



## WASC Visits our School

**“The school is highly committed to providing the highest caliber of education possible to every student at Dominican International School.” - WASC Report, March 30,2017**



**The WASC Visiting Committee chaired by Mr Bill Christelman, from California, USA , visited DIS in the final phase of the accreditation process from March 25 to 31. The school is now waiting for the final answer from the WASC Head Office after receiving a very positive report from the Visiting Committee.** The other Visiting Committee members were Ms. Lourdes St. Nicolas, a retired principal from Guam, Dr Kelly Ridings and Mr Dan Waterman, both principals of schools in China (as pictured here from left to right.)

The DIS Administration and the Accreditation Steering Committee want to thank the VIP, DIS parents and students for their wonderful support during the event. On the last day of the visit, many parents came to support the Administration, teachers and staff during the final meeting where the Visiting Committee announced their findings. It was a true DIS family event made possible by all our stakeholders. Without the VIP's support the visit would not have been so successful, and a special thanks goes to Ms Yvonne Hsu, our VIP President, for being on call for the entire week. The VIP took charge of the logistics of the visit, providing transport, booking accommodation, and performing many other tasks to make the visitors feel welcome.

WASC accreditation assures a school community that the school is a trustworthy institution for student learning. It validates the integrity of the school's program and transcripts. It facilitates transfer of credits to other English-speaking schools and it is critical for college/university acceptance worldwide.

# WASC Visit

The DIS Accreditation Steering Committee



**After six years of preparation at DIS, the Visiting Committee of the Western Association of Colleges and Schools (WASC) arrived at the end of March at DIS for the final stage in the accreditation process.**

WASC has a six year accreditation cycle, which DIS completed with the finalization of the school's self-study and the Visiting Committee's visit at the end of March.

Even though everyone in the DIS community participated in the self-study by means of questionnaires, focus groups, home groups and interviews, the Accreditation Steering Committee drove the process. They were Sr. Zenaida Ancheta, O.P., the school's Principal, Sr. Socorro Tefilo O.P., the Vice-principal, Dr. Mercia de Souza, the school's Professional Development Coordinator, who chaired the Committee, members of the Academic Research and development Team: Mr John Dixon and Mr Samir Eddio; Ms Janice Doyle, Sr. Rosa Dabhi and Mr Joe Schoeman, the Curriculum and Academic Coordinator of the school.

They were the overseers of the process. They met weekly throughout the school's self-study process to make sure that everything for that enormous task stayed on track. They especially had to watch the time management of the project very closely. By the beginning of January, the focus groups had completed their documents – these documents investigated the school's performance in various areas very closely. Not only did the focus groups give answers to many detailed questions, but they also had to provide evidence for every answer they gave.

The Visiting Committee's task was to visit the school to see if all these answers were indeed true. They investigated by doing visits to classes, talking to parents, having discussions with students and teachers, the School Board and other stakeholders, even our neighbouring university's President, and the construction workers.

The accreditation Steering Committee had to answer many questions about the school, and clarify many issues.

The Visiting Committee (VC) Chairperson, Mr Bill Christelman, commented more than once that the DIS self-study was one of the best self-study documents he had seen in the many years of being a VC Chairperson. After the accreditation week, a VC Chairperson, who was in Taiwan to visit another school, saw the self-study while visiting DIS in an unofficial capacity and commended the school for the excellent self-study document.



Dr. Mercia de Souza, Chairperson of the Accreditation Steering Committee, introduced the Visiting Committee members to the DIS family.



# WASC Visit



The WASC Visiting Committee in front of the National Palace Museum on the day after their final presentation.

From left to right: Ms Lourdes San Nicolas, Mr Dan Waterman, Dr Mercia de Souza, Mr Bill Christelman, Dr Kelly Ridings and Ms Susan Wu



Mr Bill Cristelman, Chairperson of the WASC Visiting Committee sharing his findings with all the stakeholders of the school. Many parents came to support the faculty and staff.



**The D'TORCH Orchestra** entertained the visitors, students, parents, faculty and staff at the farewell party for the Visiting Committee. The weather was balmy and everyone moved to the open space next to the Science laboratories on the fourth floor for the final and informal farewell. It is the ideal space for open-air gatherings and entertainment. The Visiting Committee members remarked on how they enjoyed the orchestra's rendition of James Bond film music. The music was an excellent choice for the setting and the occasion.

