



Adventist International Institute
of Advanced Studies
Graduate School and Seminary

107th
GRADUATION
CEREMONY

May 26–28, 2023

Siew Huy Auditorium
AIIAS, Lalaan I, Silang,
Cavite, Philippines

www.aiias.edu

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIIAS) is to develop leaders through distinctively Seventh-day Adventist graduate education, excelling in spirituality, scholarship, and service.

VISION STATEMENT

The vision of AIIAS is to be a Christ-centered community of leaders with a heart for mission.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

AIIAS was established by the Seventh-day Adventist Church because of its commitment to meet the growing needs of the Church for college teachers, theologians, church leaders, health professionals, and treasurers with international-level graduate education. In the late 1960s, the Church began graduate education for pastors in the Asia-Pacific region. The Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, Far East, was founded and held its first graduation ceremony in April of 1972. The Seminary was funded by the Far Eastern Division of Seventh-day Adventists from the beginning, and it was renamed as AIIAS in 1986 when the Presidential Decree created a way to also offer international graduate degrees outside of theology. The School of Graduate Studies began in 1988 and produced its first graduates in March 1991. When the Asia-Pacific Division of Seventh-day Adventists was divided in 1996, AIIAS came under the administration of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. AIIAS became the first General Conference educational institution outside of North America.

Full recognition has been extended to AIIAS by the Commission on Higher Education of the Philippine government and AIIAS is a member of the International Association of Universities (IAU). AIIAS programs are accredited by the Adventist Accrediting Association (AAA). The Seminary degree programs are also accredited by the Association for Theological Education in South East Asia (ATESEA). In addition, most Graduate School programs are accredited by the Philippine Accrediting Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities (PAASCU).

Through its central campus, online learning programs, and extension sites throughout the world, AIIAS serves increasing numbers of Adventist pastors, educators, health professionals, administrators, and church leaders in Asia and in many countries worldwide.

WELCOME

Welcome to the AIIAS graduation events of 2023. We are glad for each one who has come to support and celebrate our graduates this weekend.

The theme of this graduating class: “Triumphant: Stronger Amidst Tribulation” is certainly an apt one. According to the Oxford dictionary, the word “triumphant” denotes a feeling or expression of jubilation after having won a victory or mastered a difficulty. Completing a graduate degree is, on its own, a challenge to be mastered. This class, however, has done it while experiencing the historic volcanic and virulent complications of the times. Not only that, but each of them has also passed through private fires in their lives, and only God knows the depth and intensity of struggles that have taken place. Yet God has walked with them through it all, and—as always happens when we walk with Him—they have emerged victorious. Triumphant.

As our AIIAS graduates receive their diplomas they are different from the day they entered their first class at AIIAS. Learning transforms a person. Faculty, staff and classmates have come alongside them to support. They have also depended on the prayers of friends and family. Additionally, generous donors have made scholarships possible where gaps could not be filled. We thank all who have been part of the support team for those who are graduating this weekend.

In Psalm 59:9-10 the psalmist sang, “God is my refuge. My God in His faithfulness will meet me. God will let me look triumphantly on my enemies.” God has indeed faithfully met each of our graduates in the time of need. He will continue to meet them as they make Him their refuge. That is how life is lived with Him. In the meantime, we all celebrate this triumph with them, and He is glad to savor it with us. The mission of AIIAS is “to develop leaders through distinctively Seventh-day Adventist graduate education, excelling in spirituality, scholarship, and service.” As our 2023 graduates receive their diplomas, they exemplify the accomplishment of the institution’s mission. They have been developed for leadership, they have shown their commitment to their church, and they have already engaged with the three important aspects of AIIAS’s mission: spirituality, scholarship, and service. They are ready for their next steps.

Congratulations, graduates! We mark the commencement of your next contributions to mission as you use what you have learned to go forth to share your faith and serve the world.

*Ginger Ketting-Weller, PhD
AIIAS President*

CLASS OFFICERS

President

Natasha Nangoy-Sinaga

Vice President

Sanned Lubani

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Cloe Diane Nahine

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Providence Chirima

Music Coordinator

Bella Marie Medalla

Decoration Coordinator

Jed Bernette Ferrancullo

Photography Coordinator

Lalnunzira

Sponsors

Diói and Silvia Cruz

Class Name: Triumphant 2023

Motto: *Triumphant: Stronger amidst Tribulation*

Class Colors: Blue, Gold, and Red

CLASS SONG

Triumphant With God

Composed and arranged by Ingrid Dumitrescu

Accompaniment by Ray Sabetapy

When darkness comes, and I'm afraid,
I know with God, I'm not dismayed.
Stronger amidst tribulation,
I rise above situations.
Troubles may come my way,
But I emerge triumphant, day by day.

