A Memento with the President. Krisha, Lalaine, Lennie and English 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 vivid farewell speech. 

Batch 2011 ImpressiveFeat All Garnered 90+ in NGAE

All of the twenty-two Batch 2010-11 high school graduating ISAers, who took the government-administered National Career Assessment Examinations (NCAB) 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 Bretagote U. and in John Salcedo and Jan Jemi Garwayne Ti. 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 ISAers 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 includes 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-spreching-type of interview, the judges decided to have it conversational. “The result of the top ten outstanding students was posted on the website of OSCI, two weeks after the interview.” added Krisha.

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 China who calls the shots. Reason: China’s sheer size.

Big, however, is not necessarily a manifestation of strength, neither is smallness a measure of weakness. The incessant dialectical transformation from small to big, and vice versa, as observed in Chinese history, distinctly reveals that they are two sides of the same coin. Ancient Chinese philosopher Wang Shouren succinctly yet famously put it best: “In the beginning, it is an illusion, 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 possibly experience anything but anxiety. Constant breeds pressure, progress brings challenges.

Either big or small has its inherent advantages and disadvantages. The point 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 of smaller schools, they 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 comfortance on the edge of a cliff, we 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.

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With Mr. Event after his talk. The learners enjoyed the fun and exciting topics given to them by Mr. Event 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 Asawhan Beach Resort on 17-19 February with the theme “Youth: You are the Hope!”. Grades 4 to 6th year ISAers joined the said activity. Camping organizers prepared various activities such as beach cleaning competition, tent set-up, team building, cooking contest, indoor and outdoor games, spoof time contest, and the yearly Mr. & Ms. ISA Camping 2011.