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## Upcoming events:

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| May 20        | Full Moon of Kasone (no school)         |
| June 3        | Secondary Movie Night                   |
| May 30-June 3 | Semester 2 Exams, CIE Progression tests |
| June 7        | MIS Art Exhibition                      |
| June 10       | End-of-Stage Graduation Ceremony        |
| June 14       | Last Day of School                      |

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# Teachers Helping Teachers

by Pamela Campbell, Primary ESL Coordinator

Last summer MIS Middle School teacher Kimberly Grant worked in Kyonpyaw. As a networker, she was able to make many friends along the way. Several months ago she invited a group of MIS teachers to spend a weekend teaching local Myanmar students at the Excellent Myanmar New Generation Private Middle School (EMNGPMS). The outing was such a success for everyone that we were invited back to do some training for the teachers.

On Friday May 6 three MIS teachers did return, Kate Dixon, Mya Myint Kyi and myself. Our host, local teacher Myo Thant and the son of the owner of the EMNGPMS, Naing Lin Soe, made sure that we were comfortably accommodated and our incredible weekend began.

Our students - 16 local Myanmar teachers from the school, spent Saturday engaged in dozens of strategies to make teaching and learning more fun and rewarding. Focusing mostly on easy, homemade, hands-on games and activities, the day was spent showing teachers how to create and plan activities using primarily the resources easily at hand. The session began with a riveting game of Human Bingo and the fun went on all day! Everyone had a blast and the day passed much too quickly.

After the training, we boarded a small truck and toured Inye Lake, ending the evening eating freshly caught fish on the beach. Before returning to Yangon on Sunday, our hosts showed us Shan Pagoda, with its memorable 'heaven and hell' statuary. Myanmar has so many impressive hidden attractions! And the food! Marion fruit, jaggery, bananas and noodles, we were treated to the best Myanmar has to offer!

The Excellent Myanmar New Generation Private Middle School is, indeed, an excellent school. Dedicated and caring, it was a weekend we will never forget. Myanmar: the Golden land of a thousand smiles! We send many thanks to our students and hosts and look forward to our next visit in the fall.



# MIS Band Updates

by Bruce Lenart, Music Coordinator

At the beginning of the 2014-15 school year (last year), MIS started a concert band program including woodwind instruments (clarinet, flute and saxophone), brass instruments (trumpet, french horn, trombone, baritone and tuba), and percussion instruments (snare drum, bass drum, cymbals and marimba).



This year, students in Years 6, 7, and 8 have been working very hard to keep the band growing and improving. They are finding out what is involved in participating in a performing group such as knowing their instrument fingerings, tuning, and reading notes and other instructions and indications on the music.

The MIS Band will be performing for the graduation ceremony on June 10th as a combined group (Yrs. 6-8), beginning band (Yr. 6), and Middle School band (Yrs. 7 - 8). Another important aspect of performing that MIS is working on is solo performance with piano accompaniment. This can really help the performer's confidence, tone quality, phrasing and musical interpretation ability.

Members of the MIS Band will be performing solos during the end of the year art show involving both the primary and secondary schools on June the 7th. A great chance to hear some young and improving soloists and see some great artwork at the primary and secondary level. Hope to see you there!

*Creative expression and teamwork in action*



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# Middle Years Model United Nations Conference

by Ms. Alexie Russ, Student Council Advisor

MIS sent it's first-ever middle school delegation to the MY-YMUN conference at ISY last weekend. 6 MIS delegates represented the countries of China, Greece and Israel in 4 model United Nations committees. The MUN program allows students to build public speaking and research skills while interacting with others in a simulation of international political negotiations. Our students researched their issues and countries, wrote speeches and resolutions, and then lobbied for their ideas to be selected in committee. Those attending were Hemansh Kanwal, Anirudh Ramasubramanian Iyer and Hnin Phyu Lay Muller "Snow" in 9.3, Boeun Kim "Puka" in 9.2, Ark Dutt in 8.3 and Samarth Kanwal in 7.2. Sam was recognized as "most improved delegate" in his committee. Here is how it went, in the students' own words.

"We went to ISY to have the conference, and for most of the committees there were bunch of people from different schools mixed together. . . .Our topic was about gender equality and the most fun part was making POI s where you are allowed to ask questions about the resolution within debates. I even made a speech. It was super fun and interesting. I will definitely join again next year! Thanks to Ms. Lexie, Mr.Alan, and all my committee members for giving me this awesome experience!" -Boeun "Puka" Kim

"My MYYMUN conference went great. . . . I had prepared a resolution which got support of 5 other countries but unfortunately did not get approved by the chairs therefore I became a supporter of USA's resolution which passed. My fellow team mates and I . . . gave speeches which highlighted the main and best points of the resolution. Overall MYYMUN was a fun and a learning experience which enhanced my public speaking skills and made me more confident." -Hemansh Kanwal

"My experience at MY YMUN conference was awesome. I made many friends and I am still in touch with them. I was shy on the first day but by the second day I had a blast and raised a POI in every speech of the opponent." -Samarth Kanwal

"I was excited because I like United Nations's work. They always help people from different ethnicity, race and nationality and they sustain all the development in our world. . . . MUN is all about making a group and preparing a resolution on a specific topic for debate. No one will go back home without making friends. Once your group has prepared the resolution, then you debate with other teams in the committee. Actually, I thought it was a very difficult work but the truth is that it was kind of fun. . . . Overall, it was a great experience and if you want to go to MY YMUN next year to experience it, then I should say one thing: GOOD LUCK AND HAVE FUN!

