

# "A year in review...."

**The calendar year of 2006 has been a vivid, exciting time to be a member of our JIS Community – both among our Jakarta community of over 7,000 students, parents, faculty, staff and local Alumni, and also for all of our Alumni around the globe.**

Here in Jakarta there have been a number of developments. In June we bid farewell to Dr. Niall Nelson who had been Headmaster here for 15 years. At the farewell dinner attended by parents, alumni, faculty and many of our corporate/diplomatic partners, the Alumni presented Dr. Nelson with a packet of Indomie for every JIS student that had come through JIS' doors in Dr. Nelson's time. This was a stunning 11,000 packets! The boxes were constructed into a throne, and a waistcoat fashioned from the packaging. With his typical grace, Niall immediately donated the noodles to be shared between Emmanuel Laumonier's ('92) program for orphans, and Tolong Anak Anak (TAA).

Shortly after Dr. Nelson's departure, we welcomed Dr. David Cramer as our new Head of School. You will see more about him in his opening article in this magazine. Dr.



*Part of the school's many changes to its physical plant includes a new look front entrance on Jl. Tegong Raya*



*Dr. Nelson sits on his throne of 11,000 Indomie packages which were then donated to support various charities.*

Cramer has settled in well, and seems to be greatly enjoying his growing familiarity with our vast JIS family.

As well as a new Head of School, the JIS/JES Alumni Association also bid a warm 'farewell' to Arian Ardie ('77) as its Chair in September of this year. While Arian remains in Jakarta, has two of his sons at JIS, and is on the JIS Board of Governors, he decided it was time to hand the reigns over to a new Chair. Doug Slusher ('90), who has been working closely with Arian for a few years, has taken over the position, and has been very busy since doing so. Read more from him later in this issue.

Also in this magazine we have some stories about many of the on-campus activities. We have proudly (finally!) launched the JIS History DVD which is available for purchase on the Alumni web site, JIS Cares has provided funds for a now-open kindergarten in Aceh, and the JIS



*Dean Markham ('77), Beth Owen, Sedana Markham Beusch ('79), Jennifer Townsend ('75)  
all on a visit to JIS, July 2006.*

Varsity teams have hosted Cross Country and Volleyball IASAS Competitions.

There have also been a number of physical and aesthetic changes that our visiting Alumni notice right away. In our ongoing commitment to improvement of service and security, two new gatehouses have been built – one at the main entrance on Jl. Terogong, and one at the back of the campus at Jl. Simatupang. The Terogong gatehouse includes a covered walkway to the front of the school so walk-in guests no longer get soaked during monsoon season. In response to our growing demands for space here on Cilandak campus, C-module is in the process of being double-decked to match A and B, and a brand new resource center has been built in the parking lot near the main field.

Our Alumni community outside of Jakarta have been extremely busy as well. The biggest reunion news this year was the Class of '96 10 year reunion in (where else?) Las Vegas – you can read more about that later in the magazine. There was also a 'mini' reunion in Tokyo in the summer of 2006, hosted by Mrs. Beata Mirecka-Jakubowska, one of our High School English/ESOL teachers. Finally, a combined SAS/JIS reunion was held in Houston for many of those who graduated in the '70s at one of the two schools.

In addition to reunions, there has been a number of 'notable' events – marriages, college graduations and births, and a sad number of losses among our Faculty and student Alumni body as well. See the Alumni notes page for these articles.

To move away from looking back to looking forward, keep your eye out for next year's issue, where we will be writing up 2007's celebration of 25 years of TAA, the Class of 1997's 10 year reunion, as well as a number of other on-campus events and updates that are in the planning stages now...

I hope this feeds your interest for JIS news – as always, come onto the web site to read our online magazines and newsletters, and keep up with announcements, IASAS results and on-campus events on the "Dragon Way" photo gallery. Please please PLEASE send me any events or announcements that you would like included on the site!

Enjoy this issue,

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