



NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message: Welcome back with more smiles

Dear parents,

Our school begins with more smiles.

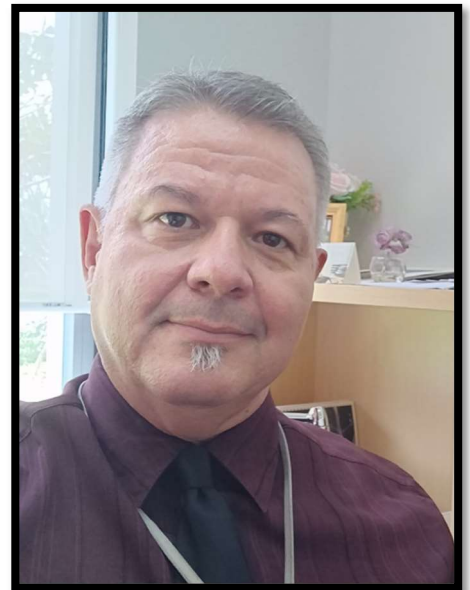
We're smiling because our school has grown. It seems only like it was yesterday that Singapore International School (SIS) opened its doors in Can Tho to 49 wonderful students. This year, we are greeting almost 150 students. Some things haven't changed – the enjoyment on many faces of students as they come to school. Seeing the excitement on students' faces is a true motivator for teachers. The students like coming to school and the teachers like seeing students eager to come to school. It's a win-win situation.

We're smiling because of diverse teachers coming to school. We have brought to our campus more outstanding teachers from Vietnam and from other countries: South Africa, the Netherlands, Turkey, the Philippines, China, etc. The CEO of KinderWorld Education Group, Ricky Tan, has been an adamant supporter of diversity. To become global citizens, today's youth must learn to work with people of diverse backgrounds, various cultures, and numerous lifestyles. At SIS, students are educated by teachers of various ages, races, ethical backgrounds, and so on.

Finally, we can expect smiles from future teachers. In addition to new students and new teachers, SIS is communicating with universities and colleges to develop internship programs for student teachers during their final years of education. These inspiring educators will be offered to join the faculty of SIS and learn about our international approaches of teaching. As we grow, we will continue to bring new educators for our new students.

We're very happy to see everyone back to school. This year will be another good year.

Sincerely yours,
Larry Synclair
Principal



New playground roof means more smiles



Weekly honors to Vietnam



At SIS, we demonstrate our respect to Vietnam with the weekly national anthem written by Vietnamese composer *Văn Cao*. Why? Because a national anthem is a patriotic musical composition that eulogizes the history, traditions, and struggles of its people. For example, the words of this country's anthem says it clearly: *Our flag, reddened with the blood of victory, bears the spirit of the country.*

The majority of national anthems are marches or hymns in style. Countries of Latin America, Central Asia, and Europe favor ornate and operatic pieces, while those in the Middle East, Oceania, Africa, and the Caribbean use a more simplistic fanfare.

Outdoor Fun Begins



**OUTWARD BOUND
VIETNAM**



An Outward Bound Vietnam trip to their facilities in Quy Nhon is planned from September 9th to 14th for Years 6 & 7.

Outward Bound Vietnam operates wilderness programmes using expeditionary learning. Expeditionary learning sees participants engage in a 'learning expedition', which is a journey that utilizes a single means of transportation as the primary vehicle for movement. We must make it absolutely clear: Outward Bound is not an 'activity centre'. As such, each participant engages in endeavours that enhance empathy, success and failure, collaboration and competition, and diversity and inclusion. All these endeavours are grounded in the dramatic environment of the natural world. This course includes tasks such as route planning, menu planning, navigation and exploration, and skills development. It takes place while trekking, and it extends to other areas such as reflective learning and facilitated processes, involving in-depth opportunities for leadership, self-reflection, interpersonal feedback, confidence and decision-making.

Each month, we will introduce a teacher and briefly provide some interesting facts about this person.



Aaran Meusen is new to SIS, but he's no stranger to Can Tho. Although he is from the Netherlands, Mr. Aaran has lived here for four years.

Mr. Aaran teaches P.E. to all grades as well as English and Global Perspectives to Year 10. However, he was also a teacher at several other schools and language schools in Can Tho and Phu Quoc. Besides knowing how to play the drums, Mr. Aaran has also taught Taekwon-do. This Dutch teacher loves history. In fact, he has a Master's degree and a Bachelor's degree in history from Leiden University, which is one of Europe's leading international research universities.





Congratulations to Nguyen Khac Thong, our first winner for this school year. Known to friends as Dan, our Year 10 student comes to SIS as a scholarship champion. Besides having an extensive English-language vocabulary base, he gets along well with his classmates and enjoys acoustic guitar music.



Let the good times
Roll! ...again

