

EDUCATOR'S DESK

Where dreams meet purpose

ON Jan 22, Sri Bestari International School (SBIS), a wholly owned subsidiary of Land and General Berhad (LGB), launched its new campus in conjunction with its Chinese New Year celebrations.

LGB first formed Sri Bestari Private School (known as Sekolah Sri Bestari) in 1995, and has since been a champion of excellence in the national education sector. In 2017, the company started its international school division, which carries the Cambridge International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) curriculum.

At SBIS' helm is principal Dr Wong Siew Chin – a mother and educator with 17 years of experience in the international school arena. She is backed by a strong team of diverse and talented educators as well as staff members, who are highly committed to ensuring that SBIS develops young leaders who embrace growth, build up their confidence and are determined to make a difference.

Its groundbreaking ceremony was held in 2018 and one and a half years later, the international school campus now houses more than 50 classrooms, eight studios for music and the arts, indoor and outdoor playgrounds, 10 fully equipped labs for all subjects in the sciences, ICT and culinary labs, a football field, a basketball court, a tennis court, a 25-metre swimming pool, an indoor multipurpose and sports hall as well as an auditorium with a seating capacity of 420.

The school is strategically located and built



Dr Wong Siew Chin

Principal of SBIS

on 15 acres (6.07ha) of land, providing an environment conducive to learning for an ever-growing number of students that not only promotes green living, but also an active lifestyle.

SBIS offers the national United Kingdom curriculum for Early Years to Year 9 students and Cambridge IGCSE curriculum for Years 10 and 11. The curricula covers a host of subjects in speech and drama, English, Mandarin, mathematics, science, ICT, physical education, music, global perspectives, arts and design and foreign languages. Mandarin is compulsory for all students.

Using our SBIS virtual learning environment, teachers and tutors communicate with students and their parents about lessons, worksheets, notes and school projects. SBIS employs a tutor-ward



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system so each child has a guide in school, who is the first point of contact to further monitor the child's overall progress, well-being and mental growth.

The pursuit of excellence beyond academics

Encapsulating the motto of "My Growth Mindset Begins Here!", initiatives such as My Little Author, Tag Talks and Making A Difference (MAD) Together are in place at SBIS to encourage students' creative abilities and entrepreneurial skills. Students are exposed to various experiences in hopes of inspiring and enabling them to try their hand in their areas of interest.

For example, through our My Little Author module, the students have met with author and illustrator Lim Lay Koon to learn writing processes such as character building, plot devising and illustration.

As part of the MAD Together initiative – students have learnt to raise funds for various outreach programmes through projects and events such as the MAD Art Auction and MAD Boutique, which are managed by the students with the

supervision and assistance of faculty members.

Various young entrepreneurs such as Fave co-founder Yeoh Chen Chow, The Next Academy founder Josh Teng and Xing Fu Tang master franchisee Derek Cheong were invited for a close-up session with Bestarians via the SBIS Tag Talk platform. In sharing their success stories and experiences in their fields of interest, it is hoped that the talks and discussions inspire students to act on subjects they are passionate about. It is SBIS' strong belief that students grow and cope better when there is sufficient support and acknowledgement of their achievements, no matter the capacity.

The Chinese New Year celebration was the first event that saw Bestarians perform in the new auditorium. SBIS is a home to Bestarians and a place where we believe that giving children a chance to fulfil their maximum potential is the best endeavour anyone can undertake. It is a place where our dreams meet their ultimate purpose.

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