

THE SPIRIT OF SPORTSMANSHIP

Equine Park, Selangor, Malaysia: 3-6 December 2009... The Alice Smith School recently hosted the U15 FOBISSEA (Federation of British International Schools in South East Asia) Games for eight international schools around the South East Asian region. The heavy downpour on the morning of the event did not dampen the spirits of over 250 students as loud cheers and claps were heard throughout.

Competitions were held over three days. Students participated in swimming, athletics, basketball and football. The events took place at the school's Secondary Campus at Equine Park and at the Panasonic Stadium for the athletics events.

The FOBISSEA Games is known as the 'friendly games', but that does not mean rivalry is not intense! Standards in both team and individual events have been rising every year and there were some outstanding individual and team performances.

The FOBISSEA Games is one of the many highlights of the school's sporting calendar as an opportunity to compete at the highest level against other international schools across Asia. However, the Games is far more than just collecting medals and score rankings. In today's borderless society, the Games provide an ideal opportunity for students to foster new friendships and adapt to each other's cultures and way of living.

Hosting an event of this magnitude is a massive undertaking. Secondary Faculty Leader for Physical Education, Mr Andy Charman attributed the successful hosting of the FOBISSEA Games, to a team of dedicated parents, coaches, staff and students plus the support from our generous sponsors: 360 Financial, Jarrod & Rawlins and PepsiCo Malaysia.



Cheering for their respective teams



Fostering new friendships



Alice Smith and Bangkok Patana in close-tie for the first place



Team spirit - briefing by coach, Andy Charman before the match starts