



BANGKOK PREP

Bangkok International Preparatory & Secondary School

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER # 1 (2010-11)

19 August 2010

Re: 2010-11 Moving Forward with Direction

Dear Parents and Members of the Bangkok Prep Community,

Welcome to the 2010-11 school year as we strengthen our directional focus, whilst maintaining our stability to ensure effective operationalisation.

Our direction is aligned to our established **Mission Statement**:

“Our School provides an education where students can prepare for life and realize their full potential through a stimulating and challenging international learning community. We aspire to an appreciation of cultural diversity and a willingness to embrace social and personal responsibility.”

The school now enters its eight year of operation and through its inclusive communication process, we will attain our next step of “Quality Assurance” with the joint CIS/NEASC/ONESQA External Accreditation Visit scheduled for late February 2011. Following on from an extremely successful period last year, I am pleased to report the following developments over the July-August vacation period.

Curriculum

- Purchase of 20 laptop computers for Secondary classroom usage
- Ordering of resources to effect the successful opening of our first Year 12 “A levels” class.
- Purchase of science supplies and equipment for three new science labs.
- Purchase of additional books, resources and materials to cater for the expanding student numbers.
- Purchase of additional LCD projectors for classrooms.

Human Resources

- Recruitment/Orientation of 14 additional teachers (7 replacement and 7 growth positions) to add to the depth of experience, especially at the A levels and to cater for additional classes.
- Special area recruitment of our first expatriate Librarian to overview the crucial development of our two libraries and media resource centre.
- Special position of responsibility holders in PE, Primary Numeracy and Primary Assessment to overview these key areas.

Facilities

- Commenced construction of the new 350 seat Auditorium/Theatre and Music Practice Rooms on the fifth floor (expected completion date November 2010).
- Completed construction of three Secondary Specialist Science Laboratories
- Completed construction of three Secondary generalist classrooms.
- Re-zoned the Year 1 classrooms to the ground floor below the existing Year 2 classrooms.
- Converted the second floor classroom above the new Thai room into an “A level” Art Studio and Year 12 Common room
- Commenced the conversion of the main grass field into an “Artificial All Weather Turf” pitch (expected completion date September 2010).
- Constructed, and nearly completed, the new Outdoor Early Years Learning Centre playground between Reception and Nursery Classrooms.
- Converted an under utilized room into an additional Early Years Music/Drama room.
- Marked out three additional badminton courts in the new Sports Complex.
- Painted many rooms and corridors.
- Constructed a new entrance gate and a more professional and aesthetically appealing fence outside our school shop.

Student Academic Awards

Student’s achievements in Primary and Secondary School were acknowledged at the Prize Giving ceremonies on the last day of June 2010. Congratulations to all students who gained such success.

In particular, the following students excelled and were acknowledged;

CIS Award

CIS Award Primary – Jamie Brannon Year 6

CIS Award Secondary – Andrew Santos Year 10

Dr. Sippanond Award

Year 7 Joon-Ah Lee

Year 8 Rocky Santos

Year 9 Nattanit (Noom) Srisamruat

Year 10 Andrew Santos

Year 11 Patchararapee (Title) Kulteeratawat

Special Area Awards

Creative Arts (Art/DT) - Siriporn (Belle) Srisakulpinyo

Performing Arts (Music/Drama) - Chayanisa (Poppo) Sanehluxana

Sports – Watchareewan (Ploy) Tomas

We have just received the results of the external Year 11 IGCSE exams and Year 6 Key Stage 2 SATS. Mr. Machell and Mrs. Brannon will report on the very successful academic results of our students in their news bulletins.

Students Enrolment

Student enrolment has increased 12% from our June 2010 numbers. This controlled growth pattern is in line with our Strategic Plan to maintain our numbers as a “mid-sized school”. We have opened a third Year 1 class and a third Year 6 class, as well as our first Year 12 A levels class. Numbers are expected to be slightly above 550 students by early September. Additionally, the increased student numbers have given us an increased diversity of nationalities of students.

Communication Channels

The school prides itself with its extensive avenues of communication – weekly newsheet/bulletin from the Heads of Primary/Secondary, regular letters from the Headmaster which also include avenues of communication from the Board of Directors and Policy, Termly Prep@53 Magazines, Website, Primary parents communication books, parents meetings, informal discussion before and after school and liaison through the Parents Group (Friends of Bangkok Prep)

School Focus for 2010-11

Last year the school theme was “School Spirit”. This year our focus will be termed **“it’s all about the learning”**. We have developed greatly enhanced facilities and opportunities for students to succeed, now both the Heads of Primary and Heads of Secondary will further focus on “learning” as the targets for the teaching staff this year.

In Conclusion

The above is just a small component of the complexity of **“moving forward with direction”** within our all-inclusive 2010-12 Strategic Action Plan.

The school can optimistically expect a successful year in 2010 – 11 with increased enrolment, greater range of students nationalities, a more experienced and qualified staff, cohesive Management and Governance, and a commitment to succeed with continual improvement. Welcome to all new students and staff to our thriving community.

Bangkok Prep – The Spirit of Learning Success 2010-11

KB Wecker
Headmaster