



A master can tell you what he expects of you.

A teacher, though, awakens your own expectation. - **Patricia Neal**

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ISA Library goes ONLINE

Starting this month, ISA campus comes within the Britannica Learning Zone, where each member of the ISA community enjoys 24/7 access to all the resources Britannica Learning Zone has to offer, not only in school, but virtually bringing the whole library to his or her home. These include the unabridged contents of the Britannica Encyclopedia plus video animation, complete line of dictionary, world atlas, comparable facts and figures of countries around the world, tens of thousands of e-book titles under the Reference Desk; years in review, Britannica timeline, Britannica classics under Time Travel, among many other big titles, such as Explore Britannica, Learning Materials, and a lot more. The Workspace made learners' research work more user-friendly. Of the various new measures introduced this year, this is the one most beneficial to the academic endeavor of the learners.

The advent of rapid technological advancement calls for a reorientation of the whole spectrum of thinking in the academe. Admittedly, education lags far behind *vis a vis* applied science in many respect. There is the factor of financial resources, presumably, but conventional mindset is nonetheless to blame. The infusion of hi-tech innovation is utterly an unexplored realm, which can be full of excitement, challenges, and enjoyment. This is a domain no educator, particularly leaders in the academe, can afford to overlook. In consonance with the needs of the learners and mentors, it is expected of ISA to introduce further modernism in the years to come.

Editorial I-SA Stands for I-nnovations

School year 2011-12 has kicked off on 13 June. A day that welcomes every ISAer was packed with new things. ISA has finally moved to its new campus, quite far from the urban center where noise and traffic are quite bothering. All smile as everyone sees the new building. But what awaits inside the huge campus? When we say ISA, the brand name is equated to innovation. Changes are made to make the learning processes and procedures up to date.

First, from the traditional course outlines that are distributed to the learners on the first day, the school has shifted to giving concept maps and checklists for clearer view of the flow of the lessons and learners will be able to keep track of the academic tasks missed and ought to perform.

Second, with the introduction of online library, learners will be more properly guided in using the web for research through the access code. With only a click, ISAers can have unlimited sources of information.

Third and unique feature of the school is the cyber grading system, another innovation which allows parents to monitor the performance of the child at home through accessing to the internet where scores can be seen. This gives facilitators too, an efficient and error free computation of learners' performance. Thanks to technology, almost everything is within our reach.

And finally, paper less office and trash less classrooms have become a policy. Facilitators' guides, exams for checking and other relevant information are transmitted through e-mails. On the other hand, learners are trained to manage their trash since there is no trash can inside the classroom. With this, we were able to put into action what we learn from school on how to conserve our resources and show love to Mother Nature.

ISA is turning 8 this year. Indeed, time flies. The school has been opened to new ideas in the name of quality education while remaining committed to its mission and vision.

14 ISAers Join Xiamen Summer Camp



Cruising the Jiuqu (Nine-curve) River that winds its way through the picturesque Wuyi Mountain National Park in northern Fujian, China. Fourteen ISAers joined the summer study camp held at Xiamen City in April to May this year. They belonged to the 7th batch of ISA learners who took part in the 8-week long study and tour package jointly organized by the Tan Yan Kee Foundation and Philippine Chinese Education Research Center. Since its operation in 2004, ISA has been active in sending learners, 1st and 2nd years specially, to this annual event which helps polish their Mandarin.



Clockwise from upper left: Registration at dawn; ISA parents on the go; ever active ISAers in front of the new school building declaring 'I Finished ISA Fun Run'.

ISA-LC SPEARHEADS 1ST FUN RUN

After getting the target 120 positive votes, ISA Learners Council proposed a plan to the executive director, Mr. Peter M. Chan, to hold a Fun Run on 20 March, and was immediately approved. According to an officer of the ISA-LC it started with an idea of celebrating Family Day starting off with the fun run. The campaign started in the social networking facebook and through asking fellow ISAers in school if they are going to participate. Permits were processed, flyers, invitations and solicitations were sent out to raise fund for the activity. Grades 4 to Fourth year learners were encouraged to join.

Around 5 am in the morning of 20 March, runners composed of learners, parents and guests began to gather in front of ISA new Campus at San Rafael, Mandurriao. The route covers the area from San Rafael to Boardwalk and Diversion road. The first one hundred runners to reach the finish line were given ISA T-shirt emblazoned with "I finished ISA Fun Run", while the top three received additional cash prizes. There were kiosks, photo booth and game booths, like bingos, to add fun. For ISA-LC officers who spearheaded the event, it was a major breakthrough. They received commendations for organizing such a major off-campus event solely on their own. RJ

Offices Go Paperless

Easy access to advanced technology makes it probable to turn all offices paperless. Internet network help the school cut down on the one costliest overhead item — paper. Besides, facilitators and staff can transmit and keep all the records electronically with ease at no extra cost.

ISA campus offices are now literally paperless. Tedious facilitators guides, course outlines and all other relevant materials are checked through soft copies instead of bulky print outs. They are transmitted through e-mails.

The goal doesn't mainly focus on attaining a paperless workplace but also to take advantage of the technologies that truly help the school cut overhead cost, reduce trash and conserve spaces in order to maintain a conducive working environment for facilitators at all times. In all likeliness, this new measure is another ISA's response to the call to help save Mother Earth, even in its own little humble way. GD



Yearend Inventory of Events in pics

A TRIP TO HISTORY. Grade2 learners' field trip on February 18 brought them to six places. The first was Science Centrum, followed by a visit of the ancestral house of the prolific Filipino writers in Hiligaynon, Magdalena Jalandoni. The house stands as a historical landmark near Jaro Cathedral. They then visited Cabatuan, a town thriving with history, and to the Parish Church and the golf course of Sta. Barbara, first ever in the Philippines. It was a trip that cultivates the ISAers' love of one's own cultural and artistic heritage.



Lipat Bahay. Though not to be likened to the exodus to the promised land, the moving out to the new ISA campus brought much excitement in the heart of every ISAer.