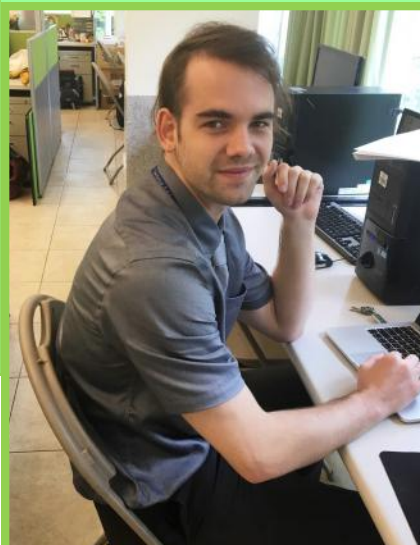


# Good-bye, Teachers



**Mr Toby Holland** has been with DIS since the beginning of the 2016/17 school year. He is a Grade 5 Home-room Teacher. Mr Toby is returning to Canada where his family is very happily awaiting his return, especially his sister's children who are missing their uncle very much. We wish him all of the very best.

**Mr Steven Biddy** joined the DIS faculty in August 2016. He taught English Language Arts in the High School and he is also the Grade 11 St Anthony Homeroom Teacher. Mr Biddy is returning to the USA to further his own education. He will be missed in the English Language Arts Department, because of his extensive knowledge of English Literature. We wish him success with his studies.



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**Ms Elle Croukamp** has been a faculty member at DIS for two years. She taught Health and Physical Education during the past year, and Middle School Science during 2015/16. Ms Elle will remain in Taiwan, where she is going to study full-time for a Ph.D in Education Leadership. We wish her all of the best with this big endeavor.



**Ms Tersia Labuschagne** joined the DIS faculty in January 2016 with the intention to stay until the end of the school year, before returning to South Africa, but remained for another year. She started off as a Middle School Social Studies teacher, but her passion has always been teaching Grade 1. She has been the Grade 1 teacher during the 2016/17 school year. Ms Tersia and her husband are returning to South Africa where their adult children are excitedly waiting for them to come home.

Ms Tersia, we wish you and your family all of the very best. Ms Carli, our wish for you is to find an exceptionally fine husband.



It is with deep sadness that I am leaving Dominican International School; it has been one of the most rewarding years of my life. The staff, teachers, parents and especially students have enriched my life in more ways than I could ever have imagined. The Grade 2 students were a joy to teach and their interactive interests in the classroom made the days fly by. For now I have to go back to my family in South Africa and to find a husband. I am sure I will be back in the near future to be re-united with my Dominican family. - **Ms Carli Viljoen**

## Newsbits from the Campus Ministry Department

by John Erick S. Moje

### Celebrating the Gift of New Life: Suao Recollection 2017

*"Happiness is secured through virtue; it is a good attained by man's own will." - Thomas Aquinas*

Every year the Campus Ministry Department organizes a day of recollection for the Middle School students in Suao, Ilan Hsien, where they have the opportunity to reflect on their life through various activities and talks.

This year the Campus Ministry Department organized an activity called "The Gift of New Life" that brought the participants a relaxing experience in Suao. Activities were designed not only to give enjoyment but to bring home enduring understanding and a life-long learning experience among the students.

Attended by at least 25 students, three of them from the D'TORCH Ministry Leaders and six dynamic teachers, this year's Suao Recollection (April 28-29) was truly fun-filled, interesting and meaningful. The set of prepared activities enlivened this year's theme, "Celebrating the gift of new life".

The main objectives of this activity were to discover the value of new life in the context of the Easter Season, to develop unity and cooperation in accomplishing the given tasks, appreciation of silence during prayerful activities, and to intensify obedience in following the given instructions very well throughout the whole recollection period.

The Activities included: Creative Tomb Making on the seashore where students' creativity, unity, and obedience were tested. The rest of the activities were done inside the convent of the Vedrunga sisters, organized by Sr. Rosa. Students were able to learn more about themselves and others through creative and engaging group sharing and Art workshops. The morning prayer on top of the mount brought all the participants into a deep prayer of thanksgiving along with the soothing music played by one of the participants.

The culminating group challenge and Art Activity brought memorable experiences and realization for the participants how good life is if shared with others.

