



MIS HAWKS NEWSLETTER



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A New Era of Growth and Excellence:

Melaka International School's Journey Forward

Melaka International School is stepping into an exciting new era of growth and excellence with the arrival of our new Principal! This marks a transformative chapter where we aim to deliver a holistic education, blending academic rigor with essential life skills. Our focus on critical thinking and innovation will prepare students to thrive in a rapidly evolving world.

We are thrilled to enhance academic programmes, ensuring they build strong foundations while equipping students with future-ready skills. Expanded extracurricular opportunities will allow students to explore their passions and unlock their unique potential. Together, we will strengthen our community, fostering collaboration among students, teachers, and parents to create a nurturing and supportive environment.

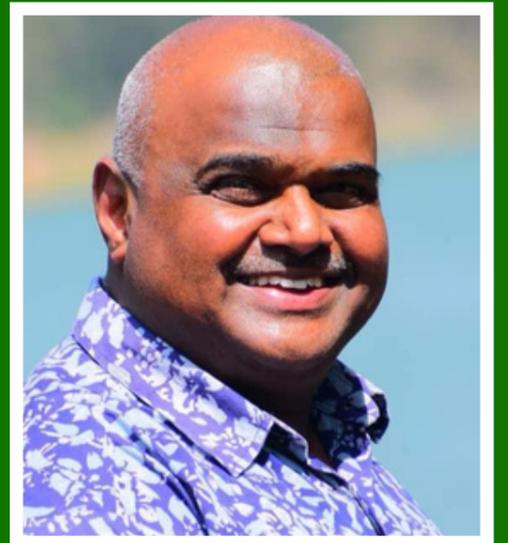
Guided by our core values of integrity and respect, we are confident that Melaka International School will continue to shape compassionate, responsible, and well-rounded global citizens. With gratitude for the past and hope for the future, we step forward with enthusiasm, ready to make a meaningful impact. The best is yet to come!

Leading with Vision and Heart: Welcome Dr. Jeffery Louis, Our New MIS Principal

With 39 years of experience in education, leadership, and management, our new principal, Dr Jeffery Louis is dedicated to preparing students for a rapidly changing world by nurturing their individual strengths and values. His vision emphasizes holistic education, where success is measured not only by academic achievement but also by character, compassion, and courage.

He is committed to fostering character development, leadership skills, entrepreneurship, ethical values, and well-being, ensuring students are resilient, adaptable, and innovative thinkers. Believing that education is a shared journey, he aims to create a collaborative learning environment involving students, educators, and parents.

Our principal also values open communication and is committed to supporting and inspiring every student to reach their full potential. Balancing tradition with innovation, he strives to maintain educational excellence while empowering students to become compassionate, capable leaders. His goal is to help each child thrive in their unique journey of growth and discovery.



Dr Jeffrey Louis
Principal Melaka International School



Get ready to embrace the spirit of freedom and adventure as we unveil our new emblem, the MIS Hawks: Be Wild and Free!

The hawk, a symbol of strength, vision, and leadership, perfectly captures the essence of our school's values. With their sharp focus, strategic thinking, and boundless energy, hawks inspire us to aim high, break barriers, and soar to greatness. This emblem represents not just our identity but our shared commitment to excellence, unity, and fearless ambition. From the classroom to the field as the MIS Hawks, we strive to stand strong—ready to conquer challenges and reach new heights. Let's take flight!

