



**ADVENTIST INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF
ADVANCED STUDIES**

**103rd
GRADUATION
CEREMONY**

March 8 - 10, 2019

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

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies 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

The Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (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 post-baccalaureate education for pastors in the Asia-Pacific region. The Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, Far East, held the first graduation ceremony in April of 1972. The Theological Seminary prospered and grew to emerge as AIIAS in 1987. A second element, 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, almost all Graduate School programs are accredited by the Philippine Accrediting Association of Schools, Colleges, and Universities (PAASCU).

Through its central campus, Online Learning programs, and Distance Learning Centers throughout the world, AIIAS serves increasing numbers of Adventist pastors, educators, health professionals, administrators, and church leaders in many countries.

WELCOME

The graduating class of 2019 is pleased to welcome all of you to this auspicious occasion of the 103rd Commencement Exercises of the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies. This event is a very significant moment for us since it marks the climax of our academic journey. We are happy that you are here to celebrate with us. You are part of our success. Indeed, it would not have been possible to reach this momentous occasion were it not for God who was on our side and the support that we have received from AIAS faculty and staff, our sponsors, families, friends, and significant others.

You will agree with us that the one who said, “the roots of education are bitter but its fruits are sweet” correctly stated our experience throughout our academic journey. We had to make a lot of sacrifices to reach where we are today. Some of us studied by faith with limited or no finances and some spent sleepless nights while working tirelessly on our academic requirements. Some watered the pages of books with tears and experienced mental blocks while others came to the verge of giving up. Yet by God’s grace, we have made it to the end!

Through it all, God was working in us, modeling and rebuilding in us a character after His own likeness. We have learned how to strive to true success through faith, hard work, and trust in His divine guidance. We have become self-directed scholars and spiritual leaders equipped for service to the world. The education we have acquired from AIAS has shaped us to become useful tools in God’s hands—tools used to rebuild the lives of others for eternity. We will soon leave here filled with excitement and anticipation of continuing to rebuild lives that have been broken by sin.

Once again, we are pleased to see you all. Welcome to the celebration of our lives rebuilt for eternity. Praise be to God!

*The 2019 Graduating Class
103rd Commencement Ceremony*

CLASS OFFICERS

President	Kepha Pondi
Vice President	Steve Pointe
Secretary	Lovely Sabsal
Treasurer	Jusuf Kalengkongan
Class Pastor	Jemmy Naj Joan
Music Coordinator	Jomar de Castro
Decoration Coordinators	Evelyn Obo
	Belinda Liu
Photography Coordinator	Felix Gosal
Sponsors	Samuel and Prema Gaikwad

Motto: *Rebuilding for Eternity*

Class Colors: Gold, Silver, and Royal Blue

AIAS SONG

AIAS Press On

Lyrics by Stephen Guptill

Music by Cedric Lachenal

Arranged by Amber and Fredrick Murillo

AIAS 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.

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

CLASS SONG

Rebuilding for Eternity

Words and Music by Jose Mario de Castro

We are God's hands reaching in this vastness.
He is the light we're reflecting
to bring out the colors, shining the hopes.
Darkness has hidden their hues.

We are His voice encouraging the weary.
He is the power, the strength that binds us through.
We are different colors bonded by faith,
working as one for the truth.

Coming from different lands,
witnessed the power of Christ,
now we stand with the wisdom
that comes from God.
Working with all our hearts,
serving with all our might,
now we stand with a promise of shaping lives.

Chorus

Reconstructing foundations of faith and love
and through education reveal His love.
Healing for wellness and commerce to endure.
Preach the gospel to society so everyone may see,
This now is not forever. We're rebuilding for eternity.

Let's restore God's lost image in man
All we are is for the glory, our gift to the One.
Testifying that victory is won only in God.
(Repeat Chorus)

PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Lupang Hinirang

Balmaceda and 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 pasisil.

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.

PROCESSIONAL SONG

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Ludwig Van Beethoven

Arranged by David T. Clydesdale

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
Hail Thee as the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise:
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother
All who live in love are Thine:
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus,
Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us,
Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music lifts us Sunward
In the triumph song of life.

