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Dear Parents, Faculty and Staff:

I don't know where to start this week's letter. There are so many activities at RIS that need special recognition and celebration this week. Let me try and summarize them all to you, and if I missed any, please forgive me!

Our IB Art Exhibition at Central World showcasing the talents of our 13 High School students was an absolute success. It is estimated that over 250 people attended the opening night alone. On top of this, several students sold their work to members of the community, proving that the quality of the work was similar to that of professional artists! Congratulations to the students and staff who worked so hard to organize this outstanding exhibition.



We were also delighted to hear the news that our students argued their way to glory at the high school level of the EU-Thailand National Interschool Debate Championship 2009. Hosted by Thammasat University, the RIS team was awarded first place last week. I understand one of our students was also awarded "best young speaker." Congratulations to the RIS Debate Team!



Also, my congratulations to all the new members of the National Honor Society. Your dedication, hard work and personal initiatives are clearly recognized by our faculty members. I am looking forward to meeting the proud parents of these 12 high school students at their induction ceremony next week on our school campus.

Another great show! The Performing Arts Department staged an outstanding performance this week entitled, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, by William Shakespeare. Three performances were staged in the PAC this week for students and parents. In summary - a wonderful performance by a talented group of students, and quite funny! Congratulations!

RIS is honored to be hosting a professional choir from Canada on tour of Asia visiting Korea, Cambodia, Thailand and Hong Kong. We are still looking for host families to house the performers May 12-15. More information is posted on our school website.

Finally, please take extra care during the next few days as the government of Thailand unites with ASEAN and other countries to fight the Swine Flu outbreak in Mexico and a few places in the U.S. If you are planning to travel out of Thailand this weekend, you may increase your risk of exposure to the disease. At RIS, our administrators are closely watching the situation and we will keep you posted. I am sure you will also monitor the situation closely during the holidays.

Have a wonderful, long, relaxing weekend!

Peace,

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