

August 21, 2009

Dear Parents, Faculty and Staff:

Yesterday was one of the proudest moments in my life. It was also a proud moment for both the seniors and their families as they attended their Convocation Ceremony in Godbout Hall. It marks the beginning of the end of a long journey filled with hard work, commitment and accomplishments. My heart filled with joy and happiness to see the hundreds of bright smiling faces of future leaders in that hall, many of them who have been with RIS since Grade 1.



In my address, I urged them to build their academic and leadership skills, build healthy relationships with their teachers and peers and use their time wisely to promote Union of Hearts within their community during their final year here at RIS. I am sure with the help of RIS faculty and staff and, you, parents, they can make it happen.



This morning was our first all-school assembly. I was delighted to see all the students and faculty of both RIS and RIST gathered together as one united family. We also took this opportunity in welcoming all the new students and teachers in both schools on

this glorious morning. We even had the familiar voice of Fr. Travis, who called in from a small hospital in Indiana in the States to welcome everyone to the new year. It was great to hear his voice and our thoughts and prayers are with him as he recovers from hip surgery and hurries back to Ruamrudee!

While the faculty and the students are settling down well with the new year, I have great news to share. The United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), the leading environmental authority within the UN system, has signed an agreement with RIS to jointly commemorate the International Ozone Day on September 16 on our campus. This is a great honor bestowed upon RIS by the United Nations in recognition to our on-going commitment to protect the environment by our students, parents and faculty.

On September 16, we have planned several workshops, display booths and a concert to educate and entertain our students and community on the crucial need to protect the Ozone and prevent climate change. We have also invited other International schools in Bangkok and the region to actively participate in our efforts to commemorate the event. You are all invited. For additional information, please visit our website, www.rism.ac.th.

Finally, I want to thank all the parents for their continued support of Ruamrudee International School. I had the privilege of attending the first meeting of the Parent Auxiliary this week and it is clearly shown that through the collaborated efforts of all of us that our school continues to improve and grow towards excellence! Congratulations, once again, to all the new board members.

That's all for this week. Have a great weekend!

Peace,

Fr.Pattarapong Srivorakul, C.Ss.R.

Head of School