



# HIGHLIGHTS

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Jun 26   | SA Yearbook Cover submission deadline                          |
| Jul 1    | AIAS International Ladies Choir 23rd Anniversary Concert - 7pm |
| Jul 14   | Admission deadline for First Semester                          |
| Jul 19   | <u>Wellness Fun Run 2026 (5:30AM)</u>                          |
| Aug 5-11 | Term Break                                                     |
| Aug 5    | AIAS Academy - Classes begin                                   |
| Aug 16   | Cultural Night                                                 |

## CAMPUS SAFETY - Fire Emergency

On June 12, 2026 at around 11pm, fire broke out in our physical plant facility. The Bureau of Fire and Protection (BFP) Silang were quickly called, and the fire was under control by midnight. We praise the Lord that no one was hurt during this incident, and that all services (electricity, water, internet, and others) are still available to campus.

BFP Silang is still investigating the cause of fire which has prevented any personnel and student from entering the Physical Plant premises. In the meantime, the Physical Plant team has set up temporary office at "The Ark" pavilion.



## CAMPUS SAFETY - Traveling / Leaving Campus

If you are leaving campus during this time, please send a message to our Security Coordinator, Mr. Stephen Ferrancullo ([supsec@aiias.edu](mailto:supsec@aiias.edu)), and copy Mr. Jaime "Boyet" Ejercitado ([jejercitado@aiias.edu](mailto:jejercitado@aiias.edu)). Kindly include your house/apt number, the length of your absence, and if you have designated a caretaker to stay there (please include their name in the email).

## AIAS CANTEEN - Daily Tread

The AIAS Canteen officially opened last Sunday, June 14, 2026, under the its new management team "Daily Tread".

Some of you may be curious why they are called "Daily Tread". The team wanted their name to reflect the rhythm of everyday life: the daily walk, routine, and journey of students, staff, and other members of the campus community. They want the AIAS Canteen to be a reliable, go-to place that supports the community's daily needs from meals to essentials. Thus becoming a regular part of our campus life.



## CHAPEL - Where Are Your Eyes?

*Donn Valdehueza*

Mrs. Renee Mwamakamba, the Data Protection Personnel for the Southern Asia Pacific Division, was the guest speaker during the first chapel period this inter-semester on June 15, 2026. She focused on the importance of fixing our eyes of Jesus. "Where are your eyes? Focus on Jesus. Only He can provide all our needs."

Too often we focus on what is missing rather than on God's daily provision. The question is not whether God has blessed us, but whether our eyes are fixed on His blessings or on Him.

## ABOUT THE PHILIPPINES - Independence Day

The Philippine revolutionary movement declared their independence from the Spanish colonizers on June 12, 1898 after being colonized for 333 years. Though the country was still under the United States from 1898-1946; and under Japan during World War II from 1942-1945, President Macapagal declared in 1962 that *"it is proper that what we should celebrate is not the day when other nations gave recognition to our independence, but the day when we declared our desire to exercise our inherent and inalienable right to freedom and independence."*

On June 12, 2026, the country celebrated the 128<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its Independence Day.



In AIIAS, more than 70 members of the AIIAS Filipino community gathered at the Bell Tower to celebrate the special occasion.

*"This year's Independence Day was special and memorable because it was my first time celebrating and joining this event at AIIAS. As we raised our flag and sang the national anthem, I felt proud to be a Filipino. It was a memorable experience that reminded me of who I am and where I come from. No matter where life takes me, I will always be proud to be Filipino."* -Luzelle Omadle

**DID YOU KNOW:** AIIAS is located in the same province where the Philippine Independence was first declared? It was first declared in Kawit, Cavite, at the home of General Emilio Aguinaldo, the leader of the Philippine revolution. It was also here that the Philippine Flag was first waved and the National Anthem (Lupang Hinirang) was first played.

**Underlined words are links.**

## GRADUATE SCHOOL - AIIAS Alumni in Mongolia

Laisa Paul

During the Graduate School's mission and service trip to Mongolia from May 28 to June 9, 2026, they had an opportunity to meet and collaborate with many of our alumni that were serving there.



*"It was inspiring to witness AIIAS alumni serving in key leadership positions within the Mongolia Mission. Their commitment demonstrated the wider influence of AIIAS in preparing leaders for service across different cultural and mission contexts. Although challenges remain, the Adventist message continues to move across Mongolia. Like the nomadic heritage of the country itself, the gospel is traveling from place to place, reaching new communities, strengthening existing churches, and giving birth to new congregations. The Mongolia mission trip was a powerful testimony of faith, service, collaboration, and the continuing mission of the church."*

### COMMUNITY REMINDERS

- **SA YEARBOOK COVER** - do you want to design this year's yearbook cover? Submit your design by June 26, 2026 to [studentassociation@aaias.edu](mailto:studentassociation@aaias.edu)
- **WELLNESS FUN RUN** - The AIIAS Clinic, Health Ministry Department and Pocari Sweat, are organizing a Fun Run on July 19, 2026 at 5:30AM. Register now for the 1K, 3K, or the 5K events through their [Facebook Page](#).
- **"I love AIIAS because"** - thank you Pastor [Jemuel Dela Pena](#), member of the SPUC MPH Cohort, for sharing your testimony! If you want to share yours too, please let us know via email at [pre@aaias.edu](mailto:pre@aaias.edu)!

### FUNNY BONE

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

"Everything is changing. People are taking their comedians seriously and the politicians as a joke."

Will Rogers