

# About Teaching in Vietnam

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# Teach at the Canadian International School—Vietnam (CIS)

- CIS is a private organization in Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC) established in 2008
- CIS' vision is to offer a high standard Cdn education to Vietnamese citizens and expatriates
- CIS' vision is to follow Ontario Ministry of Education guidelines
- CIS' vision is supported by Vietnam govt & Cdn Consulate
- CIS is governed by a Board of Directors
- DSBN began consulting for CIS in 2009



District School Board of Niagara, St. Catharines, ON, provides consulting services to CIS

# VIETNAM





Opening Ceremony of Original, Temporary Campus of CIS, 2009



Opening Ceremony of Newly Constructed Campus of CIS, 2010



Director of Education, DSBN (left) and President, CIS Board of Directors (right) greet Deputy Prime Minister, Vietnam (centre) and HCMC Education Officials (back)

## CIS, Cont'd...

- CIS consists of academic and community-based programs + facilities
- CIS offers ON curriculum Jk-11
- CIS employs 40 teachers + 1 Head of School (S.O.)+ 1 Elem. Administrator + 1 Sec. Administrator (all Ontario-certified Teachers--OCT's)
- CIS in 2<sup>nd</sup> year of successful operation
- CIS hosts enrolment of 480 and growing rapidly





Arial Depiction of the Canadian International School—Vietnam



Front View of the Canadian International School—Vietnam



Front View of the Canadian International School—Vietnam



Flag-raising Ceremony at Grand Opening (25 countries represented in student body)



Enrolment of 480 JK-11 and growing. School capacity 1,000



Rear Courtyard of Canadian International School—Vietnam—Six-story building



Outdoor Primary Play Area



Indoor Primary Play Area





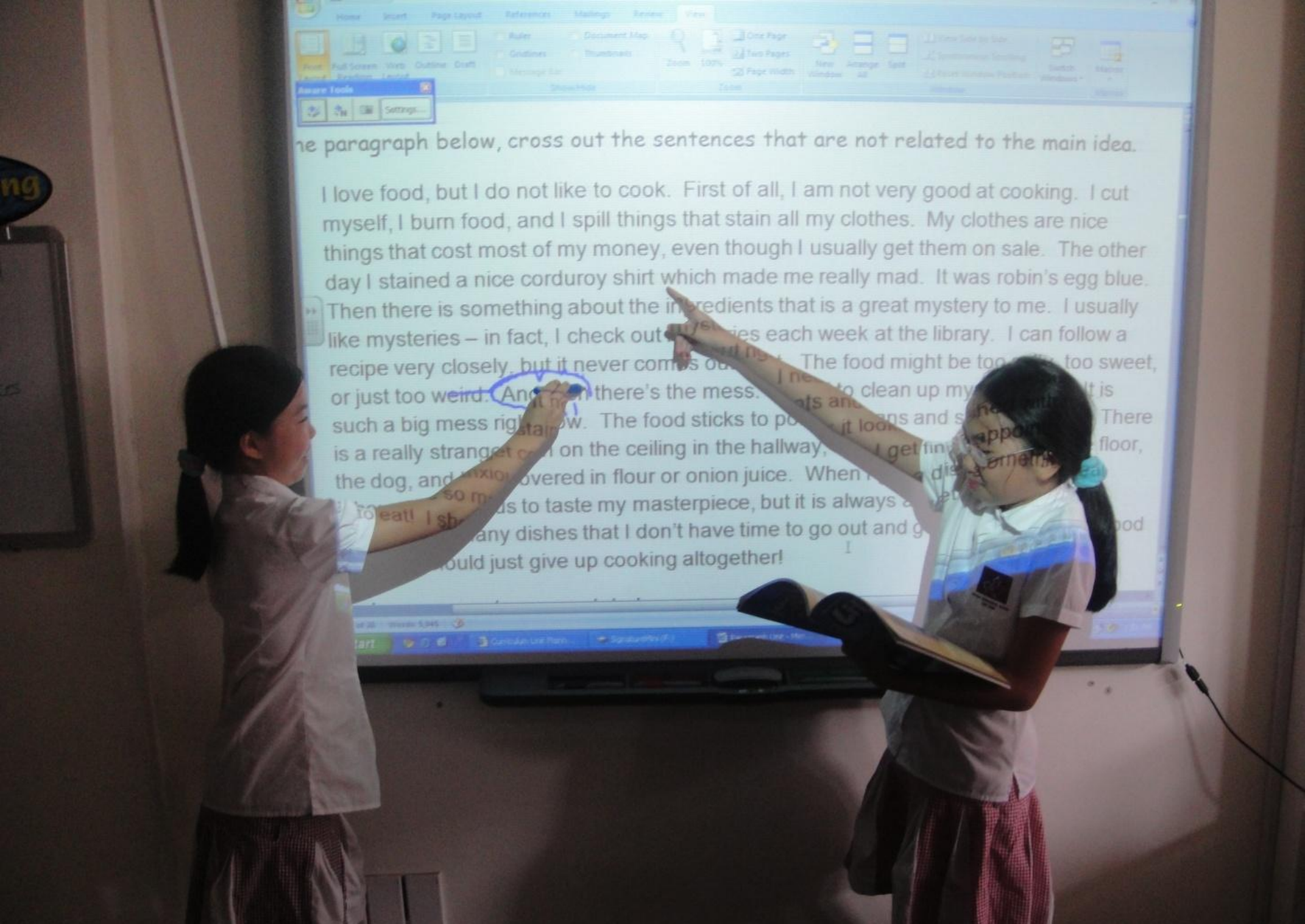
JK Students



K Students



Primary Students



Junior Students



Junior Students



Intermediate—Senior Students



EFL & ELL Resource Room & Specialists



EFL Instruction





Primary—Junior Computer Lab



Teachers of Vietnamese Culture & Language



Spring Festival



Spring Festival



Maple Leaf Centre—an integral part of CIS



Gymnasium



Drama Class



Two Theatres (Drama and Movie)





Two outdoor swimming pools



Bowling Lanes

# Employment Opportunities at CIS

- Ontario-Certified Teachers and Administrators are eligible.