Chorus

Triumphant, with God by my side,
I rise above and in His love abide.
His power and might are my guiding light.
With His help, I have fought the good fight.

The storm may rage, the winds may blow,
But my foundation's strong, in God alone.
My faith and courage keep me going,
My determination keeps on growing.
I am fearless and bold,
Victorious, through trials untold.

With His help, we have fought the good fight.

PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Lupang Hinirang

Julian Felipe

Bayang magiliw, perlas ng silanganan;
Alab ng puso, sa dibdib mo'y buhay,
Lupang hinirang, duyan ka ng magiting;
Sa manlulupig di ka pasisiil.

Sa dagat at bundok, sa simoy
at sa langit mong bughaw;
May dilag ang tula at awit,
sa paglayang minamahal;
Ang kislap ng watawat mo'y tagumpay
na nagniningning;
Ang bituin at araw niya,
kailan pa ma'y di magdidilim.

Lupa ng araw, ng l'walhati't pagsinta,
Buhay ay langit sa piling mo;
Aming ligaya, na 'pag may mang-aapi,
Ang mamatay ng dahil sa 'yo!

Land of the Morning

Camilo Osias and Julian Felipe

Land of the morning, child of the sun returning,
With fervor burning, thee do our souls adore.
Land dear and holy, cradle of noble heroes,
Ne'er shall invaders trample thy sacred shore.

Ever within thy skies and through thy clouds
And o'er the hills and seas,
Do we behold the radiance, feel the throb
of glorious liberty.
Thy banner, dear to all our hearts,
its sun and stars alight,
Oh, never shall its shining field
be dimmed by tyrants' might.

Beautiful land of love, o land of light,
in thine embrace 'tis rapture to lie,
But it is glory ever, when thou art wronged,
for us, thy sons, to suffer and die.

AIIAS SONG

AIIAS Press On

Lyrics by Stephen Gupstill

Music by Cedric Lachenal

Arranged by Amber and Fredrick Murillo

AIIAS press on, you're always in our hearts.
Striving for truth, to raise the standard high.
Telling the world of Jesus Christ's return,
touching lives with hope and love.

How we love your peaceful campus,
tree-lined lanes.
Evening walks with friends and family,
sharing hope and dreams.

AIIAS press on, you have taught us to be leaders for the Lord.
Inspiring us for service to the world.
AIIAS press on, we pledge to you our love.
God bless you, our dear AIIAS!

FACULTY

Godwin Aja, DrPH	Public Health
Victoria Aja, DMin	Applied Theology
Evelyn Almocera, MD/MPH	Public Health
Reuel Almocera, DPS	Director, E. G. White Estate Branch Office/Applied Theology
Robert Benjamin, DDiv cand.	Vice President for Student Services
Kenneth Bergland, PhD	Biblical Studies
Chirlynor Calbayan, DrPH/RND	Public Health
Leni Casimiro, PhD	Director, AIIAS Online/Chair, Education
Donny Chrissutianto, PhD	Theological-Historical Studies
Teófilo Correa, PhD	Chair, Biblical Studies
Diói Cruz, DMin	Applied Theology
Hesell Delfin, MEM	Library
Megumi Sol Flores, MLIS/MAEd	Director, Library
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Ginger Ketting-Weller, PhD	AIIAS President
Jimmy Kijai, PhD	Education
Chuanshan Liang, PhD	Applied Theology
David Lumowa, PhD	Business
Raimond Luntungan, PhD cand.	Business/Education
Hector Martin, PhD	Biblical Studies
Jorge Montero, PhD	Vice President for Finance
Natasha Nangoy, PhD cand.	Business
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Kepha Pondi, PhD	Director, APRC/Research/Business
Diana Razmerita, DLitt et Phil cand.	Biblical Studies
Gheorghe Razmerita, PhD	Theological-Historical Studies
LeRoy Ruhupatty, PhD	Chair, Business
Johnnie Simyunn, Jr., MLIS	Library
Kyung Ho Song, PhD	Chair, Theological-Historical Studies
Kenneth Swansi, PhD	Dean, Graduate School/Business
Jasmin Tuapin, PhD	Business
James Weller, PhD	Education
Hyunjun Woo, DMin	Applied Theology
Kim Si Young, DMin	Applied Theology
Pavel Zubkov, PhD	Chair, Applied Theology

