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Special points of interest:

- Revised Vision and Mission Statement for Lodge Group of Schools
- Private Education Quality Standard Evaluation 2015
- Professional Development Session for Teachers
- Teachers' Day Celebration 2015

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The New Vision, Mission and Objectives

Vision

A school of choice, engaging students in collaborative and creative learning to become responsible citizens.

Mission

Lodge School endeavours to provide a premium learning environment to educate students to achieve high standards of academic excellence, integrity, and leadership qualities.

Objectives

Lodge School being a premier private educational institution aims to:

- Uphold spiritual and moral values and develop the character of its students.
- Provide quality education that will promote academic excellence through the proper implementation of the various curricula, enrichment and remedial programmes and the development of analytical and creative thinking skills.
- Promote harmony, understanding and

mutual respect amongst its students and staff of diverse ethnic, religious and national backgrounds.

- Cultivate good health, physical well-being and an interest in life through active participation in sports, games and club activities.
- Provide adequate resources and state of the art facilities to enable its students to have the edge on 21st Century skills.

The revised Vision and Mission statement was the effort of teachers and approved by the Board of Management on 26th March 2015.

Standard Kualiti Pendidikan Swasta, Kementerian Pendidikan Malaysia (SKIPS)

(Ministry of Education, Private Education Quality Standard)

Ministry of Education Malaysia uses a very comprehensive set of criteria to evaluate the standards of private education institutions in Malaysia.

The following criteria are used to evaluate private schools once in 3 years.

- Formation and Registration Procedures
- Institutional Management
- Curriculum Management
- Teaching and Learning
- Management of Testing and Evaluation
- Management and Development of Teachers
- Students' Health Management
- Discipline
- Standardisation Procedures
- Academic Excellence
- Achievements of Co-curricular Activities

- Students' Behaviour and Leadership
- School Charter
- Co-Curricular Activities Management
- Niche Area
- Cleanliness and Tidiness
- ASEAN Communities (new criteria)

Both National Primary and Secondary Schools achieved 4 stars status in 2009, then 5 stars standard in 2012. Our

Quality Standard of Private Education Institution Inspection by Ministry of Education

International School achieved 4 stars standard in 2012.

2015 evaluation was carried out on 25th May 2015 in all our schools. We thank all parties concerned (parents, teachers and students) who have helped in the preparation for this evaluation exercise. We hope Lodge National Primary and Lodge National Secondary can maintain the 5 stars status. We do hope our International School will achieve 5 stars status as well.

National Academic Decathlon (NAD) held at Lim Kok Wing University, Cyberjaya (9-13 May 2015).

Eighteen students were selected to represent Malaysia at World Scholar's Cup 2015 after attending the National Academic Decathlon (NAD) held at Lim Kok Wing University. 12 students selected from the teams in the International School are:

- Ting Wei
- Sulaiman Khan
- Tristan Breteche Lo
- Yoo Hyun Jun (Tony)
- Oh Seo Yeon (Sally)
- Allegra Chan Qin Hur
- Gayathri Manoj
- Sia Jia Jhing
- Anabel Yong Ling Ting

- Ryan Hsu Jia Jun
- Raden Satria Pambudi Dewanto
- Kar Yan Oo Hlaing (Maximus)

6 students selected from the teams in the National Secondary School are:

- Torrance Chen Yun Chien
- Janice Wang Xin Jie
- Tham Wan Kei
- Emily Jane Yin Gumal
- Wong Yu Wen
- Angelyn Tan Jie Fang

They will be representing Malaysia in the World Scholar's Cup (WSC) to be held on 22-26 June 2015). Training for Malaysia team will be carried out in Fairview International School from 6th-7th June 2015. This is to ensure that Team Malaysia will be given adequate exposure to compete against teams from around the world.

Professional Development For Teaching Staff 2015



Presentation of Souvenir to Mr Lau Shin Chai, Assistant Director from Curriculum Development Section, Department of Education Sarawak



Pictures above: Mr. Vincent Liong in action and presentation of souvenir

Mr Vincent Liong Shau Chuan, School Improvement Partners from Sarikei District Education Office had been invited by Lodge Group of Schools to deliver a talk on **“Teachers’ Leadership in Facilitating Learning in the Classroom”** on 8th May 2015. At the same session, Mr Lau Shin Chai from Curriculum Development Section of State Education Department had been invited to speak about **“Implementation Strategies of Professional Learning Communities in School.”**

Two other sessions had been implemented so far this year. The first session was given by Mr John Hii from Swinburne University who shared on the use of Google in Education on 17th January 2015. The second session was a continuation session on Google in Edu-

cation pertaining to Google Drive and Google Classroom on 28th March 2015. This session was facilitated by Ms Jacqueline Tan (LIS coordinator) who attended a similar workshop in Swinburne University together with some teachers in November 2014. Two more sessions will be held on 2nd July 2015 and 10th October 2015.

