



HIGHLIGHTS

Internal Newsletter of the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies 02/19/2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb 20-22 Applied Theology Mission Trip to Sabah, Malaysia
Feb 23 *Chapel by Schools*
Feb 25 **People Power Anniversary Holiday**
Feb 27 Last Day of Application for Graduation
Mar 3 *Chapel: Disaster Readiness (Full Institution)*
Mar 6-15 MPH Mission Trip to Sabah, Malaysia
Mar 6-16 SA Mission Trip to Tayabas & Pagbilao, Quezon
Mar 17 Term B Classes Begin - Tuesday
April 2-5 **Easter Weekend Holidays**

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WEEKEND

- Feb 20 Sundown - 6:02 PM
Feb 21 Speaker: Dr. Petr Činčala, Andrews University
Seminar on Church Growth by Dr. Činčala -2PM
AYStory - 4PM
Sundown - 6:02 PM

SPIRITUAL LIFE

We were happy to have Dwain Esmond, Associate Director from the General Conference White Estate, speak to us about "Design Thinking in Leadership" as part of our Applied Leadership Chapel Series on February 16, 2026. He spoke about how the principles of Design Thinking can help shape our lives by partnering with God and aligning with His divine plan and providence.

We are also blessed that the leaders of the Ellen G. White Estate, who are currently conducting a cohort for Andrews University on the AIAS Campus, have been serving as our morning devotional speakers, from February 13 to 20.

- Feb 13: Denis Kaiser - Associate Director
- Feb 16: Merlin Burt - Director
- Feb 17: Dwain Esmond - Associate Director
- Feb 18: Anna Galeniece - Associate Director
- Feb 19: Clayton Nunes - Assistant Director
- Feb 20: Daryll Thompson - Associate Director

CHINESE COMMUNITY

On February 16, 2026, the AIAS Chinese Community gathered in the function hall to celebrate the Lunar New Year. Many dressed in their traditional red clothing, as red symbolizes joy, blessing, protection, and good fortune. After sharing a festive potluck meal, everyone enjoyed fun cultural games and activities. The special highlight of the evening was the giving of the red envelope, where children respectfully greet the elders and receive red envelopes containing money, which symbolizes passing down blessings, good wishes, and prosperity from the older generation to the younger one.



THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

We congratulate Pastor Alfredo C. Moredas, Jr. for successfully completing his Doctor of Ministry (DMin) Project Oral Defense on the topic "Exploring the Best Practices of the Church Planting Efforts of a Local Church in Cavite Mission" on February 16, 2026 at the Amphitheater.

We also invite your prayers for the team of students and professors that will be flying to Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia on February 20-22, 2026, to hold revival meetings. This is in preparation for the evangelistic crusade that will be held simultaneously in 20 different locations in Sabah, Malaysia later in July.

AIAS ACADEMY

Every year, a banquet is prepared for the Grades 9-12 students by the AIAS Academy Student Government officers, sponsors, and assigned teachers. This annual event is designed to foster camaraderie among the students. It also provides a space for them to practice their dining etiquette and social graces for formal events, including how to act like a lady or gentleman when dining with a partner.

This year's banquet was held on February 16, 2026, from 5:00 – 9:00 PM at EliJosh Events Place. The night was filled with splendid performances by each class, scrumptious food, and joyful celebrations for the special awards given at the close of the evening.

AQRA

The Asia Qualitative Research Association (AQRA) held its 1st Virtual Colloquium on the topic “Leveraging Wisdom and Commitment to the Next Generation of Teachers-Scholars” on February 16, 2026. Their guest speakers were Dr. Pavel Zubkov, the Associate Director and Coordinator of the Doctor of Ministry program at Andrews University in Michigan; and Dr. Anneris Coria-Navia, an Associate Director of Education at the General Conference in Maryland, USA.

CLINIC

The AIAS Clinic is organizing a Healthy Heart Month Food Bazaar on February 22, 24, and 26 to help raise funds for the AIAS Clinic extension project, a larger waiting area for the AIAS Clinic visitors, as well as the launching of the “The Biggest Loser” AIAS Edition. Interested sellers for the event may visit the AIAS Clinic to register. Registration Fee is P300.

The clinic also invites all AIAS residents, students, faculty, and staff to commit to eating plant-based meals every Monday starting March 2, 2026, in a program called Meatless Mondays!

STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Congratulations to all the SA Officers, team captains, sponsors, and players for the successful completion of the the annual SA Mini Olympics held February 9-15, 2026.

Overall Result

1st Blue | 2nd Red | 3rd Grey | 4th Black

Photos and Videos from the **PR Office**

Photos: [Feb 9](#) [Feb 10](#) [Feb 12](#) [Feb 14-15](#)

Videos: [Feb 9](#) [Feb 10](#) [Feb 12](#) [Feb 14-15](#) [Team Potluck](#)

Photos and Videos from the **SA Office**

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Videos: [Opening Ceremony](#) [Football](#) [Highlights 1](#)
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Have you registered for the upcoming **Mission Trip to Tayabas and Pagbilao, Quezon** from March 6-16, 2026? Registration Fee is P2,200 per person, and you can register through this [online form](#). If you can't go as a missionary, consider sponsoring a missionary!

QUALITY ASSURANCE REMINDER!

Considering that you will be leaders who need feedback to grow, completing the Course Evaluations each term helps you also to learn how to receive feedback. The Bible says "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" Galatians 6:7. Prepare to give honest and good feedback in 2 weeks.

COMMUNITY REMINDERS

- **Zumba Sessions** - every Monday to Thursday, 5:15pm to 6:00pm (none on Holidays) at the Admin Building Kitchenette Hall
- **AIAS Church Newsletter** - [February 13, 2026](#)
- **SA Carwash** - a fundraising activity to support the upcoming SA Mission Trip. Book to have your car washed through this [form](#).

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