

### **GLOBAL SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP-Teacher exchange visit**



Two teachers from SAI International school India, Lopamudra Das and Snigdha Dash visited England for 10 days from 1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> of October on a teacher exchange program of the DFID GSP program supported by the British Govt.

Both the teachers left Bhubaneswar on 1<sup>st</sup> of October and reached London on 2<sup>nd</sup> morning. The

host teacher Kathryn extended a warm welcome when they reached at her home.

School activities were thoroughly planned from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> of October. They visited the Camden Junior School on 2<sup>nd</sup> and had a warm welcome by the teachers and students. The teachers planned a lot of activities with the students of Camden Junior School like yoga, Indian food, Indian festivals, Indian clothing and Indian animals. Children were very enthusiastic to know about India and they had thousands of queries about India. All the 5 days were really fun filled and the teachers got a wonderful chance to observe some of the classes.



As the teachers were staying with a family they got a chance to know about the English life style and food.

Teachers went to see London on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of October. They visited Buckingham palace, London eye, London aquarium, Big Ben, Madam Tussauds etc.

The teachers returned to India on 10<sup>th</sup> of October with a treasure of experience and loads of Knowledge.



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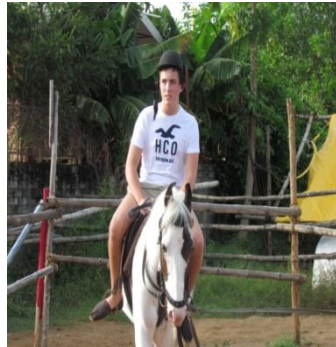


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## International Tour To Hongkong – Macau-A razzle-dazzle experience



SAI International school believes in making learning effective and meaningful by taking the children on a ride of experiences through activities beyond the classroom. The young learners are exposed to a wide array of experiences in and out of the country to widen their horizon of learning and to arouse a quest for gaining more and more knowledge about the planet they are living in. Educursions, in other

words excursions for the purpose of education, are an integral aspect of the curriculum at SAI. Every year the students get an opportunity to go on educursions to several places of interest in the country and abroad. The International trips make the students independent, confident and above all prepare them to face the challenges for a better future.

This year the School organized a trip to Hong Kong and Macau and the most attractive destination for the students-The Disney Land. 15 students along with two teachers had the opportunity of visiting the wonder land Hong Kong and Macau. Besides having a panoramic view of the places, the group had a tour of the Ocean Park and the astounding Disney land.



Fifteen students and two teachers flew to their dream destination on 5<sup>th</sup> October with an excited heart and jubilant mood to explore this part of the Globe. The highly motivated team left Bhubaneswar on 05<sup>th</sup> October and reached Hongkong on 6<sup>th</sup> morning. The local Guide Mr. Riki



Chow was waiting at the airport to take the group on a city tour. The memorable journey began with a tour of the Hongkong Jewellers Factory where they witnessed the making of traditional Chinese jewellery and then more exciting places like the Victoria Peak, world's largest floating hotel and then the highest Tram ride in the world having a glance of the Private cruise of Jackie Chan, the Famous Hollywood actor. They went to the Repulse Bay Beach in the evening where they saw the House of Jackie Chan. The day ended for the group with the most spectacular and colourful sight "The Symphony of Lights".

The next day was awaited with utter eagerness as the next trip was to the Disney Land. Starting with the "Tomorrow Land" where the children enjoyed different types of Rides Like Ghost Galaxy, Space mountain, Buzz Light year & many more and then the Adventure land where they went for Adventure ride and to the Tarzan House and the fairy Land and to add to all these they watched many shows like Golden Mickey, 3-D Magic, Revenge of the Headless Horseman, Story of the Lion King etc. and saw the Disney land famous Haloween Parade on the Famous Streets of U.S. The amazing fireworks show at the Cindrella Castle was the ultimate experience of the day.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> day at Hogkong was a fabulous journey to the Ocean Park where they group enjoyed mind-blowing rides like Dragon, Mine Train, Space wheel, Flash, Abyss, Raging River. It was followed by a trip to Macau where the visit to the Golden Lotus gifted by the Chinese Governor to Macau and the Ruins of St. Paul's Church was a great experience.

The adventurous and life time trip came to an end on 10<sup>th</sup> of October when the 17 member team came back home after experiencing a magnificent and cherishing journey.