



Adventist International Institute
of Advanced Studies
Graduate School and Seminary

110th
GRADUATION
CEREMONY

May 21–24, 2026

Siew Huy Auditorium
AIAS, 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, church leaders, educators, 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 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 for the Class of 2026. We are so glad you are here. The graduating class's theme, "Excelsior: Embracing the Call" reflects the commitment we've worked hard to develop and protect at AIIAS—a dedication to excellence in spirituality, scholarship and service, and a commitment to press on toward the mark of our high calling in Christ Jesus. Our graduates have responded to God's abundant grace by pouring out their best efforts to follow in His footsteps, striving to perform and live well as they look upon Christ's model of loving, thinking, and living.

Embracing the call means persistence, dedication, commitment, and resilience. The Class of 2026 has certainly faced challenges in striving for excellence while studying at AIIAS, and there will be many more challenges in life and in service. Earning a graduate degree is not an easy assignment. Whether in the challenges of doing academics in a second language, navigating financial challenges, trying to understand concepts of research, not being able to write a single word for days, dealing with interpersonal issues, or lying awake with concerns about health or the loss of loved ones, these graduates have had their moments of simply trying to survive, as well as moments of joy when they have soared and accomplished excellence. Through it all these graduates have clung to the hand of God, trusting that He will carry them through.

While the mission of AIIAS is to develop leaders who excel, our goal is that these graduates will also be humble leaders, leaders with hearts of grace and kindness. We recognize that the way of the Lord is not a high road with a glorious throne upon which to receive honor. It is a low road full of flawed people—including ourselves—who need the Lord, and who need our humble service as disciples of Jesus. If we have succeeded in our vision of being "a community of leaders with a heart for mission," how quickly the gospel will spread, to His name's honor and glory!

Let this graduation weekend be a time of rejoicing in a job well done. Excelsior! May this theme be seen in the Class of 2026 as they live their lives in service.

Congratulations, Graduates!

Ginger Ketting-Weller, PhD
AIIAS President

CLASS OFFICERS

President

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Zandritiana Lovanomena

Hnin Lae Yee Win

Bolorgegee Saran

Yuto Suzuki

Viliame Rabuka

Sa Phyo Wai Yan Bo

Chiao-En Lee

Jiawen Niu

Kenneth and Marianne Bergland

Class Theme: Excelsior: Embracing the Call

Class Colors: Blue, Mahogany, and Cream



CLASS SONG

Excelsior, Consecrated Heart

Composed by Viliame Rabuka

VERSE 1

Pages turning, hearts wide open
Laying down the plans we claimed
All our questions, broken moments
We entrust all to Your name

PRE-CHORUS

Take us high into Your glory
Though with fear, we try to hide
Let Your purpose shape our story
Let Your presence be our guide

CHORUS

Excelsior, draw us to You
Every breath, all that we do
Set us apart, make our lives new
Excelsior, we follow You
All that we are, all we pursue
(Excelsior), we live for You

VERSE 2

You have walked through all our valleys
You have seen us turn away
Still Your mercy keeps on calling
Leading us to choose Your way

PRE-CHORUS

Take the chains of our ambition
Every weight that pulls us down
Shape our steps with holy purpose
Let our lives reveal Your crown

ENDING

Excelsior
Excelsior
We live for You

PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Lupang Hinirang

Balmaceda & Santos/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 magdididlim.
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 & 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 sea,
Do we behold the radiance, feel the throb
Of glorious liberty.
Thy banner dear to all our hearts,
Its sun and stars alight,
O, 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 Guptill

