



**SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL VIETNAM  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

# **NEWSLETTER**

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## Message from Supervisory Principals

Greetings!

This will be our last newsletter for this academic year and what a wonderful opportunity it has been to share news and success stories with you all.

Our students are certainly equipping themselves with knowledge and competencies that open doors to higher learning institutions around the world. Remember to let us know where you are and how you are getting along.

We are impressed with the individual talents of students featured in this edition and look forward to reading about more success stories in the future.

KinderWorld is expanding to provide more opportunities for students with new schools, cross border initiatives as well as post schools opportunities in hospitality, tourism and culinary arts through Pegasus International UniCentre.

If you will have a summer break we hope you find fun and relaxation.

Jeanette Fuller and Peter Baker

***Supervisory Principals***

## Continuous Development

### **Singapore Vietnam International Academy Multi Level School @ Nha Trang SIS Super School @ Gamuda Gardens, Hanoi**

We are pleased to inform you that KinderWorld's Singapore Vietnam International Academy Multi Level School at Nha Trang is now under construction. Singapore Vietnam International Academy Multi Level School at Nha Trang will be ready to receive valued students from this September.

In Hanoi, mass piling work of SIS Super School @ Gamuda Gardens is completed and the school will commence its operations in the second Quarter 2015.



Singapore Vietnam International Academy  
Multi-Level School @ Nha Trang



SIS Super School @ Gamuda Gardens,  
Hanoi

### **Cross Border Campus**

KinderWorld Education Group has furthered its plans to provide SIS high school students with an opportunity to live and study overseas with the submission of an application to the Queensland Government to operate an International Education Institution in Brisbane, Australia.

The purpose of the Cross Border Campus initiative is to help students develop high levels of cultural intelligence and international skills to ensure they are well prepared for university study abroad and to equip them with the skills necessary for success in an international work environment. To achieve this, KinderWorld plans to operate a satellite campus in Brisbane so that groups of our students, accompanied by our teachers, will be able to experience life overseas while continuing their normal school programme.

Our Brisbane campus will operate in the same way as our schools in Vietnam with our teachers conducting classes according to the normal school timetable. In addition, rich cultural activities will be organized to help students learn about and understand Western cultural differences.

The Cross Border Campus initiative is an exciting opportunity for SIS students that will further support our educational approach of Eastern Values, Western Education, Global Citizens.



# Hospitality opportunity offered by Pegasus International UniCentre (PIU)



Pegasus International UniCentre at Danang

## The Opening of Pegasus International UniCentre (PIU) at Danang

Pegasus, the professional training arm of KinderWorld was established in 2011 in Hanoi, followed shortly thereafter by the much anticipated development in Danang with the opening of Pegasus on a 5.1 ha landsite in the Phu My An New Urban Area in 2013. The primary educational focus of Pegasus is in hospitality, tourism and culinary arts along with the delivery of English language courses, particularly functional hospitality English. Pegasus also provides training in areas of business and commerce along with teacher professional development.

## Vietnam Tourism Occupancy Standard (VTOS) Training

The Vietnamese Pegasus International UniCentre (PIU), Danang successfully hosted training courses in Restaurant Operations and European Cuisine based on the Vietnam Tourism Occupancy Standard (VTOS) from 6 January to 17 January 2014. These were provided as a complimentary offering to four and five-star hotels and resorts in Danang City and Hoi An Ancient town such as Hyatt Regency Danang Resort & Spa, Crown Plaza, Furama Resort, Grand Mercure and Palm Garden Resort. The courses enabled staff to experience the VTOS program and practice with the modern training facilities of PIU, Danang.



**Restaurant Operations practice period** in the VTOS  
Training from 6th – 17th January 2014



Open Day 2014 in Hanoi

## Open Day in Hanoi 2014

On the 9 March 2014, Pegasus participated in the Open Day at Hanoi University of Science and Technology. This event is held annually by TuoiTre Newspaper and MOET to provide enrolment consultation and career orientation to high school students all over the country. This is the second year that Pegasus has participated and like the previous year, our booth attracted thousands of visitors asking for information on the courses, and enjoyed our food and beverage demonstration.

### SIS @ Saigon South – Congratulations to Triet Minh Pham

In May, 2014, Triet graduated from Indiana University with a Bachelor of Arts with Honors in Political Science and a Minor in Philosophy. Triet's cumulative GPA is 3.94 and his major GPA is 3.98.

Throughout his study at the university he has been recognized for the following distinctions:

- 2013 Pi Sigma Alpha Membership at Indiana University, Bloomington
- 2013 Wendell L. Willkie Scholarship at Indiana University
- 2012 Indiana University Founders Scholar for Exceptional Academic Work

Triet attended Singapore International School @ Saigon South (Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam), graduating from the GAC for the South-East Asia region. This was a fantastic accomplishment and a credit to a tenacious, hard-working student.

After leaving Vietnam to study overseas, Triet completed 26 credits in Liberal Arts at the Ivy Tech Community College, Bloomington, IN (2010-2011). He received a cumulative GPA 4 with his major in Political Science and Philosophy.

