

SUNWAY International School (SIS) built its success by offering one of the most highly respected curricula in the world, the Ontario Secondary School Programme.

In the fifth Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) under the aegis of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Canada ranked first in the world for reading, mathematics and science in the testing of 15- and 16-year-old students from 65 English-speaking countries.

Building a strong foundation in these critical aspects has provided SIS students with a springboard to launch individual strengths and reap academic excellence throughout their secondary school careers. The unique Ontario approach focuses on students' continuous development with formative assessment that is cumulative and consistent, derived primarily from coursework and a final portion allotted to an end-of-semester evaluation.

Early exposure to this style of practical assessment endows students with smart study skills, real-world knowledge to develop critical thinking and an experiential reflection as well as consistency in their responsibility as students.

SIS has recently received the IB (International Baccalaureate) World School status and will be offering the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) by next year in the Bandar Sunway campus.

With this status, not only will SIS incorporate two of the world's most esteemed curricula in its programme offerings but, more importantly, it will expand the pre-university qualifications

Paving a pathway



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available to students.

Many of the goals in the IB programme, including to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young individuals to positively impact the communities they live in, parallel the objectives in the Ontario Secondary School curriculum practised at SIS.

The IB programme requires students to study multiple subject disciplines, which eventually lead to their examinations after two years of rigorous study.

Students explore the connections

between these areas through an international perspective, reflect critically on aspects of knowledge, pursue independent research as well as have the opportunity to apply their knowledge and skills through local and community service.

This complements SIS' Ontario curriculum in significant ways. SIS is an adroit administrator of the multiple course combinations as this method is the default framework practised with its students in secondary school

towards strengthening their capabilities and discovering their talents.

The individual course Independent Study Unit, a project with 30% weightage that requires students to apply the theories learnt and expound it further with external research, gives SIS students a comparative advantage to take on the extended essay and Theory of Knowledge components of IB.

This course requires students to produce a completed mini thesis,

which the students then present to their peers.

The CAS (creativity, action and service) elements in IB mirror the existing tenets prevalent in the Ontario curriculum and are geared to arrive at similar outcomes for students, which are to achieve personal growth, foster collaboration and teamwork as well as provide an avenue for students to express themselves through creative arts.

As the overall education philosophies, curricula content and delivery model of both the IB and Ontario programmes are substantially similar, compatible and interchangeable, students may transfer from one programme to the other with relative ease.

In this curriculum delivery model, all students can continue accumulating credits and be eligible to receive the Ontario Secondary School Diploma while those who choose otherwise may pursue the IB Diploma.

Both these programmes assure students' progress to higher study as the global recognition of these qualifications pave the way for students to pursue specialisations in their chosen field of study at prestigious institutions anywhere in the world.

Meet the dedicated SIS team at the Mid Valley Convention Centre at the Private & International School Fair this Saturday and Sunday (Nov 5 and 6).

■ For more information, visit www.sis.sunway.edu.my.