Music by Cedric Lachenal

Arrangement by Amber 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

Eunice Aclan, PhD	Education
Godwin Aja, DrPH	Public Health
Victoria Aja, DMin	Applied Theology
Kenneth Bergland, PhD	Biblical Studies
Chirlynor Calbayan, DrPH/RND	Public Health
Leni Casimiro, PhD	Chair, Education
Donny Chrissutianto, PhD	Director, E.G. White Branch Office/Theological-Historical Studies
Teófilo Correa, PhD	Chair, Biblical Studies
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Richard Doss, PhD	Applied Theology
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Samuel Gaikwad, PhD	Education
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Raimond Luntungan, PhD	Education
Hector Martin, PhD	Biblical Studies
Bienvenido Mergal, PhD	Education
Jorge Montero, PhD	Vice President for Finance
Natasha Nangoy, PhD	Business
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Leonardo Nunes, ThD	Biblical Studies
Suryanica Aristas Pasuhuk, PhD	Theological-Historical Studies
Gideon Petersen, PhD	Applied Theology
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Kyung Ho Song, PhD	Chair, Theological-Historical Studies/Interim Dean, Seminary
Kenneth Swansi, PhD	Dean, Graduate School/Business
Vanlalhruii Swansi, PhD	Business
Jasmin Tuapin, PhD	Business
James Weller, PhD	Education
Hyunjun Woo, DMin	Applied Theology
Kim Si Young, DMin	Applied Theology

SPEAKERS' PROFILE

Marianne and Kenneth Bergland were both born abroad to Norwegian parents. Together or separately, they have lived east, west, and north in Norway, in Denmark, England, France, Israel, and the US, before coming to AIIAS and the Philippines as missionaries in 2022. Marianne has worked as a teacher and speech therapist, and Kenneth as a zookeeper, teacher, and church pastor. When they had lost hope of having their own children, God gave them Åsne. She continues to be a blessing in their lives. Marianne is now teaching English at the English Center, and Kenneth is teaching the Old Testament at the Seminary. All three find joy in hiking and the outdoors. They have spent weeks camping in remote areas and look forward to new adventures this summer.

Arceli H. Rosario, PhD, is the president of the Adventist University of the Philippines, bringing a 43-year teaching career in the basic, undergraduate, and graduate education. Her leadership journey includes being a high school registrar, principal, vice president for academic affairs, college president, and graduate school faculty and chair. As a researcher, she led the Asian Qualitative Research Association. Currently, she is the president of the Adventist Human-Subject Researchers Association-Asia chapter. Her scholarly contributions include co-editing *The SAGE Handbook of Qualitative Research in the Asian Context*, alongside numerous journal articles. Beyond academia, she authors the *My Bible Treasures* children's series. Dr. Rosario balances her professional legacy with a rich family life as a mother of four and grandmother of three, alongside her husband, a retired denominational worker.

Haejong Je, PhD, a native of South Korea, is the 16th president of Sahmyook University. He earned his PhD in Systematic Theology and Master of Divinity from Andrews University after graduating from Sahmyook University. His career includes a decade of pastoral ministry and 15 years of service as a faculty member, during which he held several leadership roles, including University Chaplain, Director of the Student Living and Education Center, and Chair of the Department of Theology. He was inaugurated as President in March 2024.

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

7:00–8:00 p.m., May 21, 2026

AIIAS Function Hall

Graduates with their spouse/parent are cordially invited to a formal reception with the AIIAS president, officers, and faculty members.

Light refreshments will be served.

Formal attire is expected.

AIIAS ADMINISTRATORS

Ginger Ketting-Weller
Jorge Montero
Kyung Ho Song
Kenneth Swansi

President
Vice President for Finance
Interim Dean, Seminary
Dean, Graduate School

CONSECRATION

7:00–8:30 p.m., May 22, 2026

Siew Huy Auditorium

Processional

AIAS Church Orchestra

Fairest Lord Jesus

Song of Praise

Praise Team

Welcome

Aroon Raza

Opening Hymn

SDA Hymn #249

Praise Him, Praise Him

Opening Prayer

Ereuka Kim

Testimonies of Praise

Moemedi Goitsewang

Evins Kumendong

Musical Offering

Sola Gratia

His Light in Us

Introduction of the Speakers

Sa Phyo Wai Yan Bo

Message

Kenneth and Marianne Bergland

Graduating Class Sponsors

Musical Offering

Sola Gratia

Prayer

Response in Word

Yuto Suzuki

Consecration Ceremony

Sponsors & Graduates

Consecration Song

Graduates

Excelsior, Consecrated Heart

Commitment Prayer

Samuel Gaikwad

Recessional

AIAS Church Orchestra

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Adly Gara, Neslyn Wai Hillary, Yin Mon Kyaw

