

# TODAY'S SCHEDULE

7:00-8:00 🔘 Breakfast

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11:30–13:00 Lunch 13:00–16:30 Poster Presentation

17:00-20:30 💮 Welcome Dinner

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# Welcome To KVIS

Although some had arrived a few days before, most of the participants arrived at KVIS and met their buddies yesterday. The registration took place in the afternoon at Ravenclaw Dormitory (B4), where the guests checked-in, received name tags and souvenirs. At the registration site, they uploaded their slides for Friday's oral presentations. Before having dinner, many enjoyed Thai cultural booths and a Thai movie 'Bad Genius' at building A. In the evening, all came to Thongchai Chewprecha Auditorium for the briefing for the ISSF 2020.



Each participant was provided with a water bottle to use for the whole event, a T-shirt and a cap for excursions, and abstract and guide book which is also available on ISSF 2020 mobile application.

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### Fascinating and Interesting Zones in KVIS



KVIS might be far from the city but it serves as a lovely nest for our future scientists as it is not only a school with classrooms and laboratories, but it is also a peaceful place with captivating spots and remarkable sceneries.

#### Swan boat

This swan boat which was intentionally brought for students to pedal in the pond can be found in front of Building A. For safety reasons, however, students are now restricted to use it.

#### KVIS-shaped bush

Located in the park next to Building A, the KVIS-shaped bush blends in beautifully with the landscape when viewed from Building A.

#### Hall of Fame

This 3-story cylindrical shaped tower in Building A is the KVIS Hall of fame where trophies and prizes received by the students are displayed. Information about KVIS and its founders can be seen there as well

To have the foreign students learn Thai culture, "Cultural Booth" was organized in Building A on the 15th of January. The set up includes a Thai movie, silkscreen experience, stucco art, and food booths. Experiencing the actual silkscreen craft in one of the KVIS booths was appreciated by participants who took turns in making their own silkscreen in different shapes. They also had a chance to view and get a hands-on experience at some of the country's stucco models. The movie "Bad Genius", one of the most successful Thai films ever about cheating in exams and its consequences,

# Cultural Booth







was also shown in the auditorium. Highlighting this activity, the guests had a go in food booths which served iconic Thai delicacies such as coconut rice pancakes, grilled bananas, crispy pancakes, rice crisps, and local desserts and drinks. While everyone was enjoying the booths' activity, Thai instruments were also being played to enrich the sense of Thainess even further.





### VIEW GALLERY

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# KVIS in a Nutshell

Located in Wang Chan, Rayong of Thailand, Kamnoetvidya Science Academy (KVIS) is a private boarding school for students in Grades 10, 11, and 12. KVIS accommodates 72 students per grade each year, who are divided into four classes with 18 students each. The school provides full scholarships for all its 216 students. Operating with the support and funding from the PTT Group of Companies, KVIS continues to provide students with various world-class facilities. The school prides its small class size which enables its educators to provide a personalized and effective training using a curriculum that focuses on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. All subjects are taught in English by both Thai and foreign teachers.



Kamnoetvidya or "the genesis of knowledge" was given by Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn who graced the opening ceremony of KVIS on the 6<sup>th</sup> of August 2015.

KVIS was a result of a far-sighted vision of Dr. Pailin Chuchottaworn, CEO and President of the PTT Group of Companies at that time, who saw the importance of science and technology in the development of Thailand. Through his lens, the school became a part of the Wang Chan Valley Complex which is composed of KVIS, VISTEC, and the Wangchan Reforestation Project. All are members of the Eastern Economic Corridor of Innovation (EECi), that aids Thailand in its goal to grow further in technology and innovation.

# Interview



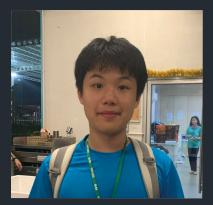
lona McClements Australian Science and Mathematics School

Thailand is wonderful. I've been to a few countries, and I love the scenery here. KVIS is such a beautiful campus, and I love the library here, it's really cool and the lake is amazing as well. I like the coconut rice pancake. It's tasty, creamy, and warm in your mouth.



Zinaida Osipova Moscow South-Eastern School named after V.I. Chuikov

It's my second time in Thailand. The first time was nine years ago in 2011 when I was participating in the ISSF held in Mahidol Wittayanusorn School. I am impressed by the size of KVIS, and the welcoming atmosphere. Also, everything is very tasty.



Jeremy Lee G.T. (Ellen Yeung) College

My favorite booth is the silk screen booth where I designed my own T-shirt. I just like the fact that you can just put something that you've made on a T-shirt without it looking horrible. I thought that the briefing is funny, long and detailed.



# A Quick Guide to Thai's Dos and Don'ts

Each country is different in its culture. Even across each nation. Each individual has his/her own way of doing things and more often than not, every person does the same thing differently. Entering another country is an entirely new experience from what you may be used to, representing the term "culture shock". Turning this shock into an advantage of embracing a new culture is a better way to deal with it. Being informed beforehand will be useful, so here are some Thai's Dos and Don'ts as your quick guide!

#### Dos

1. Do give us your 'Wai,' a common Thai greeting where you have to put your palms together in front of your chest and bow slightly until your index fingers touch your nose.

2. Smile! People will get more comfortable with you when you smile.

#### Don't<sub>s</sub>

1. Lifting, pointing, or grabbing something with your foot is considered rude.

2. Putting a foot (or two) on the table is a no go.

3. Having your hands on someone else's head is also considered rude unless you are a close friend.

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### Breakfast

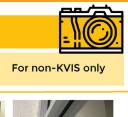
- O Fried Rice with Chicken
  - Sausage and Ham
- 🜔 😑 Tuna and Boiled Egg Sandwich Cereal with Milk Banana || Bread & Jam

#### Lunch

😲 Hainanese Chicken Rice 💽 💿 Egg Tofu Soup with Minced Pork and Lettuce 😲 Stir-fried Glass Noodles with Chicken and Vegetables Riceberry / Brown Rice Tangerine Spicy Fish Egg Squid Seafood Pork Milk Chicken Shrimp Beans

**GAME : PHOTOHUNT!** 

Where are these locations?





Take photos of yourself with ALL of the locations in the pictures and come get your prize at study room on the first floor of B1 dormitory, after 8.30 pm.

#### Be fast! There are only 5 prizes. First come, first served!

Hint : If you attended the cultural booth on the arrival day you should have seen all of these already.

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