



## 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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Singapore International School at Ciputra  
including KIK

Candidate for Accreditation

Approved by the Schools Commission of the  
Western Association of Schools and Colleges.



### From the Principal:

Welcome to the 2014-2015 School year. It is with high expectations that we started this new school year. When you walk through our doors, I am sure you have seen that the Singapore International School SIS@Ciputra is dedicated to inspiring a passion for learning and encouraging emotional and intellectual vitality. We will continue to empower our students with the confidence and courage to contribute to the global community and supplying them with the tools necessary to achieve their dreams. In our classrooms and as a learning community, we will continue to pursue that balance that provides a strong academic preparation with opportunities for students to achieve their learning goals.

SIS@Ciputra understands that students are individuals who learn in varied ways, develop at different paces, and bring a wide variety of talents and interests to the classroom. At SIS we foster the relationship between students and their teachers by maintaining a constant stream of information between them in person and on paper. The concept of the “Whole Child” is fully understood by our faculty and is the basis of our curriculum and professional development. Our faculty and staff are devoted to assisting each child grow, intellectually, socially, physically, emotionally and civically.

We believe that education should be global in its scope and broad base in its implementation. With the diversity in the world we live, we believe that we should execute lessons that are not just appropriate but that instill in our students with an excitement towards learning.

SIS@Ciputra school day begins at 8:15 am. Please have your children to school before that time. When students arrive late it affects the classroom as a whole and your child misses very important instructions.

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TEACHER

HED- Higher Education Diploma  
Remedial Education Diploma



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Bachelor degree in Media writing and visual and art history  
Honours Degree in Advanced Studies (B.A. U.S.)  
Intermediate and Senior Phase (Gr 4-9)

You will find that our academic organization has been improved with Bench Marks and Goals for each year level. It is our aim to offer the highest quality education within our learning community. In addition to our curriculum, we hold each of our students accountable for their education and have for them the highest expectations.

SIS@Ciputra employs a dynamic teaching staff, and this year we have welcomed a few new teachers. I am sure you enjoy meeting with them during the “Parent/Teacher conferences” that will be scheduled in October.

**Our New teaching staff for 2014 -2015 consists of:**

Mr. Bert Bassett Year 5 International comes to us from Austin Texas in the United States. He has a (BA) Bachelor’s in Administration and Teacher Certification from Texas State University in the United States. Additionally, Mr. Bert has a Associates Degree in Technology.

Mrs. Maia Bassett Year 4A&B integrated teacher comes to us from Austin Texas in the United States. Ms. Maia has a BA in Graphic Design and Teaching Certification from Manhattanville College in New York. Additionally, she has a Scholarship for Leadership and Communication.

Mr. Shawn Standiford Year 4A&B integrated teacher comes to us from Oregon in the United States. Mr. Shawn has a (MA) Masters in Teaching and a (BA) Bachelor’s in Science from Oregon State University.

Ms. Petro Bernard Year 3 International teacher comes to us from Port Elizabeth in South Africa. Ms. Petro has a BA in Education from Oudtshoorn Teachers’ Training Collage and a Diploma in Specialized Education from Stellenbosch University.

Ms. Roxane Cecilia Cleophas Year 2 International comes to us from Cape Town South Africa. Ms. Roxanne has a BA in Education, BA (Honours) BA (Visual Arts and History) and PGCA Intermediate Education Certification all from the University of Cape Town. Mr. David Ashton Year 1 International comes to us from Australia.

Mr. David has a Diploma in Primary Education and a Bachelor in English & History. Mr. David joined KinderWorld in 2006 and has been a primary teacher in Van Phuc.

Mr. Raoul Rautenbach EFL Teacher (English as a Foreign Language) comes to us from Cape Town South Africa. Mr. Raoul has a BA of Arts and Sociology from Stellenbosch University as well as TEFL Certification.

Mr. Reywel Francisco HPE (Health and Physical Education

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Donations to the Library



teacher) comes to us from the Philippines. Mr. Reywel has a BSU and a Master (MA) from the Integrated College of Physical Education. Additionally he has a BSBA Major in Management.

Mr. Franber O. Candia (Music teacher) comes to us from the Philippines. Mr. Franber has a (BA) Bachelor of Music from the College of Performing Arts, at Silliman University. Additionally, he has a major in Music Education and Piano.

In closing, I wish to welcome you to the 2014-2015 school year that promises to be filled with excitement and discovery. Our dedicated team of professionals is poised to begin this next chapter of SIS@Ciputra and together we have set our goals high. I encourage you to become part of our school's development and share with us in our educational journey. Rest assured that your child's wellbeing is our top priority and we welcome you to the Singapore International School.

### **Special thanks**

I would like to give special thanks to the Mothers from Korea for their donation of several amazing library books to SIS@Ciputra Library. Being involved in your child's education is so important in their development and confidence. As the Principal I am very grateful for your donation and I am sure children will benefit for many years from your thoughtfulness.

Mr. Dwayne Lehman, Principal

### **School News:**

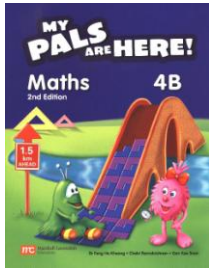
Welcome you to another great year at Singapore International School SIS. I am very excited about this new school year and the new opportunities that there are for your children.

The year has started off with great success and all of us have been dedicating ourselves to making this one of the best year at SIS. With our new highly qualified teaching staff and with our new school wide action plan we have set the bar even higher for ourselves and for the quality of education.

