

# The DAIS CURRENT

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## US CONSUL GENERAL VISITS DAIS

Scott Wenhold, Consul General, and consulate staff from Shenyang, China recently visited DAIS. After a tour, seniors Johnny Choi, Vivian Wang, Shreya Singh and sophomore Jackson Smith sat down with Scott, science teacher Dr. Baldwin, Head of School Terry Wolfson and consul staff to discuss their experiences, aspirations, and accomplishments here at DAIS. The discussion included an exchange of ideas directly related to their student-led sustainability and eco-projects. Consul staff members offered our students guidance and ideas from their vast experiences dealing with an array of organizations in China. After a lunch hosted by Honor Roll Company CEO, Lisa Liang, Scott and his staff departed our campus, impressed with what they saw and heard, and determined to further assist our students in their desire to create a more sustainable future for the DAIS community.

Happy Thanksgiving!!!

10 DEC Town Hall Meeting -- Eco Friendly Campus

22 DEC Enjoy Your Winter Break 09 JAN



ACAMIS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT IN MACAU



The DAIS Girl's had two wins and four losses in Macau. Two of the losses were very close matches that could have gone either way. Next year, our team should be even stronger as only one senior will not be returning. McKenzie Peter was named to the All ACAMIS Team. Despite the scorecard, the DAIS Boys Volleyball Team also had success in Macau. For the majority of the team, this was their first ACAMIS tournament. The boys had a great time competing – and man did they compete. They went up against experienced teams but never gave up. This season has definitely been a building season, and the work they did preparing showed in their communication and teamwork on the court. The boys proudly brought home the Sportsmanship Trophy. Thanks to coaches Ray Ackenbom, Marsha Peter, Joshua Carter and Anna Harding for all of their time and effort, and to Athletic Director Matt Losch for his leadership.

MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONVENES AT DAIS

The 2014 DAISMUN Conference was held on November 21. This year we had over 150 students from six different schools participate in the following committees: Advisory Panel, General Assembly, Human Rights Council, Historical Security Council, and the International Court of Justice. Throughout the day, we had many meaningful debates and resolutions drafted to fix some of the world's most pressing issues. All of the visiting Directors were pleased with the quality of venues, discussions, and Conference. This Conference was by far the largest and we hope to grow even bigger in the years to come. Our goal is to continue to teach students the skills instrumental to successful global engagement in the years ahead. Thanks to all who helped make this Conference an overwhelming success.



RUTH TIPEI'S CLASS

HUAMEI ACADEMY





## DIRECTOR MESSAGE--TERRY WOLFSON

Last week, the US Consul General and members of his delegation from the US Consulate Office in Shenyang visited DAIS. Five of our high school students, Johnny Choi (12); Tiger Dingsun (12); Shreya Singh (12); Jackson Smith (10); and Vivian Wang (12) eloquently shared their personal stories of their efforts to create a more eco-friendly school as well as the broader community of our host country, China. Along with our guests, I was clearly struck by the evidence that our school's mission to develop global citizens is alive and well.

One of our four strategic priorities is China Context. Our stated goal is to develop and institutionalize purposeful curricular connections with the local and global communities through the perspective of China recognizing that we also have a responsibility to promote culturally responsive practices.

The projects described by our five outstanding high school students to our US Consulate guests are clearly aligned with our school's mission, the goals of the China Context initiative and the DAIS Sustainability Energy Smart Projects designed to:

- Instill a sense of global responsibility
- Develop leadership
- Support the development of problem-solving skills
- Develop a sense of community and sustainability

Please join our student eco-project leaders in a special town hall meeting that will be held at DAIS Wednesday, December 10 (6:00-8:00 PM). You won't want to miss members of the DAIS Eco-School Sustainability Project presenting their proposal for the development of the DAIS Eco-center for Northeast China. In addition, our impressive student leaders will:

- Unveil the DAIS sustainability webpage
- Showcase DAIS Eco-Projects and sustainability efforts
- Seek community and business support for expanding DAIS outreach and eco-projects

## ADMISSIONS CORNER

We welcome prospective families and students to visit our school throughout the year. Come and see what makes DAIS the first choice international school experience for ex-pat families in the Dalian/DDA area.

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### 3rd ANNUAL HUAMEI SPEECH CONTEST



Congratulations to all those who participated in the Huamei Speech Contest! This year the event was held in Kaifaqu at the Hines Development Company's Fifth Avenue Marketing Center. The program began with a performance by the DAIS Select Choir under the direction of music teacher, Stephen Arastasia, with assistance from music teacher, Costin Tescu. Then, in front of nearly 100 guests, contestants delivered five minute English speeches on the subject of academic integrity. Richard Fan, Crystal Cheng, Linda Du, Derica He, Carter Li, Lucy Xu, Selina Xu, David Zhou and Tom Xu competed. Richard, David, Crystal and Linda took home the trophies. Thanks to judges Ruth Tipei, Suzanne Loughran, Dan Gould and Roger Feng. And special thanks to the Hines Development Company for their generous support and use of the impressive Fifth Avenue Marketing Center.



### HALOWEEN FUN



### MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORT DAY



## Mission Statement

Dalian American International School provides challenging, collaborative and responsive experiences that engage learners in developing intellect, character, and health.

At DAIS, every learner achieves personal excellence and contributes to the global community.