SPEAKERS' PROFILE

Diói Cruz, DMin, is a seasoned leader in the Seventh-day Adventist denomination with over 25 years of experience. He holds graduate degrees from Brazil, the United States, and Kenya and specializes in cross-cultural leadership and communication, intercultural theology, contextualized ministry, urban mission, and holistic ministry. He has served in various roles, including pastor, ADRA director, department head, and mission president. Currently, he is an associate professor of Applied Theology at the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS) and was recently appointed as the dean of theology at the Middle East University in Lebanon.

Silvia M. Zapata de Cruz, born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, is an experienced professional with over 25 years of service in the Seventh-day Adventist denomination in South America, Africa, and Asia. Her undergraduate training in kindergarten education and executive secretariat equipped her with the skills and knowledge to serve in various capacities within the denomination. Silvia met her husband, Diói Cruz, while studying at Helderberg College in South Africa, and they have two grown children, Giuliana and Guido.

Dr. Hector G. Gayares Jr., MD, MPA, FPALES, FPCS, FPCHA, has penned his personal mission statement that reads, “To lead a life founded in love (in fulfilling 1 John 4:8), characterized by principled yet compassionate dealings, magnanimous service and making a difference by touching lives.” This mission statement sums up the life of one of the Adventist healthcare leaders from the Philippines now serving as a missionary administrator in Scheer Memorial Adventist Hospital in Banepa, Nepal. He has committed and dedicated himself to be a servant of God, a family man, an engaging mentor, an inspiring social mobilizer, a dynamic administrator, an innovative leader, and above all (as he would describe himself), “a sinner recipient of God’s grace, passionate to share Christ and His love.”

G. T. Ng, PhD, was born and raised in Singapore. He holds a bachelor’s degree from the Southeast Asia Union College in Singapore, an MA degree from the SDA Theological Seminary, Far East in the Philippines, and a PhD from the SDA Theological Seminary at Andrews University. He served the church for 48 years as a pastor, educator, and administrator. He and his wife began their ministries in war-torn Cambodia. He taught for ten years as a professor and served as dean of the theological seminary at the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS) in the Philippines. In 2000, he was elected as the executive secretary of the Southern Asia-Pacific Division (SSD) of Seventh-day Adventists. In 2007, he became a missionary to the USA serving as an associate secretary of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. In the 2010 General Conference Session, he was elected as the executive secretary of the world church and officially retired in 2021.

CONSECRATION

7:00–8:30 p.m., May 26, 2023

Siew Huy Auditorium

Processional		AIAS Church Orchestra
	<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i>	
Songs of Praise		Praise Team
Welcome		Cloe Nahine
Opening Hymn		SDA Hymn #618
	<i>Stand Up! Stand Up for Jesus!</i>	
Opening Prayer		Eden Fabregas
Testimonies of Praise		Zhangkai Yang Aytegeb Awoke
Special Music		Takaria Sisters
	<i>The Promise</i>	
Introduction of the Speaker		Shuhua Zhao
Message		Diói & Silvia Cruz <i>Graduating Class Sponsors</i>
Response in Word		Sanned Lubani
Consecration Ceremony		Sponsors & Graduates
Consecration Song		Graduates
	<i>Triumphant With God</i>	
Commitment Prayer		Robert Benjamin
Recessional		AIAS Church Orchestra
	<i>Fairest Lord Jesus</i>	

