

1ST INTERNATIONAL GREEN CAMP

FROM 21ST APRIL TO 28TH APRIL



SMS





ABOUT SMS

The students of SMS are trained to handle curricular and co-curricular activities simultaneously. Care is taken to instil self-discipline in their receptive minds. They are schooled to become responsible leaders with a commitment to society. Under the canopy of the school motto “Loyalty, Truth and Honour”, the students, the staff and the management of St. Mark’s endeavour not only to enable students to compete with others for a place in the professional outlets, but also imbue them with social awareness, pride in their rich cultural heritage and a sense of responsibility towards the nation.



SMS GLOBAL PROGRAMME

The SMS Global Program is an initiative by the school to equip the students with a global perspective. The educational experiences offered in this program in the context of real world issues will widen their horizons and enrich their lives, which will stand them in good stead. SMS believes in giving learning opportunities beyond geographical boundaries, which allow our students to network with their peers overseas and make connections with what they have learnt in the classroom with the real world. We have global collaboration with many institutions such as face to faith, AEC, GVC, iearn, epals. As a result we have a strong global bond.



ABOUT 1ST INTERNATIONAL GREEN CAMP

More than 100 campers composed of educators and secondary school students from Indonesia, India, Korea and the Philippines are taking part in this year's Bangus Festival 1st International Green Camp that kicked off on April 24 and will end on the 27th at the National Integrated Fisheries Technology and Development Centre (NIFTDC) compound in Bonuan Binloc. Ms. Maria Linda Ventenilla, project proponent, said the camp started with the theme "Clean and Green Environment is our Global Assignment", is a convergence of educators and students who



share the common goal of protecting and caring for the environment.

The participants include 27 from Jombang City, Indonesia; 14 from New Delhi, India; five from Korea and the rest from Davao City and Dagupan City.

OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of this programme were:

- To equip our students with a global perspective. The educational experiences offered in this programme in the context of real world issues will widen their horizons and enrich their lives which will stand them in good stead.
- To give learning opportunities beyond geographical boundaries which allow students to network with their peers overseas and make connections with what they have learnt in the classroom with the real world.
- To deepen student's knowledge and appreciation of the culture of Philippines through exposure and education to the Filipino culture.
- To allow students to develop confidence and public speaking skills through presentations, performances, meetings and interactions.

DAY 1: 21ST APRIL 2014

The trip started with 7 children of class 10 and 11 and our teacher coordinator Ms. Manisha pathak assembling at the Indira Gandhi International airport at 7:30. We all then checked in, explored the airport



AT INDIRA
GANDHI
INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT

and boarded the flight. This marked the end of our first day and beginning of a new journey...



DAY 2: 22ND APRIL 2014



The flight landed at Hong Kong international airport which is known to be the world's busiest airport at around 6 a.m. We had about 25 minutes to board the flight to Clark international airport, Philippines.

There were some issues with Mansimar's boarding pass so we had some trouble but in the end we boarded the flight in time.

After a 2hr journey we reached the Clark international airport, Philippines. Then we met our teacher co-ordinators who accompanied us in the 3hr road trip to Dagupan. We halted for lunch at a local eatery where we saw live fishes being killed, cooked and served. It was a new experience for all of us...Then we reached our cottage and went to our rooms, rested for a while and went to a beach nearby. We had a refreshing dip in the sea waters and had fun.



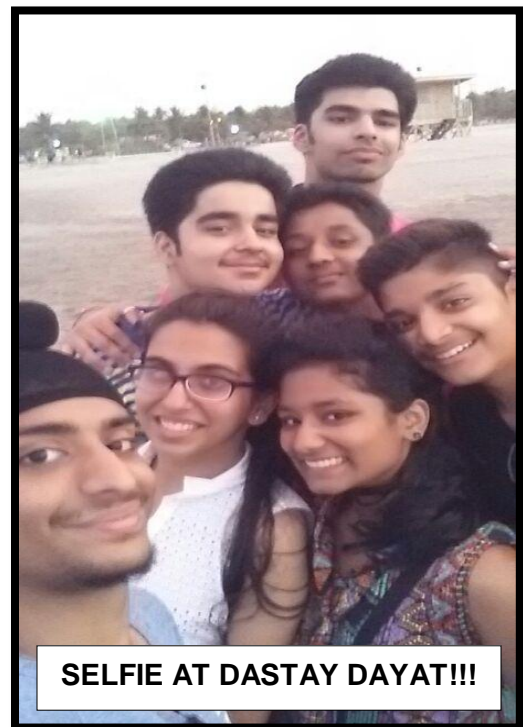
ENJOYING AT THE BEACH...!!!

