

Dear Children, well wishers, friends and parents of the German International School.

I am deeply impressed by the outstanding performance of our children.
Let's give them a warm round of applause!

And even more by our teachers who made it happen. Therefore I would also like to use the opportunity to thank Mrs. Dömötör and Dr. Fahr who have put a lot of effort and enthusiasm in this performance.

Talking about performance - we are finishing our academic year 2011/12 today.

We achieved a lot:

- only 10 month ago we shifted into this beautiful premises and tripled the facility size,
- at that time we had 8 employees - now we have grown up to 23 staff,
- we started with only 10 children and now we are welcoming almost 40 students for the upcoming school year

Let me also reflect on the academic facts:

- the students increased their overall performance as you can see at home and in their daily activities,
- as one result of our quality management efforts, we are delighted to announce, that our staff have been certified by Supreme International School and we are pleased, to hand out the certificates today

And of course - all employees from facility management, accounting, marketing, front office and the cleaning ladies have made a quantum towards perfection.

And finally the management itself with my partner Ms. Rolf who will replace me in the position as a General Manager and Principal – I will change into the position of an advisor for this entity.

Things are in flow AND turning always into a better flow. This is how it should be. It's an ongoing process of positive changes in life, which give a certain stability towards our next step.

Changes sometimes also imply saying goodbyes: The Fischbachs are physically leaving but Mrs. Fischbach will virtually stay to support and advice of our teachers to maintain and improve their performance.

On the other side new teachers will enlarge our existing team and support the ongoing growth in Kindergarten and school.

The new classmates come from various places such as Turkey, Czech Republic, Italy, US and – of course Germany. Again they will give us new impulses, new friends and a better social and cultural understanding.

I don't know if children like Lena, Dong In and the other pupils can be replaced when they leave to their home country. But you will always be in our minds and you should be encouraged to keep in touch with your friends you have made in Chennai.

So it is not a loss, it's a win of long-lasting „international“ friendship.

Right now we welcomed nine different nationalities and with the new joining twelve children we keep our idea of international growth alive!

To sustain our high achievements, our teachers have gone through special trainings during the last school year. The motto is: Aiming for perfection.

You will be able to watch the handover of the recognitions in one of the next sections.

But getting back to our main topic of the day:

With the handing over of reports yesterday, your children step into new chapters and new challenges of their lives. I'm sure everyone of them will take the next step of growth.

We therefore wish all of you either you are in New Zealand, Poland, Germany or Chennai –

a successful new school year 2012/13

Now I would like you to enjoy the rest of the day with all the friends you *made* and will make and thank you for being you . . .

Stay tuned for what is next