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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear HIS Community and Friends,

It was another amazing year at Hangzhou International School. Before we officially moved to our brand-new purpose-built campus in the Baimahu area, hundreds of students, alumni, teachers, and family members showed up to the old Dongxin campus to bid farewell to our wonderful home of twenty years. There were many tears and strong emotions felt that day, yet within just a few hours and in the days to come, the sadness was replaced by shrieks of joy and sighs of pure awe as families were welcomed to explore the spaces within our beautiful new school. While we intentionally brought young bamboo trees, plants, and sculptures from our old campus to our new campus to keep our stories connected (even buried our ceramic 'earth' sculpture into the foundation) ... Perhaps we were reminded that buildings may provide a place but it is the people that truly makes a school feel like home. HIS now has a wonderful new campus for its over 800 students and their families to continue thriving in such an amazing international school.

The 2022-2023 school year marked the twenty-first since the founding of HIS in 2002. As the school enrollment continued to grow, so did our program and facility offerings. The new school now houses a wonderful purpose-built Early Childhood Center that offers our youngest children to learn in spaces that are focused specifically for their developmental age. Moving to the main campus, we now have an incredible swimming pool that has hosted almost all our students in our PE program and fast-growing Swim Team. The multiple libraries, gyms, playgrounds, fields, blackbox, and 650-seat theater have been awesome facilities to allow HIS to extend further opportunities for our students to pursue academic and personal excellence. It has been another stellar year of accomplishments with students setting records and teams bringing home trophies and championships. Congratulations to all our students who participated in athletics and activities beyond the school day. GoooOOO Gold Dragons!

This past winter saw the lifting of certain restrictions that produced a more optimistic post-COVID outlook for our school and community. We welcomed families that had waited so long to arrive to Hangzhou, and many others took the opportunity to finally visit family or vacation throughout the world. HIS took the lead early by offering to host the first ACAMIS basketball tournament in several years and our community came out strong to support all HIS and visiting athletes. It was just one example of the many ways our community has navigated through the challenges, offered access to learning in multiple modes, and taking the lead to provide our students with the best opportunities as possible. We remained cautious moving forward, but there has been a positive mindset and optimistic outlook developing within our entire community.

Now that the 2022-2023 school year has ended, I want to thank our entire community for the support and wonderful memories throughout the year. For our graduates and those who left at the end of the year, we are grateful for your part in making this school such an amazing experience and wonderful place to grow.

And to all, remember: Once a Dragon, Always a Dragon!

Jeffrey R. Stubbs
Superintendent

International Day 2023... Rain or Shine!



Andrea Stubbs
*Director of Admissions and
Community Relations*

The rain didn't matter, and the HIS community got together in one of the most exciting celebrations of the year to show our community's true colors!

Whether being wrapped in flags, traditional or national clothing, soccer jerseys, or colorful hats, students and parents took the opportunity to show their pride, celebrate their heritage, and share their cultural knowledge with each other.

Once again, the HIS community showed why we are a unique international community! The celebration was full of smiles, tasty treats, performances with songs in different languages, and opportunities to meet new people and learn from each other's cultures!



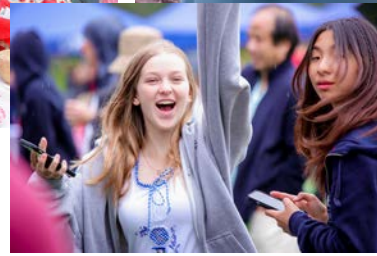
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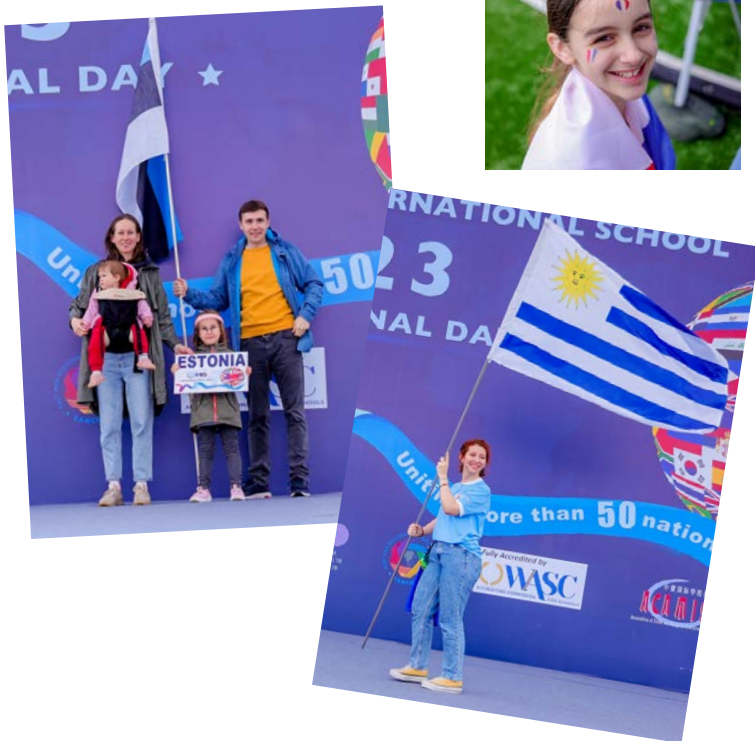
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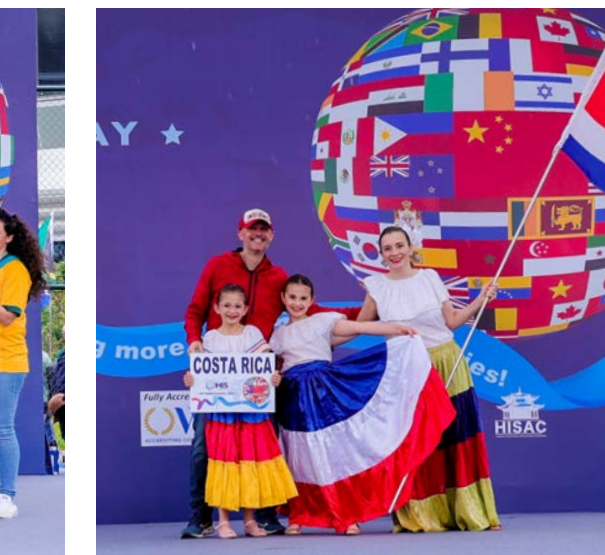
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2023 ACAMIS Soccer Championships



Filipe Nogueira
Director of Athletics
and Activities



Congratulations to our Girls Soccer Team who were crowned 2023 Gold Division Champions in Dalian, finishing their tournament undefeated and capping off a fantastic season which saw them win 11 of their 12 matches. In their Championship Match versus International School of Nansha Shenzhen (ISNS), the girls took an early lead and dominated possession in the first half but could not capitalize by scoring a few more goals. Conceding a goal early in the second half put the pressure on but the girls responded as all good teams should, continuing to execute their game plan well, resulting in 3 second-half goals to run away as convincing 4-1 winners.