The Activity was ended with the DIY Art center showcasing how wooden sandals or slippers are made creatively.

The success of this year's Suao Recollection didn't only depend on the careful planning of the Campus Ministry Department but also with the unending grace from God throughout the activity.

### The Coronation of Mother Mary 2017

*"Always stay close to this Heavenly Mother, because she is the sea to be crossed to reach the shores of Eternal Splendor."--Saint Padre Pio*

This year's celebration of May Crowning was done successfully during the Monday morning assembly on May 15.

The ceremony, hosted by Ben Maston and Michelle Hsu of Grade 9, was held a day after Mother's Day and a week-end of commemorating the 100th anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary in Fatima, Portugal.

At the celebration in Fatima, two of the shepherd children who were visited by the apparition, were canonized by Pope Francis. They are the first child saints in the history of the Church who were not martyrs.

The school's celebration was integrated in the usual Monday assembly, but the Campus Ministry Department was able to make it really special. It started with the Prayer of Consecration to the Blessed Mother by Sr. Socorro Teofilo, O.P. After the usual proceedings, the coronation of Mother Mary which came next, was done by Ms. Victoria Santiago, one of the Campus Ministry Team members, together with Kate Min, one of the DYM active members. The song of Robby, Ivana Zahra from grade 9 brought the whole DIS family into an atmosphere of prayer to Jesus through Mother Mary. The celebration was ended with the flower offering of the different representatives of the entire school.

Mother Mary, pray for us!





## D'TORCH Youth Ministry Leaders Elected for 2017/18

by John Erick S. Moje

It's time to bid goodbye to the outgoing set of DYM Officers and say hello to the new set of dynamic officers and members. Last year, we had 13 officers and members who were able to uphold the ideals of responsible Dominican Leadership. The Campus Ministry Department has been very grateful for all the services rendered by the DYM throughout the year. After serious deliberation by a selection panel (made up mostly of the members of the Campus Ministry Department) and election, the new set of officers and members for the next school year were carefully selected:

<b>President</b>	NATALIA GARCIA	Grade 10 St. Albert
<b>Vice-President 1</b>	JOSHUA RAMOS	Grade 9 St. Rose
<b>Vice-President 2</b>	SANA ENDO	Grade 9 St. Raymond
<b>Secretary 1</b>	ELTON SHIEH	Grade 9 St. Rose
<b>Secretary 2</b>	MICHELLE HSU	Grade 9 St. Rose
<b>Treasurer 1</b>	BEN MASTON	Grade 9 St. St. Rose
<b>Treasurer 2</b>	IRIS HO	Grade 10 St. Albert
<b>PRO 1</b>	KHUSHI KHATRI	Grade 10 St. Albert
<b>PRO 2</b>	ELSA CHEUNG	Grade 7 St. Thomas
<b>Appointed Heads of the Different Offices</b>	Note: They were chosen in order to help facilitate different areas of the DYM group.	
<b>Documentation</b>	KATE MIN	Grade 11 St. Louis
<b>Formation and Leadership</b>	ANUBHAB MAIKAP	Grade 9 St. Raymond
<b>Community Service Program</b>	JASPER CHANG	Grade 8 St. Agnes
<b>Program and Entertainment</b>	CINDY CHENG	Grade 9 St. Raymond
<b>Music Ministry</b>	WILLIAM HUNG	Grade 10 St. Albert
<b>MEMBERS</b>	ZOE SHONG	Grade 6 St. Hyacinth
	CHENNAKRISHNAN, NANDITA SILVA LIN	Grade 6 St. Hyacinth
	JOHN MICHAEL RAMOS	Grade 6 St. Hyacinth
	ANGELA DAO	Grade 6 St. Hyacinth
	LUCIAN LIN	Grade 8 St. Agnes
	PATRICK YUAN	Grade 9 St. Raymond
	JACKLYN WANG	Grade 10 St. Albert
	TIFFANY LIN	Grade 10 St. Albert



The outgoing DYM Team who had a very successful 2016/17

## Congratulations, New Student Council 2017/18



Hiro Fu and Henry Phun on the campaign trail

Position	Name
President	Hiro Fu
Vice President	Henry Phun
Secretary	Allison Huang
Assistant Secretary	Jamie Lee
Treasurer	Ginny Hwang
Assistant Treasurer	Rose Lee
PRO 1	Alec Chen
PRO 2	Jonathan Chen
Female Sports Rep.	Regina Wang
Male Sports Rep.	Brandon Huang
MS Rep.	Irene Hsu
Lower School Reps.	Eric Lin Jimmy Tsao



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Members of the two campaigning teams during the Student Council elections. They put hard work and a lot of creativity into their campaigns.



