Message from the Principal

Greetings from Hong Kong,

AYJglobal students and staff are in our final week of instruction. In the last three weeks our teachers actively delivered the Ontario curriculum expectations as well as encouraged and supported students to achieve their best.

Each morning as I welcome students to school I noticed the many friendships that have blossomed and grown. These friendships are the foundations of life-long social support and networking. Many students have taken the unique studying opportunity at AYJglobal to learn, live and lead. Residential students collaborated on school work while sharing many leisure and social interactions to build strong friends and bonds.

During this final week students will be busy preparing for culminating activities and final exams. In the fourth week of our program teachers continue to invite students to seek additional support. I wish to take this opportunity to wish all our students good luck on their finals.

Throughout this newsletter you will read about student success stories, the cooperative education showcase and many photographic snapshots of students and teachers taken in the first three weeks of our program.

Best regards,

Kien Luu
**AYJglobal Business**

BAF 3M1  
The grade 11 accounting students have now completed the accounting cycle for a business in the service industry. In the coming week, students will examine the accounting procedures for a merchandising business and finally in preparation for the grade 12 curriculum, financial ratios.

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Students have been working very hard on their culminating presentation for International Business. Next week students will reflect on the business skills and educational requirements for various careers in the global marketplace.

**AYJglobal English**

As the final week of summer school approaches, the English classes are preparing for final exams and culminating activities. The grade ten students are working diligently on their newspaper assignment, which is based on either Shakespeare's classic tragedy, *Romeo and Juliet* or William Golding's modern masterpiece *Lord of the Flies*. Meanwhile, the grade eleven students completed work on Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, which included a literary essay, a reading test, and a movie review of the acclaimed 2010 PBS production starring Patrick Stewart. Currently, the grade eleven students are reading the Booker Prize winning novel *Life of Pi*, and they have completed a storytelling presentation based on this novel. Finally, the grade twelve students are continuing their culminating activity, which includes a literary essay on novels by acclaimed novelists, including Canada's very own Rawi Hage, who has won numerous literary awards for his novels, *De Niro's Game* and *Cockroach*.

**AYJglobal Co-operative Education**

What is learned in the classroom lays an essential foundation for a student’s future successes. However, education is not only the academics learned at school. Real life business experiences and co-operative education opportunities give students the chance to put into practice what they have learned in the classroom while at the same time broaden their exposure to a variety of things that schools cannot provide. In co-operative education, students enjoy a broad based learning opportunity through multiple sources as well as see a tremendous amount of personal development and personal growth. Our students are currently networking with people in industry who one day might be their colleagues, their employers, their suppliers or their customers.

**AYJglobal Mathematics**

After three weeks of mathematics, the students are really starting to connect with one another. They made friends in their own classes and intrigued other students with math questions. What a great way to build interdisciplinary learning!

Students' social interactions have flourished as well as their academic development. The math teachers are finding that students are asking questions that demonstrate a higher thinking level and a more thorough curiosity towards the concepts that they are learning. Students are making wonderful efforts to arrive early to school in order to seek extra help to complete their homework and review for quizzes and tests.
This week our students working in a prominent law firm in Central, had the opportunity to visit the High Court and witness the proceedings. Prior to this, they assisted in completing documents and summarizing information needed by the law firm. While in another part of Hong Kong, one of our co-op students was working with the Quality Assurance staff of a well known catering organization that provides food to many airlines, Air Canada among them. Learning about food sciences allows our co-op student an inside look at the many applications her biology and chemistry classes have taught her.

On Friday, August 3, the co-op students reconvened for a day at school to share their work experiences and revel in their accomplishments.

The rest of the student body had a chance to visit with the co-op students in the classroom, to learn more about the work of work in Hong Kong.

Our students are finding their international internship a very rewarding experience, as we turn the corner to the final week of their stay at the workplace. They have forged new friendships, learned about career paths and most importantly, learned about themselves, their strengths, their weaknesses and what motivates them to achieve success.

AYJ Global is eager to broaden its data base of organizations which are willing to accept a co-operative education student for a three week term in the summer. If you are aware of a person/company who might be willing to participate in our Co-operative Education program, please visit our website and contact us. You could be the next supervisor in Hong Kong guiding our students in their journey to success.