The girls' roster of 12 players is very versatile, with players who are regularly called upon to play in multiple positions and execute various tactical roles from game to game. This was highlighted throughout the tournament with all 12 players taking the field in all 6 matches, 10 of the 12 players scoring goals, 3 players rotating on as Goalkeepers during the 6 matches, and 4 different players scoring each of the 4 goals in the Championship Match.

Our teams bid farewell to Yuki Chan, our only senior player, in style. Yuki was our Captain on the final day and was given a triumphant and emotional send-off by her team of young up-and-coming football stars. The team includes several students still in middle school with many years of improvement ahead of them and high expectations for continued success. Coach Nogueira and Coach Edwards are incredibly proud of the way this young team has represented themselves and our school throughout the season. A special mention to Angel Li (G8), Yolcy Zhang (G9), and Jiyu Kim (G6) who were nominated in the All-Tournament Team.

A big thank you to our travelling parents who were super supportive on the sidelines and made sure the Dragon Cheer Squad was heard by all. HIS as always has the most parent support, despite the tournament being so far away!

2023 ACAMIS Badminton Championships

HIS sent 2 teams comprising of 16 student-athletes from Grades 8-11 to the ACAMIS Badminton Championships hosted by Shekou International School in Shenzhen. It was super-exciting for our team to join this event with 13 of the group going to their first ACAMIS event ever.



Despite some travel delays and a very late arrival, the students were ready to go on Day 1 of this 3-day event which tests Badminton ability and overall physical conditioning. Over 20 international schools from throughout China were competing and our students had a great time not only on the court, but also away from the tournament play, meeting and making friends from across the country – something which we emphasize to all our student-athletes as a highlight of these types of trips.

This event is physically grueling and the coaches have certainly identified a significant need to improve the team's physical conditioning in preparation for future events. Results were mixed, with our 8th place finishes in the Girls Doubles (Raina & Vinisha), Vicky with an 8th place in Girls Singles, and 8th place also in the Mixed Doubles (Peter & Lucia).



2023 ACAMIS Basketball Championships



HIS hosted the 2023 ACAMIS (Association of China and Mongolia International Schools) Basketball Tournament from February 16th-18th, bringing together 6 international schools from Tianjin, Nanjing, Shanghai, Dalian, and Xiamen. This was the end of a long 3-year wait since our teams were last able to play in a tournament, so the players, coaches, parents, and spectators were super excited to finally have basketball competitions back at HIS.

Our teams were cheered on by hundreds of students and parents during each of their 7 games over the tournament, and this gave them some extra motivation to push themselves to perform to their potential.





Our Lower School students came with posters, pom-poms, and some very well-rehearsed cheers thanks to some practice with their teachers in the days leading up to the tournament. Our Dragon Cheer Squad formed by parents and family were also in full voice which contributed to an incredible atmosphere at the games.



Ultimately though, the winners of this tournament were all the students and HIS community members that were involved both on and off the court. The tournament brought our community together again in a way that had been lacking throughout the last few years of restrictions and demonstrated how we can unite and excel through sports at HIS. Go HIS Dragons!!!!

HIS Aquatics



*Natalio Liales
Aquatics Coordinator
and Aquatics Teacher*

Hangzhou International School Aquatics has had a successful year, offering a range of swimming opportunities for students of all levels. Swimming instructors' and coaches' personal guidance and support have helped many students achieve their goals. Students made great strides in their swimming abilities while promoting water safety, from learn-to-swim classes to competitive swimming. Throughout the year, students worked hard to improve their swimming techniques and endurance, with many of them setting personal records and achieving their goals.



One of the highlights was HIS being a part of the World's Largest Swimming Lesson global team all around the world in June, promoting water safety skills and building awareness about the vital importance of teaching kids to swim to help prevent drowning. We are proud of our drowning prevention superhero students for making a difference. They took the time to use their voice, helping to spread awareness around the message: Swimming Lessons Save Lives! Last May's Water Safety Month was also a hit, and students celebrated International Water Safety Day on 15th May.





In addition, HIS hosted the 2023 HISAC Swim Meet last 27th May, where swimmers could showcase their skills and compete against eight other Hangzhou International / Bilingual Schools. HIS Dragons Swim Team came out as the Overall Champion.

To celebrate the end of the season, the Aquatics department held an internal HIS Summer Splash 2023 Swim Meet and the 2023 Swimming Awards Ceremony to recognize the achievements of the student-athletes. Aquatics Team gave certificates, awards, trophies, and chevrons with various categories to deserving student-athletes. Recipients were thrilled to receive recognition for their hard work and dedication, and the ceremony was a terrific way to wrap up a successful year.

The Aquatics program has provided a safe and supportive environment for students to learn and grow through swimming. Students are already looking forward to the 2023-2024 season.



HIS Swim Team



2023 ACAMIS Senior Swim Championships in Beijing

15 International Schools
300 Swimmers
13 HIS Athletes
44 Personal Bests
2 Meet Records Broken
1 Team - HIS Dragons Swim Team

The full 2-day event resulted in the accumulation of 16 Relay and 8 Individual Meet records broken (2 from HIS Dragons courtesy of Tina Liu), 44 HIS Personal Bests, 2 Gold medals, 1 Silver medal, 1 Bronze medal, 5th and 12th place ribbons. It's always heartwarming to see camaraderie grow, times drop, and goals achieved. The HIS Dragons Swim Team had a blast!

