



**SINGAPORE  
INTERNATIONAL  
SCHOOL**  
*Since 1986*

### VISION

To be an educational institution of excellence from Kindergarten to University Foundation level combining Eastern Values with an International education to produce global citizens.

### MISSION

To provide quality educational programmes in a creative and challenging learning environment, embracing innovative teaching pedagogies to empower every student to become a life-long learner.

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**At Singapore International School we seek to nurture students who are:**

- **Confident and creative individuals**
- **Creative and technical problem solvers**
- **Effective communicators**
- **Culturally literate individuals**
- **Active and informed citizens**



Byungwook Yoo (Erik)-Y7 International receiving Bronze Ward for APMOPS

Dear Parents and Students,

This year we had 6 students from our school that participated in the Asia Pacific Mathematical Olympiad for Primary Schools (APMOPS 2014). This is a very prestigious annual international event with 1000s of participants from countries in the Asia Pacific region. Our school has been competing in APMOPS since 2011 and I am very pleased to announce that for the first time in the school's history one of our students has been awarded a Bronze Certificate. Congratulations to Byungwook Yoo (Erik) from Year 7 International for taking the Bronze Award. I would also like to acknowledge five students who received participant awards: Ng Shuet Yee, Ryan Chow Week Keat, Nguyen Nam Nguyen, Nguyen Huu Minh Triet and Kuchibhotla Siva Akhil.

### Swimming Carnival

On the 17 – 20 of June the school held an Intra School Swimming Carnival where our students competed fiercely in their Houses displaying great team spirit and enthusiasm. It is always wonderful to see our students in high spirits supporting each other. A big thank you to Ms. Siobhan for organizing the event and our dedicated Sport Captains who assisted.

### Table Tennis Tournament

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> of June SIS @ Saigon South hosted a Table Tennis Tournament with students participating from SIS, BIS and ABC International Schools. I am pleased to announce that SIS won the U14 Championship trophy! It was great to see so many students participating in this event and we hope that this will become an annual event with more schools participating next year. A big thank you to Mr. Jacob for organizing the competition.

### Report Collection

Semester 2 reports will be available for parents to collect from the school office from the 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> of July.



Students joining Swimming Carnival



Students practicing for EOYC



**BUI HUU THIEN** (GAC student, 5 years at SIS)  
Business Management, RMIT University  
(Vietnam)

There will be no official parent teacher interviews as these were held during Term 1 and Term 3 this year. However, if parents would like to request an interview with their child's teacher they can do so by contacting the school's administration staff.

As this is the final newsletter for 2013 – 2014 I would like to wish all of our families a very safe and wonderful summer break. I look forward to seeing you all when school resumes on the 18<sup>th</sup> of August.

**Mr. Shane Blood - Principal**

We are building up to our Graduation and 'End of Year Concert' on Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the prestigious Opera House in District 1.

We will congratulate our Prep students who graduate and move into the 'Big' school at the Junior concert and our GAC students at the Senior concert, who have the world as their oyster and embark on a very exciting time of their lives, having finished some 12 years of schooling. The theme for the EOYC this year is '**Broadway**'.

SIS@SS will present 'Snapshots of Broadway' – each class (from K1 to GAC) has chosen a song from a Broadway musical and through song and dance, movement and acting will entertain Management and VIP guests, parents, family and friends. The teachers and students are practicing hard preparing their songs and added to that, the dazzling costumes will enhance the performances. All the students are looking forward to doing their best on stage.

**Ms. Jilda Manson – Deputy Principal**

### **GAC Graduation**

Graduation is the culmination of a great deal of work and a celebration of achievement. SIS@SS is committed to making graduation an unforgettable experience. The end of the GAC program for our students marks the start of a new chapter in their lives. The hard work isn't over for these students as they chase their dreams to study at their chosen universities. These students are now part of our alum and we look forward to hearing about their future successes and triumphs.

This year, the GAC Graduation and Dinner will be held at the Rex Hotel on Monday 7 July, 2014. Graduating students, their parents, friends, past students, Faculty, IGCSE and AS level students attend this evening of celebration.