Providence Chirima, Lalnuzira, and Lal Ram Parmawii

Praise Team

Zandritiana Lovanomena

Pianist

SABBATH SCHOOL

8:30–9:45 a.m., May 27, 2023

Siew Huy Auditorium

Prelude		AIAS Kids Strings
	<i>Battle Hymn of the Republic</i>	
Welcome		Jed Bernette Ferranculo
Songs of Praise		Praise Team
Opening Hymn		SDA Hymn # 383
	<i>O Day of Rest and Gladness</i>	
Opening Prayer		Marisheil Lauron
Testimony of Praise		Weber Irembere
Special Music		AIAS International Children's Choir
	<i>Light a Little Candle</i>	
Special Feature		Ranzolin Bayeta
	<i>A Reflection of God's Sovereignty</i>	
Intermission Song		Marjel Joshua Taclob & Dione Reyes
	<i>My Tribute</i>	
Sabbath School Lesson Review		Panel Discussion
	<i>A City Called Confusion</i>	
	Osee Fumakwa, Mariju Pimentel, Pratik Kamble, Demen Marbun, Jose Zabat, Jr.	
Closing Song		SDA Hymn # 430
	<i>Joy By And By</i>	
Closing Prayer		Yoanina Nyameino
	Bella Marie Medalla and Eden Fabregas	
	<i>Praise Team</i>	
	Jesame Francia	
	<i>Pianist</i>	

BACCALAUREATE

10:00–11:30 a.m., May 27, 2023

Siew Huy Auditorium

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISING

Prelude in Songs AICC, AIIAS Indonesian Male Voice, Zimri
Welcome and Announcements Adrian Faina
Prelude Sonja Gadringer & Friends

Holler-Boarischer

Call to Worship Adrian Faina
Processional AIIAS Church Orchestra

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*Introit SDA Hymn #661

Holy, Holy, Holy

Invocation Speaker
*Hymn of Adoration SDA Hymn #229

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Hymn of Preparation SDA Hymn #671

As We Come to You in Prayer

**Pastoral Prayer Lalrokima Fanai
Hymn of Supplication SDA Hymn #684

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

Children's Homily Charmine Belarmino

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Thoughts on Stewardship Providence Chirima
Offertory Music AIIAS Youth Strings

Blessed Assurance

*Hymn of Gratitude SDA Hymn #694

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings

Offertory Blessings Dianito Pantaleon

WORSHIP MESSAGE

Scripture Reading Cynthia Nancy

Revelation 14:6-7

Special Song AIIAS Community Choir

Because He Lives

Introduction of the Speaker Ginger Ketting-Weller

Spoken Word

Hector G. Gayares, Jr.

Chief Executive Officer, Scheer Memorial Adventist Hospital

WORSHIP CONSECRATION

*Hymn of Consecration SDA Hymn #518

Standing on the Promises

Benediction Speaker
*Anthem of Hope Congregation

We Shall Behold Him

*Recessional AIIAS Church Orchestra

Fairest Lord Jesus

Cloe Nahine and Gerry Vicente
Praise Team

Marjorie Taclob
Pianist

*Congregation, please stand.

**Congregation, please kneel.

TRIBUTE AND THANKSGIVING

3:00–4:00 p.m., May 27, 2023

Siew Huy Auditorium

Song of Praise

Opening Song

Praise Team

SDA Hymn #341

To God Be the Glory

Opening Prayer

Welcome and Introduction

Special Music

Olyne Sailo

Joel Abonales, Jr.

AIAS Filipino Chorale

Thankful

Tribute to God

Special Music

Samson Pagunsan

Foreign Adoration

Thank You Jesus for the Blood

Tribute to Spouses

Ruth Kiongo

Rafael Carado

Tribute to Friends, Communities, and Sponsors

Natasha Nangoy-Sinaga

Sanned Lubani

Special Music

Selected Graduates

My Tribute

Tribute to Parents

Tribute to Administrators, Faculty, and Staff

Theresa Tjakrapawira

Yaroslav Ovdienko

Isabelo Susada

Special Music

AIAS Youth Strings

Amazing Grace

Closing Remarks

Closing Prayer

Deborah Cole

Lal Ram Parmawii

Doctor of Ministry Graduates

Praise Team

Laura Sumendap

Pianist

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

7:00–8:00 p.m., May 27, 2023
Function Hall, Siew Huy Auditorium

Graduates and their spouses (if applicable) are cordially invited to a formal reception with the AIIAS president, officers, faculty, and their spouses.

Light refreshments will be served.

Formal attire is expected.