2023 ACAMIS Junior Swim Championships

We are very proud of their resilience, determination, and tireless energy to endure a long trip that quite honestly would have tested anyone's strength to continue. Despite the challenges thrown at the team at the eleventh hour, the team made it work, and did incredibly well! With teamwork, our 16 Dragons swimmers accumulated 53 Personal Bests in 2 days. "When the going gets tough, the tough HIS Dragons swimmers get going." Fantastic job!

2023 Shanghai Swim League Championships

A great effort in Shanghai during a weekend competition. It was a wrap for the SSL Championships 2023. 14 Gold, 5 Silver, 3 Bronze, 37 Ribbons, and many Personal Best times. A job well done by all!



Another Successful Year!



2023 HISAC Swim Meet Champions

Everyone worked hard throughout the semester and put all the preparation into this competition. Everyone strived to swim their best and contributed to the overall success of the team. Our student-athletes swam hard and demonstrated themselves as the true ambassadors of sportsmanship throughout the event. Thank you, parents, volunteers, swimmers, and coaches. You guys are AWESOME!



Happy Summer Holidays

2023 PYP Exhibition

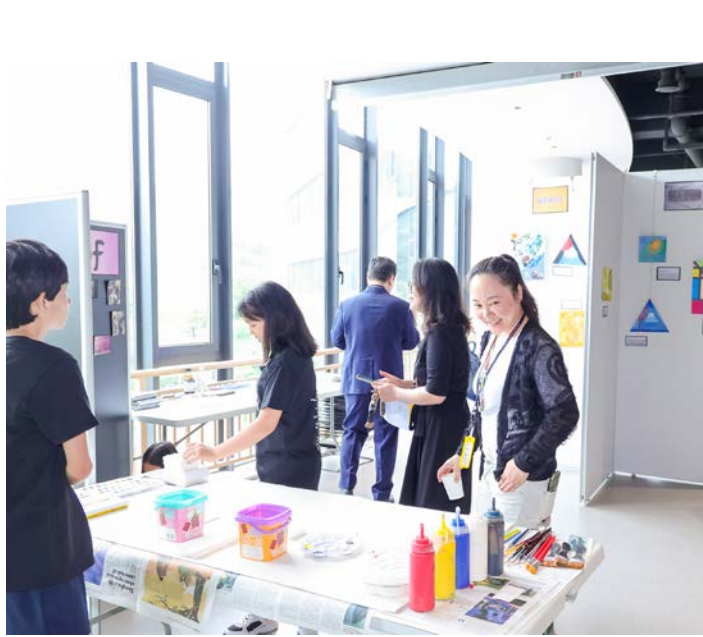


This Exhibition was the highlight of the PYP program and the culmination of the 5th grade's time in the PYP.

For two months, students researched and investigated an area of interest in small teams. They worked with mentors and outside experts to learn more and deepen their knowledge and understanding. Supported each day by the grade 5 team and the specialist teachers, the days were a flurry of activity for the teams as they prepared to share their discoveries in ways that engage and enlighten their audience.

After working very hard over the weeks to ensure they were fully prepared, the grade 5 students welcomed parents and community members to this celebration of their learning throughout the PYP on Friday May 5th.





2023 IB DP Visual Arts Exhibition



Rhiannon Johnson
Upper School
Visual Arts
Teacher

The IB DP Visual Arts exhibition is an important component of the DP Visual Arts course. It is worth 40% of the final grade and is curated by the students who rigorously select personal artworks that communicate their artistic intentions. The exhibition is also an exciting opportunity for students to share their talents and express their unique perspectives with the wider school community.

The opening event of the exhibition was lively and festive and had a large turnout of art enthusiasts from faculty and staff to parents and students of all ages. Visitors moved through the space, appreciated the work, and had meaningful discussions with the artists about their creative process. The buzzing atmosphere, diverse displays, and engaging young artists made it a memorable experience for all who attended!

The artwork on display covers a range of styles and media; there are paintings and sculptures as well as illustration, animation, digital, and wearable art. The DP artists have explored such thought-provoking themes as mythology, escapism, feminism, psychology, and mortality.

Overall, the exhibition is a wonderful opportunity for the community to come together and appreciate the power of art. The deeper meanings of the students' artworks are a testament to ways art can inspire, challenge, and unite a diverse community of people from all walks of life.





Environmental Systems and Societies Field Trip



*Marcela Rojas
Upper School
Mathematics
Teacher*

IBDP Grade 11 ESS students visited the Qiandaohu eco-village, a permaculture school that teaches local farmers how to use nature to design and maintain sustainable agricultural ecosystems.



The students were able to apply the field data collection methods they learned in class, and they said the trip was “incredibly insightful and interesting.” They were impressed by the beauty of the natural environment and the people’s commitment to sustainability.

The insight of a student summarizes very well the value of the experience, and why these opportunities are important for their learning experience: “The people there were friendly and happy to explain the joy they find in simple living and crop growth.



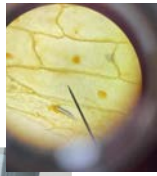
The students learned about the use of soil and plants to recycle and filter water; how to build houses with soil, and the practice of intercropping. They also interviewed the people who live in the eco-village to learn about their motivations for choosing a simple life and giving back to nature.

They offered comparisons between the pressures of urban life and the more basic lifestyles seen in the eco-village. Overall, the trip was an eye-opening experience that allowed for the exploration and development of crucial ESS field study techniques.”



Students' Thoughts of Their Time in MS Science Class

In Science this Semester, the Grade 6s studied forces in "Electrostatics" and "Cells to Organisms". They learnt how to charge objects by friction and now understand basic cell structures and can successfully compare prokaryotes to eukaryotes. They enjoyed building playdoh models, investigating organelles using simulations and presenting their research on serious bacterial diseases. The students all learnt how to safely use a microscope, prepared wet mounts, and measured actual cell sizes.



In their final unit on "Nutrition", the Grade 8s learnt about the value of nutritious foods; studied various macromolecules; and researched the benefits of incorporating insects into our diets. Students also gained a greater understanding of photosynthesis and cellular respiration, after conducting lab investigations.



