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**'Excuse me girls, would you mind stop and pose for a while?'** These four 3<sup>rd</sup> Year girls certainly are perfect models to showcase the eye-catching new ISAer uniform.

### Fashion-Smart *New ISAer* Uniform

The 2010 edition of ISAer uniform, invariably more fashionable that its 2004 predecessor, has been released to, and worn by, the learners since January this year. Though, due to the bulk of the job, only around 70% of the learners are able to wear the new uniform as of mid-February, it is however expected that all learners will have at least a set before the graduation and recognition ceremonies in March.

The new uniform comes in 3 sets: for preschool, we have cream-colored shirt jack matched with gray shorts for boys, and checkered dress for girls; for the elementary, they are cream-colored shirt jack with gray pants for boys, and cream-colored dress, checkered from waist down for girls; and for high school boys they have cream-colored shirt, gray vest, neck tie and gray pants, while the girls are having cream-colored blouse, checkered skirt, gray vest and scarf. The dress and skirts of the girls are above the knee matched with long black socks.

From what we have gathered by way of informal surveys, FB comments, and the head-turning effect whenever it appears in public, the new uniform has been enthusiastically accepted by the learners, well-liked by the parents, and admired by the concerned members of the community.

### JS PROM'S FASHION RUNWAY

Hotel Del Rio was once again filled with elegance, style, and glamour as the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year learners paraded on their most *a la mode* fashion last 28 January 2011. This year's JS Prom is entitled, "A Night on the Spotlight" which is furthermore highlighted by its theme as "Vogue."

Everyone agrees to call it as the most vogueish and entertaining event since it's not only all about who's grand, and trendy, but also who are congenial with people inside or outside the ISA campus. And what's more? The games have indeed tested the prom goers' stamina in dealing with muscle-stretching games which are designed to measure one's flexibility and strategy.

Overall, the prom is, without a doubt, a rewarding experience since those who bagged the most coveted titles are indeed proven not only as stylish, but also gregarious. This Prom's King and Queen are Hans Christian Chavez and Mary Christine Valderrama, both Juniors.

Editorial

### THE LAURELS OF SUCCESS

The last seven academic years saw ISA continuously reaping laurels of success in almost every field of endeavor. Commendations and applauses received from the academic circles and community have become a common occurrence with the many breakthroughs made and milestones overtaken, thereby accorded ISA the well-deserved honor and prestige. Foremost of which is the result of last year's second year National Achievement Test, ISA having ranked 4<sup>th</sup> among the 57 high school in Iloilo city, behind only SPED, PhilSci and UP High. APSA's citation of ISA as one of the few institutions attaining the higher level of performance in the standard-based assessment for English, Mathematics and Science in SY 2009-2010. Let alone the impressive performance of the ISAers in several academic and cultural competitions at the PRISAA, PRISAAP, and other DepED-sponsored contests.

And, in its unending quest for excellence, ISA is finally ready for transfer to the new campus in Mandurriao District this summer. An extraordinary feat for a school with less than a decade of history to own a 1.2 hectare lot on which seated a 5-storey school building with a floor area of more than 4000m<sup>2</sup>, complete with amenities, such as 28 air-conditioned classrooms each equipped with LCDs, a 30-seated computer-based speech lab, paper-less faculty rooms with 24/7 access to internet, on-line library, a gymnasium, a track and field, among other facilities indispensable to a place worthy to be called a school. All these hardware will certainly aid ISA to continue deliver quality instruction and propel the school to a greater height. It goes without saying that these recent developments would further uplift the name of the institution, making it a many steps closer to its aim, excellence.

### Elementary bagged MTAP awards

ISA elementary learners bagged two awards during the division team finals of the 2011 Metrobank – MTAP – DEPED Math Challenge Region VI held at Iloilo Central Elementary School on the 10 February 2011. Alvin Lyndon Sy and Bernie Joseph Juyan of grade 4 won second place, while grade 2 learners Joelian Marie Dolendo and John Wallace Chan won third place. This is the first time ISA won in more than one elementary level in the same year.

### Abigail Juantong in Japan

3<sup>rd</sup> Year ISAer, Abigail Juantong, was one of the 56 Filipino students, and the only candidate representing Iloilo, to join the intercultural exchange and study activities in three Japanese cities sponsored by the Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths (JENESYS) from 4-15



December 2010. Abigail was chosen thru competitive exam held in March 2010. All her expenses in Japan were funded by the Japanese government through the JENESYS programme.

### ISA Celebrates Chinese New Year

The Chinese community in Iloilo City, for nine consecutive years, has been ushering in Chinese New Year with much funfare. The celebration of this auspicious event was held on 4 February at the downtown along Iznart Street. The event is joined by the four Chinese Schools and spectators were delighted to witness the colorful parade that commenced from the Iloilo Provincial Capitol to the performing area at Iznart Street. After the long foot parade, majestic performances entertained the spectators as the participating schools featured Chinese traditions and culture through dances and songs.



Part of the week-long celebration was ISA's "New Year, New Hope" presentation at SM City last 6 February 2011. ISA Springale Ensemble and Band offered the eager audience melodic Chinese songs. Selected ISA learners from preschool to high school highlighted Chinese culture through songs and dances. In addition, dance drama of the high school learners culminated the event depicting how Chinese culture was introduced, evolved and flourished in our country. The entire celebration indeed has given a new hope and a new beginning to us as we go through the challenges this year may bring. Happy New Year!