DAY 3: 23RD APRIL 2014



It was the day of official meet with the representatives. The weather was hot and sunny, we travelled by the public transport to meet Ms. Gloria Torres, schools division superintendent and also the vice superintendent.

Then we met our escorts for today who accompanied us throughout the day. Then we went to city plaza museum to have a look at the costumes worn by the dancers at the traditional dance festival. Thereafter we went to the city mall to shop and have lunch. Then we headed for the province of the Pangasinan where we saw the official workplace of the city. After this we walked down to the 'DASTAY DAYAT' beach, which was a relaxing time for all of us. This marked the end of our memorable day exploring the city.



DAY 4: 24TH APRIL 2014

We started the day by visiting the mayor, Ms. Belen t. Fernandez and after which we moved to the campsite. The main event began! All of us went to BFAR wherein we had most of the activities; we got ourselves



registered for the Global assignment. Thereafter, we got a yellow t-shirt with “CLEAN AND GREEN ENVIRONMENT –our global assignment printed on it”. At about 12 o'clock all of us were grouped with students of different nationalities i.e. MALAYSIA, SOUTH KOREA,

INDONESIA and PHILIPPINES. There were 4 groups WIND, WATER, FIRE, EARTH, and HEART. We introduced ourselves to the group buddies and thereby had a task of preparing a yell. Time passed by and then we witnessed some cultural presentations, heard some inspirational messages by the Mayor Ms. [Belen T.Fernandez]. All of us rose for the national anthem. After that we had our dinner and went to our respective tents. It was a tiring yet fulfilled day!!



DAY 5: 25TH APRIL 2014

The day started with a discussion at dining hall about the day ahead. We all divided our groups into three teams for the three major activities of the day. One of the team went for fishing competition where we had to catch fishes bare handed! The second team got involved in survival vest



FUN WHILE FISHING!!!

making with recyclable material and the third took the task of making a flag representing their respective groups and create awareness to conserve our

Mother Earth. After all this ended, we presented our school's initiatives like goonj and nirman enterprise. We also put up a stall and tried to sell nirman bags.



SELLING NIRMAN BAGS...

As the day progressed we went to the city plaza for banner making activity which was interrupted due to heavy rain. We rushed quickly to the CSI mall for experiencing a live concert, had dinner and retreated back to BFAR...altogether it was an enjoyable yet tiring day...



EXCHANGE OF MOMENTOS WITH MAYOR



FUN WITH COLOURS...!

DAY 6: 26TH APRIL 2014

We started the day early with the students getting up at 4 a.m. We all got



ready and put out our best efforts to save the mother earth. We did activities like tree plantation and coastal cleanup. Then we went back to the dining hall for breakfast.

After breakfast, the buses were ready for our departure to

Baguio city which

was the summer capital of Philippines. It was a 4 hour journey to the hill station.

Our first stop was the lion carved out of a mountain slope. We reached the Burnham Park and did many fun filled activities like boating and cycling. We further moved to the mines view, botanical garden and the famous SM mall



of Philippines. We returned back to BFAR and hurriedly prepared presentations for the bonfire. The bonfire began with the presentations of team flags, yells followed by short skit presentation and song interpretation performed by all five groups. The bonfire symbolised the end of the day.



