

This intelligent charming, young, not to mention beautiful, young lady won the Middle Years Programme award for highest achiever at KIS International School and she did so with style - having scored the best marks in all subjects, including Physical Education. As the winner of this award, Pim Puthipiroj had the honour of choosing any teacher who had promised to shave their head! Pim chose her homeroom teacher for that honour!

Pim comes from a loving family of four: her mother lectures architecture at a Thai university; her father is an engineering consultant and her younger brother is nine years old. She also mentions extra family member Samlee, her black two year old poodle. Currently in Grade 9, Pim proudly asserts that she loves all types of sports and includes badminton, basketball, volleyball and swimming among her favourites. She also enjoys academic subjects like Science and Humanities and is very interested in languages. Fluent in Thai and English, and currently learning Spanish - Pim has an obvious dedication to her linguistic talents. In the future she plans to add Japanese to her already impressive repertoire. Currently, her favourite subject at school is PE because it's fun and there's also no homework to be done!

Of all the people she has learnt about in History, Pim states that Mother Theresa and Florence Nightingale are her favourites. Outside of school life, the young lady has done a fair bit of travelling and has visited the Great Wall of China, England, Australia, Singapore and Malaysia. Of the famous Great Wall of China she says she loved it - but



hated the toilets and cannot believe that there were no doors! She hopes to visit a Spanish speaking country so that she can practise her Spanish. But of all the places in the world she says, "Of course, I love Thailand best. It is my native country."

What does someone as all-rounded as Pim do during her free time? Firstly, she says, with a frown, "I sleep as from Monday to Friday I go to sleep late as I have homework to do!" She also spends time reading, with adventure and 'who-dun-it' mysteries being

her favoured reading material, and drawing. Pim enjoys sketching Japanese cartoon characters. She says that when she first started sketching her drawings were horrible and didn't look right but practise has helped her develop her talent.

'Practise makes perfect,' confidence and insight are the attitudes that this charming teenager brings to life as she confidently says that the person who influences her the most is herself! She explains that in her life her parents give her the opportunity to make many decisions, including what subjects she wants to



At fifteen years old, student Pim Puthipiroj seems to have the world at her feet!

study, and if they go wrong then she doesn't really mind because they were her decisions and the best one at that moment. Fostering a sense of independence in their daughter early on is clearly reaping rewards for her parents – who must be very proud of their dynamic daughter.

Pim hasn't decided what her future plans will be but she revealed that she once thought she would like to be a doctor – failing that, a voice over artist for Japanese cartoons! I have to ask if she would ever consider a career in education, to which she replies "I never ever consider

being a teacher because students talk about their teachers all the time!"

For the time being, thoughts of any sort of career have been put on hold as she concentrates on her studies and the many extra curricular activities that she participates in including hip hop dancing, basketball, drama and singing.

Pim loves animals and is thinking of writing about animals as her Personal Project (part of the syllabus for the International Baccalaureate) but says that she hasn't quite narrowed down the topic as

yet and needs to give it more thought.

Pim is thoroughly enjoying her studies and the learning environment at KIS. She says she was worried about coming to KIS four years ago as the school was small compared to the bilingual school she had been attending. However, now she loves the fact that the school is smaller as she has had the opportunity to mix with students of all ages. She also enjoys mixing with children from different cultures and backgrounds as there are students from Thailand, England, America and many other countries that she counts as friends. She says that being at KIS is a fantastic experience because she is learning so much and that learning is fun although it can be a little difficult at times. She enjoys learning through group work as she gets to share her ideas, voice her opinions and learn from her friends as well.

When asked, "If you had one wish for the world, what would it be?" She answers "Peace! No wars and people will love each other." But, tongue-in-cheek, she adds, "If you had asked me what I wish for I would have said ... more wishes!" Popular Pim describes herself as being honest, fun to be with, relaxed, serious, and confident. After a pause she adds, "It's important not to be bossy though and I must have more patience!" My last question to Pim was a simple one, "When's your birthday?" However, Pim just gives me a cheeky smile and said, "I never tell anyone my birthday." With that the mystery girl walked off to take some photos with perfect poise and confidence.