FACULTY

Godwin Aja, DrPH	Chair, Public Health
Victoria Aja, DMin	Applied Theology
Evelyn Almocera, MD/MPH	Public Health
Reuel Almocera, DPS	Director, E. G. White Estate Branch/Applied Theology
Chirlynor Calbayan, DrPH	Public Health
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Safary Wa-Mbaleka, PhD/EdD	Education
Pavel Zubkov, PhD	Applied Theology

ADJUNCT FACULTY

William Green, PhD	Education
Rita Henriquez-Green, EdD	Education
Grace Luntungan, DrPH cand.	Public Health
Gimylin Wa-Mbaleka, PhD	Business

SPEAKERS' PROFILE

Raquel B. de Korniejczuk, PhD, is currently the academic vice president of Montemorelos University, an Seventh-day Adventist university located in Mexico that serves the Inter-American Division. She was born in Argentina and earned a doctorate degree in Education, Curriculum and Instruction from Andrews University, MI. Besides her administrative responsibilities, she chairs the K-12 Bible textbook project for the Inter-American Division. Her interest in research and innovation is focused on philosophy and the practice of Adventist education at home, church, and school. Previous to her current appointment, Dr. Korniejczuk was the dean of the School of Humanities at River Plate University, in Argentina. She has more than 30 years of teaching experience at the undergraduate and graduate level.

Prema Gaikwad, PhD, is a professor of Education at AIIAS, Philippines. She completed her doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction from Andrews University, MI. She hails from India, and has been in the teaching profession both at Spicer Memorial College, India, and AIIAS, for 44 years. She has presented papers at several international conferences, conducted numerous workshops and seminars for teacher development, and has published several articles. Currently she is writing a series of Bible story books to be published in Southern Asia-Pacific Division.

Samuel Gaikwad, PhD, is a professor in the Education Department of the Graduate School at AIIAS. He is from India and has had his education in India and the United States. He was the president of Spicer Memorial College (now Spicer Adventist University) in India. At AIIAS, in addition to education courses, he teaches statistics and research classes. He takes keen interest both in quantitative and qualitative research and as such has guided many students through dissertations, theses, and research projects. He has 45 years of teaching experience. At present, he is the acting dean of the Graduate School at AIIAS.

Richard A. Sabuin, PhD, was born in Indonesia and earned his graduate degrees from AIIAS, Philippines. He has served the denomination for more than 25 years in various capacities—as local church and district pastor, conference departmental director, associate editor of the Indonesia Publishing House, secondary school math teacher, AIIAS Seminary professor, department chair, and dean. In October 2015, he was appointed as the director of the Education Department, as well as Sabbath School and Personal Ministries Department of Northern Asia-Pacific Division, up to the present.

CONSECRATION

7:00 – 8:30 p.m., March 8, 2019
Siew Huy Auditorium

Processional		Artistry for Ministry
	<i>Onward, Christian Soldiers</i>	
Songs of Praise		Praise Team
Welcome		Kepha Pondi
Opening Hymn		SDA Hymn # 330
	<i>Take My Life and Let It Be</i>	
Opening Prayer		Tina Loipen
Special Music		The Nations
	<i>Lift Up the Cross</i>	
Testimony		Ruth and Miguel Patiño
Introduction to Consecration		Samuel & Prema Gaikwad
Response in Word		Steve Pointe

CONSECRATION CEREMONY

Graduates
Departments' Representatives: Jusuf Kalengkongan, Shekel Sibala, Linda Yapi,
Prakash Jacob, Alfred Labadisos, & Melvin Sagala

Consecration Song		Graduates
	<i>Rebuilding for Eternity</i>	
Commitment Prayer		Samuel & Prema Gaikwad
Recessional		Artistry for Ministry
	<i>Praise Medley</i>	

