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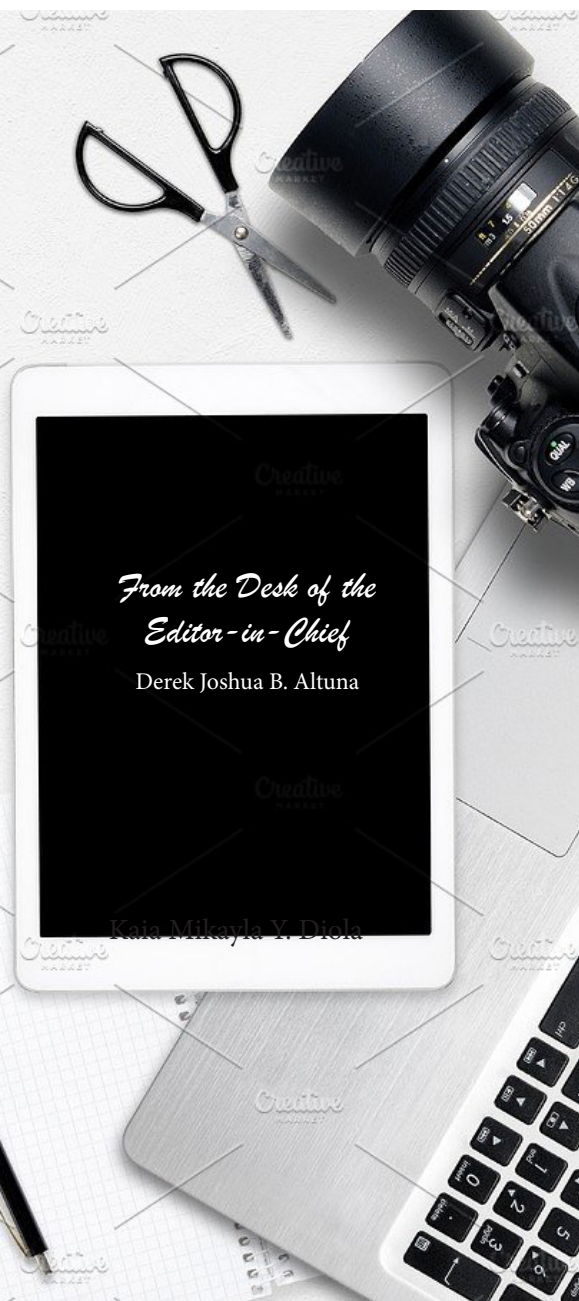
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It feels like it was only yesterday when I was writing my message for the first issue of Young Observer. Now, you are reading the third and last issue of this magazine. Truly, time flies when you're having fun!

As you may know, the school year is already coming to a close. Soon, we'll all be on vacation enjoying the summer breeze - and then, right before you know it, you're back in school again, and you're once again busy! With the time you have this summer vacation, you can try to learn something new, probably playing a musical instrument! Or maybe even create something new over the summer. I hope that you will take this chance to spend time with family! You only get this type of bonding and extended time with your loved ones now, so you should drop everything to be with them before you have a lot on your plate and become busy once again. It's all up to you on how you want to spend your summer vacation, but if I'd give a tip - try doing something that makes you happy!

"Fun in the Sun" is the theme of this issue, hoping to remind all of us that we deserve some rest and relaxation after a whole year of being busy at school. The feature article of Amanda Reign Ramos hopes to inspire us to write about our adventures this summer. Whether you spend it here in the Philippines or in another country, take time to just have fun in the sun!



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A blessed 40fying schoolyear, my awesome Grade 6 batchmates and fellow Lasallians!

It has been an amazing year and a fruitful experience serving all of you as your Grade School SRCC Executive President. On behalf of our SRCC Adviser, Ms. Clarisse Teves, and my hardworking SRCC peers, I would like to thank each and everyone of you for the full trust and confidence you have given us in leading our De La Salle Zobel Grade School community.