AIIAS Administrators

Ginger Ketting-Weller	President
Richard Nelson	Vice President for Academic Administration
Jorge Montero	Vice President for Finance
Robert Benjamin	Vice President for Student Services
Ricardo González	Dean, Seminary
Kenneth Swansi	Dean, Graduate School

COMMENCEMENT

7:00–9:30 a.m., May 28, 2023

Siew Huy Auditorium

Prelude
Opening
Processional

Amber Murillo-dela Torre
Grand Marshal/The Herald
Saxophone Trio

Rondeau from Abdelazer

Posting of Colors
*National Anthem

Flag Marshals
Himig, leading

Lupang Hinirang

AIAS Song

Himig

AIAS Press On

*Litany of Wisdom

Robert Benjamin,
Vice President for Student Services

Leader: **Worship the Lord our God, who was triumphant in tribulation.**

Graduates: O Lord, our Savior, we worship You for being triumphant in tribulation.

Leader: **Jesus, our Lord, has already walked the most difficult path and died to defeat the death we deserve. We can walk through trouble, trial, and pain because our Savior sustains us. Cry out to Him for strength through tribulations!**

Graduates: O Lord, our Savior, we cry out to You, for strength through tribulations.

Leader: **Jesus has said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world, you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.**

Graduates: O Lord, our Savior, thank You for overcoming the world, so it gives us the confidence to trust You to overcome our tribulations. We praise You!

Leader: **Jesus says we can be confident in all areas of life because our confidence is in God. He gives us not only confidence in what we can do, but He fights our battles for us, He is always leading us to victory, and we belong to Him.**

Graduates: O Lord, our Savior, thank You for the confidence we find in trusting You.

Leader: **So, do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.**

Graduates: O Lord, our Savior, thank You for the assurance that You are always with us.

All: Glory and honor be to Him, who is our triumphal victor over troubles and tribulations. We adore You, worship You and praise You.

*Opening Prayer Robert Benjamin

Musical Selection African Community
He is Good, Father God is Good, He is Very Good

Welcome/Introduction of the Speaker Ginger Ketting-Weller, *President*

Commencement Address G. T. Ng
*Former Executive Secretary,
General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists*

Class Response Natasha Nangoy-Sinaga, *Class President*

Presentation of the Class Ricardo González,
Seminary Dean & Acting VP for Academic Administration

Conferral of Degrees Ginger Ketting-Weller

Presentation of Diplomas Cherille Espina,
Acting Director, Admissions & Records
Lina Almocera, Iris Ho, and Jennifer Valenia, assisting

Biographical Sketches

Seminary Kenneth Bergland

Graduate School Jasmin Tuapin

Hooding Deans/Program Directors/Advisors

Presentation of Class Gift Sanned Lubani, *Class Vice President*

Providence Chirima, *Class Treasurer*

Jorge Montero, *VP for Finance*

Welcome to Alumni Association Bruce Sumendap, *Director for Public Relations*

*Prayer of Sending Diói and Silvia Cruz, *Class Sponsors*

Sponsors: Heavenly Father, we humbly gather before You today to give thanks for these graduates who have overcome unprecedented challenges in their academic and spiritual journey.

*Congregation, please stand.

Class: Thank You, Father, for bringing us to this momentous occasion. Today, we celebrate the completion of our academic and spiritual journey.

Faculty and Administrators: We send you forth our love, blessings of goodwill, and unwavering support as you journey toward God's mission. May you continue to embrace your sense of purpose and hope, recognizing that God is faithful and will guide your paths.

Class: We have grown stronger through the challenges we face. We are ready to go forth into God's mission.

Sponsors: We send you forth with confidence that you have been equipped with the essential tools to excel in your chosen field and be a beacon of hope and a positive influence on those around you.

Class: Our families and loved ones deserve our gratitude for their unwavering support, guidance, and encouragement. Without their love and prayers, we could not have made it.

Faculty and Administrators: Be a blessing to AIIAS and the world, and may God's grace guide you as you fulfill His purpose with resilience.

Class: We leave AIIAS with a heavy heart, knowing that we are leaving behind the place that has been our home for years. But we leave with the assurance that we are not alone and God is with us every step of the way.

Sponsors: May the timeless combination of gold, blue, and red serve as a powerful reminder of your inner strength, resolute obedience, and unshakable assurance of salvation through Jesus Christ.

Class: For these colors, we are reminded: Gold for refining us in life's trials, Blue for remembering the Lord's commands, and Red for God's forgiveness of our sins. We'll celebrate our strength, perseverance, and faith as we tackle future endeavors.

All: As we part ways, let us carry with us the peace that comes from knowing that we will soon reunite and continue to bear witness to God's triumphant work in our lives. Amen.

