

## Branksome Hall Asia Named the “International School of the Year 2021”

- As the only IB continuum school in Jeju, Branksome Hall Asia has achieved the highest honor bestowed at The International Schools Awards annually organized by ISC Research
- Branksome Hall Asia won the “International School of the Year, 2021” award as a result of competing with more than 264 international schools from 62 countries around the world
- The school also won the award in the category of ‘Community Initiative’



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**(Jeju, South Korea, January 19, 2021)** Branksome Hall Asia, the only all-IB school on Jeju Island and the only IB continuum school for girls in Asia, announced that it has been named the International School of the Year at the International Schools Award 2021 that was hosted by ISC Research. It was also announced that Branksome Hall Asia won a second award for achievements earned within the category of ‘Community Initiative.’ ISC Research is the leading provider of English-medium K-12 international school data, trends and intelligence, and the awards ceremony was held on Monday, January 18th, at 10:00 UTC.

Branksome Hall Asia was shortlisted for awards within two categories that included ‘Community Initiative’ and ‘Strategic Leadership.’ Schools that are nominated for an award are considered for the International School of the Year award. The Community Initiative award for 2021 was achieved in connection of a student-led initiative which resulted in the design and production of security necklaces for girls in vulnerable situations in Nepal. Specifically, Branksome Hall Asia’s IB Diploma students were recognized for their community initiative for their work creating the Paradigm Club to solve social problems through the use of technology innovation. In collaboration with the NGO, Life World (or Life Nuri), the Paradigm Club proposed a disaster research project for the victims of the Nepal earthquake. The students designed and produced a solar powered security necklace equipped with a flashlight, alarm, and tracking chip for vulnerable young women. The next generation of Paradigm is still going strong.

It is also important to note that the school won in the category of ‘Initiative to support students as future-thinking innovators’ during the 2020 awards competition.

The annual International School Awards competition recognizes outstanding initiatives that are delivered in international schools around the world. Currently, 12,080 international schools are involved in teaching over 6.7 million children aged from 3 to 18.

More than 260 international schools from 62 countries competed in the International School Awards this year across 12 categories that recognize international schools for initiatives that support inclusion, students as future-thinking innovators, digital technology in learning, ethical values in education and more. Due to the impact of COVID-19, the ISC Research judges paid particular attention to initiatives that ‘showed innovation and potential for change through adversity.’

The judging panel of the International School Awards 2021 stated that, “Branksome Hall Asia has demonstrated well planned initiatives that have excellent intentions and truly impressive development which, as a result, are making a real impact for students and others.”

Dr. Cinde Lock, Principle of Branksome Hall Asia remarked, “It is an absolute honor to receive such a prestigious international award. The award is a recognition of the hard work of our faculty and staff, and excellent education Branksome Hall Asia offers, and it is a great reflection of our values with a focus on student vigor, innovation, encouraging our youth of today to engage in community initiatives to shape a better world.” She added, “We will continue to provide an excellent learning environment and experience for our students and to make a difference in the world.”

Since the school opened its campus in 2012 on the island of Jeju in South Korea, Branksome Hall Asia has grown to become a prestigious and respected school. It is the only sister school of Branksome Hall Canada, which possesses a 118 year tradition of educational excellence. As a continuum IB school, teaching staff facilitate students' problem-solving and critical-thinking skills as globally minded learners. About 95 percent of the school's graduates have been offered admission to colleges on the list of the world's top 100 universities as selected by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS). Further, about 66 percent of the 2020 graduates were offered university scholarships and this result has been facilitated by the fact that Branksome Hall Asia enjoys one of the highest IB average scores globally.

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### **About Branksome Hall Asia**

Branksome Hall Asia ([www.branksome.asia](http://www.branksome.asia)) was founded in 2012 as the nation's only international school with a focus on girl's education. Co-education in Junior School and girls' school environment in Middle and Senior Schools, Branksome Hall Asia offers continuum IB curriculum, facilitating students' problem-solving and critical-thinking skills as globally minded learners. It is the only sister school of Branksome Hall Canada, which has 118 years of tradition, 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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