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## Spiritual Emphasis Week

Once again, it is Spiritual Emphasis Week here at AIMS. It is a time of spiritual discovery and learning. It is also a time set apart to learn more about our Creator and our God. The Spiritual Emphasis Week was held from March 20 to 24, 2017.

Through out the wonderful week, the grades 1-6 have experienced spiritual development by learning values through the story of Noah. Teacher Nella Laing Pedragosa, former teacher of AIMS, was the one who led out the Spiritual Emphasis Week last Mar. 20 to 24, 2017. The students learned precious and important values such as obedience, trusting and fearing God, standing for the right, and continuously thanking God. The children were also able to participate in Bible readings and in singing. Moreover, they were able to exercise the ESLGs through leading out of various parts of the program.

Mr. Garth Hibbert, VPSA of AIU, was the speaker for grades 7-12. Through his presentations, the older students were able to think upon and gain answers to general questions about life, such as: 'why do the righteous suffer?', 'why do the wicked prosper?', and many other important questions we have in life. The older students were also involved in leading out in song service, prayer, and in special numbers. The Spiritual Emphasis Week was indeed a blessing to all students.



By: Harim Ji

# From the Administrator's Desk

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Dear Parents,

As we come to the close of school year 2016-2017, we were blessed to experience some significant events. A kindergarten extension building we can be proud of was completed in January. Our WASC visit in March was successful and we were granted a new six-year term. Our next visit will be in 2023. We welcomed students from China to AIMS. They were often harassed in China because they are Christians. We thank God for the religious freedom in the Kingdom of Thailand, and the gracious and kind spirit of the Thai citizens.

The junior class hosted a beautiful Junior/Senior banquet for the 2017 seniors. We will miss these students, many of whom have attended AIMS since kindergarten. They have matured into noteworthy young adults. We wish them Godspeed.

I would like to thank our parents, teachers, staff and students who helped to make this year successful. Of course, we are always striving to improve. We must always keep our mission, that of academic excellence and strong spiritual and moral values foremost.

Our vision is to be the best in both of those aspects of our mission. To these ends we will be working in the next few years to provide more rigorous academic programs and instructional delivery to help students. In 2018 – 2019, the science program will offer advanced physics. This year the English Curriculum Review Committee reviewed and updated the English curriculum standards, schoolwide, and have submitted a proposal for advancing the curriculum based on research of current practices. The English department has added IXL, computerized English learning and Read Theory, an electronic reading program to increase vocabulary and reading comprehension, as well as Fast ForWord, a software that improves English language acquisition skills. Student feedback shows that students find the programs are helping them improve their language arts skills.

Please take note of the upcoming events:

Parent/Teacher Acquaintance Day	August 7
New Parent Orientation	August 7
School year 2017-2018 begins	August 9

# Songkran

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Songkran is not only the Thai New Year festival, but also the water festival! The Thai New Year's Day falls on the 13th-15th of April. Thai people did not celebrate the water festival this year due to the loss of Thailand's late King "King Bhumibol Adulyadej". A year-long period of mourning was subsequently announced and all festivals should be held minimally.

On April 7, 2017, we had a Songkran Program at Adventist International Mission School. Everyone was assembled at the basketball court. The program started at 8:30 a.m. and ended at 9:00 a.m. It was much shorter and simpler than the previous years. Students were brought up to wai the teachers and get blessings from them.



By: Prachayanee Chueamsuwanna



# Science Fair

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This year's Science Fair was once again, just as spectacular as the past years. The fair was held on three different days, April 21, 26, and 28. Each and every students from all levels had put so much effort into their projects and showcased them for everyone to see.

To start off the Science fair, everyone was gathered at the basketball court for the opening ceremony. Just like the past years, teacher Kwanga and the seniors demonstrated some cool experiments in front of all the teachers and students, which once again, had put us in awe.

The preschool and the kindergarten had a Science Fair in the theme of "The 5 Senses". Each classroom was divided into different senses and there were games related to those topics. The elementary students also had different themes such as "Cave Quest", and "The Four Seasons". The high school students also did a marvelous job with their research and experiments, earning them ribbons for their project.