Praise Team

Jesame Francia

Pianist

SABBATH SCHOOL

8:30–9:45 a.m., May 23, 2026

Siew Huy Auditorium

Song of Praise		Praise Team
Welcome		Gorbachev Stewart
Opening Hymn		SDA Hymn #83
	<i>O Worship the King</i>	
Opening Prayer		Jiawen Niu
Testimonies		Kate Yeboah-Appiagyei Richard Cacayan
Musical Offering		MPH Singers
	<i>You're About to Climb</i>	
Special Feature		Selected Graduates
	<i>Our AIIAS Experience</i>	
Musical Offering		Sisters in Song
	<i>You Will Never Walk Alone</i>	
Sabbath School Lesson Summary		Panel Discussion
	<i>Having Faith</i> Benjamin Suna, Gerry Takaria, Osée Toho, Samantha Zabala	
Closing Song		Praise Team
	<i>In His Time</i>	
Closing Prayer		Melvin Gaurana
	Zoheb Rafi, Bassirou Samake, Naw Bway Wah <i>Praise Team</i>	
	Eloina Mae Fumar <i>Pianist</i>	

BACCALAUREATE

10:00–11:30 a.m., May 23, 2026

Siew Huy Auditorium

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISING

Prelude in Songs

Foreign Adoration, AIIAS International Ladies Choir
Korean Flute Ensemble,
Jorge Montero
Mosaic Melody

Welcome and Announcements
Prelude

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Call to Worship
Processional

Glenn Latuni
AIIAS Church Orchestra

*Introit

Fairest Lord Jesus

SDA Hymn #73

Invocation

Holy, Holy, Holy

*Hymn of Adoration

Speaker
SDA Hymn #341

Hymn of Preparation

To God Be the Glory

SDA Hymn #671

**Pastoral Prayer

Now, Dear Lord, As We Pray

Hymn of Supplication

Thang Kang Lo
SDA Hymn #684

Children's Homily

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

Sarah Frimpong

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Thoughts on Stewardship
Offertory Music

Lolakeiti Otuhouma
Indonesian Angklung

*Hymn of Gratitude

I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go

SDA Hymn #694

Offertory Blessings

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings

Na Li

WORSHIP MESSAGE

Scripture Reading
Special Song

Maureen Mariñas
Himig

Introduction of the Speaker
Spoken Word

Be (My Heart, My Hands, My Voice)

Ginger Ketting-Weller
Arceli H. Rosario

President, Adventist University of the Philippines

WORSHIP CONSECRATION

*Hymn of Consecration

SDA Hymn #330

Benediction

Take My Life and Let It Be

*Anthem of Hope

Speaker
Congregation

*Recessional

We Shall Behold Him

AIIAS Church Orchestra

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Viliame Rabuka, Jiawen Niu, Sa Phyo Wai Yan Bo
Praise Team

Marjorie Jiji Taclob
Pianist

*Congregation, please stand.

**Congregation, please kneel.

TRIBUTE AND THANKSGIVING

4:00–5:00 p.m., May 23, 2026

Siew Huy Auditorium

Processional		AIIAS Youth Strings
Welcome Remarks		Bolorgegee Saran
Opening Prayer		Jale Koroitubuna
Musical Offering		AIIAS Filipino Chorale
	<i>Steadfast</i>	
Tribute to Friends and Communities		Chiao-En Lee
Tribute to Sponsors		Ashok Kumar
Tribute to Administrators, Faculty, and Staff		Mandhla Khanye
Giving of Gifts		Graduates
Musical Offering		SPD Community
	<i>Moving Upwards</i>	
Tribute to Spouses		Imie Ligalig Jonathan Ukwuoma
Tribute to Parents		Hnin Lae Yee Win
Giving of Gifts		Graduates
Musical Offering		African Community
	<i>Tshela Moya/Kenna Yo Morena</i>	
Closing Prayer		Yin Mon Kyaw

