 he took over an export company with his brother under the name, Manila Enterprise, which was originally a family-based company established in 1932. They were able to expand their company by importing products in 1997.

In 2002 they set up a shoe factory as well as going into property development. Mahesh related that although there were ups and downs in the growth of their business, what was important was that, he learned not to lose hope.

He says that even the impossible matters are made possible when one is honest and persistent.

As for his experiences at AES, one of his fondest memories includes becoming the President of the class, working with friends and organizing different projects to raise funds.

He is proud to have been a part of the first class who had their own band named Air Crush Billows. It was a project they considered to be a dream come true.

From his time in AES, he considers friendship values to be one of the most important things he learned. He enjoyed working and spending time with friends, and will always cherish those moments. Presently, he is a happy family man, blessed with three children, ages 6, 12, and 14.



Ms. Pongpen Thampanichvong



Pilot Nittikorn in the cockpit of a Boeing 777

Nittikorn Sanguandeekul (2002) is a commercial pilot and has been working for Thai Airways (TG) for five years.

In 2006 he was accepted as a student pilot and was sent by TG to Bangkok Aviation Center (BAC) at Don Mueang for training. During this period, he flew a Cessna 172 and a Diamond DA-42 in order to attain his pilot license. He also had internal training at TG for one more year, before completing it in 2008.

He started flying commercially for the airline in an Airbus A300-600. He then piloted Boeing 777 beginning 2010.

He took his undergraduate studies in Telecommunication Engineering at the Assumption University. He then worked as a network planner at Siemens Communications, currently known as Nokia-Siemens Networks, before becoming a pilot at Thai Airways.

When asked for advice for students who are interested in becoming pilots, Nittikorn replied “Being a pilot consists of three parts: Attitude, Skill, and Knowledge. As long as you build on these three, your chances of becoming a pilot will improve greatly and attitude is the most crucial of the three.”

He also added, “Proper mental attitude, self-discipline, being responsible, emotional stability, team player, fast

Pongpen Thampanichvong (2005) graduated with a Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration in Marketing from Thammasat University with First Class Honor, Gold Medal Academic Award in 2009.

She is planning to continue her Master Degree in Marketing at EDHEC in France later this year where she will receive an Excellent Academic Scholarship.

For three years, Pongpen worked for Vitamins Consulting & Research Co. Ltd. as a Market Research Analyst, and

learner, open-mindedness, situation awareness, ability to work under pressure, time management, and prioritization are important to succeed as a pilot.”

As for skill, he says “Ability to do multi-tasking and eye-hand coordination are vital. This reflects how well you can control the aircraft and at the same time, react to the environment.”

Nittikorn also recommended exercise, sports and music to develop a healthy mind and body. The ability to speak English is also very essential.

Thai Airways welcomes all applicants with any bachelor degree from any university. However, graduates from an engineering field are highly valued as they have an advantage on the technical part of the examinations. Other than that, he advises students who are interested in applying to come refreshed with a technical knowledge and understanding of the aviation field.

When requested to describe what it means to be a pilot, Nittikorn says “Being a commercial pilot is different from being a fighter pilot. When it comes to flying commercial planes, the main concept is safety and stability.”

He added, “A pilot’s life is also not easy as you have to follow the schedule of the airline which makes it difficult to have your own family schedule.”

one year at Vitamins Solutions Co. Ltd. as a Brand & Marketing Consultant.

EIS has not only given her knowledge but also has brought her up to be a well-educated and responsible citizen. Time spent with devoted teachers and close friends are memorable experiences which she keeps dear to her heart.

Almost all of the members of Thampanichvong family have attended EIS for their primary, middle and high school education.
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Mrs. Apinya Pansuwan (R) and family.

Apinya Pansuwan (1987) is a full time mom and also a freelancer who writes and translates books and articles in magazines. She completed her Marketing Certificate from the University of Colorado in Denver, and is married to Dr. Sarunpong Pansuwan. They have one daughter named Saranya who is currently studying in Grade 6A. Apinya's memorable experiences at our school include morning worships in the classroom, wearing the AES white and blue school uniform, the black and white yearbook pictures with no retouches, and her lovely teachers and friends. apansuwan@gmail.com



Mrs. Amara Srikuruwal and family.

Amara Srikuruwal (1991) is currently an early childhood teacher at Baan Thai Watana Kindergarten. She teaches English to children aged 2-6 years where she focuses on creating an enriching learning atmosphere for her students.

After graduating from EIS, she first completed her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration: Marketing, and then later joined Hawaii Pacific University where she got her Masters of Arts in Teaching English as a Second Language. She went on to also get a Master of Education in Early Childhood from University of Southern Queensland, Australia through their Distance Learning Program.

As a teacher, she has received the Teacher' award for Professionalism from Keera-Pat International School, Bangkok. She also has published an article, "Teaching Stories and Tips from the Land of Smiles," The WORD, Hawaii TESOL Newsletter, February 2003, Volume 12, Issue 2.

As a student at our school, Amara loved the feeling of friendship and unity and feels that her bonding time with teachers and friends has led to endless friendships that still carry on today and into the future.

Amara is married with two children. The older one is a 9 year old boy named Athip studying at EIS in Grade 3, and the younger is a 4 year old girl studying at Baan Thai Watana in Kindergarten 2.



Mr. Butrpoth Pholpipattanapong

Butrpoth Pholpipattanapong (2006) also known to friends as Park, graduated from EIS in 2006. He went on to Thammasat University majoring in Marketing.

During his first year, he decided to work and study at the same time. He wanted to earn extra income to pay for his expenses. He joined Amway as a distributor. After three years, through hard work, he was recognized as the youngest to reach Diamond Rank in 2010, at the age of 21.

After two years of distributing health and beauty products, Park set up his own company named Mighty Twenty. He was only 19 years old when he started and it has been running well for the past six years.

In 2012 he also took a role in their family business, Specialty Tech. Co. Ltd. as a Sale and Marketing Executive.

Being such an admirable young man, he advises others who wants to follow in his footsteps that, it does not matter how old you are when you decide you want to get serious in life. You do not need to wait until you have graduated

from college. Once you decide to take responsibility with your life as well as that of your parents, that is when your life's journey starts.

He says that the most important thing is that you need to know your short-term and long-term goals, and find out your purpose in life. He adds that your purpose in life should be in harmony in all dimensions, with God, your parents, yourself, and the society.

He shares his favorite quote, "My life amounts to no more than one drop in a limitless ocean. Yet what is any ocean, but a multitude of drops?" (David Mitchell, Cloud Atlas)

When asked to recall some of his most memorable experiences in EIS, Park said "I met many life-long friends from the Class of 2010. I also remember my days playing saxophone in the EIS band. I was also on the soccer, volleyball, and badminton teams.

He was the Student Council President in 2010.

He dearly cherishes EIS and considers his alma mater to be a strong influence on who he is now as a person.



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