Here are some thoughts and reflections from the students:

Science has always been fascinating for me, all the amazing experiments done throughout the year; analyzing various results, and using critical thinking and creative thinking skills to communicate the answers to questions we composed during class, much more. During this semester, we learnt how to operate microscopes and looked at bacteria in water samples, analyzed different sights we see, and learnt to put together our own slides. -Yu-Han (Allie) Chiu (Gr 6)

This year in Science I really enjoyed the microscope labs that we did. I was really thrilled to see dead objects under the microscope since it was my first-time seeing things under the microscope. I think I learned how to use the microscope like how to hold it and how to use it. Next time I want to try looking at animals that are alive. - Seo-In Hong (Gr 6)

In science class, we get to do a lot of fun activities revolving around science. We learn lots of things in science while having lots of fun. -Alex Hardy (Gr 6)

In science class this year, I really enjoyed all the labs. Especially the lab when the yeast exploded on Zilin's shirt. Other works such as the digestive insects and sustainable cities project were very hard, but we learned a lot from it. Looking at the different cities and how science can be included when trying to make the world a better place. Overall, I think science class is the class where we can learn a lot of interesting new information and at the same time have fun and relax. I will never forget the daily dances with my partner Angel. I look forward to science class next year too! -Seo-Woo (Rhema) Hong (Gr 8).



In their "Space Systems" unit, students learnt about our Solar System, enjoyed simulations, and built models displaying the distances between planets and their scales. They even designed their own space aliens!

The Grade 8s studied "Electricity", designing, and presenting their own sustainable light display models for West Lake, after learning about the different components of an electrical circuit. Students understand the benefits of series and parallel circuits and the need for renewable energy sources.



Mind Your Language!



*Ingrid Majoos
Lower School
Library and Media
Teacher*

This year we had a special challenge running in the Lower School Library. Each month we celebrated a new language. The students could practice how to count or say the colors in the language of the month. The students had the opportunity to teach others the language they knew and once they could count or say the colors, they got another stamp on their language bookmark. The students had to be responsible for their bookmarks the whole year, too! Many different skills were practiced with this activity.

Over the last few months there have been 7 different languages to try in the Lower School Library, including Korean, German, Portuguese, Japanese, Thai, Chinese, and Spanish.



Congratulations to Cathy Zhang, Yihan Lin, and Nathan Yulzari, who tried all 7 languages!

Congratulations to Kara Majoos, Jason Qiao, and Alfonso Queiroz tried 5 languages. Chloe Han and Kevin Hao tried 4 with Lucas Guo, Amy Sui, Ivy Gao and Samuel Vasil trying 3 languages. Qi-Yi Song, Hubert Li, Ryan Park, Angela Brilhante, Yu-Ching Wang, Sebastian Jahn, and Chloe Sheng trying 2 languages. Trying one language, there was Lea Mandola, Layton Lao, Sophia Wang, Eddie Liu, Jayden Lu, Ryan Lee, Astrid Casas, Sofia Mateos, Noa Masak, Jake Wells, and Lulu Rho! Well done to all the students and next semester we will be running more such activities for students to join.



2023 ACAMIS Chinese Conference



Lily Zhou
Lower School
Mandarin Language
Teacher

Bringing the HIS PYP academic expertise and the passion for sharing education, I went to Chongqing to celebrate the annual educational festival with teachers from over 50 ACAMIS member schools. I was very honored that my presentation topic was selected by ACAMIS committee for the Chinese Conference 2023.

The conference began with the ACAMIS committee arranging a Chinese culture showcase. Because I hold the Tea Art Specialist Certificate, I was very privileged to be selected to perform the Chinese Tea Ceremony. I chose "Jin Jun Mei" as the tea variety I displayed because this type of tea can still maintain its aroma and color after ten rounds of brewing, just like our educators, who never forget our original intention and adhere to the concept and efforts of education.

My presentation topic for the conference was "The Whole Book Reading Strategies and Techniques in PYP unit learning", which attracted many teachers from different schools, who listened attentively to my lecture with questions about PYP interdisciplinary integration and curiosity about reading strategies, and they constantly recorded and filmed my sharing. I prepared over 60 pages of PowerPoint, which included practical teaching methods and implementation methods of different strategies.

I could hear the voices of praise from the teachers through almost every page of the display. During the Q&A session, after careful questioning, I received a lot of positive feedback. What impressed me the most was that several teachers said, "The HIS PYP program is really strong!"

Ms. Li from UNIS commented, "Ms. Zhou's literary analysis of the entire book can guide students to think deeply from the perspective of literary readers."

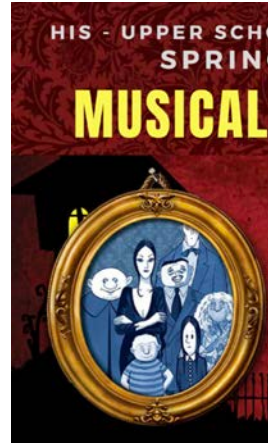
Ms. Zhang from Beijing SQ International School shared, "The various reading forms that Ms. Zhou designed reflect the students' development of various literary reading skills, laying a solid foundation for children's literary analysis."

Ms. Liu in QSI commented, "Ms. Zhou shared various valuable works which she has put in a lot of time and effort, and selflessly shared with everyone, making it more convenient for us to use in student education, embodying the spirit of IB educators."

I am very happy that I could have this opportunity to contribute my efforts to more students and benefit their Chinese learning, and I am even happier that more allied schools are aware of the academic expertise of HIS PYP program.



The Addams Family

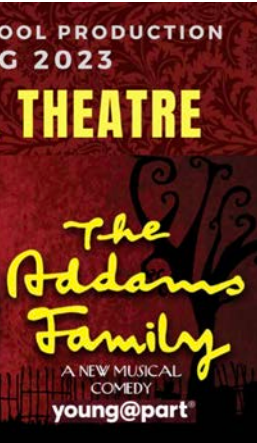


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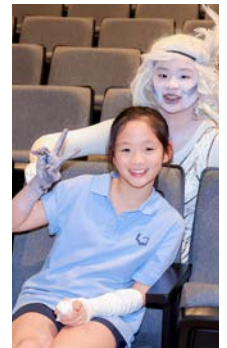


The Upper School cast and crew of the "The Addams Family" enterprise was filled with boundless energy, laughter; they were transported into the world of "The Addams Family".