COMMENCEMENT

7:00–9:30 a.m., May 24, 2026
Siew Huy Auditorium

Prelude		Muyi Cai and Zhiyi Liang
	<i>My Tribute</i>	
Opening		Grand Marshal/The Herald
Processional		The Philippine Meistersingers
	<i>Crown Him!</i>	
Posting of Colors		Flag Marshals
*National Anthem		The Philippine Meistersingers, leading
	<i>Lupang Hinirang</i>	
AIIAS Song		The Philippine Meistersingers
	<i>AIIAS Press On</i>	
*Litany of Wisdom		Kenneth Swansi, <i>Dean, Graduate School</i>
Leader:	O Lord of glory and grace, You call us by Your light and Your goodness.	
Graduates:	Excelsior. We rise and answer Your call.	
Leader:	You know our weakness and surround us with Your care.	
Graduates:	When we are weak, You strengthen us.	
Leader:	Lord Jesus, thank You for shaping our lives and freeing us to walk in Your ways.	
Graduates:	Shape us still, that our faith, learning, and service may honor You.	
Leader:	Through our years of study and growth, You have sustained us and kept Your mission alive in us.	
Graduates:	You have formed us, and You now send us forward.	
Leader:	Class of 2026, go with courage! You are entrusted to guard what is true and serve with love.	
Graduates:	Help us lift others and seek what is good.	
Leader:	When the road is hard, remember: the One who calls you is faithful.	
Graduates:	We will move forward, upheld by Your power. To You alone we offer our lives.	
Leader:	Guided by grace and compelled by love,	
Graduates:	We embrace our calling!	
All:	Excelsior—ever upward, until the light of Christ is seen through us all. Amen.	
*Opening Prayer		Kyung Ho Song, <i>Interim Dean, Seminary</i>
Musical Selection		The Philippine Meistersingers
	<i>The Celestial Call</i>	
Welcome/Introduction of the Speaker		Ginger Ketting-Weller, <i>President</i>

*Congregation, please stand.

Commencement Address	Haejong Je , <i>President, Sahmyook University</i>
Class Response	Blessing Obaya, <i>Class President</i>
Presentation of the Class	Kenneth Swansi Kyung Ho Song
Conferral of Degrees	Ginger Ketting-Weller
Presentation of Diplomas	Cherille Espina, <i>Director, Admissions & Records</i> Lina Almocera, Iris Ho, and Jennifer Valenia, assisting
Biographical Sketches	
Seminary	Richard Doss
Graduate School	Eunice Aclan
Hoarding	Deans/Program Directors/Advisors
Presentation of Class Gift	Zandritiana Lovanomena, <i>Class Vice President</i>
Acceptance of Gift	Jorge Montero, <i>Vice President for Finance</i>
Welcome to Alumni Association	Aimee Tapeceria, <i>Director for Public Relations</i>
*Prayer of Sending	Kenneth and Marianne Bergland, <i>Class Sponsors</i>

Sponsors: **Oh Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth (Ps 8:1)! You are worthy, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created (Rev 4:11). You are worthy, our Lord Jesus Christ, for You were slaughtered, and You purchased people with Your blood from every tribe, language, people, and nation (Rev 5:9). May all nations praise Your great and awesome name (Ps 99:2–3)! At this hour of completion and sending, we lift up to You the 2026 Graduates of AIIAS.**

Graduates: When we look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place, what is a man that You think of him, and a woman that You care for her (Ps 8:3–4)? You make the heart of the crushed come alive again and exalt the humble—we return all glory to You (Isa 57:15; Luke 2:46–48, 52)!

Sponsors: **You have called each of the graduates by name as Your own (Isa 43:1). Make them strong and courageous, and may You be their only fear (Josh 1:9; Isa 8:13).**

Graduates: You have called us by Your own glory and excellence (2 Pet 1:3). But we feel feeble and failing. Be with us every day according to Your own promise (Matt 28:20)!

Administration/ Faculty/ Staff: **You have called them to imitate You, to show Christ’s excellence to the world. Help them to live in Your patience when humiliated, Your love when criticized, and Your faithfulness when persecuted.**

*Congregation, please stand.

Graduates: Grant us to walk humbly according to Your commandments and not depend on our own understanding. Help us to love You with all our heart, soul, and mind and trust You completely (Prov 3:5; Mic 6:8; Rev 14:12).

Congregation: **Let them show Your mercy to the outcast, Your justice to the oppressed, Your truth against falsehood. Let them live in the peace and joy that only You give and seek Your forgiveness when they fail.**

Graduates: God of peace, equip us with everything good that we may do Your will. Work in us that which is pleasing in Your sight, through You, Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever (Heb 13:21).

