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Phuket International Academy (PIA) is to become the first and only United World College (UWC) in Thailand

Phuket, Thailand – Phuket International Academy (PIA), located

within the grounds of Thanyapura, in the north of Phuket, is set to become the first and only United World College (UWC) in Thailand, after two years of hard work and discussions with the London based organisation.

With an alumni represented by more than 55,000 graduates from all around the globe, UWC has gained a worldwide reputation for developing young people who have a desire to work towards achieving peace and sustainable future.

“We are excited about the direction in which the school is moving”, said Julian Whiteley, Chief Executive of Phuket International Academy. “We aim to challenge our students in all areas of our educational programme and encourage them to take the initiative, exercise self-discipline and accept responsibility for their actions. By so doing, they will develop the skills and qualities necessary for them to live happy and successful lives.”

The decision to create a UWC in Phuket will transform the educational landscape on the island and promote growth in the north, particularly with the school being so close to the airport.

“Already, I have talked with some parents who are changing their life plan because they want their children to be educated at a UWC. We have also had a number of people contacting us from Bangkok as they have heard the news and intend to move to Phuket to be part of our community.”

Julian Whiteley, formerly the Head of the United World College of South East Asia, Singapore, which is widely acknowledged as being amongst the top ten international schools in the world, moved to Phuket because he shared the vision of the founder of Thanyapura and Phuket International Academy.

“Not only are the aspirations of UWC

and Phuket International Academy very similar, they align perfectly with my own philosophy of education and life. At the heart of this is a deeply held belief that education is about the personnel development of all aspects of a child, it is not just about academics. Whilst it is possible to learn a certain amount in the classroom, so much more can be learnt by interacting with the world outside school. Hence the emphasis we place on outdoor education and service to the community.”

In August, the school will welcome 25 scholars from around the world who have been selected, not because of their academic ability, but their leadership skills and desire to be future change-makers. They will add to the cultural diversity of the school

Phuket International Academy, due to become United World College Thailand in August 2016, is located at Thanyapura, 115/15 Moo.7 , Thepkasattri Rd., Thalang, Phuket and can be reached via phone at +66 76 336 076 or through their website www.phuketinternationalacademy.com.

Metinee Kingpayom, top model and commentator of The Face and The Star



“Initially, I feel lucky that I decided to choose PIA for my son, Skye, as the school has a great

Metinee Kingpayom

environment. The school provides a wide range of great facilities for both children and parents as well as activities that all can join together and bond a good relationship.”

“I really feel excited to hear that PIA will become the United World College

of Thailand (UWCT) according to their excellent reputation across the world. United World College (UWC) is well recognised by its unique design of curriculum offering a wide vision for the students. We are living in the modern world and studying only in textbook is not enough to make a successful person.”

“There are already a number of mix nationality in PIA and after it becomes UWCT, there will be even more diversity of nationality. I believe that the mix nationality, race and culture together with the smart designed curriculum of UWC will enhance our children to learn to understand others and respect the difference. These children is growing up to create a bright future and peacefully develop the world to a better place.”

Boon Yongsakul, Chairman of Boat Development Company



“PIA was my choice because I could see the great

Boon Yongsakul

environment in the school. The surroundings are very natural and people are nice. I want my kid to grow up in this friendly atmosphere.”

“I heard about PIA getting chosen to be UWCT. It is a really great opportunity as I recognise that UWC is a very well-known educational network that creates an academic program making students learn more than just in the classroom but the wide world.”

“I am keen to see the great changes when it completely becomes UWCT as I believe in the UWC brand and even believe that there will be more and more UWC network across the globe.”

Anthony Gould, Director of Galileo Maritime Academy



Anthony Gould

“When we moved to Phuket we visited all the leading international schools and were particularly impressed by the atmosphere

at PIA. The friendliness of staff and students to all of us and the attitude of the head of school towards our daughter Victoria was warm and genuine. The location is stunning and the facilities are amazing, so it was an easy choice for my wife and I and also for Victoria.”

“I was quite excited to hear that PIA was to become the Thailand UWC because the UWC movement appeals to my sense of humanity, i.e. that openness, awareness and sharing throughout education and in a transnational context are the keys to living a valuable life and creating a better world. So I am happy that my daughter will be part of that movement and we hope that she will grow up with an open mind and worldly understanding way beyond pure academic achievement.”

**Garry Kirkland, Project Director ,
Marriott Vacation Club, Asia
Pacific**



Garry Kirkland

I chose PIA for my children because of the IB program. By teaching children to consider their learning in both local

and global contexts, IB supports a strong international view of the world.

When I heard that PIA was chosen to be a UWC school I knew that the PIA student's international view would develop to an even higher level. The diversity of students provided by the UWC connection will provide learning experiences for the children to consider all questions from an even more diverse global context, important for educating the international leaders of tomorrow.

I welcome the UWC and look forward to the new energy that will be created by the diversified student mix.



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