



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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Dear Parents

On behalf of our students, staff and Management of KinderWorld Education Group we would like to extend our best wishes for good health, wealth and prosperity to all for the Year of the Goat. We trust that the New Year will bring more opportunities and achievements to all.

We have had a busy Term 2 with various projects and assignments completed. Most importantly of course is that our students have worked hard, most of them putting in the extra effort in their learning and we now await their results of their Semester 1 exams.

A few notices:

- 26 to 30 January – Parents Teacher Conferences for Kindergarten students – check letters sent home
- 4 February – Parent Teacher Conferences for parents of Year 1 to IGCSE levels starting at 6:00 pm
- Parents will receive the student's report card on the stated dates above. It is important that parents come and collect the report cards as teachers will discuss your child's progress.

Congratulations to our students who took part in the English Online Competition organized by MOET. We are very proud of Raymond, Year 3 Integrated, who came 1st in the competition!

Happy holidays to our students, parents and staff over Tet.

Dudley Schroeder
Principal



Above: Well done to all our IOE participants. Our students competed against many other students and did really well!



Above: More winners from the IOE competition. See page 3 for more information.



Above: The students from Saigon South present their winning slides.



Above: Vung Tau and Danang students enjoyed hanging out at the beach after a nervous few hours!



Above: Sandcastles in the sky: Here is Kim trying to build a waterway to feed the castle with much needed H2O!

IGCSE Business Competition

Vung Tau played host to the first ever IGCSE SIS interschool business competition. This inaugural event was a joint effort from our schools in Da Nang, Vung Tau and Saigon South. The idea of the event was for the IGCSE2 students to use the knowledge they had acquired over the past year studying Business in a real-life situation. The students were to plan a marketing campaign for the product: Bayer One Day Teen multi-vitamins. They were then to present their findings to a panel of judges, making sure to keep the presentation within the 20 minute time limit. We were lucky to have two judges score the presentations; Clinton Jacob and Michelle Lockett. Clinton has a background in Commercial Law and is a skilled public speaker so he gave the students some great feedback. And our very own Ms Michelle has a Business background and who also gave some great feedback to the students.

A mixture of nerves and excitement from the students made for a very tense atmosphere inside the hall. The fun and games (dodgeball and football) from the previous night were long gone and now it was time for the seriousness of the competition. First to present was Da Nang who had just the one team in the competition. Vung Tau welcomed back Cloe and Hannah Montoya who were previous students at our school and it was great for them to catch up with their old friends. With help from Samuel Lee, Da Nang put together a very good presentation which covered the basic requirements of the presentation and covered some Global Perspectives issues.

Next up was Saigon South who had 3 teams in the competition and were supported by some of the A-Level students from the school. Their presentation was excellent and this was in-keeping with all the presentations from Saigon South. Along with a good explanation of the 4 P's of marketing, they also produced some excellent home-made videos and real, life-size examples of the product.

Vung Tau had 2 teams in the competition, team one consisted of Kim, Jaiden and Rachel (IGCSE 1) and team two consisted of Betty, Uyen and Bill (IGCSE 2). Their presentations were presented with accuracy and confidence and they showed some excellent knowledge in the field of Marketing. This experience has given the students some excellent life-long skills in presenting, which are greatly needed in higher education.



Above: The winners! Saigon South (Team2) were overall winners of the competition. The competition was so close between all the teams but this team just edged it with some great public speaking skills.



Above: Mosaic fun from our Year 1 students.



Above: Students from Da Nang presenting their marketing strategy to the audience of judges, teachers and students.

After the stress and anxiety of giving a presentation, the students were rewarded with a trip to the beach. At the beach they had the chance to relax, chat with new friends and eat some delicious Vietnamese hot pot dishes. They also had a sand building competition and they all got extremely wet and sandy. We also found out who had won the competition: Saigon South (Team 2). Greatly deserved and congratulations to this team and to all the teams who competed. We look forward to next year's competition which may be held in Da Nang.

IOE Results

As mentioned in previous newsletters, some of our Integrated students (SVIS) have been competing in an English on-line competition against other students from schools in Vung Tau. Please find below the results from the competition, they all did extremely well!

Raymond = 1st place (out of 212 students in Year 3 in Vung Tau City)

Kartini = 5th place (out of 248 students in Year 4 in VT City)

Kim = 34th place (out of 224 students in Year 5 in VT City)

Mark = 30th place (out of 219 students in Year 6 in VT City)

Cathy = 52th place (out of 219 students in Year 6 in VT City)

Linda = 127th place (out of 201 students in Y7 in VT City)

Muoi = 96th place (out of 171 students in Y8 in VT City)

Class News

The Year 1 students have been hard at work improving their Math, Science, and English skills. At the same time it is important to work on their fine motor skills during Art time. They have been studying different types of Art including the use of painting, oil pastels, markers, and crayons. Their newest project has been creating a small mosaic of their own. They drew their own pictures and used small pieces of construction paper to "colour" in their mosaics. Though it was not the easiest project, all the students persevered and their work turned out great!

Well done to all of them for doing a great job and we look forward to seeing more work from them.



Above: What the winners of the business competition receive: A trophy, a plaque with the school's name and a medal.



Above: Collaborative sand castle building. It was a beautiful day down at Back Beach, Vung Tau. The task was for the students to create a sandcastle using a very small bucket. The schools were mixed up so new friendships could be made. The idea of the Business Competition weekend was for the students to show off their knowledge and for them to mix with students from the other schools to form new friendships.



School Wide Learner Goals

The final component of our School Wide Learner goals is one that most International schools seek to nurture.

Globally competent students who:

- Understand and respect their own and other cultures.
- Demonstrate good citizenship and social responsibility through serving others.
- Understand the importance of an active and healthy lifestyle.
- Understand and demonstrates a set of universal virtues.

As most of our students, when graduating from SIS, hope to carry on their studies abroad it is important they are globally competent. They need to appreciate and understand different cultures, adapt to them and be able to socialize in situations unfamiliar to them.

One such programme at this school which encompasses all of the above criteria is the IGCSE Global Perspectives programme. The two-year programme opens up a world of opportunity for students to discover and investigate current affairs across the globe. From conflicts in Iraq to gang culture in Vietnam, the course enables the student to think on a local, national and global scale.

Exams

The pressure of the exams is nearly over and the results will be given to the students in due course. The Semester 1 exams tested the students' knowledge and understanding of the material they learned during Term 1 and Term 2. The IGCSE2 sat their mock exams which, although seemed very tough, will give them a good idea of how the final exams will be in May. The class sat all of their exams in the correct examination conditions and they completed all the papers. It was a very long week for this group and they deserve our congratulations for their dedication and hard work.

Important dates:

- **TET Performance:** 05th February from 0930-1130 – please see previous emails for further details.
- **Last day of term:** 06th February – have a great holiday and New Year!
- **Parent Teacher Conference:** 4th February @ 6:00 pm

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