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 we only use it properly.

True to its objectives, ISA continues to mold learners to become better individuals, most especially when it comes to literacy, by providing support venues 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 way 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 Drama and Wika and Literary Voices of the Youth, where learners compete in various events that can enhance their public speaking ability.

Mere 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 3rd 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.

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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 bands from the high school department and four dance groups from grade 6 – 4th 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 start late to polish their dance steps. It was a great challenge for every band member to master their parts since most of these 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 come from time to time spring out from the bleachers.

After an hour and a half of the battle of talents, the judges finally have chosen the winners. The Junior Hoobigan, a newly found 3rd year band group and the “Anonymous” dancers from 3rd year and 4th year, were respectively declared champions of the PISA Battle of the Bands and Dance Festival.

The other bands were given the special awards. The “Message of Silence” from the 3rd year was awarded the best band to perform a Filipino song the “Copyright” from 4th year was Best in Photo Shoot”, and the “Junior Hoobigan” was awarded the best band to perform an English and Chinese songs. In the dance category, the “Moves Like Swagger” from 2nd 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. Rodjun Jabon. Indeed, the production was a great success, and another memorable event that breaks fresh ground worthy of further fostering.

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**ISAers Reaps International Award**

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

The 39-member Philippine underwent a 2-part individual contest. The 1st 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 2nd part. The Philippine team won 6 2nd honors and 70 3rd honors.

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

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