**TRAN KHANH HOA** (GAC student, 4 years at SIS)  
Business Management, Toyo University (Japan)



**KIM JI WON** (GAC student - 3 years at SIS)  
Multimedia, RMIT University (Vietnam)



**NGUYEN THAI BAO** (GAC student - 7 years at SIS)  
Business Management, Toyo University (Japan)



**HOANG NGOC HOAI THUONG** (3 years at SIS)  
Multimedia, RMIT University (Vietnam)

Mr Antony Choi from ACT Education Solutions, Limited (AES) will also be in attendance to present monetary prizes to the School Dux and Future Star recipients. Graduating students will be presented with their Graduation Certificates then will be able to enjoy dinner and dancing for the rest of the evening.

As well, the 12 graduating GAC students will be presented to the school community at the Senior Concert which will be held at the Opera House on Saturday 5 July..

### **Choosing a university and GAC**

Choosing a university is both exciting and a challenging process. It is never too early to begin thinking about where to study after the final year of school. To make informed choices, students should reflect on their strengths, weaknesses, interests and passions. Students must consider what they want from a university education.

The application process for each university is different. Some universities base admission decisions on official academic results such as GPA's, while others have a more rounded approach by reviewing scores, grades, extracurricular involvement, essays and teacher references. In most cases, all international students whose native language is not English must submit an official Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score.

The GAC Program (Global Assessment Certificate) has **global acceptance**. It is a university preparation program that provides students with the academic knowledge, independent learning skills, English language skills and confidence to enter and successfully complete a bachelor's degree at university. GAC is the only university preparation program that includes the ACT test (American College Test). At SIS@SS, our students will graduate with their high school certificate, a GAC Grade Point Average (GPA), an ACT score, and an IELTS score.

Students completing the GAC program have direct entry to pathway universities when they meet the GPA and IELTS requirements of individual universities. The following website sets out the universities that are GAC pathway universities: <http://www.actinternationalservices.com/en/aes/pathway.html>. GAC Pathway Universities are located in Australia, Cambodia, Canada, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Singapore, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, the United Kingdom, the United States and Vietnam. Students who wish to enroll at a non-pathway university would complete the necessary procedures as set out by the individual universities.

**Ms. Janelle Baker – Deputy Principal**



**CU DINH HUY** (GAC student - 5 years at SIS)  
Business Management, RMIT University (Vietnam)



**NGUYEN GIA KIEU** (GAC student - 6 year at SIS)  
Multimedia, RMIT University (Vietnam)



**NGUYEN TRAN MINH LONG** (GAC student, 6 years at SIS)  
Finance (Scholarship), Oregon State University, (USA)



**NGUYEN THANH TIN** (GAC student - 4 years at SIS)  
Game Development (United Kingdom)

### **Good Luck to our graduating GAC students!**

In the last newsletter for the Academic year, we wish to acknowledge all the hard work that has been completed by students and staff of the senior high school. It has been a challenging, but rewarding year and we saw the successful introduction of Cambridge AS Levels into our school. We welcomed the IGCSE 1 students from Years 8 & 9 who are a happy and lively group of students. Sadly, we must say goodbye to our final year students, the GAC students. These students have studied at our school for three to seven years, and are now preparing for their future study at universities.

The GAC students will be presented with their awards at the Senior Concert, which will be held at the Opera House on Saturday, July 5. As well, the official GAC Graduation and Dinner will be held at the Rex Hotel (District 1) on July 7. This night is the highlight of the Senior High School calendar as all students join together to enjoy the graduation, dinner and dancing. Tickets for each of these events can be purchased from the School Office.

On behalf of the Senior High School, I would like to extend my warmest wishes to all students, parents and teachers. Have a great summer holiday break and we will see you back at school for the next academic year on Monday 18 August.