Once again it was another great Science Fair. Everybody will be looking forward to another one that will be just as great as this year's!



By: Natthacha Chaichana



# AIMS Church

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AIMS Church was held on April 29, 2017. The program was led by the Beacon of Hope Ministries and the AIMS Salt Shakers Club. The theme for that program was “Teach Me How To Pray”. During the Sabbath School program, the Beacon of Hope Ministries talked about their recent Mission Trip to the border of Thailand. They shared their experiences and skills they have learned from the people there.

For the Divine Service, the Salt Shakers Club presented a skit where they showed the congregation how to pray truly. They also demonstrated us examples of how the people of the world pray. In the end, we learned that praying should be sincere - coming from our hearts. After the program, there was a potluck for the teachers who were leaving from AIMS.



By: Denny Jun Abragun

**“WE DON’T JUST TEACH, WE BUILD CHARACTERS”**

# Field Trip to KidZania

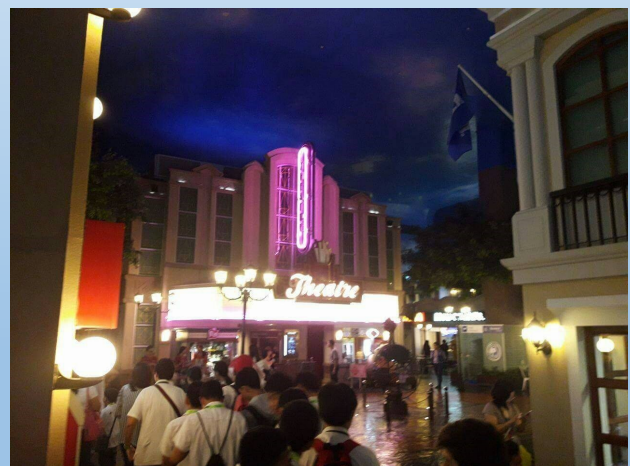
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On May 2, 2017, the grades 7 went to KidZania (located in Siam Paragon). When we got there, the staff gave us brief information about the place. Entering the place was quite awesome because it was like a dream world.

Upon visiting KidZania, all children received a check of 50 kidZo, which could be exchanged for cash at KidZania Bank located at the City Square. We had to work in order for us to have money and to be able to use it. We got to choose our own jobs such as dentists, doctors, stylists, barbers, C.S.I., and much more.

There were different kinds of factories in KidZania. Some of the factories were milk, tea, nut, and Coca Cola factory. In order to enter the factory, we had to pay using our kidZos we earned.

We all had so much fun and we had an awesome experience to get to learn how to do different kinds of jobs. We knew the purpose of coming here is to outgrow our ability to be active members of the community.



By: Nisawara Wareewarach



# Pathfinder and Adventurer Investitures

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The Adventurer Club of AIMS had worked and learned all throughout the year, and they finally had the time to be congratulated and invested of all their accomplishments. The Investiture Ceremony was held on May 19, 2017 in the AIMS basketball court.



All Adventurers were gathered and lined up in the basketball court. They were organized in their units; 8 units for the boys and 9 for the girls. The student commander, Angelo from grade 4, along with his team led the Adventurers in the opening ceremony.

The Helping Hands Class led out the Special Number. Then, MG Naltan Lampadan, the guest speaker of the program, shared the message of God to the Adventurers.

Furthermore, some special presentations by the Adventurer Club. A skit was wonderfully performed by the Sunbeam Class, a song interpretation was presented by the Busy Bees Class, and finally the Builders Class performed a shadow performance.

The Presentation of honors and pins were next in the program. 32 candidates from the Busy Bees and Sunbeam Class were invested, along with 34 Builders and 29 Helping Hands.

Mrs. Foster, AIMS Administrator, gave a charge to the invested Adventurers. 'Pass It On' was sung as the closing song and the closing prayer was offered by MG Norie. Student commander, Angelo then led in the Mizpah prayer.

The Pathfinder Club of AIMS also had an investiture ceremony on May 12, 2017. They had a simple yet meaningful ceremony. The Pathfinders were awarded their pins and honors in response to their hard work throughout the year.

The Adventurers and Pathfinders deserved the awards and honors which they worked on diligently throughout the whole year.



