



ISTEC Meets for Collaboration to Integrate Technology into Curriculum

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The meeting was formally opened by the principal of RIST, Mr. Mike Booton. Mr. Nat Yogachandra, a retired Eastman Kodak Company Marketing Executive, gave a thought-provoking presentation entitled, "Breaking the Paradigm." Mr. Yogachandra's informative talk had the ISTEC members thinking about how to use information technology in a totally new perspective. The day was divided into a morning and afternoon session which discussed points initiated in the ISTEC list serve. The group members were also divided into job-alikes. Technology Engineers and Tech Coordinators met separately so that each group could focus on their own relevant questions and needs. The members discussed TechEx, which is a technology conference sanctioned by the ISTEC group and scheduled to take place in October, 2010 at Phuket International School.

ISTEC was founded in 1999 and has been meeting three times a year ever since. By the looks of the smiling faces and the gratitude offered by the ISTEC members to the RIS/RIST teachers and staff, the meeting was a success.

The following 11 schools attended the ISTEC meeting: RIS, RIST, Bangkok Patana School, NIST, Northbridge International School (Phnom Penh), St. John's International School, British International School, Phuket, Bangkok Prep, KIS, Shrewsbury International School, and St. Stephen's International School.

RIS and RIST co-hosted the International Schools Technology Exchange Committee (ISTEC) meeting on Friday, November 6, 2009. ISTEC, based in Bangkok, is a collaborative effort to integrate technology into the K-12 curriculum through sharing information and experience.

Topics such as software, technology integration, resource management, and new technologies were all touched upon during the all-day meeting.



Agenda Items- Tech Co

- NA Citizenship - what it is to be a Net Citizen
- Technology Plans - writing, revision, keep
- AUPs - which ones are best? When do you use your AUP? Does it support an AUP?
- School Website - how interesting
- Professional Development - what are the big questions? How do professional teachers? Could they offer solutions?