

Shekou International School Announces New Primary & Secondary Principals beginning in August 2022

SHENZHEN, GUANGDONG, PRC (NOVEMBER 26, 2021) – Shekou International School (SIS) is proud to announce the appointment of their new Primary and Secondary principals beginning in August 2022. The new Primary Principal of SIS will be Ms. Leda Cedo. She is currently the Assistant Principal of Primary School. Meanwhile, Matthew Doige, ISS’s Director of School Development has been appointed as the new Secondary Principal of SIS. Ms. Cedo has been with SIS since 2017 starting out as our PYP Coordinator before being promoted to Assistant Principal of Early Primary in 2018. Mr. Doige has been with ISS since 2020 serving as ISS’s Director of School Development.

Ms. Leda Cedo



Mr. Matthew Doige



Ms. Cedo is excited to the lead Primary School moving forward. She commented,

“Thank you, SIS. I am deeply honored to be entrusted with the custody of our primary school. A future-forward SIS will undoubtedly have complex and challenging projects ahead, designed and intended to provide the best care for our students and families.”



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As I continue my service to our community, I remember this quote from one of my favorite books, *The Three Questions* by Jon J. Muth:

"There is only one important time, and that time is now. The most important one is always the one you are with. And the most important thing is to do good for the one who is standing at your side."

*Together with the SIS leadership team, trust that we will remain faithful to who we are. We nurture our **community spirit**. We foster **quality and rigorous education**. We inspire learners to be **innovative and principled contributors** to the world."*

Mr. Greg Smith (Head of School of SIS) also commented on our new Primary Principal:

"Leda will bring a deep wealth of knowledge and is highly aspirational and goal driven. She knows our community and already has strong working relationships at many levels. Her excellent PYP knowledge and strong regional network will help keep us a regional leader. Finally, her sense of humour and compassion will be much appreciated within the school."

Mr. Matthew Doige is also extremely excited for the new challenge. He commented,

"Where there's a great school, you will find great people. SIS has fantastic students, staff, and families! I am excited to play a role in building on our strengths and making a world of difference through the principled innovative contributors that comprise our learning community. The new Net Valley campus, with its purpose-built spaces, is inspiring to all, and I will work tirelessly to see many more Geckos join our caring community in order to enhance and expand our learning programs and impact in the region. Jia you!"

Regarding Mr. Doige's transition to his new role as Secondary Principal, Mr. Greg Smith added:

"Matt is a strategic thinker who is data driven. These are the right characteristics as the secondary continues to build in our new facility. He knows the community and understands what they seek in the next phase of growth for our school. Matt's strong relationships with current staff members are based upon his level-headed and collaborative approach. He has a very strong and demonstrated commitment to the school and community."

SIS's current Primary Principal and incoming Head of School Mr. Harish Kanabar also commented on the appointment of the two successful candidates:

Mr. Matthew Doige:



“Matt’s experience at SIS and his strategic and systemic approach to school improvement means that we will see excellent growth across SIS Secondary over the coming years.”

Ms. Leda Cedo:

“Having worked with Leda for nearly five years, I know for certain that she is in an excellent position to champion the continued success of SIS Primary.”

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ABOUT SHEKOU INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Founded in 1988, Shekou International School (SIS) is the oldest international school in Shenzhen, China. Today, the school serves over 1000 students in grades pre-K through 12th grade. The mission of SIS is to provide a rigorous education in a caring community and inspire students to become principled, innovative contributors in a transforming world. SIS is one of the flagship schools in ISS’s global network of international schools