



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.

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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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Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

We welcome students who have joined the new K1 class. The children have settled in well and are enjoying their learning opportunities under the guidance of Ms Lien, K1 B teacher.

We also welcome our new teachers, Mr Philip who is replacing Ms Julia for two terms while she is on maternity leave, Ms Huyen, replacing Ms Cao Phuong while she is on maternity leave and Ms Hien who is now working with Ms Ngan in the Prep class and last but not least we welcome back Ms Trinh who will be the Year 6 form teacher.

Teachers' Day

We thank our students, parents, the Hoa Hai Peoples' Committee, Agri Bank, Vietnam and the Hoa Hai Police Department for the beautiful flowers and gifts given to us on Teachers' Day.

We appreciate your kind thoughts and best wishes. Our teachers had a lovely day and were entertained by the students in the primary and secondary school in a special assembly on 20 November. We are very proud of our talented students and we greatly appreciated their performances.

Christmas Charity Fair

Students, teachers and parents have been planning for the upcoming Christmas Charity Fair which will be held on Saturday, 13 December from 2:00-5:00pm.

This year we are hoping to raise approximately 100,000,000VND for the charity, Operation Smile, Vietnam and we ask for the support from our entire SIS community to reach this goal.

We would greatly appreciate any contributions from parents which could be in the form of food, drinks, second-hand



New K 1 class enjoying dressing up



Prep children learn about other countries



Fairy princess for a day



Our young students learning to settle in to school

clothes and books.

On Friday, 21 November, several of our parents met to discuss what improvements we can make for this year's charity fair. We will be sending you further information in the weeks leading up to the fair.

Several of our parents have already offered some wonderful donations that will help make this year's Christmas Charity Fair a success.

The students and teachers have decided on the stalls they will be running for the fair.

We look forward to having as many of you at the fair which will help raise funds for a very worthy cause.

Mini Dialogue

Saturday, 15 November, all staff from Singapore International School and Pegasus International UniCollege participated in an annual Mini Progressive Dialogue. The objective of the Mini Progressive Dialogue was to improve rapport amongst staff as well as to give all staff an understanding of the company's operation and strategy plan.

Yours sincerely,

Lesley Walker

News from the Deputy Principal

IGCSE Business Studies Marketing Competition

Singapore International School @ Vung Tau is hosting a Business Studies Marketing Competition that IGCSE 2 students from SIS@ Saigon South and SIS@ Danang are invited to compete on 16-18 January 2015. Teams of three will prepare a marketing strategy for a designated target market and product. For the 2014-15 competition, the target country is Vietnam and the product is "Bayer One a Day Teen Advantage for Him and for Her." Teams are required to give a presentation (maximum length 20 minutes) during which they will present their marketing strategy to a panel of judges. Included in the preparation and presentation are utilization of language, culture, cultural practices and business practices of Vietnam, government regulations, advertising, promotion, distribution, packaging, corporate social responsibility considerations, sales potential and pricing, including a profit analysis. Judges will evaluate the thoroughness of research, creativity, innovation, use of technology, employment of appropriate language and cultural considerations and presentation skills. We wish our IGCSE 2 students luck as they prepare for this competition.



DOET curriculum takes on a practical approach in Physics class



Integrated students Science class



International Science class

IGCSE Examination Dates and Payments

The IGCSE Examinations are a mandatory requirement for the completion of the course and receipt of an IGCSE Statement of Results. IGCSE 2 student will sit examinations from 5 May 2015 to 2 June 2015. These examination dates are set by Cambridge and are held in over 100 countries around the world.

In order to register for the IGCSE Examinations, fees must be paid by 16 January 2015. Late fees will be imposed by Cambridge for late registration.

Cambridge examination fees for the June 2015 series are now due for this academic year.

Uniforms: Shoes

We appreciate the support we have received from parents and are happy to report that most students are now wearing proper shoes that abide by our Uniform Policy from the start of Term 2. As mentioned in letters home, students who are not wearing fully enclosed shoes that are mainly black, grey or white will continue to receive notes from their Form Class teacher and will have to sit on Silent Lunch that day with Ms. Liz until they are wearing the proper school uniform. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support of company policies.

