



Director General of International Baccalaureate® visits Branksome Hall Asia

- Director General of the IB, Dr. Siva Kumari's visit at BHA is part of her trip to South Korea to discuss widening the adaptation of the IB curriculum in South Korean public schools
- Dr. Kumari to meet students and educators at Branksome Hall Asia, one of South Korea's few continuum IB schools



[Dr. Siva Kumari, Director General of the IB & Branksome Hall Asia]

November 19, 2019 (Seoul, South Korea) – Branksome Hall Asia announced that Dr. Siva Kumari, Director General of the International Baccalaureate® (IB) will visit Branksome Hall Asia on November 21, 2019. Her visit at Branksome Hall Asia is a part of a week-long visit in South Korea, where she is scheduled to meet with various schools, educators and policy makers in Seoul and Daegu, as well as in Jeju.

Appointed in January 2014, Dr. Siva Kumari is the seventh Director General of the IB and is the first woman to hold the post. In 2018, the IB celebrated 50 years as a multinational, not-for-profit foundation, focused on delivering the highest caliber of education for learners aged 3-19.

Her trip is significant in that the level of interest in the IB education in South Korea is increasing as major provincial and metropolitan city offices of education recently announced that they will introduce the IB curriculum in the public school education.

During her visit at Branksome Hall Asia, Dr. Kumari will be meeting with students who are currently participating in the rigorous IB programme. Founded in 2012 as the sister school of Branksome Hall in Canada, Branksome Hall Asia is the only continuum IB school on Jeju Island where the IB programs are offered to all students between the age of 3 and 19. These include the PYP (Primary Years), MYP (Middle Years) and DP (Diploma) programs. The school is also the only girls-focused international boarding and day school located in Jeju Global Education City.



“It is my great pleasure to visit Branksome Hall Asia, an exemplar of IB continuum schools in South Korea. Since its founding, Branksome Hall Asia has been offering excellent IB education through all its programs.” Dr. Kumari said. “I believe Branksome Hall Asia is a substantive exemplar for schools that wish to introduce the IB education in South Korea,” she added.

About her visit, Dr. Cinde Lock, Principal of Branksome Hall Asia expressed the following sentiment. “It is a great honor to welcome Dr. Kumari to our school during her significant visit in South Korea. We are extremely proud of the education we offer at Branksome Hall Asia, and also hope that Dr. Kumari can enjoy meeting our students that truly exemplifies the essence of an IB education.”

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About International Baccalaureate® (IB)

In 2018, the International Baccalaureate (IB) celebrated its 50th Anniversary. Pioneering a movement of international education in 1968, the non-profit foundation now offers four high quality and challenging educational programmes to students aged 3-19 years old. Through a unique curriculum with high academic standards, we champion critical thinking and a flexibility for learning by crossing disciplinary, cultural and national boundaries. The IB currently engages with more than 1.4 million students in over 5,000 schools across 153 countries. To find out more, please visit www.ibo.org.

About Branksome Hall Asia

Branksome Hall Asia (www.branksome.asia) was founded in 2012 as the nation’s only international school for girls. As the sister school of one of Canada’s most prestigious boarding schools with a history of 116 years, Branksome Hall Asia has inherited the goals, visions and traditions of its namesake along with the adoption of the IB curriculum. Under the goal of “Empowering Women”, the school provides the best in education both within and outside the classroom with strong counseling programs to ensure that its students grow to become the leaders of the world.

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