

Dasmesh Times

Sri Dasmesh International School



A Visit by our friends from Indonesia

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On the 2nd of March, the school welcomed a group of 16 delegates from the Yogyakarta State University, Indonesia. Consisting of students and professors, the group was interested to learn about the school's leadership culture and best teaching practices.

SDIS ambassadors in charge of this tour were none other than the Prefects Board and the Student Council members who were ever so delighted to greet them. Year 6 students were also roped in.

The tour began at about 8am with an introduction of the school's history. SDIS students spoke about the 7 habits culture in school, a daily practise. Delegates were guided around the school, by students who explained the school's Wildly Important Goals (WIGS) and pointed out the progress made in sports, education, leadership and school culture over the years.



Sports Camp

By Gurjeevan Sachdev (Y11)

On 21/1/17, our annual sports camp commenced at 7.30am. Several stations were set up by our PE Department with the help of student volunteers working together synergistically.

I witnessed true sports grit in my peers. Students faced each challenge with a 'can-do' spirit and did their best at each station. They had to do push-ups, sit-ups, staircase runs and lunges.



It was impressive to see how students motivated their friends to do their best. I was in charge of the high-knee station which was a tough one. Students had to combine the typical running motion with an exaggerated knee movement.

A couple of students accomplished phenomenal feats. This proves that our students are not only good academically but also athletically. It was good to see many students take part and continue the tradition of being athletes that Sri Dasmesh has always nurtured.



Youth Environmental Summit Singapore

By Tan Wan Ting (Y11)

On 15th of February 2017, eighteen students, accompanied by our teacher advisor, Ms Usha, attended the Youth Environmental Summit in Singapore, an educational conference held by the SG Youth Ambassadors with the aim of cultivating the importance of Mother Nature within the students. The conference was attended by students from many countries; Hong Kong, the Middle East, Vietnam, Myanmar, Laos, Philippines to name a few.

We had various venues starting with ice-breaking activities at the Nanyang Girls' School. The merry games included fetching water with raffia string held by a cup, forming the longest line using limited items, constructing a shelter and dressing up an environmental-friendly model. All these events had educational lessons behind them, teaching us to appreciate scarce natural resources and how the Earth would benefit if we worked together towards saving it.



The second day was filled with events like the Amazing Race in the morning where teams could take the chance to explore Hortpark and its wonderful greenery. Then we attended the Opening Ceremony and listened to speeches by guest speakers. A city tour to Marina Barrage, Gardens by the Bay and Merlion Park ended the day with a bang.

Day 3 began with a visit to the Newater Gallery, where we learnt about the treatment of water in Singapore and how vital it is to conserve this natural resource. It was followed by a trip to the Envision Gallery, highlighting the four most crucial aspects of the environment and society - air, water, land and health. The evening ended early as students had to discuss their projects for the next day. We came up with a few innovative projects like an energy-monitoring app, city traveller and devices to save coral reefs. Our days were packed with most of us staying awake till 2am the next morning!

On the last day, we were sent on a Water Experiential Trail around MacRitchie Reservoir. After the tour, students headed to fine-tune their projects for presentation. Each school then performed a cultural show, wrapping up the exciting day. The prize-giving ceremony came right after with SDIS winning the 'Most Energetic Team' Award! Our students' positive personality combined with high leadership and synergy during the conference was evident throughout. On 20th February we flew back to KL in high spirits with loads of new environmental awareness.



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Prefects & Student Council Camp

By Shweta Harikannan (Y10)

On the 6th and 7th of May, we headed to Nilai Springs Resort for our leadership camp. The camp began with ice breaking activities where students were split into two groups- **cha** and **coffee**. Each group had to come up with their respective group song.

The groups were given challenging tasks. One of them was wall climbing and many students had difficulty climbing up. However, teammates motivated each other to reach the top, then sounded the winning horn. Teams then proceeded to their next activity—the obstacle course. One difficult rule to follow was : not hold each others' hands when crossing obstacles.

Activities the next day began at 8 with the Amazing Race. After a tiring day, we relaxed and chilled out. We left Nilai at 1pm and reached school at 4pm.

This concluded the 2017 Prefects and Student Council Camp. Not only was the camp a wonderful experience, it was also very beneficial for us as we learnt something new about our friends and helped each other overcome their weaknesses.



Sports Day 2017

By Rehana Kaur (Y9)

On 18 March in the wee hours of the morning, students came together in celebration, ever ready to win it all on our Sports Day 2017. We thronged to the University Malaya Sports Arena for this cheerful annual highlight. The majestic parade was kick started



by the Green Negritos, the reigning champions! It was a colourful affair and the air was filled with joy and might from the voices of all participants.

Despite the competition between houses the feeling of sportsmanship was very much alive! The 2017 sportsman and sportswoman were Beverly Siow, Ryan Wong and Charanjit Singh.

Finally the highlight of the day—the announcement of the March Past and overall Sports Champions! The march past joint champions were the Yellow Samurais and the Green Negritos! Finally the overall winners were announced. The Yellow Samurais had done it again after their victory in 2015! Sports Day 2017 was definitely a power-packed memorable one!



Annual Awards & Leadership Day 2017

By Shivraj Paneer Selvam (Y9)

A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way and shows the way'. This is a classic quote from leadership guru John Maxwell. Well, it is manifestly evident that this quality shone ever so radiantly in every child on the 13th of April 2017. A day of such magnitude, that it enthralled every parent present.

Canopies were elegantly decorated and chairs were neatly arranged. A simply quiet morning was brought to life with the enthusiasm and the fervour of hands and legs moving robustly to ensure that everything was in tip top condition before the huge event.

The sonorous voice of emcees Jasdev Singh, accompanied by Molly Toi Kai Xin, caught the attention of parents and fellow students. The Y9 students kicked off the event with a song entitled 'The Waving Flag', which truly delighted the crowd. The event was followed by a series of moving speeches by speaking leaders Divyasheni, Harjoth and Jaideep advocating the importance of the 7 Habits.

Next, the 'Leaders from History' presented by Y6 and Y7 students talked about the lives of past leaders and the hardships and obstacles which impede their road to success . After that, was an entertaining play about Cinderella, performed by the Year 5 students. School Chairman Tan Sri Dato Ajit Singh and School principal, Madam Jaswinder Kaur then conveyed words of encouragement and shared key events over the past year. The final performance entitled 'Voice of Nature' by the Year 11 students, was a moving tale depicting the elements of nature – water, fire, earth and air.



by students. The Food Fiesta was a roaring success, a first for SDIS where students ran all food stalls themselves and the Student Council conducted polling to select the best stall. This event has become part of Sri Dasmesh's ever-growing list of achievements.



Thereafter the prize giving ceremony for the High Achievers 2016 was held. IGCSE top scorers were applauded for their amazing results. The event closed with an energetic 7 Habits Gymrama performed by the school as a whole.

Guests moved on to our 'Food Fiesta' with everyone tempted to try the scrumptious, food and drinks prepared by our students. Finally, the Leadership Trail commenced leading parents to witness performances, eye-catching experiments and displays

