



HIGHLIGHTS

Internal Newsletter of the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies 04/16/2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 13-18 Public Health Week of Prayer
- Apr 17 [MAEd Thesis Defense \(online via Zoom\): Yanan Huang, China - 10AM](#)
- Apr 20 Nutrition in Every life Stage - Pregnancy, Infancy, and Childhood (5pm at Amphi)
- Apr 22 Nutrition in Every Life Stage - Adolescence, Adulthood, and Elderly (5pm at Amphi)
- Apr 23 [Biblical Studies Colloquium Series 16 \(5:30\)](#)
- Apr 27 [Last day to defend for May Graduation](#)
- May 1 **Labor Day**
- May 15 Last Day of Class
- May 18-20 [10th AQRA International Conference](#)
- May 22-24 Graduation Weekend

LIBRARY Workshop: Power BI (8AM)

- April 17 Session 2: Designing Clear Dashboards
- April 24 Session 3: From Dashboard to Decision

May 16- June 7 - Term Break

[Blue: Dissertation / Thesis Defense Schedules.](#)
[Red: No Class / No Work](#)

ENGLISH CENTER - The EC Impact

The English Center's new social media campaign "EC Impact" highlights AIIAS Alumni that faced and overcame challenges in mastering English.

1. [Dr. Ricardo Gonzales](#), former Dean of AIIAS Theological Seminary
2. [Pastor Kang Soon Gi](#), President of Northern Asia Pacific Division (NSD)



The EC Impact wants to encourage non-English speakers to begin or continue their language learning journey with [AIIAS English Center](#).

AIIAS ONLINE - Testimonies

Josim Fernandez is a teacher in Thailand who is earning his Master of Education degree through AIIAS Online. He shares how studying in AIIAS has helped him grow both professionally and spiritually in this [video](#).

PUBLIC HEALTH - Week of Prayer

The Public Health Department's Week of Prayer, with the theme "Rise and Build", is being held this week at the Seminary Chapel from April 13 to April 18. They have invited Dr. Paul Rothwel de Jesus, founding president of Adventist Medical Evangelism Network (AMEN) Philippines-Cavite Mission Chapter and current faculty at the AUP College of Medicine, to challenge the students to actively respond to God's call in their personal and professional lives.

CHAPEL PERIOD - Can Your Children Be Saved?

Dr. Richard and Hadassah Doss spoke about "Leadership Without Sacrificing Family: Can Your Children Be Saved?" for the Applied Leadership Chapel Series on April 11, 2026. They challenged everyone to rethink their priorities. Leadership is not only about building organizations, reaching goals, or fulfilling responsibilities—it is also about nurturing the relationships that matters most, your family.

They presented 4 principles to help leaders shepherd their families: 1) Be Real, Not Perfect; 2) Be Present, Not Just Providing; 3) Steward, Don't Own; and 4) Form the Heart, not Just the Behavior.

They ended their presentation with a pivot point. The real question was not "Can your children be saved?" but rather "Will you lead your home with the same intentionality you bring to your ministry?"

AATA -19th Annual Forum

We would like to congratulate the officers of the AIIAS African Theological Association (AATA) for the success of their 19th Annual Forum on April 9-11, 2026, with the theme "African Worldview and African Adventist Theology: Bridging Bible and Culture".



It was great to have Dr. Jongimpi Papu, GC Associate Ministerial Secretary, as one of the keynote speakers, during the forum. He and the rest of the presenters highlighted the importance of understanding the different cultural perspectives in theological reflection and mission. They also emphasized how the message of the Bible can be faithfully and effectively communicated within diverse cultural contexts.

LIVESTREAM: Day 1: [AM](#) [PM](#) | Day 2: [AM](#) [PM](#) | Day 3: [PM](#)
[Vespers](#) ; [Friday Night Highlight](#)

FROM THE QUALITY ASSURANCE OFFICE

The Philosophy of Adventist Education identifies that

- Students are to experience whole-person development at each educational level.
- Educators are to incorporate key spiritual, physical, and social goals throughout the program of studies in a balanced approach that further develops cognitive competencies.
- Missional experiences and service learning are to be hallmarks of Adventist education.

AIIAS students come with life experience and/or work experience. Your feedback is imperative for the professors and the institution. Please be:

1. **Concrete** - specific and precise;
2. **Constructive** - emphasize solutions and development, not blame; and
3. **Caring** - Show respect and appreciation while addressing challenges.

CONGRATULATIONS

FOR YOUR SUCCESSFUL ORAL DEFENSE!

- April 14: (in person) [Von John L. Sanchez](#), DMin in Religion candidate from the Philippines.
Project Title: "Developing a Contextualized Implementation Strategy for One Year in Mission (OYiM) Training in Local Districts of Negros Occidental Conference, Philippines."

RESEARCH EVENTS / CALL FOR PAPERS

1. **10th International Conference on Qualitative Research** (ICQR 10) "Imagining Qualitative Inquiry: Creativity, Context, & Relevance on May 18-20, 2026. Registration until May 4, 2026
2. **29th AIIAS Theological Forum** "United in the Word in a Multi-Cultural Setting" on November 11-14, 2026. Proposal submission deadline: July 31, 2026
3. **27th AIIAS International Research Conference** "Transformative Research for Sustainable Development" on November 3-5, 2026. Abstract submission deadline August 31, 2026

COMMUNITY REMINDERS

- **RESEARCH DEFENSE CELEBRATIONS** - The AIIAS administration provides simple drinks and light refreshments for the celebration.
- **SA YEARBOOK PHOTOSHOOT SCHEDULE**
 - Apr 16: 6-9PM at the SA Lounge
 - Apr 18 & 25: 9-10:30AM; 12:00-1:00PM at Church
 - Apr 20, 21, and Apr 23: 6-9PM at the SA Lounge
 - Apr 22 (Wed): 6-7PM at the SA Lounge
- **AIIAS SERVICE AWARD 2026** - Nominate 3 AIIAS employees that demonstrate "dedication, competence, performance, customer service, impact on the continuing success of the institution, or a significant contribution to the mission of AIIAS through outreach" through this [FORM](#) until April 22, 2026.
- **I LOVE AIIAS BECAUSE feat Richla Sabuin**- We welcome video entries from our current and former students on-campus, online, extension sites, and cohorts. You may contact pr@aaias.edu for more info.

FUNNY BONE

(Alumni Contributor: [Dr. G. T. Ng](#))

"The ideal speech length is dictated by two things: the life of a laptop battery or the capacity of the human bladder."

- Guy Kawasaki