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International School Dhaka holds Open Day

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International School Dhaka (ISD) held an open day yesterday to display its the school premises and facilities offered to students.

The school is currently open to students between the ages of 3 to 11, from nursery to grade 5. New classes will be opened to cater for additional students in those age groups in January 2000. Grade 6 will open in September, grade 7 in 2001 and so on. Principal of the ISD F Findlay said while talking to journalists at the school premises.

It has centrally air-conditioned campus with a heated swimming pool, gymnasium, sports field, specialist teaching rooms, auditorium, laboratories, computer suite and an automated 20,000 volume library. It also has a modern cafeteria and its own bus service.

She said, "ISD only recruits professionally-trained and experienced expatriate teachers whose first language in English for its teaching faculty. Local teachers are employed in Teacher Assistant roles only."

She also said that the curriculum of the ISD is geared towards the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma programme widely acknowledged to be the finest pre-university qualification available. IB is recognised by the best universities in USA, UK and Europe and Asia, she informed.

Director of Studies of ISD W Kindell while taking guests around the class rooms, administrative building and school campus said that they had begun the school with an aim to provide a rich but rigorous academic training to all students in order to help build them as responsible citizens of the world.

"Each student's potential will be developed in a friendly, caring atmosphere which will foster the intellectual, social, emotional and physical well being of the student," he added.

Replying to a query, Kindell said that they were facing some difficulties to find teachers to began the school. About expenses, he said that fees at the school here were low compared to its other schools across the world.

Managed by the European Council of International Schools, ISD is the largest membership organisation representing more than 500 international schools in more than 100 countries around the world.