

February 5, 2010

Dear Parents, Faculty and Staff:

This morning at assembly, I had the privilege of welcoming basketball players and coaches from nearly 12 schools, representing six countries including Thailand, who will be competing in the –SEASAC Basketball Tournament this weekend. Each school brought in their boys and girls basketball teams and it was a pleasure to meet and greet more than 250 players and coaches on our campus.

We are delighted to be their host, and I am sure our students and athletic department will extend our Union of Hearts hospitality to the visitors. I am not an avid basketball player, but I do enjoy watching basketball games, especially the NBA games on television when I have time!

Earlier this week, we had a VIP guest attend the opening ceremony of the high school students' art exhibit at St. Luke's Gallery. Mr. Savettachai Suphayaboonmee, the newly appointed District Officer for Minburi met with students and faculty members after he opened the exhibit. Later that morning he attended a meeting with officials from the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) and United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to discuss and review our school plans for sustaining our awareness towards climate change.

UNEP has appointed Ruamrudee International School as the hub for promoting awareness of the Ozone Layer Protection among schools in Thailand, as well as in the Southeast Asia region. We are honored to work with UNESCO and UNEP throughout the coming months to develop plans to make it happen.

In the spirit of ideas worth spreading, TEDxBKK is coming to Ruamrudee! On Saturday, February 13, distinguished speakers from around the world, including Apirak Kosayodhin, two-time Bangkok governor, will gather in the Performing Arts Center to spark deep discussion and connection on the theme, "Minds Wide Open." We are very excited to be hosting this popular event. For more information, please visit our website.

A reminder, our February Fun-a-Thon continues throughout the month with targeted activities in each section. Our big community-wide event, RIS Perfect Fun Run & Walk Rally Charity Fundraiser is set for Saturday, Feb. 27, at Perfect Place Lakeside. We have several events planned for the morning and encourage everyone to come and join the fun for our worthy cause. More information is available on our website and within each section.

I wish you all a very pleasant and restful weekend. Stay healthy!

Peace,

Fr. Pattarapong Srivorakul, C.Ss.R.

Head of School