Class Song

Graduates

Triumphant With God

*Prayer of Dedication

Diói Cruz

*Dismissal

Ginger Ketting-Weller

Recessional

Saxophone Trio

Fanfare Grandioso

Picture Taking

Christian Rodelas, coordinating

Only official photographers are allowed near the platform.

GRAND MARSHAL

Evelyn Almocera

THE HERALD

Istiarti Sarempaa

USHERS & USHERETTES

Dionisio Tuapin

Ivy Ambat

Sweeta Frans

Irene Rivera

Ednalen Barangan

Hazel Ilagan

Shekel Sibala

Sarah Lin-ao

SAXOPHONE TRIO

Diói Cruz

Joseph Allan Deblois

Adlai Wilfred Tornalejo

PLATFORM PARTY

Silvia Cruz

Diói Cruz

Kenneth Swansi

Ginger Ketting-Weller

G. T. Ng

Ricardo González

Jorge Montero

Robert Benjamin

Bruce Sumendap

Class Sponsor

Class Sponsor

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and Acting Vice President for Academic Administration

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Director, Public Relations

FLAG MARSHALS

Philippines – Leonila Vinculado
Christian – Jhon Jeric Gamban
AIAS – Loidz Ambat
Adventist – Vicmon Barangan

Austria – Yuly Tatiana Roa	Malawi – Doreen Mazinga
Bangladesh – Selwin Swans	Mongolia – Batzul Ganbold
China – Guang Liang Du	Myanmar – Lanh Thawn Thang
Democratic Republic of the Congo – Innocent Tuyishime	Netherlands – Angel Cuenca
Ethiopia – Legesse Dana	Pakistan – Swe Lin Chit
India – Zodinpuia Pachuau	Ukraine – Bohdan Koval
Indonesia – Adly Gara	United States – Amador Cuenca
Kenya – Benefique Munezero	Zimbabwe – Mandhla Khanye

ORDER OF PICTURE TAKING

1. Graduates with the platform party, grand marshal, flag marshals, and faculty
2. Graduates with their spouses and flag marshals
3. Graduates only
4. Graduates by school with faculty – Graduate School, Seminary
5. Graduates of Graduate School by department – Business, Education, Health
6. Graduates of Seminary by program – Master of Ministry, Master of Arts in Church Ministry, Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Religion, Doctor of Ministry, Doctor of Missiology, Doctor of Philosophy in Religion
7. Graduates and friends by nationalities (See Flag Marshals list by sequence)

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

Seminary and Graduate School

Graduate Certificate in Ministry

*Tulga Batmunkh (in absentia)	Mongolia
*Bolortuya Batsukh (in absentia)	Mongolia
*Nyamdavaa Dovchinsuren (in absentia)	Mongolia
*Buyanbileg Ishjargal (in absentia)	Mongolia
*Munkh-Orgil Lkhagvaa (in absentia)	Mongolia
*Sanjidsuren Lkhagvadorj (in absentia)	Mongolia
*Ganbadral Moonon (in absentia)	Mongolia
*Dorjderem Narankhuu (in absentia)	Mongolia
*Tsolmontuya Nergui (in absentia)	Mongolia
*Sodbyamba Sodnompil (in absentia)	Mongolia
*Manaljav Terbish (in absentia)	Mongolia
*Bayartmaa Tsend (in absentia)	Mongolia
*Khandmaa Tsendsuren (in absentia)	Mongolia

Graduate Certificate in Teaching

***Michelin Guy	Netherlands
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Master of Ministry

*Tomash Bapari (in absentia)	Bangladesh
*Billiam Barikder (in absentia)	Bangladesh
*Daniel Janny Biswas (in absentia)	Bangladesh
*Henry Biswas (in absentia)	Bangladesh
*Isaac Biswas (in absentia)	Bangladesh

