

Swiss School Bangkok certified "excellent" by German government



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The Bund-Länder-Inspektion, or BLI, a joint inspection organisation representing the German federal government and the governments of the German Länder, the federal states, sent a team to the Swiss School Bangkok at the end of March 2011 for a week-long inspection, with the goal to establish a comprehensive report on the school's quality. At the last day of the visit, Friday, 25 March 2011, the inspectors presented their report to the school management, students and parents as well as representatives of the German, Swiss and Austrian Embassies in Bangkok. Their final judgement thrilled everyone. The Swiss School Bangkok fulfils all requirements to receive the quality label "Excellent German School Abroad".

During the inspection, all participants involved were thoroughly interviewed in regard to each aspect of school life. Students, parents, teachers, non-teaching staff, school management and administration, as well as members of the school board, answered numerous questions, providing the inspectors with a complete picture of the school from different perspectives. The most important aspect of the inspection, however, was the drop-in visits to school classes of different grades



Principal Michael Gwerder (left) receives certificate of excellence from German Ambassador Rolf Schulze (right)

during their regular lessons. A total of 36 lessons were inspected involving 73% of teaching staff. Most inspections took place in grades 6-10, in subjects like German, foreign languages, mathematics and science, but some inspectors also visited lessons in the kindergarten, in basic level up to grade 5 and in high school level (grades 11 and 12). The evaluation that follows each of these visits is based on a standardised procedure to ensure comparability.

The report states clearly that Swiss School Bangkok is achieving excellent results in all inspected areas. Especially

impressive are the results in fields like "strengthening of students' personality", "school satisfaction", "customer service", "participation of students and parents" and "management responsibilities". The inspectors highly praised the students in regard to their active participation during lessons, as well as the overall pedagogic climate and the good teaching environment. They attested also that Swiss School Bangkok has a very high concentration of effective and lasting teaching methods, high levels of competence acquirement and well planned and implemented teaching and work processes.

In their presentation, the inspectors made clear that the Swiss School Bangkok did not just merely fulfil the criteria but achieved well beyond that, with exceptional results in all the fields that were investigated. At the end of the presentation, inspection team leader Mrs. Jacob concluded with the words "You can be proud of this achievement!" and congratulated the Swiss School Bangkok on the extraordinary results.

For Swiss School Bangkok, the findings of the Bund-Länder-Inspektion represent an important step in the continuous quality control and improvement process. It does not only provide the school with valuable information on further development potential, but confirms that Swiss School Bangkok is already not only a good but an excellent choice for all Bangkok-based parents searching for a high quality German language school.