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Dr. Noeleen Heyzer  
Executive Secretary of ESCAP  
and Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations  
United Nations Building  
Rajadamnern Nok Avenue  
Bangkok 10200

Dear Dr. Heyzer,

On behalf of NIST International School, I would like to express our deep appreciation for entering into an exchange of letters on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the School. This undertaking is indeed befitting in view of the significance of the anniversary. After all, NIST was founded by members of ESCAP and the broader United Nations community in Thailand, among other dedicated pioneers.


In marking this historic event, as Headmaster I would like to affirm that the School remains committed to the values of the United Nations and that NIST will continue to educate its student body in a manner consistent with those values and principles. Furthermore I would like to mention that NIST will soon publish a historical account of its foundation and early years; that account will show that, as the lead organization, ESCAP provided numerous valuable inputs that made it possible to establish the School.

Through the creation of NIST, its founders enabled the School to offer exceptional international educational opportunities to children in Bangkok. In my capacity as Headmaster I am entrusted with the responsibility to translate their vision into reality. Therefore, it is my pleasure to reaffirm the commitment of NIST to those aforementioned values by continuing to:

- Give priority in the admission process to children of United Nations employees, in line with our heritage and our founders' wishes;
- Strengthen and support the relationship that the school has with the United Nations community, by seeking various means to help our students learn more about the scope and nature of the work that is being carried out by the United Nations;
- Continue to celebrate United Nations Day in conjunction with the international community in Thailand;
- Pursue opportunities to prepare our students to live in communities that are linguistically, socially and culturally diverse, by emphasizing the values of equality without regard to race or gender, and by stressing mutual understanding, tolerance and the need for our students to contribute towards making the world a better place to live;
- Continue to promote student participation in the Model United Nations programme;
- Inspire in our students and teachers the spirit and principles contained in the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, with particular emphasis on the rights of children; and

In conclusion, I would like to offer our assurance that NIST remains committed to such ends and is grateful for all that was done by its UN founders to establish this School.

Yours sincerely,

  
Simon Leslie  
Headmaster

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