Felix Gosal, Liliia Ovdienko, Linda Yapi
Praise Team

Marjorie Taclob
Pianist

SABBATH SCHOOL

8:30 – 9:45 a.m., March 9, 2019
Siew Huy Auditorium

Welcome
Songs of Praise
Opening Hymn

Lovely Sabsal
Praise Team
SDA Hymn # 422

Marching to Zion

Opening Prayer
Testimony of Praise

Christopher Paul
Beersheba Maywald
Marino Laurin

Special Music

AIIAS International Teens Choir

I'll Be There in Glory

Special Feature

Selected Graduates

Lives Rebuilt

Intermission Song

Brass Ensemble

Count Your Blessings

Sabbath School Lesson Review

Panel Discussion

God's Everlasting Gospel

Prema Gaikwad, Don Leo Garilva, Andrew Jacob, Huayi Liu, Joseph Molu

Closing Song

SDA Hymn # 248

O, How I Love Jesus

Closing Prayer

Yoshihiro Fujita

Sarah Lin-ao, Edward Taliwongso
Praise Team

Hokgie Kabanga
Pianist

BACCALAUREATE

10:00 – 11:30 a.m., March 9, 2019

Siew Huy Auditorium

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISING

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements & Call to Worship

Processional

AIIAS Teen Strings
Jemmy Najoa
Artistry for Ministry

*Introit

Beautiful Savior

SDA Hymn # 73

Invocation

*Hymn of Adoration

Holy, Holy, Holy

Speaker

SDA Hymn # 83

Hymn of Preparation

O Worship the King

SDA Hymn # 671

**Pastoral Prayer

Children's Homily

As We Come to You in Prayer

Chung Yin Mak
September Jane Ranarez

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Thoughts on Stewardship

Offertory Music

Liliia Ovdienko
AIIAS Handbell Ringers

*Hymn of Gratitude

Grazioso

Congregation

Offertory Blessings

Doxology

Jessie Aragon Jr.

WORSHIP MESSAGE

Scripture Reading

Special Song

Because He Lives

Dulce Valdez
Mass Choir

Introduction of the Speaker

Reyna Ligonde

Spoken Word

Richard Sabuin
Education Director, Northern Asia-Pacific Division

WORSHIP CONSECRATION

*Hymn of Consecration

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

SDA Hymn # 88

Benediction

*Anthem of Hope

We Have This Hope

Speaker
Congregation

*Recessional

Shine, Jesus, Shine!

Artistry for Ministry

Hokgie Kabanga, Miguel Patiño, Ruth Ramirez, Denise Saludo
Praise Team

Amber Murillo
Pianist

*Congregation, please stand.

**Congregation, please kneel.

TRIBUTE AND THANKSGIVING

3:00 – 4:00 p.m., March 9, 2019

Siew Huy Auditorium

Song of Praise	Praise Team
Opening Song	Praise Team
Opening Prayer	Irene Thang
Welcome and Introduction	Ivonne Ndlovu
Special Music	AIIAS International Youth Choir

Thank You

Tribute to God	Jan Elexiz Mercado
Special Music	Jomar de Castro & Alicia Najoran

The Dreamer

Tribute to Parents	Deborah Yoyo
Tribute to Spouses	Hisar Tamba
Tribute to Sponsors	Angelito Langit
Special Music	Grace Notes

I Believe in a Hill Called Mount Calvary

Tribute to Administrators, Faculty, and Staff	Evelyn Obo
Special Music	DLC Graduates
Closing Remarks	Marie Claire Mukamazimpaka
Closing Prayer	Meilin Lyu

Sheri Namanya, Adlai Tornalejo

Praise Team

Amber Murillo

Pianist

COMMENCEMENT

9:00 – 11:30 a.m., March 10, 2019
Siew Huy Auditorium

Prelude Karan Swansi and JV Wongkaren, leading
Opening Grand Marshal/The Herald
Processional Artistry for Ministry & AIYC

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Posting of Colors Flag Marshals
*National Anthem Judy Ann Belga, leading

Lupang Hinirang

AIAS Song Judy Ann Belga

AIAS Press On

*Litany of Wisdom Bryan Sumendap, *VP for Student Services*

Leader: The world today is full of suffering and pain because of sin. But God has called us to work for Him.

