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Dear Parents, Faculty and Staff:

It brought me tears to my eyes when I saw pictures of His Majesty the King appearing in public for the first time after spending more than a month at Siriraj hospital. I am sure you all must have seen the photographs that appeared in the local newspapers and TV last Saturday and were equally delighted to see him up and about touring the hospital compound.

Last week while spending time with my own parents, family members and friends, reminded me of His Majesty's kind words to all citizens. He said, "if people work together, this country will prosper. If everybody maintains unity, advantages and happiness will occur, the nation will be normal, stabilized and will develop." This is a very important message to all of us, and reminds us of the need to work together towards maintaining peace in the community in which we live.

I was happy to see our students and teachers return after a restful and re-energizing break last week, and gearing up for the demanding weeks ahead to finish out our first semester here at RIS. However, this week has been extremely busy for all the administrators and members of the School Board in dealing with the restructuring of the benefits and compensation packages for faculty members. The process has caused anxiety among our school community for which I deeply regret and pass on my sincere apologies to everyone. The Board is working diligently to address all concerns as early as possible.

Finally, Father Travis is coming home this weekend! We are all excited and anxiously waiting his arrival. We have planned a welcome celebration for him during our morning assembly next Friday, November 6. Please join us on that day to welcome him back to RIS.

It was great this morning to see so many of our students in colorful costumes for our Halloween celebration today. Happy Halloween everyone and thank you, students and staff, for ending my week on a cheerful note!

Peace,

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Head of School

