

CHANGE CHAMPIONS OF THE FUTURE

KIS International School empowers students to become tomorrow's achievers by instilling intercultural understanding and respect along with a lifelong passion for learning



A troop of blue and white clad students follow their home room teacher across the world ... a map of the world on the ground floor atrium, that is. There is an air of excitement and anticipation as they climb the stairs to the classrooms. Today they are doing group research projects; some are using the computer mini labs, others the research area, others are involved in discussion, all to support their Primary Years Programme unit, *How my Body Works*. Across the way in the music suite, Middle Years Programme students are creating musical compositions to accompany

the lyrics they composed last week. Soon the room is abuzz with melodious humming of tunes, laughter and team work. There are no wrong notes here, only a wealth of camaraderie, respect and the freedom to explore possibilities in a safe and encouraging atmosphere. It's all in a day's work at KIS. Hands-on learning, creativity and fun are all part of the everyday curriculum at the school.

KIS International School is centrally located and boasts a clean, green, spacious environment in a quiet, prestigious housing estate. Established in 1998, KIS is an IB World School affiliated with Washington International School (WIS) in

Washington, DC, one of the first IB World Schools authorised to offer all three International Baccalaureate programmes. The relationship with WIS began at our school's inception and is an ongoing and active one, allowing the students, teachers and staff to benefit from WIS's more than 35 years of experience. Its accreditation by the Council of International Schools provides a process for continuous improvement and school development as it strives for excellence.

On entering the spacious and green school grounds, one experiences a welcome feeling of security. The purpose-built, architecturally stunning primary and secondary schools, the arts

centre, the canteen and auditorium are linked by beautiful covered walkways. Students benefit from well-resourced facilities that cater to their specific learning needs. In addition to the large classrooms, there are visual and performing arts suites, computer labs and technology studios, three fully equipped labs for practical and theoretical sciences and a library and media centre. Sporting facilities include a swimming pool, covered sports areas, indoor gymnasiums, soccer pitch, plus tennis and volleyball courts.

One might expect these fine facilities were built to house thousands of students, but surprisingly they're intended for a student body of only 700. Large facilities and a comprehensive curriculum that engenders inquiry and a love of learning, provided in a culturally diverse and caring community, are the calling cards of KIS. Students, teachers, parents and staff — all representing 27 nationalities — work together to model and exemplify the IB Student Profile, creating an atmosphere where students are free to explore their world, develop global perspectives and international awareness in a safe and nurturing environment. The future belongs to those who accept the changing world and do something about it. The practice of educating students to be the change champions of the future while enabling them to develop self-esteem, respect for others and civic responsibility is an essential component of the unique educational opportunity provided by the IB programme at KIS.

THE PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAMME (IBO-PYP)

The Primary Years Programme for ages three to 11 provides the framework for an inquiry-based curriculum giving young learners a strong foundation in all major subject areas. Its transdisciplinary approach allows students to make connections across the subjects, discover ways to integrate those connections and to relate



all they've learnt into their everyday lives. KIS's facilities support the inquiry model of the IBO-PYP and the open-plan, dual classrooms were designed with its unique team-teaching model in mind, a practice maintained throughout all primary grade levels. Team teaching allows for small-group instruction, one-on-one support, a more varied programme and collaboration in all areas of the teaching and learning process, while providing positive role modelling for students.

THE MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME (IBO-MYP)

The Middle Years Programme for ages 12 to 16 approaches the teaching of the traditional core subject areas from a variety of points of view, giving the students an international perspective. In-depth learning is acquired through the programme's holistic approach enabling them to draw knowledge acquired in each subject, to create links among all areas of study and then to see the subjects' interrelatedness with the world outside. Because of the Middle School's smaller student body, students are able to participate in a wider variety of the programme's required interaction activities, benefiting from more



authentic experiences. This provides them with more opportunities to develop leadership skills, become involved in community service activities and develop responsible citizenship.

THE IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME (IBO-DP)

The IB Diploma Programme is a world-recognised programme of study for highly motivated students in their final two years of school. The IBO-DP prepares students to choose career paths and life directions for themselves by providing an environment that encourages adult attitudes and thereby assists in their transition to the outside world. KIS is IB Diploma bound, and its MYP instruction is geared towards ensuring success when its first students enter Grade 11 in 2008 as IB Diploma students.



LOCATION: 999/124 Kesinee Ville, Pracha-Utitt Rd, Huay Kwang, Bangkok 10320

ESTABLISHED: 1998

ENROLMENT PERIOD: Year round

CURRICULUM: IB

FEES PER TERM: 93,000-114,500 baht, three terms per year

ACCREDITATION: Council of International Schools (CIS)

SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMMES: July

OVERSEAS AFFILIATIONS: Washington

International School, an IB World School

TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS: Native English

and bilingual teachers with appropriate

teaching qualifications to degree level. KIS

also looks for teachers with experience in

teaching IB programmes.

BOARDING FACILITIES: None

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