**Mr. Robert Gayst – Head of Studies High School**

### **Farewell from Mr. Simon Gibson – Head of Study Y5-9**

I would like to take this opportunity to say farewell to all the parents and students of SIS@SS. I will be finishing work at the school at the end of the 2013-2014 academic year. My last day of work will be Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. I have worked at the school for over 6 years and I will be leaving with great memories and of course some sadness. I will miss the students greatly. It has been a pleasure to get to know all the students and parents at the school and I would like to thank everyone very much for their support during my time at the school. I have witnessed the school grow and change and it has been very satisfying to see the academic abilities and results of the students continually improve each year.

The students at SIS@SS are a very fine group of young men and women and I feel immensely proud to have been associated with them for the last 6 years.

I wish them every success in the future.

Thank you!

**Mr. Simon Gibson - Head of Studies Year 5 - 9**



**QUAN CHI HAI** (GAC student - 5 years at SIS)  
Journalism, University of San Francisco (USA)



**LUU GIAI HUY** (GAC student - 5 years at SIS)  
Business, University of New Hampshire (USA)



**NGUYEN LUONG LE BAO** (GAC student, 5 years at SIS)  
Animation, MAGES Institute of Excellence (Singapore)



**Cu Chi Tunnel**

### **K-Y4 Update**

It is coming to the end of the school academic year. All students have been doing their very best in all their studies and have all made progress in many ways. Semester 2 exams are now completed and results have shown great progress for many students since semester 1. So it's on to the End of Year Concert for the students and they are now preparing themselves to showcase their talents. At the concert we also see our preparatory students graduate. These students have been working extremely hard to be ready for their big step towards being a Year 1 student at SIS. Well done to all students.

I wish all the students, parents and community a safe holiday and look forward to seeing the students in the new academic year.

**Ms Kaye Tamarua – Head of Study K – Y4**

### **Integrated Program Update**

One more school year is coming to an end. The school recently organized an excursion to Cu Chi Tunnels. This trip has helped students to learn more about the history of Vietnam during the war. It also makes students love the country and love the peace.

Cu Chi Tunnel is a famous historic place located in Phu My Hung Ward, Cu Chi District. The Tunnel is more than 200km long which was built tortuously underground with rudimentary tools such as hoes, wheelbarrows and trowels.

The tunnel was built deeply underground with 3 levels. The first level is 3m deep, the second is 6m and the third is 8m deep. The height of each tunnel is just enough for people to crouch down while walking.

After the trip, students were very excited, and understand the value of peace more.

**Mdm. Phung Tuyet Minh - Head of Vietnamese Program**

### **Student Council in June**

The Academic Year 2013-2014 has been very busy for the Student Council in terms of charity work. Large sums have been collected to help Operation Smile and, of course, disaster relief in the Central Highlands. The Student Council would like to thank everyone for their wonderful contributions to these causes.

**Mr. Donovan Neethling – Head of Student Council**



Swimming Carnival

### Sport News

It has come to the end of another sporting year at SIS and we must acknowledge all of our sports students who are developing into confident athletes. Congratulations to all coaches who have shown nothing but enthusiasm throughout each season.

#### Table Tennis

There were a few tournaments this month that we cannot depart for the summer without mentioning. First and foremost, Ping Pong! We hosted the U14 and U11 table tennis tournaments here at SIS. Over the two days we had 7 schools participate in the competitions. I am so proud to announce that on both days SIS came out on top and won both competitions. Our two teams were crowned Champions and brought home another trophy for the shelf. Well done to Mr. Jacob and the boys from year 5-9.

#### Football

We finished up the football season with the U11 boys and girls battling out on two good days of matches. The boys put pressure on every team they came up against and made it to the final. They fought hard against tough competition but unfortunately could not bring home a win. However, runners-up is a huge achievement and congratulations. The girls weren't as successful this year with our top striker out with a shoulder injury. The girls played with enthusiasm and skill. Keep up the good work.

#### Dance

SIS took centre stage at the SISAC dance concert this month. Six students from year 5 & 6 took to the stage and performed like super stars! The girls learned a solid dance routine to Taio Cruise "Dynamite" and danced their hearts out. Great performance and thoroughly enjoyable to watch!

**Ms. Siobhan Synnott – PE Teacher**



U14 Team joining Table Tennis Tournament



Students dancing in School Assembly