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Subject: ISF successfully passes the CIS Preparatory Evaluation!

Dear Parents,

ISF recently underwent a 'virtual' evaluation as part of the second phase of the Council of International Schools (CIS) accreditation process. I am delighted to announce that ISF successfully passed with flying colours! The CIS is a well-regarded education community committed to high standards and ensures high-quality international education. Approximately, only 22% of international schools around the world gain accreditation. To become accredited, all schools have to undergo a three-phase cycle to prove they meet the strict criteria and offer high standards of education and are committed to undertaking an ongoing external quality assurance process to enhance student learning. CIS also ensures that all of the educational programs offered have an international and intercultural perspective and that the teaching and learning are world-class.

In the CIS educational officers' report about their visit with ISF, they stated: "ISF is a small school that operates with the vision and professionalism of a much larger school." They went on to add that "ISF draws much of its strength from its small size, capitalizing on a warm and friendly atmosphere, personal attention and face to face interaction among students, staff and parents. They noted that "The school has dedicated and caring staff of educators who support students on a personalized basis both socially and academically."

We were also commended on ISF's attention and commitment to child protection procedures and they stated that "ISF is led by a laudably capable and positive cadre of senior leaders...who were praised for being tirelessly supportive and continually accessible."

"The Evaluators were impressed by "ISF's embrace of technology...which put it in an exceptionally strong position to shift to solely online learning during the virus pandemic closure of regular school operations."

The next and last step to becoming accredited is the Self Study Process, which we will begin in September and will take approximately 14 months. I wish to thank our entire community for their role in making the preparatory visit a success and we look forward to continued improvements for our community.

Yours sincerely,

Belinda Yates
Executive Head