May this simple token of appreciation gently remind us to LIVE with EXCELLENCE and WIN the AN1MO each day as true Lasallian Christian Ladies and Gentlemen.

May Jesus live in our hearts... forever!

One in St. La Salle,

*Reese Nonato*

**REESE NONATO**

Executive President

DLSZ Grade School SRCC 2018 - 2019







# JAPAN ADVENTURE

Amanda Reign B. Ramos

“K<sub>on</sub>'nichiwa watashi wa Amandadesu!”

Do you want to experience an exciting and spectacular summer vacation? Then, I have an answer for you. Quickly go to Japan! It is a cool, fun, safe, and interesting country. You will see a place that is clean, organized and peaceful.

Japanese food tastes so delicious that you will feel like you are in heaven. Writing about it now makes me want to eat the hot ramen and crunchy tempura with warm gohan. As soon as you wake up, you can almost hear the train starting to leave. Suddenly, you start to rush and be on your feet. It will be nice to do a morning jog because you can feel the cold breeze and smell the fresh flowers around you.

If you are young and you want adventure and fun,



Japanese food tastes so delicious that you will feel like you are in heaven. I'm with my Kuya Dom, enjoying some real yummy ramen.

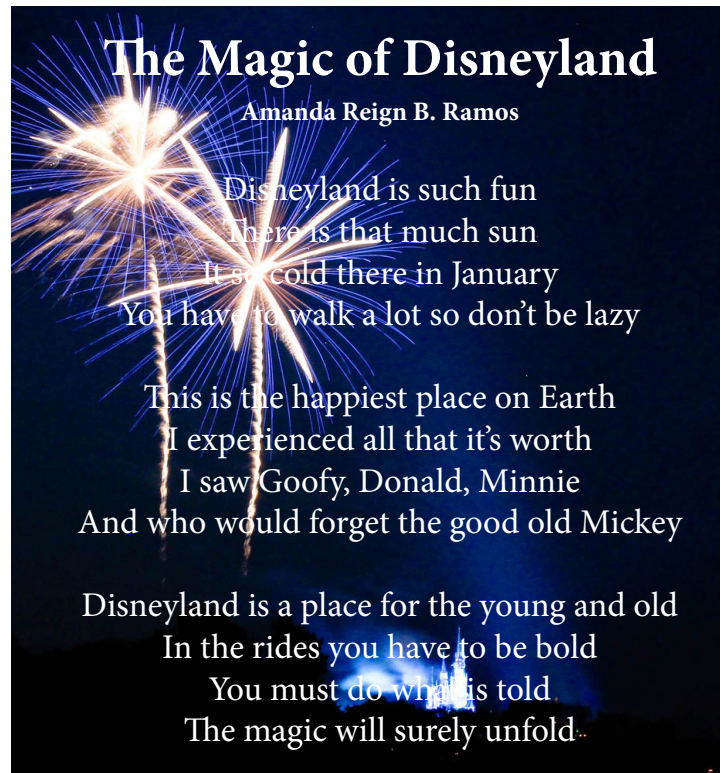
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go to Osaka and visit Universal Studios. There are so many exciting things to do there like riding roller coasters, collecting figures, watching 3D movies, and more. But nothing beats The Wizarding World of Harry Potter, which is my brother's favorite, and mine too! Here you can eagerly cast spells like a real wizard. It is so cool!

You may also visit Nagoya. There, you will find Legoland. If you are like me and my brothers, who love LEGO, you will enjoy this fun and colorful theme park. If you are into history, you can visit the Nagoya Castle. You will learn so many things there. Lastly, you can go to the most famous city in Japan-Tokyo. Hurry, go straight to Pokemon Center, and you can buy tons of Pokemon toys, plushies, cards and more. Your Tok-



yo adventure will not be complete if you will not see the busy Shibuya Crossing. For a quiet and peaceful time, you can visit the Meiji Shrine.

If you are a bit lazy, I don't think you will like Japan because you need to walk thousands of steps and lots of train rides. Don't worry, it will be fun and you'll have a good exercise.

