

IMPERIUM NEWSLETTER

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CHECKMATE! IISS HOSTS CHESS CARNIVAL 2026



04 JULY — IISS held its Chess Carnival 2026 in celebration of International Chess Day, drawing an overwhelming turnout from across Sabah across U12 and U15 categories.

U12 Boys: Solomon Chua Cheng Joong (1st), Roel Noa Rolex, Ethan Law Kiong Rui

U12 Girls: Emyrell Eolisy Emanuel (1st), Nurin Damia Firzanah binti Adim, Nur Aulia Ramadhani binti Junaidi

U15 Boys: Ethan Woo Chee Tak (1st), Wong Keng Hao, Chua Wen Herng

U15 Girls: Mardhiyyah Qaisarah binti Talip (1st), Emerald Eve Oliver, Jazellyn Lajau

Special mention to Best Chess Clinic Participant, Noah Stephen Farmers, for his enthusiasm throughout the sessions.

Thank you to our sponsors — Slice of Craft, G&C Nut, IEC-Inter Education Consult Sdn Bhd, and A3 Education & Training — and to everyone who joined us. Congratulations to all who took part!

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL



As we come to the end of another busy month, I would like to thank our students, parents, and staff for the energy and support they continue to bring to our school community.

July is a time to look back at what we've achieved, and forward to the new academic year ahead — with all its changes and opportunities to grow together.

I am proud of how our students continue to develop, not only academically but in confidence, independence, and character. Success is not always about being the best, but about trying again and moving forward.

To our parents, thank you for your continued trust. To our teachers and staff, thank you for the care and effort you give every day. Let us continue to build our school together — with kindness, courage, and a positive attitude.

“Success is not about being the best, but about trying again, learning from mistakes, and continuing to move forward.”

Dr. Juraj Zamecnik

TEACHER FEATURE

MEET THE TEACHER: MS. ZULAIKAH EDNA SIGAM



Hello everyone! I'm Ms. Zulaikah Edna Sigam, and I've been teaching for three years, starting at SMK Meru, Selangor. I hold a Bachelor's Degree in TESL and am currently pursuing my Master's in Education.

My students joke that I can be quite strict — even “monstrous” — when it comes to discipline and academics. The truth is, I see the potential in every student, and I never want that potential wasted due to a lack of effort or confidence.

Outside the classroom, I enjoy learning new languages and exploring different cultures. As a language teacher, I believe words have the power to shape confidence, character, and opportunities — which is why I encourage my students to communicate thoughtfully, respectfully, and confidently every day.

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Ms. Zulaikah Edna Sigam

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND SCHOOL THIS MONTH

SCHOOL EVENT & ACTIVITIES

HARVEST FESTIVAL, JUNE BIRTHDAYS & A WARM WELCOME

01 JULY — IISS recently came together to celebrate Harvest Festival, along with birthday celebrations for staff and students born in June. The joyful gathering was made even sweeter with a food potluck, generously contributed by students' parents and staff. This celebration also marked a simple, warm welcome for our new principal, following the earlier welcoming ceremony held for him. Thank you to everyone who joined in and made the day a memorable one!



IMPERIUM FUTURE LEADERS CHALLENGE 2026



01 JULY — IISS hosted the Imperium Future Leaders Challenge 2026 with SRS Simon Fung, bringing together 37 Year 6 students for a day of leadership and teamwork activities. William Isaac Teo placed first (112 points), followed by Thanian Tamira Rao and Achmad Izahirul Haq Bin Achmad Noorasykul (109 each). A prize-giving ceremony followed on 02 July, with special awards going to Aurora Gianna Kenny (Inspiring Leader), Adeela Dania Binti Azhanorhisam (Team Catalyst), and William Isaac Teo (Imperium Spirit).

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

BOOK DONATION DRIVE



04 JULY — Breeze Magazine kindly contributed books to the IISS Book Donation Drive, held in conjunction with the IISS Chess Carnival. Their generosity has added to our school library and helped nurture a love of reading among our students.