Graduates: We are to promote His promise to restore His people to health and heal their wounds. To continue to build His people until Jesus comes.

Leader: Be bold, never be discouraged. God will do as He has promised.

Graduates: Praise the Lord, for He is good; sing praise to our God for He is gracious; it is fitting to praise Him. The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; the dispersed of Israel He gathers.

Leader: O taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed is the man who trusts in Him.

Graduates: The Lord is in Zion. Let them praise His great and awesome name for He is holy.

All: The Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.

*Opening Prayer Bryan Sumendap

Musical Selection Ladies Trio

You're About to Climb

Welcome/Introduction of the Speaker Stephen Guptill, *President*

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Raquel de Korniejczuk
Academic Vice President, Montemorelos University

Class Response Kepha Pondi, *Class President*

*Congregation, please stand.

Presentation of the Class	Frederick Oberholster, <i>VP for Academic Administration</i>
Conferral of Degrees	Stephen Guptill
Presentation of Diplomas	Lina Almocera, <i>Acting Director, Admissions & Records</i> Cherille Espina, Iris Ho, Joiedevi Sumendap, assisting
Biographical Sketches	
Seminary	Cristian Dumitrescu
Graduate School	Gracel Saban
Hooding	Deans/Program Directors
Presentation of Class Gift	Jusuf Kalengkongan, <i>Class Treasurer</i>
Acceptance of Gift	Jorge Montero, <i>VP for Finance</i>
Welcome to Alumni Association	Bruce Sumendap, <i>Director, Public Relations</i>
*Litany of Sending	Samuel and Prema Gaikwad, <i>Class Sponsors</i>

Sponsors: O Lord, we praise You and exalt You for the marvelous love that You have extended to us!

Class: We thank You for the wonders of Your grace and mercy. You have never left us or forsaken us.

Sponsors: May we never forget that Your hand is upon us. Do expel all fear and doubt that assail us.

Class: Take us, as we are O Lord, and make us fit for Your service—to rebuild for eternity.

Sponsors: Just as You called Ezra to rebuild Your temple, You are calling us to rebuild our communities.

Class: Help us to stay focused. Encourage us to give our best to serve in humility and respect.

Sponsors, Faculty, Administrators: Just as You empowered Nehemiah to speak out for the people of Israel, and gave him courage to confront those who would oppose rebuilding of Jerusalem,

Class: Give us the power to speak out the truth. May we empower the powerless, uplift the downtrodden, and rebuild for eternity.

Sponsors: Just as You promised the prophets of old that You would not forsake them though the mountains might be shaken,

Class: O God, give us steadfast faith and endurance. Accept the offering of ourselves to serve all people in love, rebuilding for eternity.

Sponsors, Faculty, Administrators: Renew Your likeness in us; help us to walk the talk despite challenges.

Class: So dwell within us that we may go forth with the light of hope in our eyes, the fire of inspiration on our lips, Your word on our tongues, and Your love in our hearts.

All: Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen.

Class Song

*Prayer of Dedication

*Dismissal

Recessional

Picture Taking

Rebuilding for Eternity

The King

Graduates

Samuel Gaikwad

Stephen Guptill

Artistry for Ministry & AIYC

Bruce Sumendap, coordinating

Only official photographers are allowed
near the platform.

GRAND MARSHAL

Reuel Almocera

THE HERALD

Sanned Lubani

USHERS

Jemry Apostol

Samuel Bayot

Legesse Dana

David Lumowa

Stkesworth Shadeed

USHERETTES

Ivy Ambat

Natasha Nangoy

Blessing Obaya

Richel Oñate

Irene Rivera

PLATFORM PARTY

Bruce Sumendap	Director, Public Relations
Prema Gaikwad	Class Sponsor
Samuel Gaikwad	Acting Dean, Graduate School/Class Sponsor
Stephen Guptill	President
Raquel de Korniejczuk	Academic Vice President, Montemorelos University
Frederick Oberholster	Vice President for Academic Administration
Ricardo González	Dean, Seminary
Jorge Montero	Vice President for Finance
Bryan Sumendap	Vice President for Student Services

