



HIGHLIGHTS

Internal Newsletter of the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies 05/14/2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 15 Last Day of Class / SA Elections (11am)
- May16-Jun7 **TERM BREAK**
- May 17 SA Outing: Splash Island
- May 18-20 10th AQRA International Conference
- May 20 Grade 10 Moving Up (8am)
Kindergarten Moving Up (10:30am)
Grade 6 and 12 Graduation (4pm)
- May 21 President's Reception for graduates
- May 22-24 Graduation Weekend
- May 25 A presentation on the "Eschatological Economic Behavior (EEB) Positioning of the Modern-day Kingdoms in Daniel 2:39-41: A Factor Analysis" by Dr. Hector Martin and Dr. Eric Nasution
- Jun 12 Philippine Independence Day.

LIBRARY - Unveiling of Bell Tower miniature

May 13, 2026 was a celebratory day at the AIAS Library as they officially unveiled the handcrafted AIAS Bell Tower miniature!

On June 25, 2025, Noe Villanueva presented his handcrafted model to the library as a gift to AIAS following his 30 years of faithful service. The final touches were lovingly created by library staff Yenza Leon and Jyn Lacierda, whose creativity and dedication helped bring the piece to completion. If you haven't yet, make sure to pass by the library lobby to visit the exhibit.



BIBLE STUDY TOUR - Turkey

We are happy to welcome back our Bible Study Tour group. They arrived on May 11, 2026 after spending 11 days following the Apostle Paul's missionary journey through the different ancient sites in Turkey.



"As a young student, it was a great privilege to be part of the Bible Lands Tour to the Seven Churches of Revelation in Türkiye. It was academically enriching to walk where the Apostles walked; to visit the churches which the Christ's disciples looked after and cared for. While the ruins themselves were the main purpose of the trip, the heart and soul of my pilgrimage were the people I went with. My Türkiye experience has been a joyful one because of the warm company of AIAS family." - Kian Cablinda, MAR student from the Philippines

CHAPEL - Dealing with Criticism, Part 2

On May 11, 2026, Dr. Ginger completed her 2-part presentation on dealing with criticism, as the final installment of the two-year chapel series on Applied Leadership.

She passed along 5 tips from author Carey Nieuwhof for handling criticism with emotional intelligence:

1. Don't respond for 24 hrs
2. Ask yourself, "Is there any truth in this?"
3. Own what you can
 - a. Great leaders assume responsibility
 - b. Poor leaders use blame
4. Reply rationally; go one step better than they do
5. Discard crud (sometimes it's more about them than you)

SERVICE AWARDS (Part 1) - Jennifer Valenia

Congratulations to Jennifer Valenia, one of recipients of this year's Service Awards! Jennifer is our admissions officer and is described as *"going the extra mile to assist students, even beyond her working hours. She is the type of employee who never settles for mediocrity. She always strives to do what is best for both the students and AIIAS. Her role requires great patience and strong attention to detail, both of which she consistently demonstrates. As the first point of contact for our students, she represents AIIAS with professionalism, timeliness, and accuracy. She is able to balance policy-based decisions with empathy, ensuring that students are supported while standards are maintained."*

The annual service awards are for AIIAS employees that demonstrate their "dedication, competence, performance, customer service, impact on the continuing success of the institution, or a significant contribution to the mission of AIIAS through outreach and service to the community surrounding AIIAS."

Jennifer received her award during the AIIAS Employees Banquet with the Board on May 7, 2026.

PUBLIC HEALTH - Free Health Screening at Premier Rebeca Ferreira

On May 10, 2026, the Public Health Department, with Dr. Monalisa Acero-Xavier and Dr. Michelle Brofas, successfully conducted a free health screening and consultation at Premier Plaza, serving a total of 35 individuals from the community.

Participants underwent various health assessments including body weight and height measurement, blood pressure monitoring, blood sugar testing, body fat analysis, and cholesterol level assessment. The outreach activity aimed to promote health awareness and encourage individuals to practice preventive healthcare and healthier lifestyles.

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.
2. **12th AIIAS Asia Theological Society Forum** *"Blessing, Curse, and the Theology of Suffering"* August 27-29, 2026. Proposal Submission deadline: June 15, 2026
3. **29th AIIAS Theological Forum** *"United in the Word in a Multi-Cultural Setting"* on November 11-14, 2026. Proposal submission deadline: July 31, 2026
4. **27th AIIAS International Research Conference** *"Transformative Research for Sustainable Development"* on November 3-5, 2026. Abstract submission deadline August 31, 2026

CONGRATULATIONS

ON YOUR SUCCESSFUL ORAL DEFENSE!

Pamphile Joyams Rabazanaka, a PhD in Religion candidate from Madagascar

QUALITY ASSURANCE OFFICE

Three reasons for AIIAS requiring student feedback:

1. **Instructional Adjustment:** Teachers use feedback to modify lesson pace, content, and teaching strategies because they are invested in student success.
2. **Identifying Obstacles:** Feedback reveals hidden obstacles that prevent students from succeeding, which may not be apparent to the teacher
3. **Building Positive Relationships:** AIIAS aims at having an environment of mutual accountability and trust.

Don't forget to complete course evaluations!!!!

COMMUNITY REMINDERS

- **FLAGS MAGAZINE: Life At AIIAS (vol. 20 no. 2).** This issue highlights the support and services available to make life at AIIAS rewarding. Get a copy at PR Office!
- **"I love AIIAS Because"** featuring **Naw Bway Wah** from Myanmar.
- **AIIAS Influencers** - We love it when our students show what life is like in AIIAS! Thank you Ma'am **Noreen Sumalpong**, one of our SSD PhD in Education Cohort student, for featuring our AIIAS BellTower Miniature.

FUNNY BONE

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

"I'm glad we are saved by grace, not by good works. Because I don't want to sit in heaven and listen to everybody brag for eternity of how they got there." D. L. Moody