



NEWSLETTER

IIUM & ISSM SIGNED AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION

18th April 2006—The Macau Inter-University Institute (IIUM) and the Macau Institute of Social Work (ISSM) signed an Agreement of Cooperation on Tuesday the 18th April 2006, which will lead to the establishment of a Social Work Program of studies.

The two institutes, IIUM and ISSM, will cooperate to provide a four-year training course in Macau S.A.R., leading to a recognized qualification in Social Work. The course of study, based on a commitment to social justice through ethical practices and in the spirit of the social teachings of the Catholic Church, will prepare graduates for work in a wide range of social service settings.

The IIUM will apply to the Macau Government for approval of a Licentiate in Social Work and, when established, this Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree program will add another important dimension to the University's academic portfolio. This BSW degree will be jointly awarded by the Catholic University of Portugal and by the Macau Inter-University Institute, and will be recognized in many countries around the world. ISSM will continue to provide training courses for practitioners and staff of social service agencies in Macau, and will assist IIUM with students' internships.



Prof Cabral (IIUM) and Mr. Pun (ISSM) at the signing ceremony

About the Macau Institute of Social Work

The Macau Institute of Social (ISSM) was jointly founded by Caritas Macau and the Catholic Social Services – Macau in 1977 with the mission to provide Macau with trained social workers. It started with a two-year post-secondary "Certificate in Social Work" program. This training course was upgraded in 1992 to a three-year program of studies leading to the award of a Bacharelato in Social Work awarded by Macau Polytechnic. The ISSM course will now be absorbed by the new Bachelor of Social Work degree programme at the IIUM. The present three-year course at ISSM will continue until the last group of students graduate in June 2008, with the Bacharelato degree to be awarded by Macau Polytechnic as at present.

KIDS EXCITED OVER BOOKS ALIVE!

28th April 2006—The "Books Alive" contest is drawing nearer. We were happy to welcome the enthusiastic participation from more than 120 participants for our "Books Alive" press conference and information seminar last Friday April 28th. The auditorium was indeed "alive" as judges Kami and Chad Leslie guided students to participate in an impromptu rendition of "Little Red Riding Hood".

This event generated quite a bit of media coverage with articles appearing in both Macau Daily (Chinese) and the Macau Post Daily (English).

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Chad (MACWAC) demonstrates to the primary students

BOOKS ALIVE! PRESS CONFERENCE & SEMINAR

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A total of 10 schools comprising 15 teams have registered their participation in the upcoming contest (May 20th and 21st): Dom João Paulino Primary, Escola Salesiano, Pui Tou Primary, Our Lady of Fatima Primary, Concordia Primary, Sheng Gen Hui Primary, Dom Bosco Primary, the Portuguese Primary School, Mateus Ricci Primary and Santa Rosa de Lima Primary.

We are looking forward to this event and the opportunity to see how our young stars shine.



↑ "Little Red Riding Hood" going through the forest



← A student molding the "Little Red Riding Hood"



Ms. Laurie, Books Alive Project Director, explaining the contest rules



"Can she be our 'Little Red Riding Hood'?"

S U M M E R D R A M A C A M P

Applications are now being accepted for full or half-day enrolment in the "Reach for Your Dream" Summer Drama Camp. The camp is designed for children 5 –14.

The camp will be held in Coloane at the Dom Bosco Youth Center. Campers will participate in an achievement based program to build skills and competencies in five different departments that are diverse but integrated to allow full involvement in the production process. The five different departments are as followed:

Drama: campers apply language to participate in theatre exercises that enhance their communication and stretch their imagination in the process of storytelling

Arts & crafts: campers work with different art medium in the design of character masks, costumes, puppets, sets story boards and animations through which to tell a story.

Movement: Campers explore different forms of modern and traditional movement through dance and martial arts.



Music & Audio/visual: campers learn how to use voice, rhythm and visual perception in the telling of a story

Physical Challenge: campers participate in a wide variety of non-competitive games and activities that enhance team cooperation and build trust.

This is a language application experience that cannot be matched in the classroom!

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SHANGCHUAN ISLAND & KAIPING TRIP

On April 22nd to 23rd, a group of over 20 IUM and IFT students, faculties and alumni went on a 2 days excursion to Shangchuan Island and Kaiping, China. This trip was organized to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the birth of the famous Christian missionary Saint Francis Xavier.



Group photo on the Shangchuan Island

Beautiful Shangchuan Island is 14 km off the southern coast of China in the South China Sea, and is the largest island in Guangdong Province. It is famous for being the death place of Saint Francis Xavier. The Kaiping area in Guangdong Province is known for its famous "old houses" (Diaolou). Diaolou are unique vernacular architecture in the area of Kaiping, they are multiple-storey castle-like houses that were built as fortified dwellings, harmoniously integrating Chinese and Western architectural art into one entity.

BULLETINS

Public Seminars:

- April 18th: In celebration of the 250th anniversary of Mozart, Father Artur Wardega gave an wonderful seminar with in-depth commentaries and interpretations of Mozart's music.
- April 26th: Dr. Lawrence Chan & Dr. Sharon Ng gave a seminar on coping with change. The speakers discussed dealing with emotional challenges and helping children adapting to new environments.

Licentiate Student Life:

- April 1st: The Licentiate Students gathered for a BBQ retreat



2006-04-01 BBQ retreat



2006-04-18 Mozart Seminar

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUMMER CAMP SEMINAR

When? Sunday May 7th

Children and their parents are invited to attend a free demonstration of the camp program held. This Fun event is open to the public from 2:30—4:00pm. There will be: interactive drama games and fun activities together with information about the summer camp.

ADV ENGLISH FOR TEACHERS OF KINDERGARTEN LEARNERS

When? May 3rd – June 7th

Classes will meet Monday and Wed evenings from 7:00pm – 10:00pm.

PUTONGHUA FOR NON-CHINESE SPEAKERS 1A

When? May 22nd – July 28th

This course is for learners who have not had any previous language training. Classes will meet Tue and Thu 7:00pm – 8:30pm

PUTONGHUA FOR NON-CHINESE SPEAKERS 1B

When? May 22nd – July 28th

This course is for learners who have had some previous language training. Classes will meet Tue and Thu 7:00pm – 8:30pm

INTRO TO CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY 1B

When? May 22nd – July 28th

This course is for learners who have had some previous language training. Classes will meet Tue and Thu 7:00pm – 8:30pm

BOOKS ALIVE CONTEST

When? Sunday May 20th –21st

The contest will be held over a 2 days period at the IUM auditorium. Unfortunately, the contest itself is not opened to public audience.

The award ceremony will be held on May 21st 4:00-6:00pm. Venue to be announced.