



FOREWORD BY THE PRINCIPAL

“Superhuman effort isn’t worth a damn unless it achieves results.”

Ernest Shackleton

Whether you are joining Sri KDU® International School for the first time or you are returning for another year, I extend a warm welcome and wish everyone a rewarding and successful academic year 2019-2020. Congratulations to all teachers who were part of the team in the last academic year and who have contributed to another extremely successful year in terms of student achievement. In IGCSE, 62% of A*/A grades were achieved as well as 62% Distinctions in the International Certificate of Education (ICE) with 98% at Merit or above and a 100% pass rate. The IBDP students also did very well and our average point score of 36 was much higher than the world average. We were delighted to have such high-performing IBDP students in 2019, with Max Han scoring a perfect 45 points! Students in the primary school and at KS3 also made excellent progress. There were many individual successes, not just among the high flyers but for students who achieved even more than they thought possible or their CATS data suggested because of the dedication and skill of the teachers.

Another measure of success for our school is that we retain students, year on year, despite the opening of many other international schools; there is such demand for places, especially in our Primary School, that we have expanded SKIPS again for this academic year. Most year groups are full with children on the waiting list. Our primary school, SKIPS, is much smaller than the secondary but is a very important and successful part of the school. Most children progress from Year 6 to Year 7 which is quite unusual in an international context and very few students are withdrawn during their secondary education; this demonstrates the trust that the parents have in Sri KDU® International School.

This academic year will be an extremely important one in terms of our achievements as, in March 2020, we will have our re-accreditation visit for ISQM. Our aim is to retain the Gold status which we were awarded in February 2017. This time we will have an additional aspect to the inspection as we wish to gain BSO (British Schools Overseas) accreditation. Our consistent high standards in academic outcomes, pastoral care and holistic education allow us to be very confident of being successful in both BSO and ISQM accreditation. We have a large number of new staff this academic year, so we will all need to come together quickly and effectively as a high-performing team to make this happen.

I am delighted to have Andrew Wyeth and Katie Tomlinson leading the day-to-day operations and success of the secondary and primary sections of the school. This is the first year that the school will have a Head of Secondary and it might take me a while to get used to having one, however I am sure it will give me the opportunity to be more effective strategically. This is very important in an ever-changing world, with the educational landscape globally as well as locally needing to adapt. We also have some changes in our ownership to navigate soon, so I will use my different role to ensure that SKIS continues to be the vibrant, successful and happy school that it is.

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world”

Nelson Mandela

We have continued to educate our students in areas that will inspire them to want to make a difference in the world. The students’ commitment to environmental matters is demonstrated through our Eco-Schools programme throughout the year but especially through the annual Eco-Day. We have an Environmental Policy for all to follow and many areas of the curriculum as well as PSHLE teach about the importance of

sustainability. We were re-assessed for the Green Flag from WWF Malaysia, just before the end of the last academic year, so I hope to hear very soon that we have retained this prestigious award.

Early in the new academic year, the students will be choosing the two charities which they would like their fund-raising to support. Part of the education at SKIS is to ensure that the students understand that not everyone is as fortunate as they are and through our charity work they have the opportunity to experience this first-hand and to really make a difference to the lives of others. Last academic year, the students raised money to support the service learning trip to Cambodia as well as donating a substantial amount of money to PAWS (a local animal charity) and to United Voice (a charity for young adults with learning disabilities). Our students are very committed to making a difference in the world and have lots of fun whilst trying to achieve this.

“We must have perseverance and above all confidence in ourselves. We must believe that we are gifted for something.”

Marie Curie

I believe we have an excellent team of highly able teachers who can awaken joy in the students and develop them as learners rather than simply getting the best academic results. We need to make the most of everyone's skills and knowledge by working together as a team, sharing good practice and working towards the same goals. We also need to apply The Learning Power Approach in our own work as teachers not just develop them in students. The goal that we are all working towards is to make the students and parents feel they attend “the best international school in the world”. I look forward to working with you in this academic year and to moving closer to this goal thanks to your contributions.

“The important thing in life is not to triumph but to compete.”

Pierre de Coubertin

Maggie Rafee

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VISION, VALUES AND AIMS

Sri KDU International School is part of the wider community under the umbrella of Paramount Education and we live by the Paramount vision, values and education charter.

The Paramount Vision:

“Changing lives and enriching communities for a better world”.

Paramount Values:

Whilst trying to achieve our vision, we subscribe to the values of

❖ **Trust** ❖ **Respect** ❖ **Integrity** ❖ **Bravery** ❖ **Energy**

The Paramount Education Charter:

- We inspire students and staff to lead, share and serve.
- We create a community in which learning, teaching and research are encouraged, enabled and enjoyed.
- We promote critical thinking, independent learning and creative problem solving.
- We nurture individuals to be ethical and responsible global citizens.
- We share our success with stakeholders and the community we serve.

The Sri KDU International School aspiration is:

“To be the best international school in the world”

The Sri KDU schools’ Motto is:

Malaysian Hearts, Global Minds

Although the school is international in curriculum, the majority of students who attend the school are Malaysian, thus it is important that we nurture their “Malaysian Hearts” as well as developing their “Global Minds” as befits an international approach. It is also important for all members of the SKIS community who are not Malaysian by nationality to understand what a “Malaysian Heart” is. We nurture the “Malaysian Heart” in many ways from playing the National Anthem in Assemblies to celebrating Malaysia Day with a special assembly. All students study Bahasa Malaysia, the values of Malaysia through PSHLE (Moral Studies) or the values of Islam through Islamic Studies as well as studying Malaysian History through special projects. The “global minds” of the students are developed through the international curriculum as well as through many different partnerships across the world, including through the People-to-People-International Chapter.

The Sri KDU International School motto is:

Tomorrow’s Leaders: Here and Now

The student body of SKIS is made up of those who will be the future leaders of Malaysia and internationally; the school was founded as part of the nation building for Malaysia. As such, it is essential that the leadership skills and character of our students is built up from Year 1- Year 13 so that they can be the type of leaders that Malaysia and the world needs to promote peace, stability and success for all. The LPA (Learning Powered Approach) dispositions which are the golden thread of the approach to learning in SKIS are essential to creating effective leaders of tomorrow.