Triet is particularly interested in International Relations, and his Honor Thesis was titled "Escaping the Constraints: A Focus on the UN Security Council to Explain the United States Use of Force". This thesis was sponsored by Professor and also Director of IUB West European Studies Timothy Hellwig.

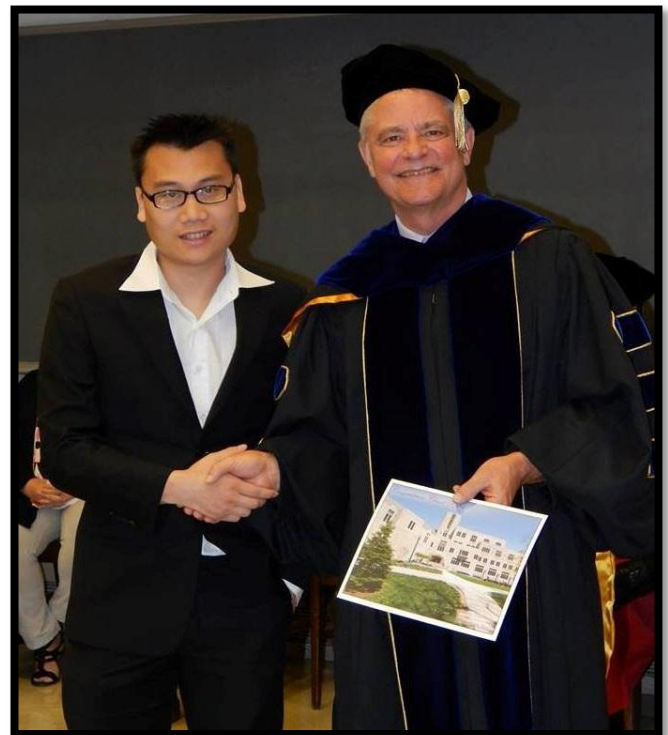
Future plans for Triet are to complete his Master's Degree in International Relations and then to continue with the Doctorate program. Academic research is a passion for Triet, and if given the chance he will study foreign and security policy of Southeast Asian countries in the context of economic dependence on other superpowers.

Next year, it is Triet's intention to apply for a job or internship in Washington D.C.

Triet is a hard-working, committed student who always takes up the opportunity to challenge his mind. When he was only 12 years old, one of his English teachers told him to begin reading global news articles to learn English. It was a challenge for a 12-year-old student to comprehend global issues in a foreign language at that age, but his determination to succeed came into fruition. During the GAC program and college years, Triet usually received positive remarks from faculty members for his well-written and highly-organized papers. Parallel with the curricular requirements, he finds it interesting to read academic journals purely for the sake of knowledge expansion.

As well as completing his degree, Triet has spent three years studying the German language. He is now intermediate level in speaking and listening and advanced level in reading and writing.

Congratulations to Triet, and we look forward to hearing more from this young man.



The Chair of Political Science Department and Professor Russell L. Hanson congratulates **Triet Minh Pham** on his successful achievement of the Bachelor Degree with Honors in Political Science

## SIS @ Cau Giay

Dear Alumni Students

We are now entering our final stage of the examinations. The IGCSE2 students wrote their last examination today on 2 June, the AS, A and GAC students finished on 11 June.

This is now an exciting time for them as they are all scurrying around to find the most suitable University. I am very proud to announce that the following students have already been accepted into Higher Education.



**Nguyen Dat Thinh (GAC)** has been accepted to Lahti University of Applied Sciences in Finland. Thinh plans to study Business Management.



**Nguyen Trung Hieu (GAC)** has been accepted to the New York Film Academy based in Los Angeles. Hieu will study for his Bachelor of Fine Arts in Filmmaking.



**Roxanne Els (GAC)** has been accepted into Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School in Australia and will receive her Bachelor of Arts degree.



**Nguyen Ngoc Han (A-Levels)** has been accepted to Les Roches International School of Hotel Management in Switzerland.



**Tran Hoai Thanh (A-Levels)** has been accepted to the University of Leicester, the University of Glasgow and Lancaster University all in the UK. Thanh is still deciding which university she will enroll in to study business.



**Dang My Linh (A-Levels)** has been accepted to the University of Warwick, the University of Bristol, the University of Edinburgh, the University of Manchester and the London School of Economics where she plans to study.

This brings us to the graduation and concert. Our graduation will be held on 21 June 2014, at 5pm - 9pm. This event will take place at the Keangnam Landmark 72, Floor 71. The ticket price is 750,000 VND which includes a Buffet style dinner and 1 glass of wine or soft drink. Should you wish to attend, please e-mail Ms. Higgins on [louise.higgins@caugaiay.sis.edu.vn](mailto:louise.higgins@caugaiay.sis.edu.vn) as we would be honoured if you could join in the celebrations of the class of 2014.

Our end of the year concert will be held at the NCC on 28 June at 6pm, please contact Ms. Hoa, our receptionist should you wish to purchase tickets to attend.

If you are in Hanoi we would love to hear from you.

Warm Regards

Lorraine Els

## 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](mailto:alumni@sis.edu.vn) so we can pass it on to our seniors who are looking at studying offshore.

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