



HIGHLIGHTS

Internal Newsletter of the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies 03/26/2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar 26 Theological-Historical Colloquium (5:30pm)
- Mar 27 Google Forms Workshop – Library 8AM
- Mar 27 Empowering AIAS Helpers (1-2:30PM)
- Mar 29 EDSA Outing to Picnic Grove, Tagaytay
- April 2-5 **Easter Weekend Holidays**
- April 5 AIAS Alumni & Friends Potluck & Fellowship
- April 9 **Araw ng Kagitingan (Day of Valor)**
- April 9-11 AIAS African Theological Association Forum

WEEKEND

- Mar 27 Sundown – 6:08 PM
- Mar 28 Speaker – Pastor Ezra Orlina
- Sundown – 6:08 PM

AIAS GRADUATING CLASS 2026

Megumi Flores & Lyra Ilagan

We would like to congratulate this year's graduating class officers and their chosen sponsors!

- President: Blessing Obaya, Nigeria
- Vice President: Zandritiana Lovanomena, Madagascar
- Secretary: Hnin Lae Yee Win, Myanmar
- Treasurer: Bolorgegee Saran, Mongolia
- Class Pastor: Yuto Suzuki, Japan
- Decor Coordinator: Chiao-En Lee, Taiwan
- Documentation Coordinator: Jiawen Niu, China
- Music Coordinators: Viliame Kosa Rabuka, Fiji & Sa Phyo Wai Yan Bo, Myanmar
- Sponsors: Dr. Kenneth & Marianne Bergland, Norway

We pray for God's blessing and guidance to be with you as you complete your requirements and prepare for the upcoming graduation on May 22-24, 2026.



2026 GRADUATING CLASS OFFICERS

STRATEGIC PLAN 2024-2028 UPDATE

Ginger Ketting-Weller

The AIAS Strategic Plan was formulated with the help of a cross-campus team representing all departments. It was reviewed by our students and employees before it went to the Board for approval in 2024.

There are 6 strategic themes in this plan (in the "flower"), each with one or more strategic goals attached to it. The themes are: Accreditation Recognition, Spiritual Altruism and Services, Recruitment and Enrollment, Research and Innovation, Teaching and Learning, and World Mission.

Reviewing this plan regularly will help to prioritize our energies as we understand we can't pursue EVERY good idea in the world!

We are at the midway point of this strategic plan's timeline and we're happy to note that we have made some good progress in the past two years. But there's still much to accomplish.

Let us continue to work together to enhance AIAS as a place where we develop our students to become leaders with a heart for mission! AIAS Press On.



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RESEARCH GRANTS

We would like to congratulate the Asia Pacific Research Center (APRC) under the leadership of Dr. Innocent Siguake, for 2 research grants that they received recently.

The Asia Pacific Research Center Sitio Paraiso Outreach is a \$5,000 research grant funded by the Vicky Foundation will be implemented by APRC in partnership with the Public Health Department from April to August 2026. Their activities will include community outreach to promote CELEBRATIONS, give food assistance, encourage clean environment, and plant vegetable gardens.

The Global Church Member Survey 4 - NSD & CHUM (Northern Asia Pacific Division & China Union Mission) is a \$65,000 research grant funded by the GC Office of Archives, Statistics, & Research that will be implemented by APRC in partnership with both the Graduate School and Seminary from March 2026 to January 2028. This is a longitudinal study done every 5 years to track the different beliefs and practices of the church members. Different research groups will be covering other regions.

YOUTH

On March 15, the AIIAS Adventurer Club (ages 4-9) went on their Family Fun Day. About 165 children and parents participated in the outing to Alta Rios Resort, Indang, Cavite where they enjoyed the zipline, wall climbing, ATV and obstacle course, and swimming.

On March 20-22, the Pathfinder Club (ages 10-15) went on its annual weekend camp at Hardin sa Tabing Ilog in Nasugbu, Batangas. About 70 Pathfinders enjoyed the various camping activities. We are happy that AIIAS Academy Grade 5 student Antonio Poblete was baptized in the river on Sabbath.



FUNNY BONE

(Alumni Contributor: Dr. G. T. Ng)

"Laugh and the world laughs with you, snore and you sleep alone." Anthony Burgess

STUDENT SERVICES:

Campus Food Service Coming Soon!

Following a survey of our on-campus and cohort students, the Student Services office is working to contract a food service provider so that students (and employees) may access daily healthy breakfast and lunch food service on campus. Stay tuned for more details soon!

AIIAS ALUMNI & FRIENDS in CALIFORNIA

Bryan and Joie Sumendap,
Ronald and Nancy Vyhmeister, and
AIIAS President Ginger Ketting-Weller
will be hosting an
AIIAS Alumni and Friends Potluck Gathering
at the Loma Linda Chinese SDA Church
- Fellowship Hall
on April 5, 2026 (Sunday) at 6PM.

If you know any AIIAS Alumni or former employees living in Southern California, please **pass on** this invitation to them! Thank you so much!

COMMUNITY REMINDERS

- **AIIAS STORE OUTSOURCING** - AIIAS is looking for Adventist entrepreneurs who are willing to take over the AIIAS Store operations inside the campus. Interested applicants may request the full guidelines, requirements, and submission details from: finance@aaias.edu. Deadline for Application: April 19
- **Training for AIIAS Helpers** - an emergency preparedness training has been organized for all the household helpers on campus. If you have an "Ate", please encourage her to attend. Refreshments will be provided.
 - When: March 27 (Friday) 1:00-2:30 PM
 - Where: Graduate School Room 12 and 13
- **Zumba Sessions** - every Monday to Thursday, 5:15pm to 6:00pm (none on Holidays) at the Admin Building Kitchenette Hall