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

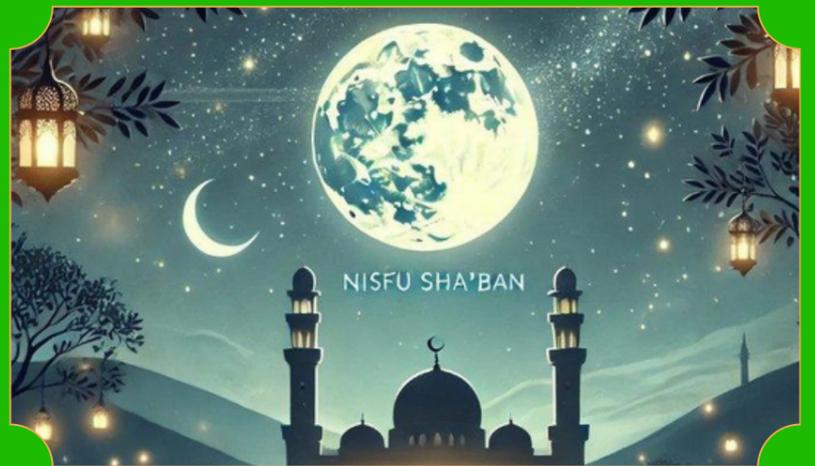


Bridging Cultures, Building Futures: A Transformative Exchange

On 6th February 2025, MIS welcomed 39 educators from St. Louis 2 Catholic Senior High School, Indonesia, for a day of collaboration and cultural exchange. Led by Principal Mr. Bernadus Widodo, the visiting team engaged in meaningful discussions with MIS's academic leaders, including Principal Dr. Jeffery Louis. The day focused on sharing innovative teaching methods and approaches to character development. Dr. Jeffrey Louis emphasized critical thinking and creativity, while Mr. Widodo highlighted moral and spiritual growth, showcasing a shared commitment to holistic education. This visit marked the start of a promising partnership, with plans for teacher exchanges, joint research, and curricular initiatives. It underscored the importance of global perspectives in education, celebrating diversity and shared goals. As the St. Louis 2 team departed, they left behind a promise to collaborate further, paving the way for a brighter future for students worldwide. This exchange was a powerful reminder of education's ability to unite, inspire, and transform. Here's to the beginning of a fruitful partnership and the endless possibilities it holds!

A Night of Reflection and Renewal: Celebrating Nisfu Sha'ban 1446H

On 13th February, 2025, the Melaka International School Muslim community gathered to observe Nisfu Sya'ban 1446H, a significant night in the Islamic calendar marking the midpoint of Sha'ban, the month preceding Ramadan. The event, held from 3:45 pm to 5:00 pm, included Yassin Recitation and Asr Prayer, fostering unity and devotion among staff and families. Attendees reflected on their faith, sought blessings, and strengthened their connection with Allah (SWT). The gathering emphasized communal worship, spiritual renewal, and the importance of passing Islamic traditions to future generations. As the event concluded, participants prayed for forgiveness, mercy, and guidance, hoping to prepare meaningfully for Ramadan. May Allah accept their prayers and grant them strength on their spiritual journey. Ameen.



MIS Scholars Ready to Shine at World Scholar's Cup 2025!

Melaka International School (MIS) is thrilled to announce its participation in the World Scholar's Cup (WSC) Kuala Lumpur Regional Round on 18th & 19th April, 2025, hosted at the British International School Kuala Lumpur. Representing MIS are three talented students: Sashini (Year 7), Star (Year 9), and Damia (Year 9).

The WSC is a prestigious academic tournament celebrating the joy of learning, but also a highly rewarding tournament. It features events like Team Debate, Collaborative Writing, Scholar's Bowl, and the Scholar's Challenge. MIS has a proud history of success in the regional and global rounds, earning medals and trophies in countries like China, Singapore, Australia, UAE, and even at Yale University in the USA for the Tournament of Champions (the final round of the WSC).

Under the expert guidance of Mr. Paulo Cedillo Dorongon, MIS's English Teacher and WSC Coach, our students have honed their critical thinking, communication, and teamwork skills. We wish them the best as they proudly represent MIS on this international stage!



Annual Sports Day 2025: Continental Teams – United in Sports



The Melaka International School (MIS) community came alive on 21st–22nd February 2025 as we celebrated our Annual Sports Day at the IPG Kampus Perempuan Melayu, Melaka. This year's theme, Continental Teams – United in Sports, brought together students, staff, parents, and visitors in a vibrant display of teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship.

The event kicked off with an electrifying Sports House Marching competition, showcasing the pride and unity of our four houses: Sapphire (Oceania), Citrine (Asia), Emerald (Africa), and Ruby (Europe). Led by their dedicated housemasters—Mr. Daniel Hakim, Mr. Airil, Mr. Syakirin, and Mr. Faris—each house brought their A-game, not only in marching but also in the highly competitive House Decoration Competition.

Over two action-packed days, participants competed in 44 events, ranging from Telematch activities for our youngest athletes (U8) to thrilling Track & Field competitions for U11, U14, and U18 categories. Parents also joined in the fun, adding to the excitement with the 8x50m relay and Tug-of-War events. The inclusion of invited schools—JT International School, SJKC Yok Bin, SJKC Chung Kuo, SJKT Bukit Lintang, and SJKC Rumbia—in the 4x100m Invitational Relay further elevated the spirit of friendly competition.

A total of 404 medals and trophies were awarded, celebrating the outstanding achievements of our athletes. Special recognition goes to our Best Athletes, including Tan Yi Seng (Sports Boy of the Year) and Anastasia Quah (Sports Girl of the Year), who exemplified excellence and determination.