## Model United Nations

### First TASMUN Conference by Evan Chang, Grade 8

I still remember the day when our homeroom teacher, Mr. Wakeling, asked me if I wanted to join MUN. I had known about MUN before, and I knew that it involves hard work and lots of researching. I was hesitant about going at first, as I thought I wasn't ready to take on such strenuous tasks. But despite all doubts, I still joined. I was ready for a new experience in a new club. As soon as we had our first club meeting, I could tell that everyone who joined was determined to do their best. Over the weeks of reading, researching, and writing, we slowly gained more knowledge about global issues. Finally, after finalizing our opening speeches and resolutions, it was the day for the official TASMUN conference. I was quite nervous when I got there, because it felt like everyone else was so experienced, and I was that "new person". But I knew that I needed to try my best, no matter how stressful it was. The conference itself went pretty well, even though I only asked three POI's. It may seem really less for a delegate, but for me, it was a small step of confidence. After the event, I realized that if I hadn't joined MUN, I never would've acknowledged the problems different nations are facing. Even though reading many samples and information about countries may have been tiresome, the hard work has truly paid off.







# The World Scholar's Cup<sup>®</sup>

## One Last Pwaa for 2016!

**By Timmy Chang**

It was an honor to represent DIS at the WSC Tournament of Champions at Yale University for the very first time. Although the trip lasted for less than a week, this once in a lifetime experience was truly memorable. Unlike the Bangkok Global Round in the heart of a thriving city, Yale ToC was held at a remarkable, grand campus with stunning autumn scenery and freezing weather, hardly imaginable in Taipei. The scenery wasn't the only thing that amazed me; there were also the scholars: their diversity, capability and knowledge. The tournament was definitely challenging; debating against the Global Round champion debate team was no easy task. Nevertheless, it was such a privileged experience to compete against the best, complete bizarre scavenger hunt tasks with them, and earn a huge alpaca that could hardly be squeezed through the airport's x-ray machine. When Burch screamed PWAA! for the very last time during closing ceremony, I was relieved, yet, experienced complicated emotions as I embraced the end of my scholar's cup journey. This experience has given me the chance to realize my passion for debate, and enhance my writing and teamwork skills. I would like to thank my teammates, Cindy and Alec, who worked so hard, took a tiring 24 hour flight, and put up with my continuous nervous, freaking-out moods for the duration of the trip. They have been irreplaceable teammates, without whom I would never have gotten this far. ToC was definitely a blast, and if I could ever have another opportunity to join WSC, it would definitely be a loud, alpaca-passionate YES!

### Cindy Su Reports

The World Scholar's Cup was the first competition of its kind that I had ever competed in. Qualifying for the Tournament of Champions at my second global round was a great honor. The ToC was similar, yet very different, from the global round. ToC was more serious and competitive; however, the scholars were just as friendly and welcoming. I even made good friends with scholars from other countries, who turned out to be the 7th highest scoring team of the entire ToC. As a senior, this round will most definitely be the last round of WSC I'll ever attend. I got to see Yale's beautiful campus (though the walk from home to the venue in the cold was torture) and even got to be in the Woolsey Hall where Yale students graduate. Despite not having a lot of time to prepare for the competition, we managed to return with decent results. The Tournament of Champions was truly a bigger, better and more magical experience than any of the other rounds. The World Scholar's Cup not only made me realize that there are plenty of brilliant-minded people in the world, but also inspired me to become one of them.



Daniel Berdichevsky, Cindy, Timmy and Alec after the Award ceremony

### Alec Chen Reports

"World Scholars Cup" seemed to be a fully academic and highly stressful competition; however, those who have attended before know that it isn't only about the numbers on the score sheet, but also about the connections with the world. The founder of WSC, Daniel Berdichevsky, and his team, gathered thousands of scholars, from around 38 different countries, at Yale to get to know and compete against each other. About a year ago, I was just an ordinary student who had never heard of WSC, but this year I was lucky enough to sit in Yale's chapel next to a scholar from Slovenia, and talk with a scholar from Iran, who introduced his own culture. That none of these experiences can be found in a textbook, or on the internet, is indeed something magical. Although there are many subjects to study in-depth, a limited time to complete an essay, and topics to debate, this is not the complete picture of WSC; there is also a culture fair, scavenger hunt, and scholar's ball to attend, and these are special experiences that one shouldn't miss during high school life.



