



**SINGAPORE  
INTERNATIONAL  
SCHOOL**  
*Since 1986*

## VISION

To be an educational institution of excellence from Kindergarten to University Foundation level combining Eastern Values with an International education to produce global citizens.

## MISSION

To provide quality educational programmes in a creative and challenging learning environment, embracing innovative teaching pedagogies to empower every student to become a life-long learner.

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## From the Principal

Dear Parents and community,

Welcome to the December edition of the Singapore International School Ciputra newsletter. It is hard to believe that it is already December and time for our Christmas break. However, leading up to the end of the year many exciting events have happened here at the school. During this time of year it is always good to stop and reflect on giving to others.

Recently, the Student Council had a bake sale to help raise donations for Operation Smile. The Student Council along with Ms. Petro the student council coordinator visited the hospital where children were being prepared for surgery. The student council will then again visit the children post-surgery in April. The student council raised 14 Million VND from the bake sale. On Monday 7 December representatives from Operation Smile visited the school and the student council gave a certificate donating the money to this very worthy cause. Additionally, Operation Smile presented the school with a plaque of appreciation. As the principal it was a joy to see the students excited to be part of making our world a better place.

We all enjoyed the Christmas Charity Fair that was held at SIS Gamuda Gardens. Again, the proceeds from that event will be given to Operation Smile to help in their endeavor for the children of Vietnam.

As you can see, not only do we educate our students but we promote Global Citizenship. We can change the world we live in. We as educators have this amazing opportunity to work with each student who will be the leaders of our world in the future.



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Thank you for your support, your loyalty and being part of our school. Have a very Merry Christmas, and in this season of giving take the time to help others who are less fortunate.

Truly,  
Mr. Dwayne Lehman, Principal

### From Deputy Principal

Over the past few weeks we have been actively involved in preparation for the Christmas Charity Bazaar at Gamuda Gardens, and the WASC Accreditation Visit to our school by the WASC Team in March of 2016. We also had our students taking a closer look at Literacy and we successfully celebrated Literacy week; which culminated in a range of activities from our students dressing up in their favorite book characters, a diorama competition and a book fair. Our dedicated teachers continued to help our students by developing their reading and reading comprehension skills.

The SA1 Exams are coming soon and teachers and students have started making preparations and conducting reviews for the examinations in January. Preparations for the Yearbook and the Year-End concert have also started in their planning stages.

### Curriculum:

The curriculum at SIS continues to be looked at and through our staff professional development; teachers have been implementing new and exciting strategies to increase student achievement. Through alternative PowerPoint presentations to new programs such as the "Leader in me" and our Virtues Programme, our students continue to receive the latest in educational research. Our Teacher resources and curriculum portal continue to grow and I feel confident that as the year progresses you will soon see the beneficial impact these programs have on your child's education.

### WASC:

WASC accreditation continues to move forward and the final document has been proofread and is undergoing the final stages of editing and fine-tuning for the visit by the WASC team in March of next year. Through the assistance of parents, teachers and students we have been able to gather all the necessary data to compile a comprehensive document that represents the quality education that is offered at Singapore International School, Ciputra.

Mr. Mustafa Fazal, Deputy Principal



Our Choir performed on Christmas Charity Fair



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**From Head of Vietnamese Studies**

Dear Parents,

Our school was honored to welcome the leaders from the Ooet Tay Ho to visit on 4 December. We have reported the plan for this school year 2015-2016. Additionally, we shared the teaching and learning and other activities being held in the school. I am very excited to share with you the positive review from OoET about SVIS @ Ciputra. Classrooms are decorated nicely and suitable for elementary students; teachers prepared their lesson plans carefully and applied innovative teaching methodology. Students are effectively organized to participate in group activities in Vietnamese lessons in Year 2 and Natural and Social lesson in Year 3. All board members agreed that our school operation is very professional, the school year plans are aligned with the actual operations of the school, teachers are dedicated and dynamic, and students have positive progress in learning and training.

Teachers and students have effective time to review and summarize the knowledge and skills they have learned to complete Semester 1 examinations. The exams results reflected the learning capacity of students and teachers' teaching effectiveness. Results of this evaluation will be given to you soon.

Our school organized an assembly celebrating the 71st year anniversary of Vietnamese People's Army. This assembly helped students learn about the history of our military and the sacrifices our soldiers gave. Our goal is to remind our students to always respect and honor Vietnamese traditional values.

The festive and joyful Christmas atmosphere is all around our school. The students produced art work such as models of the Christmas trees, Santa Clauses and snowflakes... from paper to decorate classrooms and corridors. I believe the children felt very proud to have contributed to help the school and classrooms look beautiful and cozy. I also would like to thank the parents, students and teachers for participating in Christmas Charity Fair held at Gamuda Gardens on December 5th. The Fair was not only an exciting event for us to participate in activities, but also helped raise fund to support the Operation Smile Organization. The day brought happiness and hope to the children with disadvantaged circumstances.

I would like to wish our students, parents and all teachers a festive and happy holiday.

Sincerely,

Vu Thi Bich Lien  
Head of Vietnamese Studies



Year 2 and Year 3 Int'd students are in group activities



Christmas decoration

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**Important dates:**

21 Dec 2015 – 01 Jan 2016 Christmas/New Year Break  
04- Jan 2016 School resumes

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