Sapphire House emerged as the overall champion, clinching top honours in both the Best House Marching and Best House Decoration categories. Citrine, Emerald, and Ruby Houses also delivered stellar performances, making this year's Sports Day a truly memorable event.

We extend our deepest gratitude to IPG Kampus Perempuan Melayu for providing an exceptional venue, Angkatan Pertahanan Awam for their first aid support, and the Malaysian Athletics Federation umpires for ensuring the smooth running of the track & field events.

Congratulations to all participants, winners, and supporters for making MIS Sports Day 2025 a resounding success! Here's to an even bigger and better Sports Day in 2026!

Zulhairi Ahmad
CCA / ECA Coordinator

Sapphire: Created a Tsunami to Gain Sports Day Glory!



TEAM SAPPHIRE

When the announcement echoed across the field, disbelief turned to pure joy as Sapphire was crowned Sports Day Champions! This historic moment, a dream realized, brought tears of pride and gratitude. From underdogs to champions, our journey was fueled by relentless determination, teamwork, and unwavering spirit.

This victory was no accident. It was the result of creative brainstorming, rigorous training, flawless marching, and an unbreakable bond among students and advisors. Every cheer, every stride, and every ounce of effort reflected our collective belief in excellence.

To our incredible Sapphire family: thank you for your hard work, passion, and unity. This triumph is just the beginning. Let's carry this champion spirit forward, inspiring future generations to believe in their potential and strive for greatness. Together, we've proven that anything is possible!

With immense pride and gratitude,
Mr. Daniel
Sapphire Housemaster

Citrine: Grateful Reflections on Sports Day

My first Sports Day at MIS was an unforgettable celebration of teamwork, spirit, and perseverance. The energy and enthusiasm from students and teachers were truly inspiring, as we cheered passionately for our houses and witnessed students push their limits. Preparing for the war cry and guiding athletes was both challenging and rewarding, teaching us the value of unity and resilience. While winning second place was bittersweet, it reminded us to aim higher and grow stronger. To my students and colleagues, let's cherish our successes, learn from setbacks, and continue uplifting one another. Thank you for this incredible experience.

Mr. Airil
Citrine Housemaster



TEAM CITRINE

A Heartfelt Thank You from Emerald House



TEAM EMERALD

My first Sports Day at MIS was an unforgettable experience! The energy, unity, and sportsmanship displayed by everyone were truly inspiring. Preparing for the war cry and supporting our athletes taught us the value of teamwork, dedication, and believing in ourselves. Winning third place filled me with pride and motivation—it's a testament to our hard work and resilience.

To my students: Keep striving, stay positive, and enjoy the journey. To my fellow teachers: Let's continue nurturing not just skills but also values like teamwork and discipline. Together, we can achieve even greater heights!

With gratitude,
Mr. Shakirin
Emerald Housemaster

Ruby: A Humble Reflection

Once champions, Ruby House now finds itself at the bottom, a stark reminder that victory is not eternal. Though the fall is disheartening, it offers a chance to reflect and grow. We can't be at the top all the time. By losing, we see our mistakes and learn to improve.

My team sacrificed energy, time, and resources, striving for excellence. While the outcome wasn't what we hoped for, knowing we gave our best brings solace.

Moving forward, Ruby House aims to strengthen teamwork, organization, and unity, determined to rise again with resilience and grace.

Mr. Faris
Ruby Housemaster



TEAM RUBY

OUR BEST SPORT BOY AND GIRL



From the heart of our best sports boy, Tan Yi Seng, comes a moving thank you: "I am truly surprised and deeply honored to receive this title among so many incredible athletes. To my fellow MIS athletes, always believe in yourself, keep practicing, and strive to be your best. This achievement is a reminder that hard work and self-belief can lead to great things. Thank you to everyone who supported me on this journey —your encouragement means the world. Let's continue to push our limits and inspire each other. Together, we can achieve even greater heights. Thank you!"



Anastasia Quah of Year 8 was crowned Best Sports Girl. She stated that she was thrilled yet surprised by her win, acknowledging the fierce competition from other talented athletes. Grateful for the honour, she encourages future MIS athletes to aim high and stay dedicated. According to Anastasia, keeping fit boosts speed and stamina. Her journey inspires us to push boundaries and embrace the joy of sports. Congratulations, Anastasia, and here's to many more victories on and off the field!