Virtues: Cooperation and Responsibility

Students have been learning about the virtues of Cooperation (Term 2, Week 1 and 2) and Responsibility (Term 2, Week 3 and 4). Students had a competition to create a Cooperation poster in only seven minutes using six items during a Friday Assembly. The posters were displayed in the canteen and the office staff struggled to choose a winner as the 10 different groups made some great posters in the short time provided for the activity. Congratulations to YeJi, Noppy, Winona, Camille, Anh and Anna for the most creative poster that followed all instructions. These students enjoyed a pizza surprise at lunch for their award.

Best wishes,

Elizabeth Henderson



Our wonderful MCs on Teacher's Day



Mathematics class Year 7: New Teaching methods



Message from the Head of Vietnamese Studies Teachers' Day

It has been a productive month with a variety of activities to welcome the 32nd anniversary of Vietnamese Teachers Day (20/11/1982 – 20/11/2014). The students gave their teachers beautiful flowers, gifts and performing arts activities in order to show their appreciation for their teachers. We thank you all for helping us celebrate our special day.

New Teaching Methods

We have commenced the first stage of the Ministry of Education and Training's innovative teaching methods and we can already see some positive feedback. In this method, teachers are the facilitators and students acquire new knowledge independently.

It is a good opportunity to develop students' skills in critical thinking, cooperation and communication through discussions and presentations. Students are excited about the lessons which now require more creative class discussion and practical Science and Mathematical applications.

Ngu Hanh Son District Schools' Competition

Students took part in the Ngu Hanh Son District's Schools' competition with challenges such as: English speaking; swimming and badminton. We congratulated Le Thanh Dat (Year 9) on winning the second prize and Nguyen Le Xuan Tung – Tom (Year 9) on winning the fourth prize in swimming contest; Nguyen Bang Linh (Year 6) who tried her best to come over the first round of the Badminton Contest. Congratulations to Luong Duc Anh (Sam) who won 1st prize for the English speaking competition and Nguyen Nguyen Linh Dan (Enny – Year 7) who won 3rd prize the English speaking competition. Our students will continue to participate in the December competition.

Yours sincerely,

Vu Thi Lan (HOV)

Message from Head of Studies

Global Assessment Certificate Programme

We have begun the first week of the second level of the Global Assessment Certificate program. During level one, the students were introduced to the programme's approach of assessing students using a variety of methods. The students study a given topic then show competence through an individual oral presentation, a written essay, an examination, or a project.



Showcasing our confident students



Announcing Singapore International School's new web site:

<http://danang.sis.edu.vn/>

Several teachers evaluate their work before a final mark is given. The GAC administration sends final marks after the completion of each level.

Level two will continue in this manner, but become progressively more challenging for the students.

Table of Specifications (examination schedule)

Singapore curriculum examinations will last from 12 January through 21 January 2015 and will include International and Integrated students from Years 2 through 9. Schedules were sent out but if you need another, please contact the office.

The examinations for the Singapore curriculum material are being set (written) and vetted (checked) by teachers throughout the SIS system. Teachers are striving to develop excellent tests that will allow students to demonstrate the knowledge they have acquired over the semester

Yours sincerely,

Sally Nymark

**Pegasus International UniCollege News
Afterschool Program "East Meets West"**

For this season, Pegasus International UniCollege has developed an exciting cooking and baking programme for those who wish to start or continue a culinary experience with Pegasus. There are two options to choose.

Option 1: International Culinary class that will take place every Wednesday with a menu featuring foods from Japan, Korea, China, Singapore and Malaysia.

Option 2: Baking/Pastry class every Thursday with its menu featuring pastry and baked foods from Australia, France, USA, Italy and Vietnam.

The program will be started from Wednesday, 3 December, 2014 and finished on 4th February 2015. So please do not hesitate to contact us to register right now at (0511) 3 840 515 or email: enquiry.danang@pegasus.edu.vn

Important Dates:

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| 13 December: | American College Test |
| 13 December: | Christmas Charity Fair: |
| 15-19 December: | Year 1- 9 DOET Examinations |
| 22 December: | Christmas Holidays |
| 5 January: | School Resumes |
| 12-23 January: | Semester 1 examinations |

This month's snapshots

