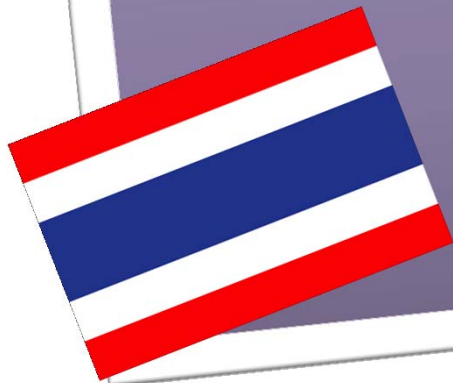


Chiang Mai, Thailand 2013



25th to 29th November 2013

From the 25th to 29th November 2013, 29 Dance Club members and 3 teachers, embarked on an unforgettable journey to the north of Thailand – the cultural heart of the country – Chiang Mai.

The students and teachers spent five days and four nights in the land of smiles in hopes to gain exposure in the nuances of Thai dance and culture. The main objective of the trip was to allow students to immerse themselves in a dance master class organised by the *Chiang Mai College of Dramatic Arts*. Our Greenridgeans were taught a traditional dance piece by the seniors of the college, which challenged our students' to practice their coordination skills and sense of control. The dance piece learned by our students was performed in our exchange school, *Thakhum Ngern Wittayakarn School*, in display of their appreciation for the craft. Our students also got the chance to watch a typical lesson conducted by experienced dance veterans to young Thai students and witnessed the value of hard work and discipline towards the arts.

The second objective of this learning journey to Chiang Mai was to give our students the opportunity to appreciate Thai culture and its rich language. Our students had the chance to interact with Thai students, trying their very best to communicate and to have fun together. This was especially so when our students travelled to *Bann Pang Hai Primary School*, a far away village school and taught various English songs and games to the children. Our Greenridgeans also visited historical sites of Chiang Mai such as the revered mountain temple *Doi Sutep*, the *Chedi Temple*, and the *3 Kings Monument*, to name a few.

It was indeed an enriching and memorable experience for students and teachers alike as they learned much from the various interactions with the Thai students and locals, opening up their eyes and broadening their minds.



Greenridge Secondary School students and staff at one of the schools visited, Thakhum Ngern Wittayakarn School, Thailand.



Teacher-in-charge of GSS Dance Club, Mdm Zou Yan, exchanging gifts with dance instructors from Chiang Mai College of Dramatic Arts.

From Each His Best



Classroom Experience

Students from GSS Dance Club interacting with students from the village primary school – teaching them English songs and games.

Morning Assembly

Students from both countries participating in the morning assembly in *Thakhum Ngern Wittayakarn School*.



Umbrella Factory

Students honing their artistic skills as they paint and decorate their own paper umbrellas as souvenirs.



Excursion to Maesa Elephant Camp

The students interacting with the elephants before the show.

