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Outdoor classroom @ Sentosa

100%

Experiential Learning

Our 'O' Level students conducted their Coastal cum Tourism Geographical Fieldwork at Sentosa on 1 June 2018. The fieldwork allows students to gain first-hand experience collecting real-life data, which will enable them to apply the knowledge and skills in their Geography 'O' Level fieldwork component as well as in future field-based research. At Universal Studios, the students investigated the factors that draw international tourists to Sentosa. They surveyed a good sample size of tourists, did a land use survey of the goods and services offered in the vicinity, and conducted tourist count at numerous sites. For coastal fieldwork at Palawan beach, they practised using actual fieldwork instruments to measure beach gradient and plot the direction of longshore drift, on top of conducting other fieldwork methods. Through the fieldwork experience, the students gained a good understanding of the methods and the challenges in ensuring reliable and valid results. Making the fieldwork more process meaningful, they will also

be collating, analysing and forming conclusions based on the real data they had collected. Thus, the whole fieldwork experience has given the

#### **Geography Field Trip**





students a richer understanding of the Geographical concepts evident in real life.

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### **Teaching** Pedagogy





#### 8 May

Zesprion's GCE 'O' Level students started their Science Practical at Singapore Institute of Science. The teachers are experienced and familiar with the practical test syllabus. Practical test takes up 15% of the total score for 'O' Level. These practicum served their purpose well as 75% of our previous cohort scored As.

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#### **Kelvin Russell**

GCE 'O' Level student, is from Indonesia. He has been in Singapore since 2013.



I have been enjoying my studies in Zesprion for the past 6 months. I have made many friends too. Although studying for the 'O' Level is not easy we are working hard together and we are helping each other make sure we pass all our subjects. It is scary to face the 'O' Levels by myself but with my friends in Zesprion, I'm ready to take on this challenge.

My classmates and I come from different countries in this region but this does not prevent us from spending time together and helping each other. We stuck together through thick and thin. Zesprion has treated us with care and love. I'm excited to spend my time studying in Zesprion

#### Ng Wing Man, Karris

GCE 'O' Level student is from Hong Kong. She has done short courses with Zesprion since 2014.

Studying in Hong Kong is guite stressful because of the piles of homework and endless exams and tests. Each class consists of more than 30 students, so teachers do not get to take care all of us based on our academic needs. As such, my classmates and I have to go for tuition everyday after school for at least 2 subjects. We go to school at 8 early in the morning and go back home at 8 or sometimes even 10 at night. It is quite tiring and tough. Although I didn't do so badly in my studies and I also have a lot of friends in Hong Kong, I still chose to study in Singapore. A lot of people ask me why.



I will not say that studying in Singapore is less stressful than in Hong Kong. We still have piles of homework and exams. However, the most important thing is I get to discover myself. Studying in Singapore gives me a chance to restart, to change my easy-go-lucky learning attitude, to be more responsible in my study.

In Zesprion, I have friends from different countries, our class is like a melting pot of cultures. Although we are from different countries, we still get along quite well. As all of us are taking the 'O' Level examinations together, we help each other in our studies. We have also gone out together for supper in the wee hours. We are together most of the time.

Teachers in Zesprion are also very nice. All of them are patient and friendly. At the beginning, I was stressed because of my bad result but they encouraged and helped me .Now I'm less stressed and more motivated. Also, the way we interact with our teachers is like friends. This helps me enjoy my lessons, I am glad that I did not make a wrong choice.

#### **Uthaichai Tosita, Gaisia**

AEIS, Secondary 2 student is from Thailand. She had studied in a boarding school in India before joining us in April this year.

I have studied in three different international schools in different countries. I had to adapt to the different environments and teaching techniques.

Ever since I was two I studied in AITIS (Asian Institute of Technology International School). It was my first school in Thailand.

There were many international students there, Indians, Filipinos, Indonesians and of course Thais. The teachers were mostly Filipinos and Indians. That's how I got my American accent.

The studies were not intense and they do not pressurise us. The environment in the school was also peaceful as it has a lot of greenery. The school offered classes up to grade 6, that's the reason why I had to move to another school in India.

I studied in Indus International School in Pune. Indus Bangalore is the number one best international school in India but, I decided to study in Pune which is the 4th best school.

My mother chose Pune rather than Bangalore because it is located on top of a hill and has a really good environment to study in.

The hostel, though wasn't really good. The washrooms were sometimes dirty and the smaller kids would always make such a ruckus. The person in charge of the hostel was really strict. They also limited our usage of the electronic devices.

Classes in India were a little harder than Thailand but I can still keep up. They gave us a lot of homework with very little time to complete.

After 5 months, I decided that I didn't want to study there anymore I couldn't deal with the people around me. My mom asked me if I want to go to Singapore and I agreed.

I heard from my friends who studied in Singapore before that the lessons were hard. Now I think I can really relate to what they had said.

When I first studied in Zesprion it was totally different from what I had

learned before. Everything was so confusing to me. The lessons were much harder than I thought and I had a tough time catching up with everyone because I came two weeks later.

I am not good with Math so I have difficulty with that the most. The English was stricter than my other English classes. The grammar is especially harder compared to the other schools I had attended.

You could say that international schools in Thailand are easier than India and Singapore. Singapore was the hardest.

In my opinion if you are considering going to India. Don't go. The environment isn't really good. There is a lot of pollution and the students can be really mean.

I have chosen Singapore because I like the freedom that I get here. The classes are hard but I understand better get a better understanding than the other schools I have been.





Zesprion ended AEIS Term 2 with a bonding session over bowling and MacDonald lunch.











#### 01 June

Zesprion ended the GCE 'O' Level Term 2 with a bonding session over Korean hotpot lunch at GoroGoro.



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