As a follow-up to these sessions, Head of Departments will be planning workshop sessions to implement some of the Professional Learning Communities strategies in Lodge Group of Schools. When there is a need, the facilitators have agreed to come back and guide the teachers further.

Electronic Card for Students and Staff

The electronic card checking in and out system is in the process of implementation. It takes time to print individual cards with personal particulars on the card that contains a RFID chip. National Secondary students and staff had gotten their cards and they are now using them. It is anticipated that by 15th June 2015 when the schools reopen after the holiday, all students in Lodge Group of Schools will be able to use their cards.

The purpose of this system is to cut down time taken by class teachers to take attendance every day and have the data key-in

into Lodge Information System. With co-operation from all parties involved, we will be able to maintain data integrity and reliability. Students and staff have been told to maintain integrity by doing clocking in and out themselves. We use RFID cards because user needs to take about one second by tapping the card at the terminal, while doing finger print will take about 2 seconds. 1st trial run on 18th May for National Secondary students dismissal took 20 minutes. It was reduced to 16 minutes on 19th May. We hope that when the user knows the way to tap their cards, the queue during dismissal time can

be shortened. We will consider installing additional units of terminal once the system is fully implemented.

Students and staff are reminded to take good care of their cards. The cost of one card together with lanyard and holder is RM10.00 each. Students and staff pay for their own card. Replacement of lost card will cost RM20.00. Faulty card will be replaced without charge.

School Level Teachers' Day

School Level Teachers' Day will be celebrated in the National and the International Schools on 29th May 2015. In the National Primary and Secondary Schools, the Teachers' Day assembly will start at 8:30 a.m. in the morning. While in the International School the assembly will start at 9:00 a.m.

The Prefects at all schools have prepared a series of events to celebrate Teachers' Day with their teachers.

Lodge National Secondary School is setting up a Self-Directed Learning Centre to cater for the needs of self-directed learning.

This centre will be managed by Student Librarians who will be given some basic training in the running of a library. Curriculum Panels under the

Heads of Department will help in preparing new materials or adopting existing materials for self-access and self-directed learning.

Training for student librarians will start from 15th June 2015. We expect to operate the Self-Directed Learning Centre by 1st July 2015.

The Next Talent (TNT) 2015

This is a joint project of the Prefectoral Board of the National School and the International School. Participants who enrolled for the acts were from secondary schools in and around Kuching. A total of 55 acts went through the auditions held over 2 days (23rd and 24th of May 2015.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all prefects from the National and the International Schools who have worked extremely hard to make the event a success. The spirit of *esprit de corp*, and the ability to work collaboratively in settling challenges is very much appreciated.

Happy Holidays
and Selamat Hari Gawai
to all parents, students
and staff who are celebrating
Gawai Dayak.

Gayu Guru
Gerai Nyamai
Senang Lantang

LODGE GROUP OF
SCHOOLS



Tadika Lodge (T 1006)
Sekolah Rendah Lodge
(SMS 1020)
Sekolah Menengah
Lodge
(SMS 1020)
Sekolah Antarabangsa
Lodge
(SAS 1013)

LODGE VALUE

Good Character
Academic Excellence

All school gates will open for dismissal of students 5 minutes before the school session is over.

Parents are requested to help ease the movement of traffic by parking or waiting only at areas designated for parking purposes.

School gates will be open at 6:00 a.m. and close at 6:00 p.m. during school days unless prior arrangement is made for some school functions or events.

The School Canteen

The school canteen in the National and the International school are fully used by all students during every school day. The school management would like to seek the co-operation of both parties: the canteen operators and students to maintain it clean, tidy and hygienic.

Starting from 1st July 2015, only one section of the canteen will be designated for parents of Kindergarten to feed their children. We expect primary schools and secondary schools children to have been trained to take care of themselves during meal-time in schools.

As all three entities (the National Primary, the National Secondary and the International Schools) are providing Drive-By service for parents to drop lunch containers at the foyer, we sincerely seek all parents to co-operate by utilising the services provided.

The Drive-by service had help us to solve traffic congestion problem. We would like to further improve on this arrangement.

We humbly urge parents to use the designated place in the school foyer while waiting for your children to be dismissed from school.

Should you need to see your children during school hours please ask for a visitor's pass from the watchmen at the gate.

At the same time we encourage parents who wish to volunteer their services to the school to register with the School Headmaster, Principal or Director. We need volunteers to operate the newly created Reading Corner and the Self-Directed Learning Centre.