



# FOOTPRINTS

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## Editorial

### New School Year, New Beginning!



Jadequin Watthanachai, Editor, Footprints

Since this is the first newsletter of this school year, the *Footprints* team is extremely excited.

It is a privilege and a massive honor to be the editor of "FOOTPRINTS," our school's very own newsletter. Before we get into more details, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Jadequin Watthanachai, a tenth grade student. Since this is the first newsletter of this school year, the *Footprints* team is extremely grateful and excited. We are highlighting some of our school programs like Mother's Day and Wai Kru Day. In addition, we have also included new topics like Teacher's Corner and Student of the Month.

Focusing on what I observed and assumed our school should improve the quality of the basketball court. I usually go out and play with my friends at lunch break and afterschool. I noticed that the painting is coming off and it causes students to slip and may lead to severe injuries. I suggest the court should be rebuilt with a higher quality material in order to keep the facility safe for students and even teachers.

There are more items to be covered, and they will surely be done in the next issue. We also look forward to hear from you as to how we can improve the quality of the *Footprints*.

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## AIMS Welcomes the Family for a New Beginning

by Edgar Walemba



Welcome AIMSTERS! We are so happy that you are joining us at the Adventist International Mission School for the 2019-2020 school year. For all the new students, welcome to our school and we hope you enjoy and develop as excellent students. AIMS values her students and treats them like a family, and we hope that you can stay here and feel like a part of this big family. To our returning students, welcome back

home, and we missed you and we know you're ready for this school year. We, the *Footprints* crew, wish you the best and hope we can keep you updated with what's happening around the school and what's to come. Have a great school year!

### From the Administrator's Desk



Mrs. Patricia Foster

Dear Parents,

Each year we progress a little more, and by making changes we hope to improve our delivery of education and better fulfill the expectation of our mission statement.

This school year there will continue to be a special emphasis on teaching strategies based on the latest educational research and the English language skills of our students. This is the second year teachers have spent a week, seven hours each day, studying instructional strategies.

On their last visit, our WASC visitation team commended us on the good work our teachers are doing in implementing strategies to improve our English program, but they also advised that since the majority of our students are English language learners we must continue to strengthen their English language skills.

As a result, last year, we began an English Language Skills Pull-out program to assist those students who need extra help with their English learning. We will also continue to offer advance science and math subjects which includes the university level physics classes at Asia-Pacific International University (AIU).

### From the School Director's Desk



Mrs. Janejira Jaroonsang

Greetings teachers, parents, and our beloved students, welcome to a place where you could call home. Since these are the first days of new school year 2019-2020, leave last

school year behind and start over. I would like to wish you students all the best. Remember that diligence is the key to gaining knowledge, and with knowledge you will not only be wise but also become good citizens. Therefore, a path to success starts from your first step, and let this school year be our first step as we move forward together.

I would again like to welcome our new and returning parents to this new 2019-2020 school year. We would also like to express our appreciation for the special way in which our AIMS parents support and encourage us. Please come and visit our renovated art room and sick bay.



**Don't let influenza influence you. Wash your hands at all times.**



**"We don't just teach,  
we build character"**

# Footprints Honors Teacher Tad, the Longest Continuously Serving Teacher at AIMS



by Jadequin Watthanachai

**T**eacher Rujarin Veerawong is known to students as teacher Tad. Teacher Tad has been with us for the last nineteen years. Currently she is teaching Thai from grades 8 to 11.

While talking to the *Footprints*, teacher Tad said, "I would like to bring up a topic that might be overlooked by most teachers; that students should be taught life skills and the right character and mannerisms.

She further said that it is as important as academic knowledge. Nowadays our society is filled with stress and problems teachers should prepare students for their future. On the other hand, she assumes that students in our school comes from a good family and students should strive to get good grades and earn a good reputation for themselves.

As a closing remark Teacher Tad said, "I notice that some students could do better and some are trying very hard to improve, and I am very proud of each and every AIMS student."

## Teacher Lynnie Retires

by Joash Naag & Pongsapak Yopinta

**A**fter offering 15 years of sacrificial service to AIMS, Teacher Lynnie decided to call it quits. Her career at AIMS has truly been remarkable. Her job as a music teacher built a foundation on what it truly means to be a leader. She came to AIMS on August 2004, served AIMS until July 13, 2019, and had been loyal to her duty. Her dedication for her years of service will forever be remembered by AIMS. She said that she now has more quality time to spend with family and friends; and a great relief is how she describes her retirement. She will forever be missed!



## AIMS' STAR

### Thanabodee Worakul Wins Gold Medal

by Joash Naag

**O**n August 11, 2019, Thanabodee Worakul, a grade 3 student from AIMS won a gold medal in the final of the 14<sup>th</sup> World Math-fusion Olympiad. The competition was held at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok.

