

December 18, 2009

Dear Parents, Faculty and Staff:

This is my last letter to you for the year 2009. As the year comes to a close, we reflect on how our government has struggled through some pretty difficult political situations. Even here at RIS, we have not been immune to difficulties and unpleasant occurrences. But, like all organizations, we reflect, devise a plan and strive ahead with the confidence and the ability to overcome and achieve our goals. Our students continue to excel academically and in all extra curricular activities. They brought fame to themselves and to our institution. I am extremely proud of what makes us a strong educational institution - our amazing students, our dedicated faculty and our hard-working staff!

Speaking of which, you may have heard that two of our Grade 11 students made it onto the Thailand National Debate Team and will be representing Thailand in the 22nd World Schools Debating Championship in Doha, Qatar, Feb. 8-19, 2010. This is a wonderful achievement for our students and their coach. We are extremely proud! Please visit <http://www.wsd2010doha.com/> for more information.

On Tuesday this week, Ruamrudee International School received an award from the Thai Ministry of Energy and The Institute of Industrial Energy for setting an example for effective use of energy. Thailand's Energy Service Company (ESCO) Project Award 2009 was presented to Ruamrudee for our success in conserving energy in our school. We were top among several other corporations in this country to receive this award, including Toyota Thailand Limited and Dusit Thani Hotel. It was a great honor to receive this award. Congratulations to all!

An upcoming event that I want to remind you of is our school-wide "Fun Fair" scheduled for Saturday, February 27. Initial planning meetings have created excitement within all sections to raise funds specifically to furnish homes being built under a project of the Redemptorist Street Kids Home in Pattaya. Stayed tuned as more information will follow immediately after the opening of school in January.

You will be receiving the RIS/RIST Newsletter Quarterly in your mail over the holidays. As you browse through this magazine, you will notice all the great things that are happening in and around the two schools. We are able to give you this quarterly communications highlighting your children's activities at no cost to the school through the kind sponsorships of our supportive advertisers. We wish to take this opportunity to thank them. Also, if you would like extra copies to share with friends or to put in your place of business, please let us know.

The New Year is meant for celebrations and spending joyous time with the family. I join the entire staff at RIS/RIST in thanking all of you for the opportunity to work with your children and family. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a most blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Peace,

Fr. Pattarapong Srivorakul, C.Ss.R.

Head of School

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