



**SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL VIETNAM
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Supervisory Principals

Greetings!

Our first Alumni Newsletter for the new academic year celebrates the graduation of our fine students from last year, information on their tertiary destinations and new initiatives within KinderWorld.

The photographs of confident and happy graduating students are uplifting and inspirational. Students celebrated the end of secondary schooling and now anticipate the next chapter in their lives. Some have chosen to study in Vietnam while others have been accepted into universities in Australia, Europe and America. We look forward to sharing their stories in future newsletters.

Interesting opportunities for graduates are being provided by PIU in Hanoi and Danang and provide a pathway to jobs in tourism and hospitality.

Remember to send in your stories as this will make the newsletter relevant to our Alumni and enable a long association with your school friends.

Jeanette Fuller and Peter Baker

Supervisory Principals

Accreditation - WASC

SIS is focused on accreditation with the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), one of six regional accrediting associations in the United States. The Commission provides assistance to schools located in America and East Asia.

The accreditation process aims to foster excellence and supports schools in creating the highest quality learning experience they can envision for all students. The Commission grants accreditation to a school based on its trustworthiness as an institution of learning and that student learning is supported by the improvement of programmes and operations.

Four KinderWorld schools (SIS @ Saigon South, Ciputra, Van Phuc and Cau Giay) in Vietnam have secured Candidate Status with the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) in 2012. Three other schools including SIS @ Danang, Vung Tau and Binh Duong New City recently also secured Candidate Status with WASC in May 2014. All SIS Schools in Vietnam are now working through a self-study process as they continue with school improvement to enhance student learning outcomes. We believe that these important changes will assist us in providing the best education for both foreign and Vietnamese students.



COMMENCEMENT OF SINGAPORE VIETNAM INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL (SVIS) @ NHA TRANG

We are pleased to announce that the construction of the first phase of Singapore Vietnam International School (SVIS) @ Nha Trang is now completed. The school is located on a 1.7 hectare land in Vinh Diem Trung Urban Area in Nha Trang city and has just commenced operation in September 2014.



PIU @ HANOI AS ASSESSMENT CENTRE FOR 4 ADDITIONAL VTOS SKILLS

Pegasus Hanoi welcomed an inspection by Vietnam Tourism Certification Board (VTCB) officials in the middle of May. The purpose of this inspection was to assess the capability of Pegasus Hanoi to be an Assessment Centre for another four VTOS (Vietnam Tourism Occupational Skills Standards) skills namely Tour Operator, Tour Guide, Tour Reservation and Tour Agency.

At the end of June, VTCB officially granted Pegasus Hanoi the status of an Assessment Centre for the aforementioned skills. This raised the number of VTOS skills that Pegasus Hanoi can assess students in to 11.



NEW HOTEL INTERNSHIP AGREEMENTS

In April, Pegasus signed 2 more internship agreements with hotels in Danang. These hotels include InterContinental Danang and Hyatt Regency Danang Resort and Spa. By continually cooperating with international standard hotels, we believe this will provide our students an excellent opportunity to gain 5 star experience and skills in the hospitality industry.

SIS @ Danang's First Graduating Students July, 2014

Pham Thi Anh Hang and Dong Ngoc Nhi are the first graduates from SIS Danang. They have been outstanding examples of what a student can do and become through diligence. They sat the IGCSE examinations and successfully completed the GAC program. Both students will study at Houston Community College in Houston, Texas and while Hang will concentrate on business courses, Nhi intends to focus on the sciences so she can eventually be accepted into medical school. Hang's advice for high school students is to keep up on the assignments and don't postpone your work. "Time-management," she laughed.



Pham Thi Anh Hang and Dong Ngoc Nhi
First GAC Graduating students at SIS@Danang (July 2014)

Share your stories!

News will not be hot without being shared! Double the fun by making a contribution to the next edition.

Share your story

Share your story, read what others are doing and join the conversation about creating positive change in the world! Email us with any updates on where you are studying or working and other information of interest.

Support for new graduates

Do you have a Vietnamese student support group in your institution? If so please send their contact information to alumni@sis.edu.vn so we can pass it on to our seniors who are looking at studying offshore.

Further enquiries

Singapore International School Vietnam Alumni Association
Email: alumni@sis.edu.vn



GAC CLASS OF 2014

SIS @ Saigon South

On 5 July 2014, 110 students, parents, staff and past students attended the 2014 GAC Graduation and Presentation evening. This evening applauded the success of the twelve graduating students. Held in the Sunflower Ballroom, Rex Hotel, Ho Chi Minh City, the guests enjoyed the food, music and dancing after the official presentations.

Nguyen Tran Minh Long, the 2013-14 Dux award recipient, was presented with a \$700 scholarship from Ms Gaye Pullyn (General Manager ACT Education Solutions Ltd) and **Luu Gia Huy**, was awarded a \$300 scholarship for the Future Star award. On behalf of the student body, Minh Long expressed his sincere thanks and appreciation to his parents and teachers.



Nguyen Tran Minh Long – GPA 3.6
GAC Dux award – ACT Scholarship
6 years at SIS@SS
Finance (Scholarship), Oregon State University



Luu Gia Huy – GPA 3
GAC Future Star – ACT Scholarship
5 years at SIS@SS
Business, University of New Hampshire (USA)



Mr Shane Blood (Principal) accepted new Library books from Minh Long, on behalf of the Graduating GAC class.