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, Public Health
6. Graduates of Seminary by program – Master of Ministry, Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Religion, Doctor of Ministry, Doctor of Philosophy in Religion
7. Graduates and friends by nationalities (*See Flag Marshals list for sequence*)

FLAG MARSHALS

Philippines – Bella Marie Medalla

Christian – Christian Rodelas

Adventist – March Nadera

AIAS – Marichell Galupo

Angola – Josias Xirimimbini

Australia – David Allen

Cameroon – Ghislain Eyetemou

China – Liang Yongqiang

Côte d'Ivoire – Edivaldo Abel

Dominican Republic – Yeison Gonzalez

Ethiopia – Hewan Berih

Germany – Yvonne Gameti

Guyana – Joseph Andrews

Haiti – Francois Watland

Honduras – Dony Lynn Lacuna

Hong Kong – Huang Yang Neng

India – Judson Chhakchhuak

Indonesia – George Tamba

Japan – Chikako Fujita

Jordan – Mary Grace De Guzman

Kenya – Nassa Onyango

Kiribati – Dalcy Kaitu'u

Malaysia – Eloina Deapera

Mauritius – Stephen Ruhupatty

Mexico – Rudi Sanchez

Mongolia – Elsie Pastrana

Myanmar – Naw Ei Lay

Pakistan – Arik Gulzar

Papua New Guinea – Elis Ricky

Russian Federation – Nadezhda Sevriukov

Rwanda – Godwin Kato

Saint Lucia – Dim San Niang

Seychelles – Hannah Pointe

South Korea – Peter Woo

Tanzania – Nzaje Cabunda

United States – Dalia Taylor

Zimbabwe – Bheki Sibanda

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

Seminary and Graduate School

Graduate Certificate in Business

***Malik Umar Azad (in absentia) Pakistan

Graduate Certificate in Ministry

***Moemedi Goitsewang (in absentia) Australia

**Earl Andrew Timothy Thomas (in absentia) Guyana

Master of Ministry

*Erwin A. Agdeppa Philippines

*Maxwell D. Agunan Philippines

*Valentine M. Aplod Philippines

*Andres B. Balas Philippines

*Leonardo N. Balberan, Jr. Philippines

***Oyuntuya Batsukh (in absentia) Mongolia

*Jules C. Bermudez Philippines

*Eduardo P. Besin Philippines

*Alfredo W. dela Torre, Jr. Philippines

*Leonell B. Diaz Philippines

*Marvin C. Diaz Philippines

*Michael J. Doroni Philippines

*John Rowell C. Eda Philippines

Yoshihiro Fujita Japan

*Eduardo A. Garlejo Philippines

***David Hans Bernhard Harms (in absentia) Germany

*Noah Q. Hope Philippines

Prakash Jacob India

**Marino D. Laurin Philippines

*Immanuel Lisupadang Indonesia

*Victor G. Mariano	Philippines
*Jan Elexiz Z. Mercado	Philippines
***Mauriel Samson Bush Maldonado (in absentia)	Honduras
*Felipe T. Manlongat, Jr.	Philippines
Joseph Sande Molu	Papua New Guinea
*Eduard G. Ongcal	Philippines
*Arnold C. Ortiz	Philippines
*Franie J. Pajarito	Philippines
**Christopher Paul	Pakistan
Aurelio Victorino Paulino	Angola
*Jemuel W. Pollito	Philippines
*Gaspar R. Rabang	Philippines
***Ivandale T. Remocal (in absentia)	Philippines
*Nelo M. Seda, Jr.	Philippines
*Arellano B. Tambong	Philippines
*Ramon F. Trebucias	Philippines
*Isagani J. Valencia (in absentia)	Philippines
*Roseller M. Zamora	Philippines

Master of Divinity

***Azaria Lethiechia Ducasse (in absentia)	Mauritius
***Jody Thomas Fransch (in absentia)	Zimbabwe
Akif Javaid (in absentia)	Pakistan
Chipem Keishing	India
Choong Kook Kim (in absentia)	South Korea
Angelito G. Langit	Philippines
Huayi Liu	China
Percy Steve Pointe	Seychelles
**Amanda Marie Withers (in absentia)	United States

