

We're here to put a dent in the universe. - **Steve Jobs**

*Editorial*

'When children become readers, their world is forever wider and richer'. If we are to choose something that can make us who we are in the future, it is literacy that can make us or break us. Literacy plays a vital role most especially in a modern society where we live right now that survival of fittest is very evident. It can always bring us to success if only we use it properly.

True to its objectives, ISA continues to mold learners to become better individuals, most especially when it comes to literacy, by the continued support given to them, providing them venues to hone their innate strengths and making it a point that literacy day is every day.

Classroom, as a venue, offers them instructions with the help of technology and the leeway to speak up their minds.

Moreover, venues that give them opportunity to showcase what they have learned inside the classroom are also offered. ISA provides venues like *Buwan ng Wika* and *Literary Voices of the Youth*, where learners compete in various events that can enhance their public speaking ability.

More to that, ISA was able to hold HSK Chinese Language Evaluation Test given by the Chinese government to measure what they learned in Chinese class.

Amidst the challenges for years, ISA is standing still and never deviates from its policy by maintaining academic excellence and providing competitive graduates. Graduates who are able to face the challenges in their chosen path due to the literacy skills they have learned from their alma mater.

**Seeking the Right Path to Success**

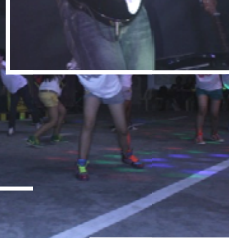
In line with the ISA values formation program, a one day recollection-seminar for the Third Year learners was held last 2 September 2011 at Holy Rosary Reflection Center hosted by Sister Fidelis. The said recollection-seminar focuses on the topic "Choosing my Success Path". During the said recollection the learners were divided in small groups and they were given task to do and share their views with each other.

The learners were also given a chance to ask their parents about certain topics concerning the latter's student life as teenagers. The recollection ended with the heart-to-heart sharing with their parents and by conveying their appreciation and imparting words of wisdom to the learners.



A group of 3<sup>rd</sup> Year learners share their life experiences and apprehension as learners to their parents and facilitators. On their part, the parents assured the learners that they are always behind them in every step they will take in their attempt to fulfill their dreams in life. The openness of the conversation has been a typical scenario in all recollections arranged by the school every year.

**ISAers Rock**



It was an action-packed weekend for the ISAers as the school had its first ever "Battle of the Bands" and "Dance Festival" last 10 September 2011. Three band from the high school department and four dance groups from grade 6 – 4<sup>th</sup> year, wowed the audience with their extraordinary skills in dancing, singing and playing different musical instruments.

The contestants rehearsed for roughly a month. Dancers need to stay late to polish their dance steps. It was a great challenge for every band member to master their parts since most of them were first timers. Despite the busy schedule and academic pressure to face every day, the groups managed to show an excellent performance.

It was an evening full of excitement. Each performer exuded enthusiasm during the performance that spontaneous cheers and applause would from time to time spring out from the bleacher.

After an hour and a half of the battle of talents, the judges finally have chosen the winners. The Junior Hooligans, a newly found 3<sup>rd</sup> year band group and the "Anonymous" dancers from 3<sup>rd</sup> year and 4<sup>th</sup> year, were respectively declared champion of the 1<sup>st</sup> ISA Battle of the Bands and Dance Festival.

The other bands were given the special awards. The "Moment of Silence" from the 3<sup>rd</sup> year was awarded the best band to perform a Filipino song; the "Copyright" from 4<sup>th</sup> year won "Best in Photo Shoot", and the "Junior Hooligans" was awarded the best band to perform an English and Chinese songs. In the dance category, the "Moves Like Swagger" from 2<sup>nd</sup> year won the "Best in Discipline" and the "Anonymous" won the "Best in Choreography" and "Best in Photo Shoot".

This production was made possible with the help and support of the parents, ISA facilitators and staff, ISA learner council and parents association, and the Spectrum headed by Mr. Rodgen Jabor.

Indeed, the production was a great success, and another memorable event that breaks fresh ground worthy of further fostering. DMC

**ISAer reaps International award**

ISA senior Dennis Ventilacion Jr. won 3<sup>rd</sup> honors in the 2011 China Junior High School Match Olympiad held in Beijing Jingshan School last August.

The 39-member Philippine team underwent a 2-part individual contest. The 1<sup>st</sup> part was a three open-ended problems to be solved in 90 minutes, and 10 short-answer problems to finish in an hour in the 2<sup>nd</sup> part.

The Philippine team won 6 2<sup>nd</sup> honors and 70 3<sup>rd</sup> honors.

Close to 1000 from several countries and territories joined the competitions.



The De la Salle University ISA Extension Test Center was the test venue for 211 seniors aspiring to enter this prestigious tertiary learning institution last 24 September 2011. Half of the examinees took the test in the morning, and the other half were scheduled in the afternoon session. Because of the thorough preparation of the ISA guidance office, no single unpleasant occurrence was reported during the entire proceeding, prompting the test administrators from DLSU to give positive appraisals on the support given to them by ISA.