Upper School Musical Production



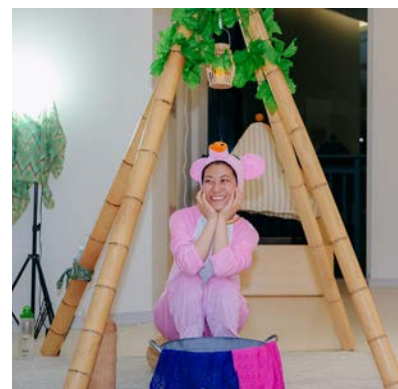
*theatrical, meaning poetic,
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I mean there's no fourth wall.*
-Stephen Sondheim.



"The Addams Family" musical erupted onto our HIS stage. Their
thrills, and a trifle of suspense. The audience's imaginations
"The Addams Family" and all their hilarious hijinks and mischief.

Lower School Night of Tales





The Memory Project



Yan-Tong (Tina) Yu
Upper School
Grade 10
MYP Student

We cannot define the value of a moment until it becomes memory. The purpose of this project was to find, to hear, and to know about elderly people's life stories and present them through art.

I decided to lead this project with the hope that our generation's positivity and energy could influence the elders to enlighten us with their knowledge and wisdom and provide us with a new angle to view the world around us.

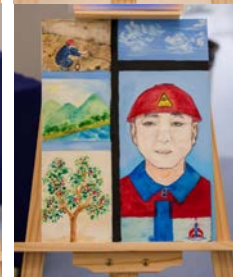
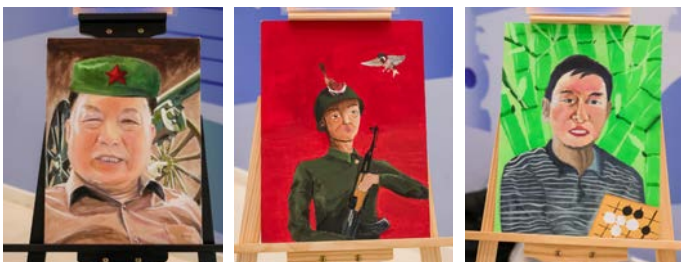


People from different times and ages walk down the same street everyday carrying their own stories. The old generation leads the young and teaches them life lessons through their own experiences that are kept in their dusty suits and shining medals of honors through their memories. If the spirits of the new and old generations can influence each other; if the elders' stories can be passed on, if memories can be cherished, then our community will be given more value and joy.



The Memory Project concluded with an exhibition opened to everyone at the HIS campus. The exhibition consisted of 10 artworks created by HIS students from Grade 5 to Grade

10, presenting a creative portrait that showed the "memories" of the elders who we had the pleasure to meet and spend time with.



The artists, G5 Emily Xu, G6 Eason Yu, and Connie Cao, G8 Muyun Lin and Nicole Wu, G9 Gabriel Lu, G10 Peter Fu, Roxanna Shen, Irene Chen, and I, presented through our paintings, the stories from our elders, feeling grateful for such a priceless experience. I'm looking forward to leading this project once again because it serves as a bridge between the generations to continue learning from each other.

Aspiration Project



Yue-Fan (Emma) Chen
Upper School
Grade 10
MYP Student

As Elizabeth Warren once aptly stated, "A good education is a foundation for a better future." Indeed, education not only benefits an individual's mind but also opens the doors leading to a plethora of future possibilities. Education is a basic human right that should be available to all. Unfortunately, adequate education is not universally provided. In many rural areas of China, for instance, a lack of educational resources hinders children from receiving their due education. To help overcome the current situation, the Longyin Club has initiated the "Aspiration Project," which aims to assist rural schools in China by providing educational resources.

At the Longyin Club, we believe that kindness and a willingness to help others are like fireflies. Though an individual's generosity may seem insignificant, it is enough to warm another individual's heart. Moreover, a group of dedicated individuals can light up the night if their kindness and dedication intertwine to help others. Hence, Longyin Club members have chosen to collaborate to help those who struggle to access education. We hope that our actions can ameliorate the scarcity of education and provide students from rural areas with opportunities to pursue knowledge.

The Aspiration Project began last autumn when Andrew Zhu and I led the club in creating posters, videos, and presentations to raise awareness for the initiative. Over the course of several months, both students and parents supported the project and helped collect 217 books, along with various other supplies, such as pencils. The cardboard boxes used to store the collected equipment gradually became full, imbuing hope into both students who strive to promote education and students who cherish the hope of obtaining knowledge.

As of this year, the Aspiration Project has completed its collection of educational equipment, and the supplies have been delivered to a rural elementary school. The staff there has shared many photographs of students eagerly poring over their newly obtained books. The smiles of the students have warmed the hearts of all who have contributed to this project. We all know that a single initiative is not enough to solve educational scarcity. Yet, the above truth does nothing to quench our commitment to promoting education. We hope that our efforts can help illuminate students' paths toward the future in the same way that a group of fireflies would illuminate a dark night.



HIS West Lake MUN 2023



Ling-Yue (Bella) Meng
Upper School
Grade 7
MYP Student

I recently had the opportunity to attend the WLMUN conference, a school-level Model United Nations (MUN) conference that brings together students from different schools to simulate the workings of the United Nations. MUN is an educational simulation in which students learn about diplomacy, international relations, and the United Nations. The conference features several committees, including ECOSOC, GAI, GA2, and Environmental, and allows students to represent countries and engage in debates on real-world issues."

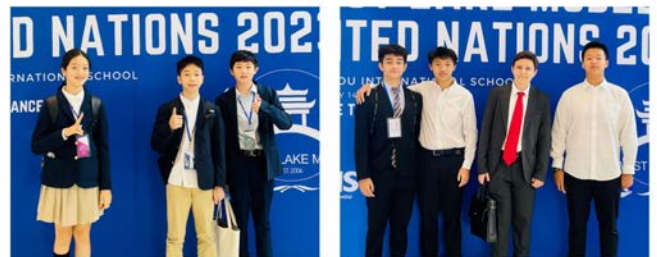
I would first like to thank the WLMUN Secretariat for their amazing work that led to such an amazing conference. I would then like to thank the WLMUN Media Team for taking such beautiful pictures and catching the shiniest moments of delegates for remembrance. Then, I would like to thank the admin team and our chairs and fellow school directors for coming from places across China and helping to sustain the order of the entire conference. Finally, thank you all delegates for attending and performing so well in all the committees and having made our WLMUN such a wonderful memory.

