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From the Principal

Welcome to the New School Year of 2019!

Another fruitful year has passed, we have faced many challenges but nothing could deter us from crossing over all the hurdles with firm resolve, determination and conviction and reaching a new milestone in our journey.

Once again, I am grateful to be given the opportunity to write a few words for the 1st Publication of The Highlander Review 2019. The parents and teachers deserve all the commendation and appreciation for their cooperation, support, hard work put in by them and the contribution they have made towards the development, welfare and progress of the school overall.

The students are fortunate to have been blessed with the opportunity of receiving education and spending their formative years in this beautiful property of HIBS where nature abounds in its full glory.

Education is about the art of human learning a venture involving creativity, imagination and discovery. I think that every person has leadership potential within and that the role of the school is to help its children place their feet firmly by developing spiritual strength, discipline and resilience.

I wish from the depth of my heart that every student may touch the zenith of success in all aspects of their life and illuminate like a shining star in the galaxy of the world.

Last but not least, I would like to sum up with words of Nelson Mandela “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can seek to change the world”.

MR. CHIN KHEK KWONG



NEW YEAR RE-UNION 2019

1st January 2019

An affectionate welcome was given to all the new students, teachers and staff with a reunion dinner. Our beloved Principal, Mr. Chin Khek Kwong extended his warmest welcome by wishing everyone a flourishing and blissful new year. Students indulged in mouth-watering cuisines while mingling with their friends and teachers.



PONGAL CELEBRATION

16th January 2019



Highlanders Pongal celebration 2019, embarked with a brief message from our Principal, Mr. Chin Khek Kwong. The celebration is to provide students with an authentic knowledge about culture and diversity. The school lobby was flowing with happiness, joy, colourful *rangoli*, and music. The celebration started off with *rangoli* competition (floor art) in which creative patterns are created on the floor using coloured rice within an hour. Sweet Pongal was prepared by teachers and students. This sweet Pongal is made specially in an earthenware pots with a wood fire and then followed by breaking the earthenware pots while being blindfolded. Finally the sugarcane eating competition, is the real treat during Pongal.

CROSS COUNTRY



26th January 2019

“Without ambition one starts nothing. Without work one finishes nothing”.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Cross Country has been one of the most exhilarating and worthwhile experience for the students this year. It has shown the students level of enthusiasm, fitness and commitment. It was a cold, brisk Saturday morning. Students dressed up in their respective colourful t-shirts, assembled at the school's car park. Preet!! and they were off. Students feet striking the ground while their arms and hands punch through the air. Whizzing past crowds of parents and teachers. The results of the cross country were announced. The Red house was the champion House. Chaw Phek Shuen was the champion for the girls, while Wu Yang, the Qiao Ji student was the champion for the boys.



CHINESE NEW YEAR

16th February 2019

We celebrate Chinese New Year event in our school every year. This year it was celebrated on 16th February 2019 in our Multipurpose hall. All the students, teachers and parents attended this event. Chinese New Year is one of the most important event for our school because through this event we learn unity in diversity and how to respect other religion. Then, we proceeded with our very next event which was *Yee Sang*. Our Principal, Mr. Chin Khek Kwong inaugurated this event. As we all know that no Chinese New Year event is complete without *Yee Sang*. Our Guest of Honor along with few students and teachers tossed a bunch of mixed vegetables laced with seafood. We all flooded the MPH where we were treated to a series of performances by our beloved students. Overall, it was an amazing experience for all the Highlanders.



SWIMMING CARNIVAL

2nd March 2019




The 2019 Swimming Carnival was again a huge success, which saw a record number of students attending the event. The atmosphere was filled with endless spirit and the sport houses lined the pool edge to cheer as it was finally time for the events to begin. From 100m freestyle, 50m to relays, students have taken opportunities to participate in almost all the events. From competitors completing, their first events, to swimmers jumping in to escape the heat and the seniors completing their final swimming carnival events, the participation on that day remains

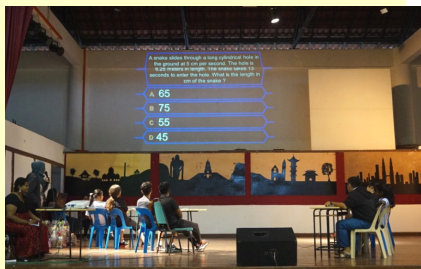
second to none. Arguably two of the most difficult strokes were to follow and it was highlighted in the Under 15 Boys category Butterfly by David Kim Do Heoun. At the conclusion of some thrilling 4x50m relay races, it was the mighty Blue House that held on to win the 2019 Swimming Carnival and sealed back to back victories. Two students from the Under 18 category were the main highlights as they became the best swimmers. Congratulations to Danial Faiz and Chaw Phek Shuen for outstanding time record.

