

EDUCATIONAL PASSPORT TO THE WORLD

Parents looking for an academically challenging global curriculum in a serene, family-oriented learning environment are cordially invited to visit KIS International School



With the words, "An IB curriculum in a medium-sized school with big school standards: that's what we wanted for our son," Sri Gandhi, father of K3 student Alexander, neatly summed up the profile of this unique institution, whose mission is to provide a demanding international education that will challenge students to become responsible and effective world citizens.

KIS was founded in 1998 and is one of the first IBO world schools in Thailand authorised to offer the inquiry-based, transdisciplinary Primary Years Programme (Kindergarten-Grade 5) providing students with an academically challenging, internationally recognised programme of study. KIS's secondary school programme, currently undergoing expansion, offers the Middle Years Programme (MYP) for grades 6-10 with continued studies toward the IB Diploma in grades 11-12. In addition to high academic

standards, each programme places strong emphasis on the ideals of international understanding and responsible citizenship, in the hope that IB students will become critical and compassionate thinkers, lifelong learners, and informed participants in the global community.

KIS is affiliated with Washington International School (WIS), among the initial IB world schools granted permission to offer all three IB programmes. This relationship has been invaluable in developing a solid cornerstone for





the KIS academic programme. Additionally, KIS is one of a handful of schools in Thailand accredited by the Council of International Schools (CIS), recognised as one of the most demanding accreditation agencies in the world.

"The facilities are beautiful, in a cleaner part of the city. The staff are very friendly and recognise the faces of all the children," says Kathy France, mother of Hayden, Grade 4. With an enrolment capacity of approximately 700 students, KIS International School is the answer for parents concerned with the anonymity that can sometimes result in larger institutions. The 16-rai campus is situated in the gated and guarded Kesinee Ville Estate and is easily accessible in only 20 minutes from the city centre. Its purpose-built facilities and abundant green areas provide a fine learning environment that ensures the physical and mental growth of students. The visually stimulating environment for younger learners is designed to provide ample classroom space to explore and learn, and includes computer labs, a well-stocked library, and specialist rooms for art, cooking, physical education, music and dance. With the secondary school's expansion, by August 2005 the senior students will enjoy a separate, four-storey building incorporating the latest state-of-the-art facilities, including a library/media centre, computer and science labs as well as fully furnished classrooms. In addition to the newly opened swimming pool, students will have the opportunity to enjoy covered sports courts, a soccer pitch, dance, art and technology studios and a well-equipped auditorium.

THE PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAMME (PYP)

Jacki Bambrook, mother of Sebastian, Grade 2, says of her son, "He is very communicative and the way the subjects are taught within units of inquiry allow him to learn in an innovative way while building on his strengths."

PYP implements a comprehensive, inquiry-based approach to learning specifically designed for younger learners. The PYP focuses on the whole child and incorporates five essential elements into the programme to support the development of successful world citizens. Through exposure to a rigorous and



academically stimulating curriculum, students develop a wide variety of skills in the search for understanding along with the kind of positive attitude that promotes independent thought and an enthusiasm for lifelong learning.

The ultimate aim of KIS is expressed in the PYP student learning profile, which characterises successful students as globally minded young people with inquisitive minds; those who are thinkers, communicators and risk takers. They are knowledgeable, principled, open-minded, caring, well-balanced and reflective individuals.

THE MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME (MYP)

"The MYP is challenging but it makes me feel older. It gives me responsibilities and options," says Liew, a Grade 7 student at KIS.

Students at this stage are in a critical phase of personal and intellectual development. An educational programme must provide them with discipline, skills and challenging standards; it must also provide creativity and flexibility. The MYP is built around these considerations, for the programme urges students to develop a personal value system by which to guide their own lives as thoughtful members of local communities and the larger world. The MYP emphasises the teaching of eight subject areas: languages A and B, humanities, sciences, mathematics, arts, physical education and technology. At the end of the MYP students complete an independent personal project, which is the culmination of their experiences in all areas of the programme and which prepares them for rigorous studies toward the IB Diploma.

THE IB DIPLOMA (DP)

The Diploma Programme (grades 11-12) is a world-recognised programme of study for highly motivated students in their final two years of

international schooling. Students' capacity to understand different points of view and to make decisions, their ability to work autonomously and their preparedness to work responsibly and ethically are all essential matters toward attaining the IB Diploma and are among the reasons many believe it is one of the best university preparatory programmes available.

Parents interested in knowing more about KIS are invited to visit the KIS website at www.kis.ac.th or phone our admissions office at +66 2 274-3444.

LOCATION: 999/124 Kesinee Ville, Pracha-Uttit Rd. Huay Kwang, Bangkok 10320
ESTABLISHED: 1998
ENROLMENT PERIOD: Year round
CURRICULUM: International Baccalaureate
FEES PER TERM: ฿7,000-107,000 baht
ACCREDITATION: Council of International Schools (CIS)
SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMMES: July
OVERSEAS AFFILIATIONS: Washington International School, an IB world school
TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS: Native English speakers with appropriate teaching qualifications to degree level. KIS also favours teachers with experience in teaching IB programmes
BOARDING FACILITIES: N/A
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