

February 19, 2010

Dear Parents, Faculty and Staff:

I had the pleasure of meeting our two-time Bangkok governor and leading business thinker, Khun Apirak Kosayodhin on our campus Saturday, February 13, at the first TEDxBKK Conference to be hosted in Thailand. It was a very successful event where 14 speakers from around the world spoke to an audience of over 250 on some very interesting and engaging topics. Akansha (our HS student speaker) amazed the audience with her mature and intelligent discussion on Emotional Intelligence. I'd like to thank Rob Newberry for bringing this event to our school and working so hard to make it a success, along with many of our HS student volunteers who were very helpful throughout the day.



As you know, our school is committed to bringing about expected school-wide learning results which prepares every student to achieve certain results, such as complex thinkers, life-long learners, and caring citizens. Community service is a vital part of our curriculum, where students learn the true meaning of service to others through action. Our commitment to helping others is integral to our school's vision.

Supporting the charitable works of the Remdemporist Fathers, such as Fr. Ray Children's Village, is a school-wide initiative where each section of the school created unique opportunities to raise funds for this worthy cause. The street children in Pattaya will now grow and develop under the loving care of adults in a safe environment – all with the help of our compassionate, giving students. They are giving their time with the reward of sponsorships, so they can donate their funds to this cause. We salute our students who truly demonstrate a sincere and unconditional sense of compassion towards others.

Don't forget – another opportunity to come out and help Fr. Ray Children's Village is on Saturday, February 27, where Perfect Place Lakeside will be host to our RIS Perfect Fun Run & Walk Rally. There will be lots of fun events, food and entertainment beginning at 8 a.m. Come out and join the fun! More information can be found on our website, [www.rism.ac.th](http://www.rism.ac.th).



The new Middle School section of the Griffith Library, MS Zone, is almost complete. With the tremendous help of the Parents' Auxiliary, we were able to design an area for the middle school students in the existing library that is all their own. Please feel free to stop in and have a look. Mrs. Nancy, our librarian, has been working hard with everyone to make it happen – and she has succeeded! Nice work! An upcoming event you will not want to miss - the Classical Music and Ballet by Yamaha, Japan and RIS Stage Wind Ensemble Concert on March 4 at 3:30 p.m. at PAC. Admission is Baht 100. Advance reservations can be made at Tel: 02 518-0320 ext.436. All proceeds will benefit Fr. Ray Children's Village. Come out for an afternoon of pure enjoyment to the ears and eyes.

Finally, our season of Lent has arrived with Ash Wednesday this week, and I pray for God's blessings and guidance as he awakens and renews a spiritual enlightenment in all of us.

Peace,

Fr. Pattarpong Srivorakul, C.Ss.R.

Head of School