Ms. Janice, Timmy, Alec and Cindy with the team alpaca.



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**It was an amazing experience!** To be able to meet new people and debate against them was such a fun thing to do. I think the competition made me work better in a team, and I learned how to discuss issues and become a better debater with my teammates. I think we learned and grew a lot after this competition, and I will definitely compete again next year if I can. Now I am excitedly awaiting the global round in Hanoi in June. (Zoe Shong)

This was the first time that I went so far from home, on my own, to attend a contest. I had a fun overnight experience and made new friends. The Scholar's bowl and debate helped us combine our strengths as a team, and taught us how to work together. Overall, it was an enjoyable experience. (Mir Yeh)

World Scholar's Cup is the best study-related experience I have ever had. We met new people, made new friends, and most of all, had fun. The debate and Scholar's Bowl made us come together as a team and taught us how important teamwork is. I learnt so much more than just book knowledge. The whole experience was amazing and such fun. I will definitely participate again!

**-Nandita Chennakrishnan (Grade 6)**





## Global Issues Network Conference

### South Korea 2017

by Mercia de Souza

The Global Issues Network students, Ms Agosh Librea and Dr Mercia de Souza attended the GIN conference at Chadwick International School in Songdo, South Korea from February 24 to 26.

The key note speakers gave everyone food for thought, and hopefully the motivation to find solutions to the pressing global issues that next generations will face.

The first speaker, Hyeonsoo Lee, is a North Korean refugee and defector living in Seoul, South Korea. Her memoir, “The Girl With Seven Names”, was published in July 2015 in more than 20 countries. Over 7 million people have viewed her TED Talk about her life in North Korea, her escape to China and struggle to bring her family to freedom. Hyeonsoo told the delegates about the terrible abuse of human rights in North Korea.

Marian Marzynski survived the holocaust as a child in Poland. He has spent the majority of his life working in media, making numerous films, and winning many awards along the way. He made very disturbing comparisons between political leaders today and Adolf Hitler.

Recently nominated Young Asian Leader of 2016 representing Indonesia, Gedi Robi Supriyanto is dedicated to supporting the youth of Indonesia to seek change in their lives through positive activism that brings about the negotiated shifts in attitude that can influence governments and policy makers to create sustainable solutions to the current problems facing the world. With a focus on empowerment and the environment, Robi’s work takes him around the region to youth conferences and seminars. As the leader of Indonesia’s most popular live grunge rock band, Navicula, Robi is able to express his passion for the natural world through music – creating hard driving songs of discontent, such as Metropolitan and soulful ballads such as Di Rimba ( The Forest) and Harimau ( Tiger ). One of the band’s most popular anthems is Mafia Hukum, a song that decries corruption in any form. The students were singing and clapping along while this dynamic young activist was singing about sustainability and global issues.

Gary Benchehib is an environmental activist and documentarian who uses video and music as media weapons to bring awareness about environmental pollution. From sailing down the Mississippi River on a boat built from discarded plastic bottles, to documenting the biggest environmental group in the history of Indonesia, to following Rob Greenfield wearing every piece of trash he created for a month, his work has been viewed by tens of millions on the Internet worldwide.

He serves as an Ocean Ambassador for the Ocean Recovery Alliance and Global Alert, one of the world’s first global environmental problem-solving platforms. He was a true inspiration to the DIS students who live on an island and are aware of problems with pollution in the ocean surrounding the country.



Ms Agosh, Rachel Chung, Isan Cho, Harrison Chen, Anfer Tong, Albert Chang and Joseph Lai at Incheon Airport, ready to brave the cold weather



The DISGIN Club did a workshop about world peace. Rachel Chung, newly elected GIN Club President, made a very moving video about the ravishes of war, which was presented before the students introduced DISGIN’s Peace Ceremony to other GIN students from countries such as Malaysia, Korea, Saudi Arabia, and the Philippines. In the photo they are sharing and discussing their ideas during the DISGIN workshop.