**Administration/
Faculty/ Staff:** **Because You have called them and promised to go with them, in confidence and trust in You we let them go. Send them from AIIAS as Your witnesses to all parts of the earth (Acts 1:8).**

Graduates: Go with us, Lord! If Your presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here (Exod 33:15).

Congregation: **Let neither death nor life, angels nor powers, things present nor things to come separate them from the love of God, Christ Jesus our Lord (Rom 8:38–39). May You strengthen them with power in their inner being through Your Spirit, so that You, Christ, may dwell in their hearts through faith (Eph 3:16–17).**

Graduates: Almighty God, as we prepare to leave AIIAS, may Your Holy Spirit never leave this place. To You, who are able to do far beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to You be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever (Eph 3:20–21).

Sponsors: **May you, Lord, bless them and keep them. May You make Your face to shine on them and be gracious to them. Lord, lift Your face toward them and give them Your peace (Num 6:24–26).**

All: Amen and amen!

Class Song

Graduates

Excelsior, Consecrated Heart

*Prayer of Dedication

Kenneth Bergland

*Dismissal

Ginger Ketting-Weller

Recessional

The Philippine Meistersingers

Onward, Ye Peoples!

Picture Taking

Aimee Tapeceria, coordinating

Only official photographers are allowed near the platform.

*Congregation, please stand.

GRAND MARSHAL

Francisco Gayoba

THE HERALD

VonErik Liligeto

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Marianne Bergland
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Ginger Ketting-Weller
Haejong Je
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AIIAS – Lowell Somoso

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Laos – Minh Thi Duong

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Mali – Isaac Vah Jr.
Mongolia – Chantsal Damdinzeveg
Myanmar – Naw Tracy
Nigeria – Caleb Mallum
Pakistan – Lubna Iqbal
Solomon Islands – Kylisha Paul
South Korea – Park Jung Hoon
Sri Lanka – Nahul Sivakumar
Taiwan – Ke, Chien
Tonga – Solomone Vailea
Ukraine – Bohdan Koval
United States of America – Hadassah Doss
Vanuatu – Basan Luke
Zimbabwe – Komborero Sigauke

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 Arts in Church Ministry, Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Religion, Doctor of Missiology, Doctor of Ministry, 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 Teaching

***Edivaldo De Jesus Simão Abel (*in absentia*)

Angola

**Graduate Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers
of Other Languages**

Ereuka Kim

South Korea

Master of Arts in Church Ministry

*Ali Love Agum Apale

Philippines

*Edmund Zablan Basco

Philippines

**Nicholson Bolango (*in absentia*)

Vanuatu

*David Carrieda Bornales

Philippines

*Argie Patiluna Cafe

Philippines

*Levi Agad Caresosa

Philippines

*Juanito Palao Catane, Jr.

Philippines

*Alex Osano Cordero

Philippines

*Walter Orencio Enrique

Philippines

*Seth Geal Esmeralda

Philippines

*Julie Sabado Esteban

Philippines

*Ranel Alenas Fortich

Philippines

*Joel Caten Hubero

Philippines

*Allan Geografia Jacomilla

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*Arman Bendanillo Lantaca

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*Marlon Redosendo Manlapao

Philippines

*Jonathan Clarin Maslog

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*Joel Baring Nacubuan

Philippines

*Rufy Botardo Ocaya

Philippines

*Dodskie Apolo Odtojan

Philippines

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Philippines

*Meljoie Ramos Pepito

Philippines

*Robert Balansag Quibado

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*Chlue Cortez Tangente	Philippines
*Azer Saladaga Tepan	Philippines
*EM Vladimir Arellano Undalok	Philippines
*Daniel Jimenez Zablan	Philippines

Master of Divinity

***Minchul Cho (<i>in absentia</i>)	South Korea
Yong Woo Chun (<i>in absentia</i>)	South Korea
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INTERPRETATION OF SYMBOLS

AIIAS 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 AIIAS 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 AIIAS 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 AIIAS 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 AIIAS 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 AIIAS 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 AIIAS academic regalia represents the status and achievement of an important academic accomplishment. There is a dignity of position declared by wearing regalia that belongs only to those who have earned it. Regalia should only be worn by AIIAS 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

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