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Dear Parents, Faculty and Staff:

I'm happy to share with you the latest news that I received this Wednesday at our School Improvement Council Meeting. Our RIS High School IB Art results are well above the world average for 2008. Not only this, the quality of instruction offered across all sections of our school clearly indicate the excellence in our students and the faculty.

I have more to add. One of our students was placed in the top one percent in the world in the recent American Mathematics Competition. As you know, RIS also became the winning school worldwide in the Atlantic Pacific Mathematics Competition 2007-8.



Colin Powell, former US Secretary of State once said, *“If you are going to achieve excellence in big things, you develop the habit in little matters. Excellence is not an exception, it is a prevailing attitude.”* This is what we do at RIS. We make excellence not as an act, but as a habit. Each and every student at RIS has a sincere desire to excel. Our teachers are committed to nurture and strengthen their skills, knowledge and creativity to prepare the students to excel academically.

Again, as I mentioned several times in the past, our achievement in academics and other activities could not become a reality without the wonderful support we receive from our parents, administrators, teachers and staff.

I want to thank the parents who went on the field trip with our Grade 4 and 5 students to Suan Chitralada Dusit Palace last Thursday. I was told they had a fabulous time. I missed this golden opportunity as I was in Phuket accompanying a visiting Japanese team to monitor some of the projects we initiated to help with the tsunami victims. It was heartwarming to see some of the progress we are making to serve the needy.

Again, this is another busy week of activities. We had High School Cheerleading competition on Thursday, the famous Star Kids Discovery Talent Show of Elementary Section on Friday and the performances by the word-famous visiting Japanese Music and Dance Performances on Thursday and Friday at the PAC, RIST.

As always, we encourage you to visit our website (www.rism.ac.th) to learn more about our academic and extracurricular activity programs which our talented students are involved in here at RIS every day.

Have a great weekend!

Peace,

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