

# YANGON ACADEMY

## INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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**Yangon Academy 20th Anniversary December Program**

Yangon Academy celebrated its 20th anniversary in spectacular fashion by organizing a celebration at the Novotel Grand Ballroom on December 13th, 2023. We were delighted to host our exclusive sponsor, AYA Bank, along with sponsors, Aesthetic, Propoliz Vita C, Forza Co.Ltd, Royal D, EMC Lab, Mr. Screen, and Arkar Sum Company. Mr. Mike Gordon and Ms. Khin Khin hosted the event where parents, teachers, and staff enjoyed performances from our students in ECC, KG, and all Elementary grades. Secondary music and choir performances were led by music teachers Naw Lin Nandar Zaw and Kyaw Khaing Htun.



## International Day

On Friday afternoon, January 26th, Yangon Academy celebrated its annual international day with the aim of celebrating diverse cultures and people around the world. Each grade and advisory class hosted a booth themed as another country, selling food and facilitating games. Yangon Academy would like to give a sincere thank you to all the parents who showed up and helped support our community - we couldn't have done it without you!



## Robotics Club

Yangon Academy's robotics program is ramping up by cooperating with the Fun and Learn after school program where students will learn from specialists about how to build and program robots. There is a separate program for elementary and middle school students that meet Thursday afternoons from 3:30 - 4:30. The fee for the elementary program is 1.6 lakh and 1.8 lakh for the middle school program. If you and your child are interested you may contact Su Lei in the elementary office and May Zin or Naw Gay in the secondary office.



## Art Field Trip



On January 11th, Grade 9 and AP Art students visited the Sky View Art Gallery to explore the "A Living Legacy of Myanmar Impressionist" exhibition by Dr. Lun Gywe, who is widely regarded as the finest living impressionist artist in Myanmar today.

## International Math Competition (IMC)

Yangon Academy students are continuing to excel in international mathematics competitions. Great job Wolves!

### IMC Math Competition

Grade 9: Yishika Gupta Silver

### AMO Math Competition

Online hosted by T&H. Taken October 22nd.

Grade 3: Aung Khant Hein Thu Bronze

Grade 4 Thiri Khine Zaw Silver

Grade 5 Myat Htut Oo Bronze

Grade 5 Thuta Htay Bronze

Grade 8 Thiri Myint Oo Thu Bronze



# MISAC Sports



Yangon Academy's U14 volleyball and U19 football team played their hearts out this season through weekly practices and competitive matches with six other schools. U14 girls volleyball entered the season 2 MISAC tournament with a record of 5-1, only losing to BSY and earned 1<sup>st</sup> place in the MISAC league and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the MISAC tournament. U14 boys volleyball also entered the season 2 MISAC tournament with a record of 5-1, only losing to BSY. and earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the MISAC league and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the MISAC tournament.

The U19 girls football team finished the season with a record of 2-3-1, earning 3<sup>rd</sup> place in league standings. The U19 boys football team concluded the season with a record of 1-3-2, finishing with 5th place in league standings.

MISAC's season 3 has now started and U19 boys and girls basketball practice and U14 boys football is in full swing! The first games begin the week of February 19 - 23. Go Wolves!



## Swimming Gala

The 2024 MISAC Swimming Gala will be hosted by BSY on Friday, March 9 starting at 8:00 a.m. This athletics event is a friendly competition for U14 and U19 student-athletes of all ability levels. Events at the competition will include the 50 meter freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke, and butterfly as well as a 200 meter medley relay. This is a fantastic opportunity for our YA student-athletes to display their swimming skills! Any student who is interested can contact Mr. Brett Poncia or Coach Barani for more information or to sign up.

## Community Service Club



The Community Service Club hosted a donation drive for Twilight Villa, a retirement home for those unfortunate enough not to have family members able to care for them. On Sunday, Dec. 3rd, representatives from the club delivered the items and got a tour of the facility. Kudos to the community service club for taking action and modeling being a responsible global citizen!



## Environmental Club

In collaboration with Trash Hero, a local non-profit, The Environmental Club hosted an after school neighborhood trash pick up outside Yangon Academy's gates on Tuesday, Dec. 12th.

## Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

The PAC committee met on January 24th where Yangon Academy met parent representatives to discuss International Day, Week Without Walls, staff professional development, MAP science testing, and other issues.

## Upcoming

- Feb. 9: Professional Development Day for faculty and staff. No school for students.
- Feb. 12: Union Day no school
- Feb. 13: U19 basketball scrimmage vs Thalun International School at Yangon Academy 3:30 - 5:30
- Feb. 15: Sports Day for ECC and KG at Yangon Academy.
- Feb. 16: Sports Day. Students need to arrive at Yangon United Sports Complex (YUSC) by 7:30 am to enjoy a half day of field competitions. The competitions will end at 11:30 at which time students will go home.
- Feb. 23 - 25: Model United Nations Conference at YIS
- Feb. 27 - 29: Week Without Walls. Students will reinforce and develop their global perspectives and learning by attending day trips with their colleagues to Bago, Yangon's National and Archaeological Museum, National Day Race Village, Hmawbi Camping, and Community service projects.
- Mar 1: U11 Football Tournament at BSY
- Mar. 9: MISAC Swimming Gala. Location yet to be determined.

**Math Competitions:** Students can continue to participate in mathematics competitions at Yangon Academy. The Math Kangaroo Competition will take place on March 22nd and the Singapore and Asian Schools Math Olympiad will take place on April 7th. More information on these competitions can be found at [www.edugain.com](http://www.edugain.com). The competitions are organized by the T&H Center, but students can contact the office for registration forms.