TOGETHER BEFORE THE BREAK: CLASS GROUP PHOTO





Year 7

Back (Standing, left to right): Luke, Keon, Evangelion, Mikael
Front (Seated, from left to right): Zelena Iris, Nur Aneesya, (Class Teacher) Ms. Frederica, (Head of School) Dr. Jay, Julianna, Tiara



Year 8

Back (Standing, left to right): Louie, Justin, Omar, Iden
Front (Seated, left to right): Sophie, Mah Wei Ling, Ms. Punitha (Class Teacher), Dr. Jay (Head of School), Alaia, Ellie



Year 9

Front (Seated, left to right): Mr. Khairulanwar, (Class Teacher), Cleon, Dr. Jay (Head of School)



Year 10

Back (Standing, left to right) : Neal, Ding Jiale, Jacob
Front (Seated, left to right): Ansleycea, Tamara, Mr. Mohd. Azizi (Class Teacher), Dr. Jay (Head of School), Nur Aleesya, Christa.



PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS

CONNECTING ACROSS BORDERS: SIM GLOBAL EDUCATION VISITS IISS

IISS recently had the pleasure of welcoming representatives from SIM Global Education, Singapore. The visit provided a valuable opportunity for both parties to connect, share insights, and explore potential collaborations in education.



Our Head of School presents a token of appreciation to representatives from SIM Global Education, Singapore, during their courtesy visit to IISS

BUILDING BRIDGES: HEAD OF SCHOOL MEETS KPJ HOSPITAL

Our Head of School recently paid a courtesy visit to KPJ Hospital, Kota Kinabalu, where he had the pleasure of meeting its management team. The visit opened up meaningful conversation on potential collaboration, paving the way for stronger partnership between institutions. We look forward to what lies ahead!



Representatives from IISS during their courtesy visit to KPJ Hospital.

IISS PARTNERS WITH A3 EDUCATION & TRAINING

21 JULY — IISS signed an MoU with A3 Education & Training, officially appointing A3 as the school's student recruitment agent — a key step in expanding opportunities for our students. The MoU was signed by Datuk Abdullah Sibil (A3) and Dr. Juraj Zamecnik (Head of School, IISS). A3 will now support IISS in reaching prospective students and families, connecting the school with more communities. IISS looks forward to a fruitful partnership with A3 Education & Training!



IISS Head of School, Dr. Juraj Zamecnik (Right) and Datuk Abdullah Sibil exchanged the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) during the signing ceremony.

ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

EXAM SEASON: OUR STUDENTS RISE TO THE CHALLENGE

Our Lower and Upper Secondary students — 26 in total — are currently sitting for their Term 3 examinations, taking place at the school auditorium hall from 15th to 24th July 2026. This marks an important checkpoint in their academic journey ahead of the term break in August. We wish all our students the very best as they put their hard work and dedication to the test. A heartfelt thank you as well to our teachers and staff, whose support and preparation have helped ensure a smooth and conducive examination period. Give it your best shot, students — we're proud of you!



CLUB & SPORT ACTIVITIES

NUR ALEESYA SHINES ON THE WORLD STAGE IN DUBLIN - DANCE WORLD CUP



Congratulations to our student, Nur Aleesya Adryana, who represented Malaysia with Tagap Dance Theatre at the Dance World Cup 2026 World Finals in Dublin.

Nur Aleesya achieved an impressive 10th place in the Junior Solo National & Folklore category and 15th place in the Junior Duet/Trio National & Folklore category. A wonderful achievement and an experience to remember. We are so proud of you, Nur Aleesya!



Have a suggestion or question? Email us at roger@iiss.edu.my — we'd love to hear from you.

IISS CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES IN FULL SWING

Our students have been actively engaged in a variety of co-curricular activities this term — including futsal & netball, Interact Club, and Art Club. These activities continue to build teamwork, confidence, and new skills beyond the classroom.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 08
AUG

IISS Registration Day

Join us for enrollment and school registration.
- 13
AUG

Courtesy Visit to Consulate of the Republic of Korea in Kota Kinabalu

IISS will pay a courtesy visit to strengthen educational ties and explore future collaboration.
- 2-4
SEP

In-Service Education & Training For Teachers

All teachers will participate in professional development training to enhance classroom practices.

Admissions Now Open - Intake 2026/2027!

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