Master of Arts in Religion

***Faith S. Bayona – Theological Historical Studies	Philippines
***Naomi Booya (in absentia) – New Testament	Kiribati

***Andrews Lalfakawma Chhakchhuak (in absentia) – Theological Historical Studies
India

Don Leo II F. Garilva – Old Testament
Philippines

Felix Gosal – Old Testament
Indonesia

Andrew Ben Jacob – Christian Theology
India

***Youngkwang Joo (in absentia) – New Testament
South Korea

***Hokgie Kurniawan Kabanga – Biblical Studies
Indonesia

Alfred E. Labadisos – New Testament
Philippines

***Philip Obwoye Mariaka – New Testament
Kenya

Beersheba Maywald – New Testament
India

Jemmy Carter Najoan – Biblical Languages
Indonesia

Thesis Title: *Inauguration or Day of Atonement: The Cleansing of the
Heavenly Things in Hebrews 9:23*

Advisor: Dr. Eike Mueller

Jonathan Melvin Sagala – Theological-Historical Studies
Indonesia

***Klenth Lloyd Guyo Sasil (in absentia) – Theological Historical Studies
Philippines

Edward Abraham Taliwongso – New Testament
Indonesia

***Adlai Wilfred M. Tornalejo – Church History
Philippines

Master of Theology

Felixian T. Felicitas (in absentia)
Philippines

***Senyundo Leonidas Rutaganzwa (in absentia)
Rwanda

Master of Science in Administration

**Alexander Biscette (in absentia) – Management Studies
Saint Lucia

Master of Business Administration

Rahel George Angollo – Business Management
Tanzania

Hazel Elizabeth P. Chaaoui – Business Management
Philippines

Jusuf Daniel Kalengkongan – Business Management
Indonesia

***Henry Lwin – Finance
Myanmar

Dulce Yanet Valdez Morquecho – Information Technology	Mexico
Lovely Mae J. Sabsal – Finance	Philippines
Michelle Denise D. Saludo – Business Management	Philippines
Beatrice Murekatete – Finance	Rwanda
Hisar Tamba – Finance	Indonesia
Emmanuel Uwimana – Finance	Rwanda
Deborah J. Yoyo – Business Management	Tanzania

Master of Arts in Education

Jose Mario A. de Castro – Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages	Philippines
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Doctor of Ministry

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Doctor of Philosophy in Business

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Dissertation Title: *Determinants of Employee Presenteeism in the Workplace*

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Dissertation Title: *Effects of Environmental Turbulence, Strategic Leadership, Strategy Implementation, and Formal Strategic Planning on Organizational Performance*

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Dissertation Title: *Consequences of Ethical Climates Configurations*
 Advisor: Dr. Kenneth Swansi
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Dissertation Title: *Influence of Investor Behaviour on Investment Performance*
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Dissertation Title: *A Social Marketing Model for Adventist Health Lifestyle Change*
 Advisor: Dr. Kenneth Swansi
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Doctor of Philosophy

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Dissertation Title: *Improving the Process of Development and Delivery of Online Adventist Education in Tatga: An Action Research*

Advisor: Dr. William Green

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Dissertation Title: *Predictors of Teacher Retention in Public Secondary Schools in Rwanda*

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Dissertation Title: *Aligning Tertiary Education Curriculum with Workplace Competence in Rwanda: A Case Study*

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Dissertation Title: *Step-Up Program: A Viable Alternative for the Additional 2 Years of the K-12 in the Philippines*

Advisor: Dr. Arceli Rosario

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Russian Federation

Dissertation Title: *Building Upon the Strengths of an English for Academic Purposes Programme: An Appreciative Inquiry*

Advisor: Dr. Safary Wa-Mbaleka

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United States

Dissertation Title: *Curriculum and Professional Development Using the Universal Design for Learning Framework: A Case Study with an Action Research Component*

Advisor: Dr. Rita Henriquez-Green

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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 man. 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, which carried a scepter or staff, which 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 4 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 learning:

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