As we make our way through this new academic year, your children will have the opportunity to benefit from the vast experience and expertise that our staff has to offer. They will be challenged to reach even higher and surpass even their own expectations. I encourage you to continue to work with your children and help grow into the amazing global citizens I know they will become.

Mr. Gregory R.van Goidtsnoven, Acting Deputy Principal

### **Curriculum Updates:**



Students enjoying Art for Life



For those parents that are new to SIS, I want to take this opportunity to introduce you to our curriculum. The curriculum at Singapore International School is based in the Marshall Cavendish series.

The “My Pals are Here” Series is used in our English courses, our math’s courses as well as our science courses.

Our studies of society and environment (SOSE) program is based out of Australia as is our Virtues program which teaches our students the importance of getting along, organization, confidence and persistence. At SIS@Ciputra we believe in educating the whole child so that they maintain their Eastern values and benefit from a Western education.

Mr. Gregory R.van Goidtsnoven , Acting Deputy Principal

#### **Afterschool Activities:**

We are very pleased to mention that our afterschool activities have begun and that we are excited to have a new selection of activities. As we proceed through the year we will continue to add diversity to our selection as well as making sure that we have an even balance between academic and social sport activities. Art for life, dance, Choir, badminton, soccer and Taekwondo are just a few of the activities that we are offering this term and we are excited to see them so enthusiastic about participating.

I do want to remind all the parents of pick up time. It is imperative that you pick up your child at the correct time so that we don’t have any children that are left unattended. Please take note of the time your child’s activity ends and please be prompt when picking them up. If your child is done at 4:00 PM, please be at school at 4:00 PM and not 5:00PM. The same issue is for students that are finished at 5:00 PM. Please be at the school at 5:00PM and not later.

We understand that sometimes traffic can be very heavy and you can be late so please call if this happens. If you are not here to pick your child up after 10-15 minutes you will be charged an additional fee of 200,000 VND for afterschool supervision. Your child’s growth and safety is our primary concern and children that are left at school lose precious time to complete their homework for the next day. Please try to be prompt.

#### **WASC**

The Western Association of Colleges and Schools (WASC) is an accreditation agency that recognizes highly effective educational institutions. Receiving WASC Accreditation is an educational benchmark that many international schools strive to receive.





Teachers - Teaching- Teachers



Teacher Professional Development



Receiving our accreditation would make us recognized around the world as an institution of learning that meets the rigorous standards that are expected for all international schools.

For the past few months we have been in candidacy status and have been moving through our review stage. Through the process of data analysis and parental involvement we have been able to make effective changes to our school and increase our effectiveness as educators. We continue to seek improvement and should have our certificate of accreditation within the next few years.

All of us at SIS Ciputra are very excited about the future and believe that with our accreditation through WASC we will be able to increase our effectiveness as an institution of learning and supply to you and your children a rigorous academic forum.

Mr. Gregory R.van Goidtsnoven , Acting Deputy Principal

### Teachers-teaching-teachers :

Education is a process of continuous improvement. To keep our educational staff at SIS@Ciputra updated and progressing with their education, I have implemented a “teachers-teaching-teachers” program. Our dedicated staff is dedicated to improving their craft of education. Every Wednesday the staff at SIS@Ciputra attends a professional development meeting. Recently, Ms. Maia Bassett the teacher for the 4A Integrated class presented a professional development seminar on “classroom menu’s”. Both the expat staff and the Vietnamese staff worked together completing a hands-on project in the learning of this new educational approach. We are delighted with this new movement of educational input and throughout the school year many more professional developments are scheduled.

Mr. Dwayne Lehman, Principal

### From the Vietnamese Department:

Welcome to the new academic year 2014-2015. It was wonderful meeting the parents and students in the parent open house on 5 September. I am very happy and excited to be the partner with you in this academic year. I wish everyone a successful school year with many useful activities and exciting experiences.

Based on the achievements of the previous year, this year, the Vietnamese Program will continue to focus on improving the quality of teaching and learning, improving the quality of teachers and especially self-improvement of students. Right from the beginning of the school year, in strengthen the stability and class organization,



we organized the beginning tests from Year 2 to Year 5 through which teachers evaluate the test results to have appropriate teaching methods and lesson plans for each group of students.

Besides, the school helps students understand the value of tradition and the beauty of Vietnamese culture by organizing extracurricular activities.

The first Vietnamese assembly was organized as an historical event: Celebrating 69 years of the National Day of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

The school organized the Mid-Autumn Festival on September 8 2014. Teachers and students from our school and the Kindergarten enjoyed the Lion Dance performance and the Lantern parade. To prepare for this festival, students created their own lanterns and heard about the Legend of Mid-Autumn Festival. Students also participated in activities at the classes to have more knowledge about this traditional event.

Everyone was really excited about the Mid-Autumn Festival and I believe that we all will continue to enjoy the fun activities in the upcoming events during the school year.

We have provided a lot of information for parents, including letters of recommendation, weekly teaching plan and held the Open Day to exchange information and excitement between teachers and parents. Since communication is the key to building relationships between schools and families, we encourage parents to monitor and participate in their children's education to reinforce the standards prescribed by the school.

With the enthusiasm and professionalism of teachers, the support of parents and the active learning and practicing of students in this school year, I am confident that we all will have a great school year ahead.

Sincerely,

Vu Thi Bich Lien , Head of Vietnamese Studies

**Important dates in October:**

- 06 October : Vietnamese Assembly .**
- 14 October : Mid Semester Math Test.**
- 15 October : Mid Semester Vietnamese Test .**
- 26 October : Book Fair**

**From 27-31 October : Parent Teacher Conferences.**

**31 Oct: Term 1 end and Halloween Celebration.**