DAY 7: 27TH APRIL 2014



This was our final day at BFAR, Dagupan city. We all were the special guests at the parade of the north on special invitation by the mayor. This parade is considered the largest cultural fiesta in Philippines. Then we

headed for the mall for final shopping and then returned back to BFAR for the farewell ceremony. The farewell ceremony began at 5 p.m. and started with cultural dances of Philippines followed by dance presentations of

the guest countries. We then pledged to conserve nature by giving our handprint on the pledge. The ceremony ended with prize distribution which was as follows-group EARTH headed by Arsh Tayal bagged four



prizes and group WATER headed by Rohan Garg won two prizes. The country was made proud when Rohan and Arsh got the prize for best presentation and Dev Soni won the

award for most active camper... this was how the first international green camp came to an end!!!



DAY 8: 28TH APRIL 2014

This was the last morning in Dagupan city, we got up early this morning at around 3:30...We got ready and boarded the buses for a 3 hour journey to Clark international. We reached Clarke international airport and bade farewell to our teacher escorts at Philippines .We entered the



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airport ,fulfilled the formalities and went straight into the duty free to complete our shopping at Philippines .After an hour of shopping we boarded the flight .

We reached Hong Kong international airport where we had a stop for about 5 hours...It was an enjoyable stay at Hong Kong duty free as there was a lot to explore like clothes, games, chocolates, watches and food too...we enjoyed our meal at Hong Kong airport and boarded the

flight to new Delhi.

At last we reached our final destination of the trip, the place where we had started from, INDIRA GANDHI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, we all, happy to see our families a bit emotional bidding farewell to each other, completed our 7 day adventurous, enjoyable and memorable tour...



LANDING AT HONGKONG...!!!

UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES



IMPRINTS

- **FROM STUDENT.....**
- **ARSH TAYAL**- I wasn't convinced about this trip in the beginning but after going there and meeting children from other countries I was very happy. Attending the camp was a great experience for me. It felt great spreading the word of nature and this will be a memorable trip of mine...!!!
- **FROM TEACHERS AT PHILIPPINES....**
- **Ms. MARIA LINDA R. VENTENILLA** - Among the international delegates to the camp, the Indian students outshined their foreign friends. Their energy during the entire camp period was evident in different activities. They've helped their respective teams/groups in completing and eventually winning contests during the camp. In addition, the "Most Active Camper" award was given to one of the Indian nationals Dev Soni, a proof that their participation during the camp is indeed meaningful and productive. Indian students showed that they can easily blend with other cultures by leading their teams in different activities. They've shown great teamwork in activities which include, 'Fishing in the Pond', "Color My World Green', 'Tree Planting and Coastal Clean-Up' among others.

- **FROM OUR TEACHER :**

- **Ms. MANISHA PATHAK** - Journeys in our lives always broaden up our horizons, educate us in some way or the other and change our perspective. Well that what this journey did to me and the children probably. The excitement to be in a foreign land was quickly replaced by anxiety of taking our space in a 3 room cottage which was to be shared by 15 people. The international green camp started in which our children were the clear stars in every sense of the word. In between a lot many trips to the local malls kept us nicely rejuvenated.Dev soni winning the best camper and other children also getting prizes for their groups were my proud moments.tha Philippine children were definitely extremely well mannered and overall it was a nicely managed event. We made our trip enjoyable despite the handicap of proper food by keeping our wits at large. A good learning experience for the children and me. So, in the end salamet po, as they used to say in Philippines....good bye.

- **FROM STUDENT'S PARENT :**

- **Ms.VANDANA SONI ,DEV SONI,S MOTHER** - It was golden but risky opportunity for dev to go to the 1st international green camp as it was the 1st time such an event was being hosted. But by god's grace all turned out to be well and it became an unforgettable trip for children as well as us.

WORDS FROM VICE PRINCIPAL



I am happy that our students got an opportunity to attend the Green Camp. Further, they interacted and learnt from students of different nationalities.

At St. Mark's School, we believe in giving such exposure to our students for this broadens their horizons and they become good global citizens. Our school is a Green School by itself. Our Eco Club does its best to take care of Planet Earth. Be it planting saplings, saying NO to crackers or even making organic colours to celebrate the festival of colours Holi, the members of Eco club work hard to save the planet.

I am sure we shall attend more such camps and help build a better world for the future generation.

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