Nearly 200 hundred students from Thailand, and also from other countries like China, Canada, Vietnam, Australia, Korea, Indonesia, United Kingdom, Malaysia also took part in the competition.

Initially known as World Mathematical Olympiad (WMO) was updated to World Math-fusion Olympiad. With activities closely related to science, technology, engineering, and art elementary and middle school students attend this global math competition.

WMO breaks traditional math format by challenging contestants to apply creative and integrated methods to solve problems that focus on border-crossing thinking through interesting and creative activities.

## World Math-fusion Olympiad



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# Mothers Honored!

by Jadequin Watthanachai



AIMS joined the people of Thailand to celebrate the Mother's Day to commemorate Her Majesty the Queen's birthday on the second day of the new school year. The event was celebrated at the basketball court after the flag raising ceremony as all the AIMS students wore blue shirts, the color which represents Her

Majesty the Queen. The whole school joined in singing the Queen's anthem to honor the Queen and the mothers of Thailand. Then poems were recited by students. Lastly, the closing prayer and remarks from Mrs. Forster summed up the Mother's Day program.

## AIMS Pays Tribute to Teachers flowerfully!



by Joash Naag &  
Jadequin Watthanachai

AIMS' students gathered together to commemorate the teachers of our school. The program consisted of a ritual of giving *phan* and flowers to the teachers to show our appreciation for all their efforts in educating us.

Wai-Kru day at AIMS was held 29 August this year, and every grade had two representatives to come in

front and give a decorated *phan* filled with flowers, candles, and incense to the teachers, the students kneeled down and handed the *phan* to the teachers, the teachers gave blessing through prayer.

After the prayer, Fah presented a poem about the teachers. Then Mrs. Forster closed the program with a prayer. The demonstration of this ritual reminds us to always appreciate and love our teachers.

## Wasp attack!

by Yi Hang Zhou

In August there was a wasp attack at the playground. A group of five students got stung. However, the injuries were minor and not that severe. The school nurse Mrs. Kristadaporn Lekasawan immediately contacted their parents and the students were taken to the hospital. Nonetheless, the situation is not all that serious, and the students received their medicines and went home.



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# AIMS Welcomes New Maestros

by Edgar Walemba



**Mr. Kevin Karl B. Romano**

Physical Education Teacher



**Ms. Nattharika Waleesila (Bambie)**

Kindergarten Teacher



**Mr. Sodsai Thadchai (Sodsai)**

Thai class Teacher



**Ms. Samira Valencia Yucra**

Spanish Teacher



**Mrs. Pranee Kamthornpitak**

Kindergarten Teacher

Every year AIMS is privileged to have new teachers, and this school year also it's the same. The above are among some of the teachers who joined us, and Footprints joins the School to welcome them.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL UNIFORM

GRADE 1 TO 8



HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM

GRADE 9 TO 12



## AIMS Launches Its own

### Research Journal—AIMSTER

#### AIMS towards Excellence in Research

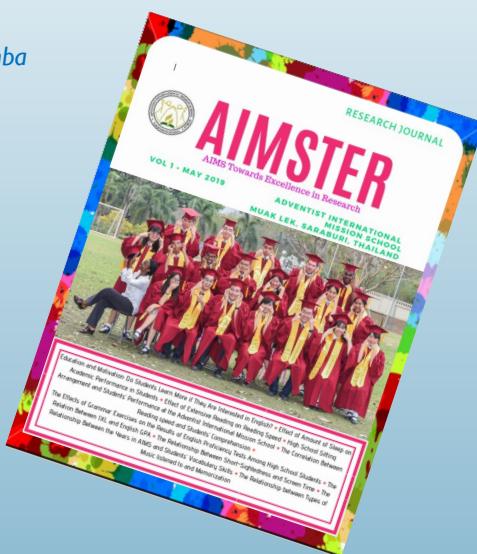
by Yi Hang Zhou & Edgar Walemba

Seniors of 2018-2019 school year along with their English teacher Mr. Joy Kuttappan produced AIMSTER, the research journal of AIMS. By producing the journal, AIMS joined a group of elite schools to have its own research journal. The name "AIMSTER" was suggested by Ekkarat Suvannapong and David Michael Moriey.

The first editor of AIMSTER was Jiratchaya Charoenkul.

Sureeporn Putsom was the creative manager and the assistant editors were Bhunnaron Sornklin, Nunchakorn Sonchaiyagorn, and Nuttida Sirimongklanurak.

The first edition of AIMSTER was jointly financed by the seniors and the school administration. The AIMSTER team appreciated the efforts of Mrs. Patricia Foster and the valuable efforts of Mr. Ranjith Kingstone Gladstone, the research teacher at the AIIS Academy, Philippines.



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