At WLMUN, I had the opportunity to represent Hungary in the ECOSOC committee. This was a challenging role, as I had to research Hungary's stance on different issues and make persuasive arguments in favor of that position. However, it was also incredibly rewarding to engage in debates with other delegates and learn about their perspectives on global issues. One of the highlights of the conference was the chance to meet students from other schools and exchange ideas with them. Despite coming from different backgrounds, we all shared a common interest in learning about international relations and making a positive impact on the world. I was impressed by the level of passion and dedication that my fellow delegates brought to the conference, and I felt inspired by their ideas and proposals. Through my experience at WLMUN, I also gained a deeper understanding of the importance of Model United Nations.

MUN provides a unique opportunity for students to learn about international relations, diplomacy, and global issues in a hands-on, interactive way. By simulating the workings of the United Nations, students can gain a better understanding of how the international community can work together to address global challenges. Moreover, MUN encourages students to develop critical thinking, public speaking, and research skills, all of which are essential for success in the 21st century. As the world becomes increasingly interconnected, it is crucial that students learn how to communicate effectively and collaborate with people from different backgrounds and cultures.

I would encourage students and members of our community to join MUN as it provides a plentiful number of opportunities and can really strengthen the abilities of delegates and admin from all aspects. It was an extremely amazing experience, and everyone enjoyed the conference!

In conclusion, my experience at WLMUN was a valuable learning opportunity that taught me about the importance of international relations, diplomacy, and global issues. The next WLMUN will be in November, and I feel grateful for the chance to participate in such a meaningful event and look forward to continuing to learn and grow through Model United Nations in the future.



GIN CLUB Environmental Awareness



Hon-Yu (Daisy) Zhang
Upper School
Grade 6
MYP Student



With the global temperature generally rising, some scientists have begun to call for people to reduce the emission of greenhouse gases as much as possible. However, the effects of the reductions are not obvious.

In recent years, China's economy has been booming and people's living standards have been greatly improved as a result. For example, people's consumption level and living conditions have changed a lot. Like buying something "big" such as a car, a house, and so on, people's consumption speed is very fast. This reflects the country's prosperity and strength. But, from a global perspective, the more valuable these things are, the more of an environmental impact they have had. Take a car, for example we are happy to have a car of our own because it brings us convenience, but we rarely think of the car's continuous impact on the environment. What's more, the environment is deteriorating, it's already happening, and it's not just affecting one area. This is happening all over the world. It rains in the south and droughts in the north. America has heavy snowstorms in winter and heavy rains in summer.

India, Brazil, and parts of Europe are also experiencing unusual seasonal flare-ups. What's more, as global temperatures continue to rise, glaciers at the poles are melting at an alarming rate, and freshwater lakes on land are disappearing.

The environment continues to deteriorate, and people have not strengthened their awareness of environmental protection, I think in a few decades, the earth really will be like the American movie "The Day after Tomorrow" depicted! I think human beings do not want to see such a scene really happen, but if human beings continue to destroy the environment on the earth, I think there will be such a day! I hope we take care of the earth we live on and take care of the environment we live in!

GIN Club Solid Waste Audit



Justine Kushner
Upper School
Science
Teacher

On Tuesday June 13th, the GIN Club, together with over twenty-five parent and student volunteers, conducted a full solid waste audit of HIS. Ms. Maria Alejandra, a passionate parent of two students at HIS, was instrumental in planning the process of the audit and ensuring it ran smoothly and successfully.

Waste from each classroom, floor and wing of the school was collected with labeled trash bags to prioritize determining which area of the school was producing which category of waste. The GIN Club also wanted to find out if the recycling bins were being used appropriately and if the sorting of garbage was successful.

With the data collected the GIN club wishes to suggest and hopefully implement plans for improving the recycling and waste management goals of the school, helping HIS become a greener and a more environmentally friendly school.

This project will enable the GIN Club to launch new projects branching off the audit results obtained. In the future, the audit observations can extend into new ideas for Community and Personal Projects in the MYP, and into Extended Essays and Environmental Systems and Societies studies in the DP.

In addition to the valuable parent and student volunteers, the GIN Club wishes to sincerely thank Ms. Andrea Stubbs, Ms. Maria Alejandra, Ms. Christine Shi, Mr. Albert, Ms. Ivy, the team from the Tech Shack, Ms. McGifford, Ms. Anna, and Ms. Rojas for all their hard work and commitment to this project.

Our parent and student volunteers include Renata Branham, Jiyeon Seo, Katie Zhang, Namrata Dhawan, Kristine Son, Grace Gao, Naomi Xia (isn't she a student?), Sujeong Lim, Xiaolei Chen, Kiki Yulzari, Camille Yulzari, Michael Bosley, 蓝兰 Lan, 倪丹丹 Dandan, Hangzhong Weng, Li, Xiaolei Chen, Stephanie Langer and Mamiko Sukegawa.



A Community Effort!



HIS SOLID WASTE AUDIT IN A FEW NUMBERS

More than 30 participants...

Among parents, students and school staff that helped the GIN Club and HIS achieve a successful solid waste audit on June 13th, 2023.

Project sponsored by Andrea Stubbs with special collaboration from Christine Shi, Albert Zhou and Ivy Ma



254 Kg of waste audited...

Or 75 big trash bags opened and sorted in 9 different categories. Projection is 44.3 tons of waste / school year

105 Kg of organic waste...

Produced at the cafeterias in one day of school. We systematically generate 2.5 times more organic waste after lunch compared to the scrap peelings produced in the preparation of our food.



Less than 300 g. per day...

Is the amount of recyclables collected in recycling bins compared to the 22 Kg produced daily. This is a very low adherence to our recycling plan that will need to improve.

54% of HIS waste...

Ends up in landfills or incinerators and includes:

- 6.5 tons/year of organic waste not managed as the cafeteria's organic waste (1/4 of the total)
- 2.5 tons of recyclable paper...



