

Extracts from Letters confirming NEASC and CIS Accreditation for International School Dhaka.



ACCREDITATION SERVICE

1st September 2009

Dear Stephen,

CIS Response to Five Year / Additional Grades Reports and Extension of Accreditation to Grades 11 and 12

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Council of International Schools, the CIS Accreditation Service and its Advisors have now completed their study of your school's Five Year Report/Additional Grades Report and the Five Year/ Additional Grades Visitors' Report which was submitted in June 2009. I am pleased to inform you that both reports were accepted. The International School Dhaka therefore continues in good standing within the CIS accreditation process, and CIS accreditation has been extended to Grades 11 and 12. CIS was pleased to note the school's positive response to the recommendations made in the May 2004 Visiting Team Report. The Five Year Visitors' Report highlighted the following strengths of the school:

- a well led school focused on providing the students with the best possible education in an improving and developing school;
- a strong academic leadership team;
- established IB programs aligned with the school's philosophy and mission;
- a collaborative culture in planning, where teachers are willing to support and learn from one another;
- a recognition of the importance of assessment data to inform teaching, learning and curriculum design;
- an excellent facility in which to offer a broad and rich education;
- very stimulating environments for learning, across the whole school;
- thorough planning of the curriculum;
- well-documented procedures and policies;
- a safe and secure environment in which to learn and to work;
- a clear philosophy and mission, produced after a consultative process which involved representatives of each stakeholder group;
- strong university destinations, reflecting the academic profile of the graduates;
- high quality university and college counseling;
- strong specialist teaching in the primary school;
- significant participation in extracurricular activities by staff and students;
- strong curriculum leadership of PYP and primary education in general;
- the Bangla culture that is prominent and well represented;
- high quality teaching and support staff;
- the support given to language and learning needs through the Advancement Centre;
- an enquiry-based curriculum; and
- good quality meals service for the students and staff.

Please note that all further reports and visits in your school's accreditation cycle must now include the above mentioned Additional Grades 11 and 12 as an integral part of the institution.

May I wish you Stephen and the entire school community every success as you continue to seek school improvement through the accreditation process.

With my best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Gerry Percy

THE NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS & COLLEGES, INC.
COMMISSION ON AMERICAN & INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS ABROAD



August 19, 2009

Dear Stephen:

The Commission on American and International Schools Abroad (CAISA) of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) considered the report on the Five Year Visit to International School Dhaka submitted, as well as considering the Five Year Report from the School. Upon consideration of these documents, CAISA voted to continue the School's accreditation until its next report, including the Diploma programs in grades 11 and 12. Congratulations.

CAISA noted a number of commendations made by the Visitors in the Five Year Report and would like to commend the School for:

- A clear philosophy and mission.
- Thorough planning of the curriculum.
- Well documented procedures and policies.
- An excellent facility in which to offer broad and rich education.
- High quality college counseling.
- Strong specialist teaching in the primary school.
- Significant participation in extra curricular activities by both staff and students.

The next stage in the accreditation cycle will be the Preparatory Visit in the Fall of 2012. Following the Visit, the School will undertake a comprehensive Self-Study to be completed before the next Team Visit in the Spring of 2014.

Again, our congratulations on the continued health and improvement of the School. Do let us know if we can be of help at any time. Best wishes as you strive to enhance the quality of education for your students. We value your membership in the community of schools which CAISA accredits.

Best regards,

B. W. Woodward, Jr.
Director, CAISA