

What culture is to a block of marble,
education is to a human soul. - Joseph Addison

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A memento with the President. Krisha, Lara, Kathleen and Linnie (from left) of the 4th batch high school graduating class pose with ISA President, Mr. Vicente Tiu, and director, Mr. Earlwayne Tan, upon the conclusion of the commencement exercises held at the ISA Gym on the 4th floor of the new school building last 26 March. On behalf of the graduating batch, Krisha Wee delivered a vivacious farewell speech both in Mandarin and English.

Batch 2011 Impressive Feat All Garnered 90+ in NCAE

All of the twenty-two Batch 2010-11 high school graduating ISAers, who took the government-administered National Career Assessment Examinations (NCAE) on 29 September 2010, scored higher than 90% (in English, Science and Math combined), earning a batch average of 97.1%, ISA's highest record ever. The individual results released by the Department of Education in March shows both Krisha Wee and Gabriel Antoine Avena garnered a score of 99+. Four scored 99%. They are Nel Yee Baraquia, Megan Bretagne Uy, Earvin John Salcedo and Jan Jemi Gerwayne Tiu. And seven scored 98%. These 13 ISAers constitute 48% of the examinees. The rest, four scored 97%, one 96%, one 95%, two 93%, and one 91%. The average of 97.1% is a small fraction short of 98%, which the Department of Education categorizes as 'Very High'. No wonder upon learning of their impressive performance, ISA Executive Director, Mr. Peter M. Chan, cited the achievements of these learners during the flag ceremony assembly.

Krisha is OSCI Outstanding Student

The Outstanding Students Circle of Iloilo (OSCI), whose aim is to discover Iloilo's best students based on their performances in academics and co-curricular activities, holds an annual search for 10 outstanding high school and elementary students in Iloilo. Krisha Wee was chosen as one of this year's ten outstanding students in Iloilo.

"The first elimination process is a written exam which lasts for two and a half hours and covers subjects like English, Math, Science and General Information," Krisha Wee said. This examination determines the fifteen students who get top scores and they will proceed to the final elimination process, the interview.

This year's determining event is different from the previous. Instead of having an extemporaneous-speaking type of interview, the judges decided to have like having a conversation.

"The result of the top ten outstanding students was posted on the website of OSCI, two weeks after the interview." added Krisha.

Editorial

A New Beginning Calls for a Clear-headed Perspective

Size does matter. Take for instance China and Singapore. Notwithstanding the quantitative figures and qualitative analyses claiming the superiority of the Singaporean model over its Chinese counterpart, empirical data invariably show it is China who calls the shots. Reason: China's sheer size.

Big, however, is not necessarily a manifestation of strength, neither is smallness a sign of weakness. The incessant dialectical transformation from small to big, and vice versa, as observed throughout natural and human history, distinctly reveals that they are two sides of the same coin. Ancient Chinese philosopher Wang Shouren succinctly defined this relation: anything ceases to advance must go the other way.

Knowing the psychology of change and progress, it is understandable for the members of the ISA community, who have moved from a campus with a size of 2300 m² to its present location five times bigger, could prophesize anything but certainty. Contrast breeds pressure, progress brings challenges.

Either big or small has its inherent advantages and downsides. The agility of a yacht is obviously not present in an oil tanker, which financial return due to the latter's economy of scale is unmatched.

It is *not* the size that matters, after all, it is in how the resources are being used, big or small.

Given the present relatively richer physical resources at our disposal, we face the challenge of maximizing the utilization of the current favorable conditions to benefit the learners, and the other stakeholders as well. It is by no means a simple task. With the better objective setup, progress does not necessarily follow. In fact, in many instances, we need to learn to cope with the new conditions, we need to learn further.

At this historical moment, ISA community should view things in their proper perspective. Trials abound along the way, no doubt. We cannot sit in complacency on our seven year laurel neither should we be haunted by the shadow of our past setbacks. Start anew, probably is the best approach we should take, in the name of education.

Senior Jemi Tiu 3rd Place Regional Physics Contest



The 1st Regional Physics competition sponsored by the Math and Physics Society of the University of San Agustin was held on 26 January this year. Twenty four contenders from 12 high schools, among which are ISA, Iloilo Central Commercial HS, U.P., Philippine Science HS, CPU, Bacolod Tay Tung HS, joined in the said contest. The elimination round was held in the morning. Jemi Tiu, ranked 7th, was one of the ten who made it to the final. Final round in the afternoon was a close fight throughout. It was when only one learner each from U.P. and PhiSci answered correctly an item that the first two places were decided. Third place was contested between Jemi and a PhiSci learner. Jemi finally claimed the honor during the clincher round.



The De La Salle University campus in Manila. ISA is the Extension Test Center of DLSU college entrance test in Panay and Guimaras this year. The DLSU college entrance test is scheduled on 24 September 2011.

ISA is DLSU Extension Test Center

Iloilo Scholastic Academy and the De La Salle University forged an agreement for ISA to serve as one of the extension test centers of DLSU college entrance test to be held on 24 September 2011. ISA test venue will probe convenient to many Visayan high school graduating learners who plan to go to this prestigious university next year, especially those from the provinces and municipalities in Panay and Guimaras.

The negotiation between ISA and DLSU started April this year when ISA received an email from Mr. Aduane Joseph Alcantara, the Undergraduate Admission coordinator of the DLSU Admission Office, requesting ISA to help facilitate the application for entrance test and to serve as the test venue.

The matter was immediately brought to the attention of the Board of Directors, whose members unanimously signified their full support.

Seniors, Juniors Attend Talk on Chastity

Chastity is the over-all theme of the talk entitled "Romance without Regrets" that the 4th year and 3rd year learners attended last 25 February at Colegio de San Jose Auditorium.

The said talk is just one of the series of talks Jason Evert, a multi-awarded speaker and author on chastity in the United States and founder of Pure Love Club, an international group of teens and young adults who promote the virtue of chastity, is conducting in Asia to talk to the youth, parents, and professional educators.



With Mr. Evert after his talk. The learners enjoyed the fun and exciting topics given to them by Mr. Evert most especially the never failing topic about love to teenage audience. They went home educated by the words given to them by the speaker in love, how to avoid temptations, and to be the best person they can become.



The annual camping at Anhawan Beach Resort on 17-19 February with the theme "Youth: You are the Hope". Grades 4 to 4th year ISAers joined the said activity. Camping organizers prepared various activities such as cheering competition, tent set-up, team building, cooking contest, indoor and outdoor games, spooftime contest, and the yearly Mr. & Ms. ISA Camping 2011.