Alumni members: Nguyen Ho Luong Khoa and Nguyen Ngoc Phu

Alumni members Nguyen Ho Luong Khoa and Nguyen Ngoc Phu were honored to attend the graduation of the GAC class of 2014. After graduating in July 2013, Khoa and Phu are both studying Professional Communication at RMIT, Ho Chi Minh City. Ngoc Phu commented that “thanks to the GAC program, we are very well-prepared for the assessments that we have completed at our university. In fact, we feel quite confident with doing presentations and group work as we were trained with these skills while at SIS@SS”.

The graduating students now start their journey, where some students will study in Vietnam, and others will go to America, Japan and Singapore. Proud parents and friends attended the evening to applaud the success of each of the students. It was fantastic to see past students currently studying overseas, return to Vietnam for this special event.



HOANG NGOC HOAI THUONG
Multimedia, RMIT University (Vietnam)



NGUYEN THAI BAO and TRAN KHANH HOA
Business Management, Toyo University (Japan)



KIM JI WON and NGUYEN GIA KIEU
Multimedia, RMIT University (Vietnam)



NGUYEN LUONG LE BAO
Animation, MAGES Institute of Excellence (Singapore)



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CU DINH HUY
Business Management, RMIT
University (Vietnam)



NGUYEN THANH TIN
Game Development (USA)



BUI HUU THIEN
Business Management, RMIT
University (Vietnam)



QUAN CHI HAI
Journalism, University of San
Francisco (USA)



This was a proud moment when the students gathered to officially cut the GAC 2014 Graduation cake.



Congratulations to the SIS@SS GAC Class of 2014!

SIS @ Cau Giay

Dear Alumni Students,

Yet another year has passed and our Alumni group is growing in numbers. I would like to share some information about the 2013-2014 students and their results with you. Congratulations go to the 2013-2014 students who received outstanding results in their exams. The A-Levels and GAC obtained a 100% pass in their course.

IGCSE2 students:

Nguyen Hoang Minh Anh – obtained 6 A*
Khuat Minh Thu Giang – obtained 4 A* and 1 A
Nguyen Phuong Anh – obtained 4 A* and 3 A's
Le Anh Duong – obtained 4 A* and 1 A
Le Hong Giang – obtained 2 A* and 5 A's
Nguyen Dieu Linh – obtained 2 A*'s and 4 A's
Nguyen Long Khanh – obtained 1 A* and 4 A's
Nguyen Tran Viet Phuong - obtained 1 A* and 4 A's

A-Level students:

Dang My Linh – obtained A* in Sociology and A in Biology
Tran Hoai Thanh – obtained an A* in Sociology and A in both Biology and Mathematics

GAC Students – obtained a GPA of 2.6, which is equivalent to an A and above

Do Hoang Giang
Dinh Chau Khanh
Le Ngoc Linh
Nguyen Dat Thinh
Roxanne Els

Whilst we are sad to see our students leave there is no doubt that the next chapter of their lives will be an exciting one. Their teachers and I have always had faith that, with hard work and determination, the sky would be their limit. They've truly demonstrated that by securing places at some of the most renowned universities in the world.

A- Levels:

My Linh and Nam will soon leave to study International Relations in the UK at London School of Economics and Political Science and the University of Southampton respectively. Han has already begun her studies at Les Roches International School of Hotel Management. Thanh will spend the next few years at the Korean University in Seoul having earned a scholarship to study Civil, Environmental and Architectural Engineering there. Tung will stay a little closer to home, studying Finance in the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology in Ho Chi Minh City. Ruwanka and Michele have yet to decide what they would like to study and which city to call home for their university years but we have no doubt they'll go far. We wish them all the best in their future and look forward to seeing them next June when they return home after their first year at university.



I am equally proud of our GAC students.

Do Hoang Giang achieved a scholarship to study at British University Vietnam,
Roxanne Els has been accepted into the Blue Mountains Hotel School in Sydney, Australia,
Nguyen Dat Think has been accepted to study Business Management in Lahti University, in Finland
Nguyen Trung Hieu has been accepted into the New York Film Academy, in California

Not only have all of you received an excellent education which has prepared you for University, but you have formed lifelong friends and bonds that won't be broken easily.

We appreciate hearing from you students and your occasional visits to SIS when you return for your annual holidays.

The graduating Class of 2014, along with their teachers and parents, celebrated the achievement of this milestone together at the Keangnam Landmark 72, Floor 71. The views were spectacular as were the graduates. Many tears were shed during the evening and some of our Alumni students joined us for the event. Hopefully, we will have more students join us for the 2014-2015 graduation ceremony.

We wish all of the 2013-2014 students an exciting year and look forward to your stories and photos.

The A-Levels visited the school recently before they scattered around the world.

It is with great sadness that I would like to inform all of the Alumni students of the passing of Dr. Deoraj Narine. He died peacefully in his sleep on the 16th of September. He was a respected teacher and wonderful friend and colleague to all of us. Dr. Raj was always smiling and had a devious personality, finding humour in every situation. He often spoke of the students he taught. He will be truly missed by all.

Warm Regards
Lorraine Els
Principal



Two GAC students translating the message from Ms Els into Vietnamese



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A Levels Graduating class



GAC Students with their form teacher Mr Wade



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A-Level students with their form teacher Ms Higgins



Graduating class with their gifts from Student council