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## Message from the director of studies

**T**HE challenges our schools face in preparing students for the future are significant.

At SMS Saleha and HIBS, we are concerned with the assessment and teaching of 21st century skills that identify the changes in educational focus needed to prepare learners for the modern world, under four categories:

**ways of thinking:** including creativity, innovation, critical thinking, problem-solving, decision-making and learning how to learn

**ways of working:** including new forms of collaboration and communication

**tools for working:** including developing information literacy and the capacity to harness the potential of new technologies

**skills for living in the world:** involving the development of local and global awareness, and personal and social responsibility.

Our school wants to develop learners who combine a deep appreciation and understanding of their own culture, community and nation with the attributes and skills needed to be global learners who can effectively participate in the modern international world and adapt to uncertainty and changes.



We have achieved success in both education and sports and we are moving towards excellent outcomes. At SMS

Saleha and HIBS, we not only teach but also educate the learners to Explore, Enrich and Excel.

The examinations not only provide students with an excellent foundation for tertiary study, but they also provide an easily understood and transparent pathway into university study.

Wish to take this golden opportunity to wish

all my beloved learners a Great Success in their future

*"A generation ago, teachers could expect that what they taught would last their students a lifetime. But today, because of rapid economic and social changes, schools have to prepare students for jobs that have not yet been created, technologies that have not yet been invented and problems that we don't yet know will arise."*



## PSTC 2

ON 29th of June, the school conducted the second phase of parents, students and teachers consultation day to provide information and discussion regarding student progress and achievements. All the class teachers, subject teachers and higher dignitaries (Principal, Director of Studies and all HOD's) were present at the Multi-Purpose Hall to distribute the progress report to the parents. Also, parents were provided with a report of their child's achievement in the system literacy and numeracy assessment program.

*“Parental attitudes have greater correlation with pupil achievement than material home circumstances or variations in school and classroom organization, instructional materials, and particular teaching practices.”*



## Excellence awards Day 2013

EXCELLENCE awards day 2013 was one of the remarkable events in this year. Excellence day, which was celebrated on 23rd May 2013, was a grand success, in particular, with participation as well as cooperation of one and all.

The awards were presented as eight distinctive categories, such as, Highlander's Award, Best Boarding Leaders, Excellence Awards in Sports and Games 2012, Best Club/Society 2012, Head Girl 2012, Best Student Award 2012, Best Subject Awards 2012 and Overall Best Student as well.







**Fukuyama Akenohoshi Girls' Junior & Senior High School**



**Japanese Students' Exchange Programme**

FUKUYAMA Akenohoshi Girls' Junior & Senior High School Principal, Fr. Michiharu Yamaguchi, together with Sister Stella and eighteen students visited our school under the Students' Exchange Programme from 21-29 July



2013. The school arranged various activities during their 8 day stay.

Upon arrival, the eighteen students went to stay with their respective foster host parents for two nights, after which they returned to experience school life with our students. Besides being given the opportunity to mingle with our students in school activities, the Japanese students were also accompanied by our final year students on a visit to the farms in Cameron Highlands.

The Japanese delegation

*"This programme is vitally important in widening the knowledge of students from different country, race and religion"*



also visited the city of Kuala Lumpur for some sight-seeing. They enjoyed the trip to Kuala Lumpur very much, which was interspersed with a day of shopping in the souvenir shops and lunch hosted by APHEM.

It was altogether a memorable, fun and educational trip for both the Japanese students and our own students. We said 'sayonara' to our Japanese visitors on Monday, 29 July and a lot of tears were shed by students from both schools during their departure to the airport.

The organizing committee would like to convey their special thanks to our students' parents and all those who played a part in all the different activities including the Cameron Highlands trip and taking care of all the meals provided.







## Cultural Nite 2013

THE Cultural Nite was held on the 24th of July 2013. Many cultural performance were presented by the students and staff of different nationalities and cultures.

The event was a success as it managed to show the cultural identity of all races and cultures especially the Indian Classical Dance and also the Fashion Show section.

The team work from the students that performed the *Dikir Putri* was commendable and a highlight of the night. Lastly, even the exchange students from Japan put on a brilliant performance at the event.

*"WE need to help students to cherish and preserve the ethnic and cultural diversity that nourishes and strengthens this community and this nation."*



## Entrepreneur's Day

THE Entrepreneur's Day was conducted entirely by the Form 4 and Year 10 students. There were about 8 stalls that opened including the ghost house, *mehndhi* booth and one for song dedications. There were also varieties of food such as sausage rolls, drinks, *paratha* bread, chocolate marshmallows and fruits. The event was a major success.

*"The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand."*  
- Vince Lombardi

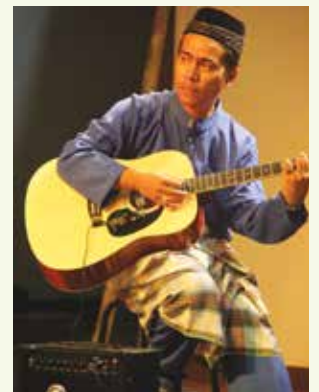






## Hari Raya Dinner

THE Hari Raya dinner was held on the 24th of August 2013. The main objective of this event was to strengthen the relationship between teachers, staff and students of different races and countries as well as between the invited guests of the day. This event was also held to showcase the traditional celebrations of the Muslim community. Students would be able to understand better and respect Malay culture. There were many performances done by the teachers and students to entertain the audience. Lastly, the event ended with a firework display



## Ambang Merdeka

THE 'Eve of Independence' was held on the 30th of August 2013 at the Highlands International Boarding School. The event started off with the showing of a patriotic movie, followed by a documentary and quiz on the history of Malaysian independence. A few patriotic songs were then sung enthusiastically by all the members of the school. Lastly, the Independence countdown was done followed by a display of colourful fireworks.



**Malaysia Ku  
Berdaulat, Tanah  
Tumpahnya  
DarahKu**





# Year 9 Camping

Happy Campers!!!



Stress releasing through Camping

ON 31/08/2013 (Saturday), a camping trip was held at the school grounds by the Year 9 students, A-level student along with 3 teachers. It was a day that had been waited for quite sometimes by the students

to release all their stress and to do some outdoor activity since they had been confined in class focused on their upcoming checkpoint exams.

Everyone went back with some good memories and the best thing was that the relationship between teacher and students was improved and they managed to become closer



# Year 8 Camping



Great Outdoors...