



Prem Tinsulanonda International School

An International Baccalaureate Boarding and Day School
Chiang Mai Thailand

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Board-approved mission statement (2007):

"To be a community that challenges its members to act as compassionate, knowledgeable and principled global citizens: working together for a sustainable future, and inspired by meaningful relationships, continuous learning and "good thinking".

Definition of key concepts

Our community:

Students, family, teachers, staff and members of the wider community who provide a family base while at Prem Tinsulanonda International School (Prem).

Challenges its members to act:

To encourage all members of the Prem community to demonstrate resilience and be positively engaged in achieving the mission statement.

Compassionate:

To be responsible and caring. Having clear goals that aim to enrich society – not just while at Prem, but throughout life.

Knowledgeable:

To seek wisdom from life experiences and excellent teaching. It is through inquiry, questioning current practices and exploring the meaning of world citizenship with its rights and responsibilities that our community can make a difference.

Principled:

To act with integrity, honesty and responsibility, developing inner strength through action.

Global Citizens:

We recognize our common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet. Our community is diverse: we serve the needs of the international community and learn and live the values and responsibilities of globally aware citizens. We recognise the importance of valuing one's own culture while seeking to understand and celebrate the richness and diversity of other cultures.

Sustainable Future:

To create learning environments that allow students and parents to question and enquire about the four domains of sustainability: Personal, Cultural, Natural and Urban environments. Prem educational pedagogy will allow its members to question current economic and social practices and to have opportunities to make a difference.

Meaningful relationships:

To nurture the formation of positive relationships, built on mutual respect and understanding between all in the Prem learning community

Continuous learning:

To foster a love of learning throughout life, seeking to learn from every experience in pursuit of wisdom.

“Good thinking”:

Guided by Honorary Chairman H.E. Prem Tinsulanonda’s directive, which states that academic excellence be balanced with thorough exposure to ethics and moral values. His wish that our students be “good persons” guides PTIS to instill in all students the clear values of integrity, compassion and good thinking. Graduates of PTIS should not only be good at thinking but also be good people.

The following quote from a statement by H.E. General Prem Tinsulanonda from Education for the Future directs the school’s understanding of “good thinking”.

“The young are the future and the hope of the new world – a world full of challenges, a world in search of a proper balance between the need for new scientific discoveries, on the one hand, and human ethics on the other, and also a world that needs to find a balance between competition and sharing.

The mission before us is a mission, which requires human intellect. Knowledge based on thorough study should not only enable us to gain a broader view, but should also make us kinder and more caring persons. Otherwise, the owner of knowledge thus acquired may turn out to be good at thinking, but surely not a person with good thinking.”