WORLD MATH DAY

4th March 2019

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Math

Math is known as one of the hardest subject to achieve because of its strictness in needing correct answer, its abstract concepts and the overall stress involved in succeeding. On 4th of March 2019, we at HIBS commemorated 'World Math Day' with a lots of fun activities and riddles by the Mathematics Department. Students not only participated in the activities with great zeal and enthusiasm but also learnt the techniques to apply the knowledge of the subject in a variety of context and also create students interest in studying mathematics.



"Learning gives creativity, creativity leads to thinking, thinking provides knowledge, knowledge makes you great".

Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

1ST SEAMEO SCIENCE OLYMPIAD (SEASO)

5th –8th March 2019

By Ms. Kamily Balan & Ms. Ainnus Syaqqinah Sajali

The SEAMEO Science Olympiad (SEASO) 2019 is a unique platform of inspiration and scientific knowledge stimulation of future scientists and science academicians all over Southeast Asia and beyond. SEASO aims to stimulate scientific thinking and knowledge exploration amongst students in secondary school levels by applying knowledge into real-life technological problem-solving skills to address multiple issues including sustainable development.

SEASO was conducted on 5 to 8 March 2019 (Tuesday- Friday) held at SEAMEO RECSAM, Penang, Malaysia. SM Highlands participated by sending 8 participants of two teams (maximum of 4 students per team) and two teachers. The teachers were required to prepare an educational video production (Level 1) related to the activities, took paper and pencil test (Level 2) and there were 4 levels for the students.

Level 1: Written test

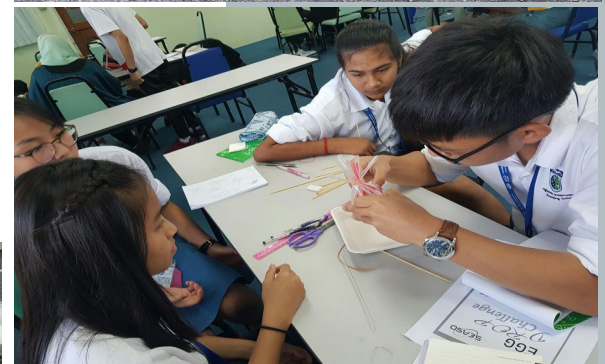
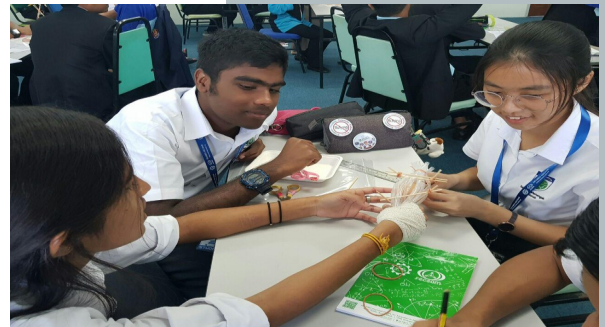
Level 2: STEM challenge (Egg Drop Challenge)

Level 3: Science Impromptu

Level 4: STEM challenge (Water Rocket Challenge)

Thirty teams participated in the event, with the team from Philippines finally emerging as the overall champion, followed by the Malaysian team in the second place and the Thailand team in third place.

Competing against 129 participants from Malaysia, Brunei, Cambodia, Singapore, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam, the team topped the Level 4 category with the highest accumulated points for the fastest submitting projects and getting the longest rocket launched which broke the previous record. For their efforts, one of our team won the 5th place (consolation prize) and received a medal, certificate and a cash prize of RM200. We hope that this will motivate and leave a big impact on students who will be representing the school and Malaysia in the future.



PREFECT INSTALLATION

6th April 2019



True to tradition, the HIBS and SMH, held its annual 'Prefects Installation Day' to honour the official commencement of the duties of the existing prefects and the new appointed ones for the academics year 2019– 2020. The ceremony was graced by all the teacher, staff members and fellow students. It was a proud moment for the school's prefect as they were officially installed in a simple and meaningful ceremony. The installation commenced with singing of the National Anthem was then swiftly followed by the oath taking ceremony during which the prefect pledged to always perform their best and be exemplary student leaders and was followed by a speech by The Principal, Mr. Chin Kwek Kwong. In his speech, he elaborated the aim and objective of leadership skills and prefect roles. Each of them received their official installation scrolls. The ceremony ended with a song all the prefect "Everything I need" and photo session. Congratulations to all prefects. We hope that they will do their best to assist in the smooth running of the school in the year ahead.



FOUNDERS DAY

6th April 2019

On 6th April 2019, Friday, HIBS and SMH celebrated its 20th Anniversary and Founders Day. It was a time to reflect on the school's past and those that have helped to shape who we are, and to acknowledge Dr. Thio Chan Bee, who have influenced the character and values that embody the vibrant, engaging and safe environment we see today. The school Principal, Mr. Chin Khek Kwong said his speech, "It is how we are with one another that will profoundly affect our own lives and the lives of people to come. As we commemorate, Late Dr. Thio Chan Bee who have made contributions in the past to our present, 'yet to be members' of this school community, for the contribution that each of us has made to the foundation of their school." It was a moment to laugh, cry, remember and to praise the memories of this wonderful school.