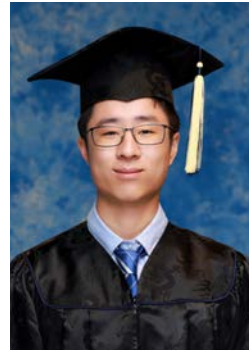
The 6 Rs for waste management are...

REFUSE to have the waste, REDUCE, REUSE, REPURPOSE, RECYCLE and ROT & compost. We all have to take action to improve how we handle our waste.



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Congratulations to the HIS Class of 2023!



Andy Wu
Jade Dragon Student*
Class of 2023
Academic Excellence Award

The class of 2023 has worked hard in the classroom, played well on the sports fields, gave back to the community, and performed well onstage. They have been a creative group and a collaborative group.

As a class, the group is internationally diverse, coming from different countries and planning to attend universities on different continents. Some of them had been an HIS student for more than 8 years and some arrived just a few years ago, but no matter when they joined HIS, they are proud HIS Gold Dragons!

As a group, they were supportive of each other, and their academic success is in large part in proportion to their willingness to take responsibility for their own learning and their interest in ideas.

These students are preparing for the next chapter of their lives, we wish them all the best in their new endeavors!

Once a Dragon, always a Dragon!

“Throughout our academic endeavors, we have sharpened our perception of the world. In the natural sciences, we have learned to capture the natural world through careful design and observation. In the human sciences, we have delved deep into the human behavior and interactions that underly the societal systems. In the languages, we have acquired the ability to share ideas, experiences and emotions. In TOK, we have developed a framework for inquiry where we have learned to ask both the how and the why.

And therein lies perhaps the greatest gift of high school: inner power. Not in the tyrannical or violent sense, but an unspoken, earnest, confident, curious power. To me, every class is a lens over our eyes, allowing us to see a new shade of color, to see the world in sharper clarity. With this newfound vision, we are empowered to navigate the complexities of the world.

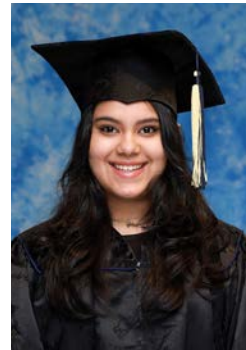
So as we step into the next chapter of our lives, equipped with a new arsenal, it is crucial to recognize the extent of the power we hold—the power to shape our own future.”



Graduate Insights and Parting Memories



*Youngeun Moon
Class of 2023
International Understanding
Award*



*Manya Jain
Jade Dragon Student*
Class of 2023
Renaissance Award
Class Historian*

"We have students coming from diverse cultures: China, America, England, India, Korea, Mexico, Italy, Spain, and more. We proudly possess different values and cultural backgrounds. But what is important to think about is how these students came together. I have witnessed and have been a part of this beautiful class where cultures are respected, and diversity is appreciated. I believe that this is what makes the class of 2023 a strongly bonded group.

Of course, it would not have been possible without HIS. This community embraces cultures and gives each one a chance to shine. When I moved to HIS from a local school in grade 6, I was truly fascinated by how colorful this place was. The playgrounds, the flags, the meals at lunch. I used to march under one flag, but I am now a part of the march with different flags. But at the same time, I was overwhelmed since I only knew about 10 English words at the time.

What I want to say is: an important thing about being in an international community is to know who you are and know that you add colors to the diversity of the community."

"One theme that has resonated with me throughout our time together is the art of giving. High school life has taught us the value of generosity, compassion, and supporting one another. Whether it was through lending a listening ear, offering a helping hand during difficult times, or organizing events for worthy causes, we have come to understand the power of giving back to our community.

When I refer to community, I mean those who are present today, the so called HIS community, or the city and country that we live in (the Chinese community), or even the entirety of humankind.

This school and China, along with my roots provided me a platform to connect with the world in the most unique ways and of course be the base of my childhood. I have seen kindness all along. And for these kind deeds from my very own community for all 18 years of my life, I always want to find every opportunity to give back."

****Jade Dragons are students who have been long-standing members of the HIS community for 8 or more years.***



Congratulations to the HIS Class of 2023!

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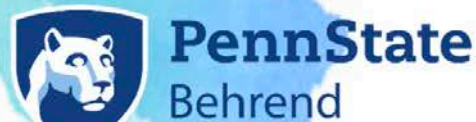
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Hangzhou International School Dragons Donate One More Library!



Andrea Stubbs
*Director of Admissions and
Community Relations*

A year ago, the 15th annual HIS Dragon Run fundraising event, thanks to the support of the HIS parents, students, faculty, staff, and friends, was able to continue assisting the Library Project (library-project.org) by donating one more library to a local school in China.

This time, the HIS Dragon Run brought a new library to Niuzhai Central Primary School in Niuzhai Village, located in Daijia Township, Wu Gong County, Xian Yang City, Shaanxi Province.



The new library received more than 1000 Chinese language books, wall bookshelves, library tables, library sofas, chairs, stools, globes, STEAM activity materials, bookends, day activity materials, training materials, and a comprehensive librarian training course.



The books in the Chinese language included history, science, short stories, fairy tales, dictionaries in Pinyin, reference books, comic books, and sets of encyclopedias. Books are of the highest quality, published in China, and full color.

The donation ceremony was last May and aimed to raise the reading interest among students and share the wonderful world of reading. Students listened to



many stories with the help of volunteers who read different books during the donation day. Throughout the stories, they immersed themselves inside fantastic worlds, countries, and cultures. The village students were excited and could not wait to pick their favorite book to start their reading journey.

The Dragon Run continues supporting the Library Project. This well-established organization brings literacy and benefits children in local communities by setting up libraries and reading rooms with the money fundraised. The Library Project team works tirelessly to improve education by "one book at a time," and Hangzhou International School is proud to be part of it.

The 15th annual Dragon Run organizers, Mr. Chaddwick Plotz and I, Ms. Andrea Stubbs, thank the generous sponsors, volunteers, runners, and HIS community.

Scan the QR code to watch the Video of the Ceremony.



Experiencing the 16th Dragon Run



*Fursey Gotuaco
Upper School Principal*

Dead last! Hundreds of people doing the Dragon Run on Saturday, June 24th, and I was the very last one to cross the finish line. And that's Okay! Because I did not stop! It doesn't matter how slow you go, just keep going.