The students also had the opportunity to visit Dongdaemun, the biggest clothing market in the world, Insa-Dong, the art district of Seoul. They also enjoyed real Korean barbeque and kimchi soup sponsored by Dr. Mercia, who lived in South Korea for six years prior to coming to Taiwan, and who wanted to introduce the wonderful Korean cuisine to the DISGIN delegates.

## Middle and High School Vocab Jam 2017



**The Middle School (MS) Vocab Jam competition was held on Thursday 6th April 2017.** The assembly area was packed with MS students, and they were all cheering for their classmates. All of the competitors worked really hard to make it into the final, and they should be proud of their efforts. 18 students battled it out in the first round, but only 8 could make it into the sudden death round. After some nail biting moments, Melissa Zhao triumphed to become the MS champion. Way to go Melissa! - Elliott Wakeling



**The High School (HS) Vocab Jam competition was held on Thursday 6th April 2017.** Seventeen hopeful contestants started the first round, but when it was time for the final round, only seven hopefuls had made it through. The exciting sudden death round saw three contestants standing. They were Ginny Huang, Lauren Lam and Anubhab Maikap (seen in the photo above.) Ginny triumphed, Anubhab came second and Lauren was the third runner-up. Congratulations, Ginny!  
- Janice Doyle



## Spring College Fair March 2017

On 9 March, DIS hosted a very successful Spring College Fair. Representatives of several universities worldwide, including The USA, Australia, Germany, Singapore, Switzerland, the UK, Austria, and Taiwan, participated in this event. This annual event is organized by Ms Anne Portillo and other members of the school's counseling services. DIS High School students had the opportunity to talk to the representatives of the various institutions and to take away information about the universities that pique their interest. Every year Ms Anne embarks upon an extensive program to assist the DIS students to get into good universities worldwide. The DIS Seniors are offered seats at the top universities in the world thanks to the continuous efforts of the school's counseling services.



A warm welcome from Ms Anne Portillo, the DIS Guidance Counselor, who undertakes this big task every year.

## Mangahigh Math Ninja Challenge

### 6th Place in Asia

In March, students from grade 1 to 10 participated in the Mangahigh Math Ninja Challenge. D.I.S. did so well that we finished in 6th place in the whole of Asia, earning an impressive 16,902 points!

Forty-seven of our students earned medals and three students managed an amazing 500 points or more in the whole competition. This online Math challenge only lasted for twelve days and students needed to do lots of Math activities online to try and earn bronze, silver, or gold medals. Each activity we completed successfully would earn us 1, 2, or 3 points. Congratulations to students for their great efforts.

- Yvonne Lee

# JV Basketball

**By Tim Sampson**

**The JV boys played outstanding basketball in the Junior Varsity Basketball tournament in Kaohsiung on January 14, 2017.** They played tremendous basketball and earned 4 wins in matches against I-Shou International School , Grace Christian Academy, Morrison Academy Kaohsiung , and American School Taichung. They lost in matches against Kuei-Shan School and Kaohsiung American School, but in both matches our DIS players played well, but had trouble when the other teams managed to find a way to take their defensive intensity up to a higher level. Hopefully we will have more regular season games next year so that our teams will get the experience they need to play at their best next year. Our JV team ended the tournament in a very respectable fourth place and should be very proud of their efforts and they way the represented the school.



Top Row from left to right : Henry Lee (Manager), Mr Gustl Pido (Athletic Director), Jerryson Lee, John Wang, Jerry Hung, Theodore Chen, Victor Yu, Ryan Lin, Thomas Chung, and Mr Tim Sampson (Coach)  
 Bottom Row from left to right: Timothy Yu, Jonathan Chen, Brian Lin, Joseph Lai and Alex Chang.



## Middle School Basketball

By Tim Sampson

**The Grade 7 boys played highly entertaining basketball at Taipei European School (TES) for the 2016-17 Grade Seven Boys Basketball tournament.** They only lost one game to the eventual tournament champions Taipei American School (TAS), and unfortunately due to the way the tournament bracket was set up, this knocked us out of contention for a medal. This didn't dampen the team's spirit and they went on to win all their remaining games and become fan favorites at the tournament. Even with 3 of the 8 players getting knocked down and injured, there was no way that the other teams could dampen our enthusiasm or keep us from raining jumpers and slashing through the key for quick layups. Our team was recognized for being cheerful, competitive and respectful and ended up with the best sportsmanship trophy. We represented the T.O.R.C.H. wonderfully. An amazingly talented and kind bunch of Dominican players they turned out to be and I look forward to see them representing DIS next year in grade 8 and later still in high school.



