



HIGHLIGHTS

Internal Newsletter of the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies 07/30/2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 31	<u>Seminary Forum</u> – Submission Deadline
	The Biggest Loser – Culmination
Aug 3-6	English Placement Test (online)
Aug 5-11	<u>Term Break</u>
Aug 5	AIAS Academy – School Year 2026-27
	Classes begin
Aug 6	English Placement Test (on campus)
Aug 7	Faculty Meeting (8:30AM)
Aug 12	GS and Seminary Classes Begin
Aug 14	First Aid Training, Part 2
Aug 14 – 16	Cultural Weekend
Aug 27-29	<u>AATS Annual Forum</u>

AIAS CAFETERIA - Soft Opening

One of the greatest needs noted in our latest on-campus student survey was the need for a food service. In response, we are happy to share that AIAS has contracted with Mayores Catering to run the cafeteria service! They held their soft launch on July 29, 2026, at the Function Hall, and started to serve the general public today, July 30, 2026.

AIAS Cafeteria's Operation Hours:

Monday to Thursday 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM
Friday 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM

You can buy each dish separately, or you can select their budget friendly combo meal.

Combo A: ₱120 (Rice, 2 viands, and fruits)

Combo B: ₱100 (Rice and 2 viands)

Snacks are also available throughout the day

Payment Method: Cash



WELCOME MESSAGE - From The New VPAA

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Welcome to the new school year. The wait is over, and if this is your first time at AIAS, you are finally here. We are happy to welcome back all our returning students. We celebrate your presence here on campus or online, and we look forward to an enriching learning experience as we embark upon this journey together!

As God's institute of higher learning, AIAS is committed to its mission of developing leaders through its distinct graduate education grounded in the Seventh-day Adventist philosophy of education, excelling in spirituality, scholarship, and service. We believe in your potential to grow and thrive, and your many ideas and views are valuable to our learning environment. Let us strive to grow as Jesus did "in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man" Luke 2:52. Remember to set aside time to nourish yourself spiritually (your faith walk with God), emotionally (self-care), socially (time with your family and friends), academically (study time management), and physically (healthy lifestyle choices). As the Vice President for Academic Administration (VPAA), I am excited to get you started on this journey and be with you at every step of your progress. I leave this thought, which has been my mission statement through the years, with you: "He has shown you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To do justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God". Micah 6:8

God bless you!

Welcome to the AIAS Family!

Warm regards,

Dr. Susan

Dr. Susan Julia Chand, VPAA



CLINIC - Little Chefs, Big Health!

The AIAS Clinic successfully conducted its first-ever "Little Chefs, Big Health!" Summer Culinary Medicine Workshop for Kids and Teens on July 24, 2026. They equipped the 16 young participants with hands-on skills in healthy food preparation based on Lifestyle Medicine principles. They learned the importance of choosing nutritious ingredients, preparing balanced meals, practicing food safety, and developing lifelong healthy eating habits. They were also able to enjoy the food they prepared.



PUBLIC HEALTH - Earthquake Preparedness

Rebeca Ferreira

On July 23, 2026, Master of Public Health students conducted an Earthquake Preparedness Workshop for Grade 6 students at Silang Adventist Elementary School. Organized as part of the Principles of Environmental Health and Disaster Management course under the supervision of Dr. Grace Luntungan, the workshop equipped students with knowledge and life-saving skills for responding to earthquakes. The participants learned how to prepare for, respond to, and recover from an earthquake while building confidence and resilience in emergencies.

BIBLICAL STUDIES - ATESEA Regional Methodological Seminar

From July 6-10, 2026, Jemmy Najoan, a PhD student from the Biblical Studies Department represented AIAS at the Regional Association of Theological Education in Southeast Asia (ATESEA) Methodological Seminar in Bangkok. He presented his dissertation proposal entitled "The Skia-Sōma Relationship Revisited: An Exegetical and Typological Study of Colossians 2:16-17" to academics and doctoral students from ATESEA member universities.

Underlined words are links.

CHAPEL - Evangelism: An Unbiblical Practice?

J-Lawrence Catubigan

Dr. Gideon Petersen, Assistant Professor of Mission and Intercultural Studies and Program Director of the Master of Arts in Church Ministry, was the speaker during the Applied Theology Department chapel on July 27, 2026. He presented a thought-provoking message entitled "Evangelism: An Unbiblical Practice?" Dr. Petersen challenged the audience to reconsider common approaches to evangelism by distinguishing discipleship, evangelism, and mission projects. He emphasized that God's mission is not merely about sharing information, gaining converts, or completing ministry projects, but about restoring people into a life-transforming relationship with Him through intentional discipleship. He encouraged the audience to move beyond a "hit-and-run" model of ministry toward one that walks alongside people, nurtures lasting relationships, and reflects Christ's presence in their everyday lives.

Dr. Petersen concluded his talk by reminding everyone that God desires to do life with His people, and that authentic ministry should faithfully reveal the character, love, and relational mission of Jesus Christ.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

AIAS is seeking qualified individuals to serve full time in their various positions:

1. **Accountant** - This is under the local budget as a national employee.
2. Faculty of the Education Department - these are International Service Employee (ISE) positions

Faculty (Curriculum & Instruction)

Faculty (Educational Administration)

If you know anyone who might be interested in these positions, please forward this information to them.

COMMUNITY REMINDERS

Canteen and Laundry: Request pick-up & delivery links:

Canteen - [Daily Tread](#)

Laundry - [Day Off Laundry and Dry Clean Service](#)

FUNNY BONE

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

"A day without laughter is a day wasted." Charlie Chaplin