As I rounded the field on my way towards the finish line, drenched from a morning of rain, there were people there cheering me on. Faculty, students, parents, all cheering for me to finish strong. All of them, encouraging, clapping, and yelling with exuberance to keep going.

As I crossed the finish line, it was not lost on me that the finish line was also the starting line. Yes, it was a complete journey to end up right where I started. FULL CIRCLE. The 5-kilometer course was a circuitous path of beautiful trees, water ways, bright flowers. Everything was glistening with the fresh rain that continued to bathe away the dust. It was literally a walk in the park.

When the race was over, we all came into the building. What an energy there was in our atrium. Several different kinds of food wafted in the air as they were being freshly cooked on the grills just outside the door. Children were playing games on our left and on our right. The stage hosted several celebrations at one end and at the other end was artwork done by students. It was the kind of perfect mixture you would expect from a school that prides itself on its sense of community. A circle of people who were proud of what this day represented. What a great day to be an HIS Dragon!

- It was a great day because we celebrated last just as loudly as we celebrated first.
- It was a great day because the young were as happy as the old.
- It was a great day because we lived as a community in our actions not just words.
- It was a great day because recent grade 12 graduates came back to campus with a smile.
- It was a great day because people volunteered to stand in the rain just to help others.
- It was a great day because people focused on 'personal bests'.
- It was a great day because though so many were so tired, they still came to participate.
- It was a great day because we all came together to support those who were needy.
- When you come together, in the rain, to push yourself out of your comfort zone, you grow.
- It was a great day because we stand in front of a magnificent new building in the midst of a great community. Being last didn't matter.



In this community, we all grow forward. We are HIS Dragons. FIRST! LAST! ALWAYS!

Dragon Run 2023



Congratulations to the 5K Female Champions:

5K Child
Grade 4 Student Yichen Vivian Jiang
(Second time winner)

5K Teen
Grade 9 Student Raina Chaurasia

5K Adult
Grade 4 Parent Ying Ma

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“Rain or Shine”

Thank you everyone who ran, volunteered, and supported the Library Project. Your support makes a difference possible this event!



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Congratulations to the 5K Male Champions:

5K Child
Grade 4 Student Jayden Burton

5K Teen
Grade 8 Student James Lee
(Third year consecutive winner)

5K Adult
Grade 4 and 5 Parent Mr. Benjamin Schuessler

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2023 World of Work Experience



Liam O'Shea
Upper School
Vice Principal and
MYP Coordinator

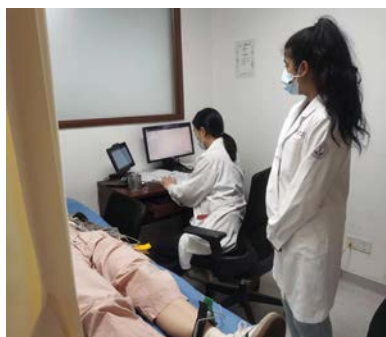
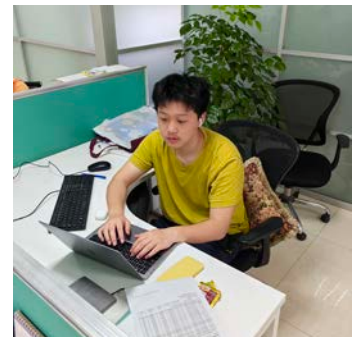
Our Grade 9 cohort jumped at the opportunities to reach out into the community and seek out companies and businesses to take them under their wings and teach them.

Our amazing students noted that:

"I learnt about what it really is like to be a lawyer, how much work goes into it before you actually go fight the case. The amount of paperwork, filing and research. I got to be a part of one of their staff meetings and learnt how hard it was to manage clients and communicate with them."

"My work placement worked really hard to prepare for the Asian Games and the reason why [I] taught them English is because they had to communicate with the foreigners coming. Then I realized how important are communicating skills in real life while English is also very beneficial to learn."

"I learnt the most about how the sales and marketing department worked. Also I learnt how within this department, there are four different sections, Catering, Core and Reservation, Sales and E-com, and Public Relations and what all these group does and what their job is."



An Enriching Experience for Grade 9 Students!



Hangzhou International School acknowledges and thanks the following businesses for their generosity in providing such powerful and meaningful learning opportunities for our students:

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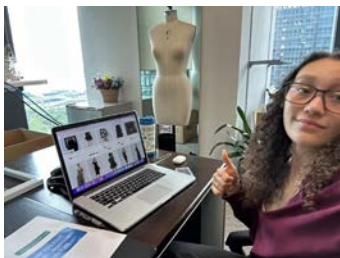
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THANKS
FROM ALL OF US

PAFA (Parents and Friends Association)



Andrea Stubbs
Director of Admissions and
Community Relations

The 2022-2023 school year continued with the always strong foundation that unites our cultural diversity and fosters a positive community, the HIS Dragons Community! We parents, students, faculty, and friends, accomplished this together.

From a nice, relaxing PAFA coffee morning and Welcome Lunch, to a festive International Day, parents, faculty and members of the community, continued supporting different events for the whole community, and learning opportunities for all together.

**All parents of HIS students, faculty, and administration,
are members of PAFA, and these activities wouldn't be possible
without everyone's support!**



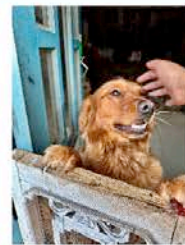
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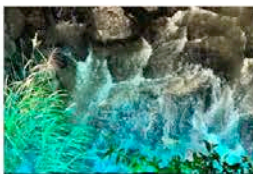


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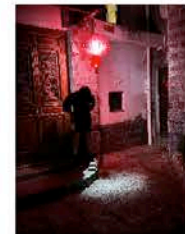


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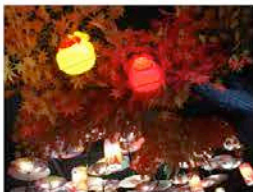


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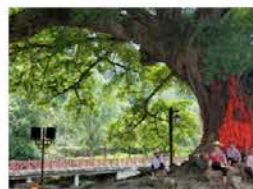


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