

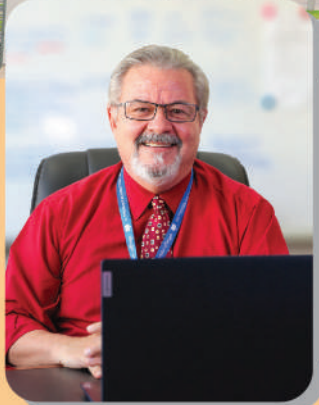


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A New Year with New Surprises

Dear Parents and Students,

Happy New Year and welcome to the start of the second semester. All of us at SISC hope that you had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas holiday. As we begin the second half of the school year, we have much to look forward to as we also reflect how wonderful 2022 was.

SISC's first (and hope to be annual) Christmas Charity Fair was a success, raising over \$4,400 as well as food and clothing donations for the Cambodian Children's Fund (CCF). We are pleased to assist CCF, which is a leading international NGO that provides social development by offering education, sustenance and better health to children from some of Cambodia's most impoverished communities.

This semester, SISC brings a fresh look to its campus as well as new faces. Renovations took place during the winter break. Some of the school's administration offices have been rebuilt, remodeled and relocated. A parents' conference room has been added. Additionally, SISC has opened its school store, offering books, stationery, uniforms and other clothing as well as sports paraphernalia. Students have noticed large fans in the gym, bringing cooler temperatures in the building. As the number of students of SISC grows, so does the number of personnel. The school welcomes new teachers to early years, primary and secondary levels as well as new staff members in our departments.

Soon, a new addition to the school will be the Learning Support Center, designed to assist students in remediating academic deficiencies by providing additional academic support through tutorial workshops to help students enhance skills and achieve academic success.



After school activities and extra-curricular fun can be expected. The SISC Tigers started the school year with some tournament victories. Keep an eye on the SISC Athletic Department. They have every intention to see that the SISC Tigers will be back in action with various sports such as football, swimming, etc.

SISC will also offer after school activities such as TaeKwonDo, Football, Dance and so on. Get ready for 2023 to be fun as well as educational.

All the best,
Larry Ross Synclair
Head of School

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WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!!!



Congratulations to our SISC Grade 6 students **Hun Nheata Yuttey** and **CHHENG Jolie Monich**, for bringing us the bronze award from **SCIENCE OLYMPIADS 2022 (ISOCSEA)**. SISC family is proud to announce that after passing the national round which was held on September 18th, 2022, our three SISC students (one from grade 3 and two from grade 6) traveled to the Philippines to compete in the International Science Olympiad of South East Asia (ISOCSEA) competition on December 27, 2022.

The international round of the competition was conducted in Boracay Island, Malay, Aklan, Philippines. Over 100 students from five countries participated in this competition: Cambodia, Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines. During the competition, all the contestants had 1 hour and 30 minutes to complete a 25-question exam, which included 20 multiple-choices and 5 short-answer questions. Both of our grade 6 candidates **CHHENG Jolie Monich** and **HUN Nheata Yuttey** garnered bronze medals, and our grade 3 **CHHENG, Jolie Monika** won a silver medal. This competition is held annually, and if this competition appeals to you, be sure to watch out for it this year!



AMO Medal Competition Winners

Academic quality is a way of describing how well the learning opportunities available to students help them to achieve their award. It is assessed by a standard test or examination to measure if students are qualified enough to achieve any certificate or award as a bonus for their academic lives. At Southbridge International School Cambodia (SISC), the term 'Academic Quality' is always in our daily thoughts. To assess an educational quality, position ourselves what to do next to improve and upgrade the academic standard.



Gold Medal
(Grade 6) Hun Nheata Yuttey



Gold Medal
(Grade 5) Sao Vireakmoon



Gold Medal
(Grade 3) Kasa Tharinda Damara Dambura Liyenge



Silver Medal
(Grade 5) Heang Chan Indrak



Gold Medal
(Grade 5) Sansouci Felix



Gold Medal
(Grade 4) Sun Haoxiang

Having seen quality test is a need, SISC sent some of our students to join an international math competition, American Mathematics Olympiad (AMO). Most of them did so well in that competition, bringing back with gold, silver and bronze medals. On behalf of management team, Faculty members, parents and staff, I would like to give huge congratulations to them. Bravo! You did a great job. We are so proud of you. Next event will be the receiving medal on the stage. Can't Wait!