A Triumphant Return: Celebrating MIS Sports

Day 2025



As a proud parent, I am thrilled to congratulate MIS on the spectacular return of Sports Day after a two-year hiatus! The event was nothing short of phenomenal, showcasing the school's commitment to fostering kinship, team spirit, and healthy competition. Spanning six energetic hours, the day was a testament to the students' enthusiasm and the staff's dedication. Kudos to the Management and all involved for organizing such a grand and successful event! Moving forward, I hope this tradition continues to grow, perhaps even incorporating diverse activities beyond running. Here's to many more years of camaraderie, fun, and fitness at MIS! Well done, everyone!

-Ms Adeline (mother of Asher Year 5)

The MIS Sports Day at IPG Kampus Perempuan Melaka was an unforgettable event filled with energy, teamwork, and outstanding performances! My husband and I were thrilled to cheer from the sidelines as our five children gave their all. Damia Zara (Year 9) clinched silver in the 8x50m relay, while Dayyan Zakwan (Year 8) shone with gold in the 100m sprint and 4x100m relay, silver in the 200m sprint, and bronze in the 4x400m relay. Darris Zakwan (Year 6) secured bronze in the 100m sprint, and Dahlia Zara (Year 4) dazzled with gold in the 200m sprint, silver in the 100m sprint, and bronze in the 4x100m relay and 8x50m relay. Our youngest, Dalily Zara (Year 3), stole the show with gold in the 100m sprint, silver in the 200m sprint and 4x100m relay, and the coveted Best Athlete trophy (Under 11)! We couldn't be prouder of their achievements and the incredible sportsmanship displayed by all. Go team!

- Mr & Mrs Safwan Zakwan



SPORTS DAY GALLERY





Goh Jun Han Shines at Asia Triathlon Cup!

We are thrilled to celebrate Goh Jun Han (Gordon), who showcased exceptional talent at the Asia Triathlon Cup in Putrajaya on 22nd & 23rd February 2025. Competing in two grueling events, Gordon finished the Super Sprint Triathlon (Swim-Cycle-Run) in 42:27, securing 18th place out of 36 participants. He also excelled in the Super Sprint Aquathlon (Swim-Run), clocking an impressive 22:07 and claiming 9th place out of 46 competitors. His determination and sportsmanship have made our school proud. Way to go, Gordon! Keep soaring!



Farewell



MS ADAWIAH

Dear Students and Colleagues,

After 2 years and 10 months at MIS, it is time for me to bid farewell. From April 2022 to February 2025, teaching Global Perspectives, Bahasa Melayu, Intensive English, Moral Education, History, and Geography has been an incredible journey.

I am deeply grateful for the shared experiences, growth, and memories we've created together. Every challenge became a stepping stone to success, resilience, and excellence. Thank you for your support and dedication.

Wishing you all the best in your future endeavours. Keep learning, believing, and striving for greatness. Farewell and take care!



MS AISYAH

Dear Students and Colleagues,

After an unforgettable year at MIS, it's time to say goodbye. Teaching Mathematics, Malay Language, and Moral Education has been a rewarding journey filled with challenges, growth, and inspiration. I'm grateful to have witnessed your dedication and progress, from mastering tough math concepts to embracing life lessons. The memories we've created—lively discussions, breakthroughs, and shared understanding—will stay with me forever. Thank you for the privilege of teaching and learning alongside you. Every moment has shaped me as an educator, and I will cherish our time together. Wishing you all the best in your future endeavors.

MEET THE NEW TEACHERS!

We are delighted to welcome Ms. Lee Chuu Sang to our school community! With a Master's in Chinese Literature from Chung Cheng University and a Bachelor's from Feng Chia University, both in Taiwan, Ms. Lee brings a wealth of knowledge and experience. She has previously taught at Orbix International School in Klang and will be teaching Mandarin and Moral studies at MIS. Ms. Lee is passionate about helping students improve their Mandarin proficiency and develop stronger language skills. We are excited to have her on board and look forward to the positive impact she will make! Welcome, Ms. Lee!



We are thrilled to welcome Ms. Shivaani Muthaiah to our school community! A passionate educator and psychology graduate from UCSI University, Ms. Shivaani brings a wealth of experience in mental health, early childhood education, and leadership. From her internship at Manipal University Melaka to her impactful work at Gymboree Play and Music School and the Zomi Education Center, she has dedicated herself to nurturing young minds. Now teaching Global Perspectives and History & Geography, Ms. Shivaani is committed to creating inclusive, engaging lessons that inspire critical thinking and global awareness. Join us in welcoming this dynamic educator as she embarks on her journey to shape future leaders!