See current postings on DSBN Careers/Teaching Opportunities in Vietnam website or [applytoeducation.com](http://applytoeducation.com) website

# Why work abroad at CIS?

- To enhance your professional knowledge, skills, and cultural sensitivities as an educator
- To practise your teaching craft while broadening your perspective on curriculum
- To build capacity within your school system upon your return to develop an understanding of global citizenship with students and staff
- To visit and learn from famous historical and geographic sites in Vietnam and nearby regions

# SOUTHEAST ASIA



# What can you expect living in HCMC?

- In addition to Vietnamese, many people speak English and/or French
- You may choose living accommodations within 10-20 minutes of CIS in an upscale suburban area or within 45 minutes in a downtown culturally authentic, developing area
- You may choose to live singly in or share an apartment or townhouse with colleagues
- You may choose to take an inexpensive taxi or moto-taxi to/from work daily or ride your own moto (scooter)



Family in a Buddhist Pagoda



Upscale suburban area—20 minutes from CIS





Upscale suburban area—20 minutes from CIS



Modern Apartment Complex—20 minutes from CIS



Shared Apartment in modern building



Downtown HCMC



Roman Catholic Church—Downtown HCMC



Shared 3-bedroom Townhouse in Downtown HCMC



Rooftop of Townhouse in Downtown HCMC



Getting around on primarily motos in HCMC



# What to expect, Cont'd...

- You will find the climate hot and humid all year
- You will find a wide variety of traditional Vietnamese or Western-style eating establishments and fresh food markets
- You will find the cost-of-living relatively low so you should be able to pay your living expenses, travel in the region, and build up a savings
- You will have many opportunities to socialize with and find support among your colleagues, other expatriates, and locals



Traditional Vietnamese Food



Fresh Food Markets Everywhere



Vibrant Life in HCMC



Entertaining Nightlife in HCMC



Irish Pub in Downtown HCMC



War Tunnels



Buddhist Pagoda





Multi-faith Place of Worship



Mekong Delta



Fishing Village



Beach on Gulf of Thailand

# Academic Year Calendar

- August 15 Preparation & planning
- August 24 – Jun 30 Academic year
- Main public holiday periods
  - October One-wk holiday
  - December Two-wk Christmas holiday
  - January Two-wk Tet holiday
  - May One-wk holiday

# Teacher Compensation Pkg

See compensation schedule posted at:

DSBN Careers/Teaching Opportunities in Vietnam/  
Compensation Package

- teaching experience as a certified teacher will be evaluated for plcmt on grid
- Note: salaries are commensurate with low cost of living; many teachers report savings of at least 30% after annual vacation travelling

# Tchr Comp Pkg, Cont'd...

- Airfare
  - Return flight pd from/to home each yr in 2-yr contract
- Accommodations
  - Provided for or an allowance of \$6,600/yr.
  - Single or shared furnished apartment or townhouse
- Health Insurance
  - Blue Cross basic policy to max \$1,000 annual premium
  - Sick leave allotment 10 days/yr
- Settling Allowance
  - One-time \$600

# Tchr Comp Pkg, Cont'd...

- Benefits
  - Free use of Maple Leaf Centre facilities, e.g. Outdoor pools, gymnasium, movie theatre, bowling lanes, etc.
  - 6 full weeks of holiday time throughout the academic year plus summer break
  - One dependent child of teacher can attend tuition-free



# Teaching/Prep Time

- Work week = 35 hours incl. 40 min prep; +40 min lunch
- Instruct two after-school co-curricular classes/wk
- Most timetables are M-F between 8:30-3:00;
- Some teaching may be required in the Maple Leaf Centre in addition to the academic program to provide full timetable

# Entry Visa and Work Permit

- CIS will assist you in getting your 3-mo. entry visa
- CIS will assist you upon arrival in getting your work permit
- VN govt requires you undergo a medical upon arrival

# Considerations

- Leave of absence from Ontario employment
- Canadian Residency Status for income tax purposes
- Ontario Teacher Pension Plan effect
- Two-year commitment in Vietnam
- Adjustment to culture in Vietnam

# If Employment Offer is made by CIS

- Review sample teacher contract provided
- Sign and return to CIS the Employment Offer-binding
- Research recommended immunizations
- Provide acceptable police check
- Provide letter of good health
- Sign DSBN Waiver and Acknowledgment that the employment contract is solely with CIS; not DSBN
- Notarize and take copies of key education documents
- Ensure passport is current
- Attend scheduled DSBN new-teacher orientation

# Conclusion

For further enquiries or to submit an application for a teaching or administrative position at the Canadian International School—Vietnam please contact:

[international@dsbn.edu.on.ca](mailto:international@dsbn.edu.on.ca)