By: Harim Ji

# Graduation

The day had finally come. May 31, 2017, the 17<sup>th</sup> Commencement Exercise of Adventist International Mission School had finally come. The seniors and the kindergarten graduates have worked so hard throughout the year, and finally, the day had come when their hard work and achievement will be rewarded and acknowledged.

The program started at 10 A.M. in AIU Church. Mrs. Marilyn Acosta was the Master of Ceremony. The graduates started to march in with great pomp and valor. The king's anthem was then sung by the congregation, and it was followed by an opening prayer.

A welcome remark was rendered and it was followed by a special song by the kindergarten graduates. The cute and little graduates sang, "Thank You" to honor and appreciate the sacrifices and hard work of their parents and teachers. Afterwards, the commencement address was given by Dr. Alfredo Agustin, dean of Religious Studies, AIU. Then, the graduating class, led by the vice-president, Prin Siripattanakul, gave a response to the message they have just heard. Then the speaker gave a special prayer for the graduates.

The next part of the program was then followed by the presentation and the awarding of certificates and diplomas. Mr. Pramot Seankla, the Director of the Office Saraburi Primary Education Service Area 2, Mrs. Patricia Foster, AIMS Administrator, and Mrs. Luzviminda Abragan, AIMS registrar were involved in the presentation and the awarding of the certificates and diplomas. Each and every kindergarten and high school graduates went up the stage and received their diplomas and certificates with a big smile. Behind their success, was of course the sacrifice and love of their parents.

In appreciation to the parents and teachers, the graduates gave a tribute to their teachers and parents. Each graduate was given a small token of appreciation to give to their dear parents and their teachers. It was an emotional period of the program as many graduates shed some tears of gratitude. The graduating class also prepared a class gift, which was to be given to the school.

The class president, Warut Im-erb, then addressed the farewell speech, the highlight of the program. Many tears were shed, for it marked the end of the high school graduates' time together. Then the senior class rendered a wonderful song entitled, Gift of a Friend. The song indeed showed what 'real friends' meant to them. Also, as they were singing the song as a class, with arms around each other, the seniors clearly showed the audience that they were 'real friends' to each other.



The graduating class of 2017 was a wonderful batch. For the kindergarten graduates, we wish them greater success in their higher level of learning as they enter grade school. For the high school graduates, we wish that they will all succeed in whatever they do in their lives. The 17<sup>th</sup> Commencement Exercise of Advent-ist International Mission School was indeed a memorable program.



By: Harim Ji

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# Gift of Appreciation from the Graduates of 2017



The Seniors gifted the school three stone benches that were built beside the pathway near the library. Students and teachers can sit down and watch the activities that take place on the field.

By: Natthacha Chaichana

## AIMS's Football Field

The renovation of the football field at AIMS is finally completed. The field is now flat and green, providing a safe and wide area for students to play. The green grass gives great aesthetics to the school, making it look safer and more enjoyable for the students. Various sports and activities can now be conducted on the field. However, it is the duty of the students to take care of the grass and maintain the condition of the field.



By: Prachayanee  
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Aurora (Grade 10)



Jack (Grade 12)



Jan (Grade 10)



Please (Grade 10)



Tangmo (Grade 11)



Fluke (Grade 11)



Paul (Grade 12)



Dao (Grade 10)



Denny (Grade 11)



Harim (Grade 11)



Jay 2 (Grade 10)



Naan (Grade 10)



Fluke (Grade 12)



Ben (Grade 12)



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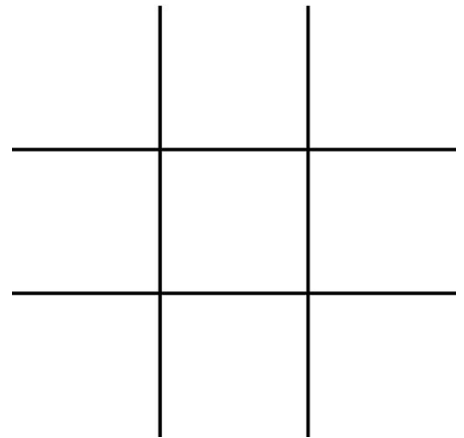
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