From left to right: Mr Tim Sampson (Coach), Ping-Jo Chen, Morris Yen, Ethan Weng, Brian Lin (Student Coach), Ethan Yang, Matt Chang (Captain), Ray Wang, Josh Cheng, Jeffrey Yeh, and Eric Chang



The DIS Badminton team with their coach, Mr Jofil Collado and the Athletic Director, Mr Gustl Pido

## Badminton

The DIS Badminton Team played a tournament at the American School Taichung. It was the first time they competed in a tournament. Even though the new gymnasium is still under construction, our players had the guts and courage to practice the best that they can. They earned the 4th place out of 9 international school participants, a good performance by for first-time participants. I was so proud of them, and I have a positive vision for the next school year - go for gold! - Jofil Collado

## Soccer

For the JV tournament, the boys got fourth place and played extremely well. The way they demolished a very strong KAS was definitely the highlight of the season.

For the Varsity tournament, we were seriously depleted and had to draft in BokGi from grade 6 just to get the bare bones of a team. Predictably we didn't win any games, but we did show some fight and there were a few good performances.

-John Dixon



DIS JV Soccer Team with their coach, Mr John Dixon

## Silver Medalists

The DIS Cross Country runners competed at the American School Taichung. There were 8 participating international schools in Taiwan that entered hundreds of runners. Anthony Su in Grade 12 and Ian Ko In Grade 9 won silver medals during this event. Congratulations!





## DIS Track and Field Success

<p><b>JP Cuinet</b>          100m Sprint- Gold Medal          200m Sprint- Gold Medal          Shot Put- Gold Medal          400m- Bronze Medal          4x100m Relay- Bronze Medal          4x400m Relay- Silver Medal          Most valuable player</p>	<p><b>Vyroni Jeremiah</b>          100m Hurdles- Silver Medal</p>
<p><b>Bobby Chen</b>          110m Hurdles- Silver Medal          4x100m Relay- Bronze Medal          4x400m Relay- Silver Medal</p>	<p><b>Brian Lin</b>          4x100m Relay- Bronze Medal          4x400m Relay- Silver Medal</p>
<p><b>Timothy Yu</b>          110m Hurdles- Bronze Medal          4x400m Relay- Silver Medal</p>	<p><b>Ian Ko</b>          4x100m Relay- Bronze Medal</p>
<p><b>Mao Miyazaki</b>          Shot Put- Silver Medal</p>	<p><b>4th Place 4x100m Relay</b>          Michelle Hsu          Natalia Garia          Tiffany Lin          Mao Miyazaki</p>



The DIS Track and Field Team accompanied by Mr Pido, Ms Agosh, Mr. Ed, Ms Coney and Mr Jofil

# The Flying Frenchman - Our Golden Boy



Jean Paul Cuiet winning the 100m sprint at the TISSA International Track and Field event

## Track and Field Success By Gustl Pido

**TISSA (Taiwan International School Sports Association) held and organized Track and Field event at Morrison Academy Taichung.** The participating teams (from international schools) were from Korea, Thailand, Malaysia, the Philippines and Taiwan.

The DIS track and field team started with only four interested and determined students. Coach Gustl Pido began their training during October 2016. Since it is not their type of sports, Coach Pido shared his skills as an experienced athlete in track and field events to motivate and encourage them. With all his inspiring and positive messages, many students joined and practiced with him until there were twenty athletes from DIS.

All the athletes were first timers, yet they did an amazing job. They reaped the fruit of their hard work and won 3 gold medals, 7 silver medals and 6 bronze medals.

Mr Pido, the school's Athletic Director was grateful for the wonderful performance of the DIS athletes and for the assistant coach and managers who were there to help him throughout the day.



Jean Paul Cuiet : 100m Sprint- Gold Medal, 200m Sprint- Gold Medal, Shot Put- Gold Medal, 400m- Bronze Medal, 4x100m Relay- Bronze Medal, 4x400m Relay- Silver Medal, Most Valuable Player Award.