



Dwight School Seoul Reaches International Baccalaureate World School Status

*First IB Model School in South Korea —
and The Dwight Schools' First Permanent Campus in Asia —
Receives IB Diploma Programme Authorization*

Seoul, South Korea (June 6, 2013) – Dwight School Seoul, the newest member of The Dwight Schools located in Digital Media City, has been authorized to offer the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme for the 2013-14 academic year. Now an officially authorized IB World School, Dwight School Seoul shares this prestigious distinction with other Dwight Schools in New York, London, and on Vancouver Island.

“Dwight Schools are long-term global partners of the IB and we are delighted that the Seoul campus has met the standards and practices required for IB authorization of the Diploma Programme. This marks another significant step for Dwight and for the IB in Korea. Research demonstrates that an IB education develops the skills necessary for success in the 21st century whilst maintaining a standard of academic rigor welcomed by the world’s leading universities,” said Ian Chambers, Director, Asia Pacific, International Baccalaureate Organization.

Recognized as a leader in IB education, Dwight was selected by the Seoul Municipal Government from over 120 candidates in 2010 to launch a model IB World School; in 2012, Dwight School Seoul opened its doors to welcome over 300 students from preschool–grade 10.

IB World Schools share a common philosophy focusing on international-mindedness. To be authorized, each school must pass an intensive, globally consistent evaluation process, which includes meeting rigorous criteria for: a comprehensive IB curriculum that encourages student curiosity and inquiry; requisite facilities in which to deliver this curriculum; and demonstration that faculty adhere to global IB standards.

“We’re delighted to have received IB Diploma Programme authorization in recognition of Dwight School Seoul’s record of success within our first year. We’re also proud that our school, which is dedicated to igniting the spark of genius in every child, has earned a reputation within the Seoul community as a top choice for parents seeking an international education for their children,” said Kevin Skeoch, Head of School, Dwight School Seoul. “Our IB-trained faculty — the best and the brightest — have already contributed so much to our students’ growth and development. Thanks to their talents, Dwight’s reputation as a global leader, and the energy and commitment to educational excellence that pervade Korea, I have no doubt that Dwight School Seoul will serve as a transformative model for IB education in Asia.”

Over the next two years, Dwight School Seoul will open grades 11 and 12, respectfully, to welcome students into the Diploma Programme, completing the IB continuum that begins with the Primary Years Programme for students from ages 3–12, followed by the Middle Years Programme for those ages 11–16. (Dwight School Seoul is a candidate school for both of these programmes; evaluation will take place in 2014.)

The vigorous IB Diploma Programme for students ages 16–19 includes a holistic approach to academic achievement, creativity, critical thinking, research skills, and community service that prepares them for success in both higher education and in life as global citizens. Diploma candidates study at least two languages, make connections across traditional academic disciplines, and complete an extended essay. The IB Diploma Programme is highly regarded by prestigious universities as one of the most challenging college preparatory programs of study in the world. Graduates of The Dwight Schools worldwide attend such leading institutions as Harvard, Yale, Princeton, MIT, Stanford, Oxford, McGill, and the University of Edinburgh. Dwight School Seoul will graduate its first students in 2015. To apply for the 2013-14 academic year, visit www.dwight.or.kr.

More About Dwight School Seoul

Located on a 200,000-square foot, state-of-the-art campus, Dwight School Seoul is dedicated to igniting the spark of genius in every child. This mission is shared by every member of The Dwight Schools, including the 140-year-old Dwight School in New York, which was the first in the U.S. to offer the comprehensive IB curriculum from preschool grade–12. A Dwight education rests on three pillars: personalized learning, community, and global vision. Learn more at www.dwight.or.kr.

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