



ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC
United Nations Building, Rajadamnern Nok Avenue, Bangkok 10200, Thailand

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Dear Headmaster Leslie,

On the occasion of NIST International School completing 20 years of successful operations in educating international students in Bangkok, I would like to convey my best wishes. I also take this opportunity to express, on behalf of the United Nations community in Bangkok, that we look forward to continued good relations and constructive cooperation with NIST in the years ahead.

The era in which we live today is radically different from the time when ESCAP was founded in 1947. Societies no longer think that they can "go it alone"; today's world is characterized by globalization, international cooperation and shared aspirations like never before. For this reason, the development of an international perspective in young students is essential. In this context, it is my hope that NIST will continue to give priority to the children of United Nations staff seeking enrolment in the School so that they would be able to be educated with an international perspective in line with the vision of its founders.

From the ESCAP side, I hope that NIST, as well as other schools in Thailand, will:

- (a) make more use of the facilities offered to the public through activities held in the United Nations Conference Centre;
- (b) continue to support Model United Nations activities, which help young people to gain a better understanding of the world in which they live and learn how they can make a positive difference in that world;
- (c) invite as speakers some of the experts working for the United Nations so that they can inspire the next generation to try to make the world a better place, and gain a better appreciation of the technical skills and knowledge needed to make all that happen;
- (d) adhere to and advocate the principles and values contained in the Charter of NIST and the other documents issued at the time of the School's foundation.

In addition, I would also like to extend my personal invitation to you and your students to attend various events organized by the United Nations in Bangkok. My staff will follow-up with you directly in this regard.

Let me again, offer our congratulations to NIST and wish the students, teachers and more broadly the entire school community a very happy twentieth anniversary.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Noeleen Heyzer', written over a light blue circular stamp.

Noeleen Heyzer
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