*Sabuj Solivio Biswas (in absentia)	Bangladesh
*Zosef Biswas (in absentia)	Bangladesh
*Wilson Chambugong (in absentia)	Bangladesh
*Bilaikmen Dafo (in absentia)	Bangladesh
*Albinush Ekka (in absentia)	Bangladesh
*Protiva Agnes Folia (in absentia)	Bangladesh
*Hilton Hadima (in absentia)	Bangladesh
*Job Mintu Halder (in absentia)	Bangladesh
*Remon Hembron (in absentia)	Bangladesh
*Danny Pino Inato	Philippines
*Enlai Jiang (in absentia)	China
*Jacob Karmoker (in absentia)	Bangladesh
*Jon Mallik (in absentia)	Bangladesh
*Mridul Marak (in absentia)	Bangladesh
*Somiron Marak (in absentia)	Bangladesh
*Nicholaus Marandi (in absentia)	Bangladesh
*Wilson Mondol (in absentia)	Bangladesh
*Gladson Biplob Mozumder (in absentia)	Bangladesh
*Imran Mrong (in absentia)	Bangladesh
*Sylvester Mrong (in absentiaa)	Bangladesh
*Roel Tadena Pangan	Philippines
*Jewel Raksham (in absentia)	Bangladesh
*Ujjol Rangsha (in absentia)	Bangladesh
*Probal Rema (in absentia)	Bangladesh
*Dhiraj Ritchil (in absentia)	Bangladesh
*Shankar Sarkar (in absentia)	Bangladesh
*Nantu Kumar Tripura (in absentia)	Bangladesh
*Sunil Bikash Tripura (in absentia)	Bangladesh

Master of Arts in Church Ministry

*Juves Aumentar Arante	Philippines
*Samuel Barcoma Bingkian	Philippines
*Bjorn Jon Danipog Capiendo (in absentia)	Philippines
*Elias Viscara Cuyos	Philippines
*Geronimo Faz Ferrera	Philippines
*Dullrich Cueva Gilbuena	Philippines
*Jeanemer Alquizar Gulfan	Philippines
*Baby Larry Sungkit Labang	Philippines
*Godofredo Sayson Romanillos, Jr.	Philippines
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INTERPRETATION OF SYMBOLS

AIAS Logo

In Adventist education, two symbols have long expressed the mission of the church. These are the circle representing the globe of the entire world to receive the “gospel of the kingdom” and the equilateral triangle representing the harmonious development of the threefold nature of humans as physical, mental, and spiritual beings.

Within the AIAS logo, these two symbols, the circle and the triangle, are superimposed and recast as the Alpha and Omega, symbolizing Christ, the Author and Finisher of our faith. In Him, the plan of salvation from the Creation to the Second Advent is actualized. As the Living Word, Christ comprises the divine medium of God’s communication with humanity. The rendering of the logo in an Asian calligraphic style accents the institutional context of the Asia-Pacific region.

The embracing branches of the palm tree, so much in evidence on the AIAS campus, express the joy and victory of the believer’s life in Christ. The waving of the palm frond on festive occasions has long marked the religious celebrations of the Judeo-Christian tradition.

Ceremonial Mace

The AIAS mace is a physical symbol of the institution. When displayed, it represents the authenticity and authority of the occasion. The history of the mace harks back to leaders who carried a scepter or staff who represented their position and the authority of their domain (see Numbers 17 and Esther 5). The AIAS mace is made of Tanguile, a beautiful hard wood common in the Philippines. The carved vines winding up the staff are symbolic of the Adventist faith, which is fully interlaced throughout the institution. The vines are reflective of Christ’s analogy in John 5 where He says, “I am the vine, ye are the branches.” The trapezoidal cube near the top represents the four major curriculum areas of the institution—religion, business, public health, and education. The top is crowned with a carved wreath holding a double-sided medallion of the AIAS logo.

Regalia

The symbols associated with academic regalia arise from the Middle Ages in Europe, when scholars and clerics wore the costume of their monastic order. Academic gowns are distinctive for each degree level. Each institution has its own design and color specifications for the gown and hood. Each hood has a velvet edging that indicates the field in which the degree was earned. All hoods have silk lining of the official color of the institution. The mortarboard cap is traditionally black and the tassel is worn to the left once a degree has been conferred. A PhD hat is often a velvet, floppy style, with a silver or gold cord and tassel.

The AIAS academic regalia represents the status and achievement of an important academic accomplishment. There is dignity of position declared by wearing regalia that belongs only to those who have earned it. Regalia should only be worn by AIAS graduates or those approved for graduation. Wearing academic regalia during non-academic meetings outside of graduation is generally not appropriate.

Following is a partial list of the colors that have been designated to represent the various fields of learning:

Business Administration	Drab
Education	Light Blue
Philosophy	Dark Blue
Public Health	Salmon Pink
Theology.....	Scarlet