Bronze Medal
(Grade 12) Sarann Sarakyuth



Gold Medal
(Grade 10) Leang Jely

By Mr. Thol Pich, Khmer Program Principal

A Christmas to Remember



The market section of the Christmas Charity Fair was also very enjoyable. It was held in the parking lot which was full of decorations and pretty lights. There were around 20 stalls that sold food, stationery, stickers, toys, plants, antiques, and all the things children love! Our favourite stall was the one selling antiques because they were so beautiful and fascinating. The market was full of delicious smells like hot dogs, noodles, and sweet treats. People were laughing, happily chatting, and humming Christmas tunes. The best part about the market was that some of the profits went to the charity.

We are so proud to say that our event raised \$4,408 for CCF. Thank you to everyone who donated money, items, and purchased tickets.

It was a really fun and interesting day. We left feeling excited, happy, charitable, and full of the Christmas spirit.

Ann Tah Baly, Sambath Lina, Mey Kimheng, Chea Lauren - Grade 5 Panther students



Performances



Snow house

On the 10th of December 2022, our school hosted the Christmas Charity Fair which donated money and useful items to Cambodia Children's Fund, helping children in need.

There were four main attractions. One of the attractions was the snow house, where we could take photos and play with artificial snow. Some people's opinion was that it looked and felt like the real North Pole!

A night movie was shown on the football field. We chose to watch *The Grinch* because it is a very famous Christmas movie. This was where we saw people having the most fun. A fantastic feature of the night movie and snow house was that the money made from the tickets went to our charity.

The next attraction was the performances done by many of our SISC students.

The students danced on the stage, performed a drama, and sang songs. Our favourite performances were the dancing to Christmas songs.



Shopping - Food - Drinks - Souvenirs

For us Cambodians there might not be any snow but there is definitely the holiday spirit in our sights. The Christmas charity event was one of our favorite events that happened in Southbridge International School in December 2022. It was organized to support a school in Cambodia.

Many people from all around the Borey Peng Huoth area visited and participated in the spectacular events hosted by our school. The various stalls that were displayed were creative and sold a lot of holiday-themed items. They have done a good job persuading me, my friend and other people to buy their food, souvenirs, drinks, stickers and a lot of more useful things. I bought a lot of popcorn for the movie *Grinch*, which was shown in the outdoor movie theater. That was the best choice because it fits the Christmas theme. Then the fun part, the Christmas SNOW HOUSE which was built by our admissions team, had a lot of snow and balloons and was prepared for us and other people to enjoyed a lot of creative things.

Overall, the first ever Christmas Charity fair was a huge success and we are grateful to our school for organizing such an exciting and meaningful event.

LY Kafu and LY Kaka (grades 4 and 7)



Night movies

WHY IT IS IMPORTANT TO RENOVATE THE SCHOOL!

One of the daily goals of the Property Management Department is to keep the school clean and tidy and ensure everything works well. Another crucial goal is to envision how to improve existing structures to better serve their purpose!

The environment we live and work in has a significant impact on our lives. The Property Management Department considers it is vital to ensure our teaching and non-teaching staff work in a positive atmosphere where they welcome our existing and new students and parents, as well as visitors. As a result, we initiated the first phase of our renovation project that focuses on the front-line offices such as the following:

- 1- Parents Lounge. It provides a comfortable space to parents and guests who are waiting or meeting with school management.
- 2- School Infirmary (Nurse Station). The nurse station is now twice as big and is completely renovated to fit the needs of our growing school. With the new school infirmary, our nurses are able to provide medical care to more students, teachers, and staff.
- 3- Reception Office. The new office welcomes current students and teachers as well as newcomers with a better layout to allow for a better flow.
- 4- Finance Counter. It is conveniently relocated close to the reception area.

- 5- Tiger Store (Sales Room). Our sales room layout is completely restructured and has everything from uniforms and textbooks to our latest merchandise!
 - 6- Conference Room. This professional meeting space is packed with a full set of modern conference amenities.
 - 7- Giant fans in Gym Hall. The fans provide adequate ventilation in the large gym hall to bring down the temperature of the air to ensure our PE lessons are cool.
- The school renovation project began during the Winter Break and was completed as expected to welcome our students, teachers, and staff for the second semester of the school year 2022-2023. This is our first major step to improve our school facilities and we continue planning our next moves to make our school a better place. A school's interior design is one of the key factors in academic improvement and the overall well-being of learners as well as teachers. It helps attract and retain the best staff and teachers for our school as well. When we undertake a school renovation project or develop an existing building, our main focus is to enhance students' academic performance by providing a learning environment that is stimulating their socioemotional and, as a result, academic progress.



Are you as excited as we are to see what the next steps of school renovation will be?



By Mr. Vathana Chhean, SISC Property Manager



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