Ms. Thevimeena is a dynamic and passionate educator. With a Bachelor's Degree in Biology and Business Management (Education), she brings a wealth of experience teaching Biology, English, Moral Education, and History. Her innovative, VARK-based approach to teaching Mathematics for Years 4, 5, 7, and 8 promises to make learning engaging and meaningful. Having fostered critical thinking through PAK-21 activities and supported SPM students, Ms. Thevimeena is dedicated to inspiring a lifelong love for STEM subjects. Join us in welcoming her as she continues to inspire and empower our students!





Teacher of The Month!

Mr. Bryan Lim has been named Teacher of the Month for February 2025 at Melaka International School (MIS), where he has taught Art & Design for 11 years. Renowned for his innovative teaching, Mr. Lim emphasizes emotional connections, individuality, and creativity, encouraging students to prioritize ideas over technical skills. He integrates critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creativity into his lessons, fostering open-mindedness and respect for diversity. Mr. Lim believes in mutual learning, stating he gains as much from his students as they do from him. His dedication aligns with MIS's motto, "Every Student, A Success Story," making him an inspiration to the school community.

Congratulations, Mr. Bryan Lim!

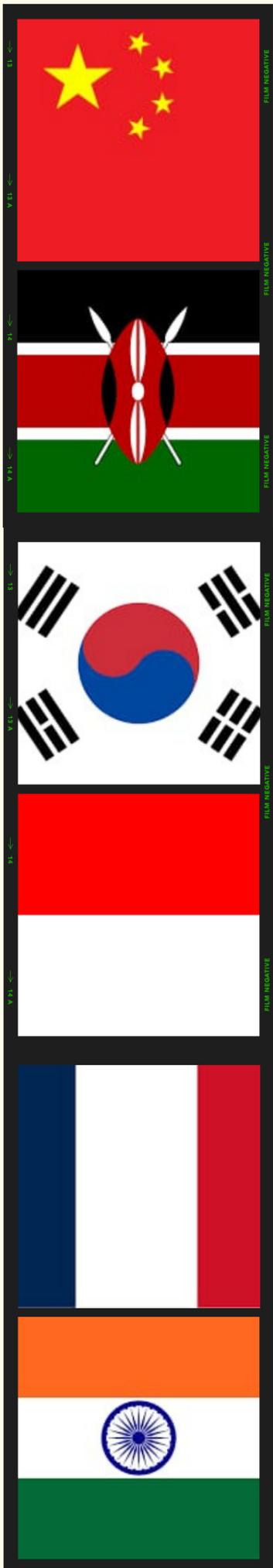


OUR GLOBAL CLASSROOM MAKEOVER

Step into our classrooms and embark on a journey across continents! This year, our walls tell stories of the world. Each corner represents a different country, bursting with culture, colour, and creativity.

- Year 1 – China: Discover the Great Wall and vibrant lanterns.
- Year 2 – Kenya: Explore savannas and Maasai traditions.
- Year 3 – Republic of Korea: Dive into K-pop and hanbok fashion.
- Year 4 – Indonesia: Wander through lush rainforests and temples.
- Year 5 – France: Stroll past the Eiffel Tower and taste croissants.
- Year 6 – India: Celebrate Diwali and marvel at the Taj Mahal.
- Year 7 – Italy: Toss pizza dough and admire Renaissance art.
- Year 8 – England: Sip tea near Big Ben and Shakespeare’s Globe.
- Year 9 – Brazil: Samba through Carnival and the Amazon.
- Year 10 – Canada: Canoe past maple trees and the Northern Lights.
- Year 11 – Germany: Explore castles and Oktoberfest cheer.
- Staffroom – Malaysia: Relax in tropical vibes and savour nasi lemak.

Every day feels like a new adventure as we learn about languages, traditions, and landmarks. Who knew the world could fit inside our classrooms? Pack your curiosity—our global exploration has just begun!



**Mid-Term PTC:
An Afternoon of Connection and
Collaboration!**

On the last day of February, the MIS library buzzed with energy as parents and teachers came together for the Mid-Term Parent-Teacher Conference! It was a heartwarming afternoon filled with meaningful conversations about student progress, goals, and strategies for success. Parents expressed gratitude for the personalised insights and practical tips to support their children ahead of the Mid-Year Assessments. From celebrating achievements to brainstorming ways to overcome challenges, the PTC was a true partnership between home and school. A big thank you to everyone who made it an afternoon to remember—here's to continued growth and success!

