



HIGHLIGHTS

Internal Newsletter of the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies 06/25/2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jun 26	SA Yearbook Cover submission deadline
Jun 29	Seminary Chapel - Dr. Martin
	Graduate School Chapel - Dr. Montero
Jul 1	AllAS 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	AllAS Academy - 2026-27 Classes begin
Aug 12	GS and Seminary Classes Begin
Aug 16	Cultural Night

ALUMNI - Promoting AllAS in TAC

AllAS Alumni Lin Shih Yu (Bella Lin) helped Queenie and Donn Valdehueza promote AllAS at Taiwan Adventist College (TAC) on June 3-5, 2026. Her testimony resulted in many students staying behind after the presentation to ask more questions.

"During my time at AllAS, I received not only academic support but also spiritual guidance that helped shape who I am today. Having received so many blessings from the AllAS community, I feel privileged to give back by supporting and promoting our school. Sharing AllAS is easy because it comes from genuine appreciation. Just as you would recommend a wonderful restaurant to your friends, I enjoy sharing how AllAS has impacted my life. I encourage my fellow alumni to do the same. The Bible says, 'Taste and see that the Lord is good' (Psalm 34:8). Let others experience the blessings, growth, and opportunities that AllAS has to offer."



CHAPEL - Understanding Filipinos

An international campus like AllAS is a melting pot of cultures. Those living inside its walls learn how to live in harmony with other cultures. On June 22, 2026, Dr. Francisco Gayoba spoke about "How can foreigners connect / work better with Filipinos" to give students tips on when interacting with the locals, both on and off of the campus.

Dr. Gayoba began by showing the Hofstede's Cultural Dimension and Inglehart-Welzel World Cultural Map to help the students identify where their culture was, and how far / close they were to the Filipino. *"For Filipinos, the most important thing is relationship. Communication must be cordial, polite, and indirect to avoid confrontation and save face."*

Some of the tips Dr. Gayoba gave: When in leadership, consultation and consensus are important when working with Filipinos. If you want feedback, start with a greeting and a story before getting to the point. Frame your commands as requests and keep comments and suggestions short. Finally, when giving instructions, always give examples.

CHAPLAINCY - Tower Assignments

Andrew Jacob

We are pleased to introduce our team of Student Chaplains, who will be ministering to the campus community Towers.

1. Andrew and Beersheba Jacob - P, H, R, and ANNEX
2. Bethel and Brayan Taglos - A, B, and C
3. Osee Kamgang Toho, Sakly Andrew, and Jonison Mukhim - D, E, F, and G
4. San Lian Khup and Esaie Syalandira - I, J, K, and Q
5. Thalita Catharina Cebulski Miiler, Stoneson Naingolan, and Lun Tuah Cing - L, M, N, and O

WELCOME! - SSD and NSD Cohorts!

We would like to welcome the Southern Asia Pacific Division (SSD) PhD in Business and the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) MA in Education Cohort students who have traveled from their different fields to study on campus for the next couple of weeks.

SSD PhD in Business Cohort students are:

1. Gandeza, Lovely Joy - Philippines
2. Khawhring, Vanlaldika - Myanmar
3. Khup Khen Thang - Myanmar
4. Marini, Edwin Melvin - Indonesia
5. Maruli, Riky Sai - Indonesia
6. Miojo, Reffin - Indonesia
7. Morada, Rhody Laynn - Philippines
8. Punay, Wilamee - Philippines
9. Salainti, Shane Stephen - Indonesia
10. Simanjuntak, Daniel Nicson - Indonesia
11. Wairata, Carolin - Indonesia
12. Worang, Syenny - Indonesia

NSD MA in Education Cohort students are:

1. Atiwarra, Pqrimol - Bangladesh
2. Baidya, Kabin - Nepal
3. Basyal, Robin - Nepal
4. Biswas, Clinton - Bangladesh
5. Das, Giftsun - Bangladesh
6. Gunathilake, W.W Malki Dushiyanthika - Sri Lanka
7. Bold, Byambagarav - Mongolia
8. Enkhtaivan, Lkhagvasuren - Mongolia
9. Gandash, Gantsetseg - Mongolia
10. Puntsagdash, Bolormaa - Mongolia
11. Tumor, Ariunbileg - Mongolia
12. Tumenbayar, Solongo - Mongolia

We know it is challenging to switch from being in the workplace to the classroom. But continue pressing on. We know the Lord is using your classes here at Allias to unlock the next phase of your ministry for Him.

Underlined words are links.

ABOUT Allias - Extension Sites and Cohorts

Even before Allias came into existence as an entity in 1986, the Asia Adventist Theological Seminary (old Allias name) offered extension programs in certain locations within the Asia-Pacific region. The purpose of these extension programs (formerly known as Distance Learning Centers or DLCs) was to serve the needs of Adventist employees whose fields could not release them from their duties for full-time study.

Today, the Allias extension sites are located at Adventist educational institutions or Union / Conference offices around the SSD and NSD territories, and our professors travel to those areas and teach intensive face-to-face classes for 2-3 weeks at a time.

Cohorts operate in the same way, except that the students travel to take the intensive classes on the Allias campus. An example would be the two cohorts we currently have on campus, the SSD PhD in Business cohort and the NSD MA in Education cohort.

COMMUNITY REMINDERS

- **CHAPEL by SCHOOLS** - on June 29, 2026, the Seminary's chapel will meet at the Amphitheater and the Graduate School's will meet at the Function Hall.
- **SA YEARBOOK COVER** - do you want to design this year's yearbook cover? Submit your design by June 26, 2026 to studentassociation@aiias.edu
- **WELLNESS FUN RUN** - The Allias 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](#).
- **PROMOTE Allias!** - Do you want to share about Allias with your church or organization! Here is a [slide show presentation](#) and some [promotional videos](#) that you can customize and use!

FUNNY BONE

(Alumni Contributor: [Dr. G. T. Ng](#))
"Going to church does not make you a Christian anymore than going to Jollibee makes you a hamburger." Author unknown