We all deserve a good break from all the hard work during this school year. I hope you will have a FUNtastic summer vacation . Sayōnara !



# SEAMO X (2019) SG: Truly Unforgettable

Gian Louis Valenciano (4A)

I woke up at 5:30 a.m., January 18 not to go to school but to fly to Singapore for the Southeast Asian Mathematical Olympiad( SEAMO X 2019). My fellow GEM( Goal for Excellence in Mathematics) mates, Anton Mikhail Gonzales (Grade 6), Rachele Victoria Guintivano (Grade 5), Emmanuel Jace Savellano(Grade 4) and I were part of the Philippine delegates who joined the Math international competition. Imagine 811 participants from 15 different countries in one competition!

It's not my first time in Singapore, but when we arrived at Changi Airport, I was still amazed at how huge, orderly, and well-secured it is. It must be one of the best airports in the world! We were welcomed warmly by the SEAMO X staff who guided us to our assigned bus that brought us to the hotel. Then, we had a quick dinner at the nearby mall and bought some groceries before we went back to our hotel. We slept early, so we would be in our best condition for the contest the next day.



January 19 was the big day. Anton, Rachele, and I, with our parents, rode the bus going to the competition venue, Suntec City Convention Centre. As we went to the registration area, we saw our GEM mate, EJ. After the registration, we took our assigned seats inside the competition hall. The test started at exactly 9:30 a.m. and lasted for of 1 hour and 30 minutes. Inside the hall they gave us our SEAMO (Philippine competition) medals; EJ and Rachele got silver while Anton and I got gold. We were so relieved when the test was finally over but at the same time anxious about the results.



While waiting for the official results and awarding ceremony the following day, we took the chance to unwind and explore Singapore even for a limited time. We went to Science Centre Singapore that showcases more than a thousand interactive exhibits and two other attractions: the Omni-Theater which features a five -story high dome screen and the Snow City, Singapore's first indoor snow centre where you can slide down the snow slope and catch the snow show too. Inside was freezing cold, with temperature reaching sub-zero. At dinner time, we had a chance to catch up and had dinner with our close family friends living in Singapore.

The third day was the awarding ceremony and gala dinner at 5 p.m., but we went to Universal Studios first. It is located in Resorts World Sentosa, and this theme park has a total of 24 attractions. I only tried the Transformer 3D Ride, Shrek 4D Adventure, and Madagascar A crate Adventure boat ride, to name a few.

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After our short USS escapade, we had to rush back to our hotel to freshen up for the most awaited part and the highlight of our Singapore trip, the awarding ceremony. The venue took place at Resorts World Convention Centre.



Prior to the program, we had the chance to meet and greet, had our Math Olympiad books signed by the author and founder of SEAMO, Mr. Terry Chew. It was an awesome and thrilling experience to finally meet the Math guru! Since I do not know if I would meet him again in the future, I took the chance to get close to him for a “selfie” while he was signing my book.



L-R: EJ Savellano, Rachele Guintivano, me, and Anton Gonzales

During the awarding ceremony, a delicious meal was served! We were too nervous and excited at the same time while waiting for our names to be called. We were so ecstatic to find out that the four of us would be given awards. EJ Savellano and Rachele Guintivano got a Merit Award while Anton Gonzales and I got a Gold Award. I am so thankful that I had my first gold in an international math olympiad. All my hard work and sacrifices finally paid off. This is just the first...more to come! Surely, this was one of the best trips of my life.

My team and I are thankful for the support of our family, our GEM coaches, Mr. Gabe Cosme and Mr. Charlie Amarela, the Grade School Math Coordinator, Mr. Harold Ceradoy, and the entire DLSZ Grade School Department.

## Sa Piling Nilang Mga Musmos

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Sa piling nilang mga musmos

Na sa karangyaan ay kapos,

Pangarap nilang sila’y makapagtapos,

Tila saranggolang sa poste ay nakagapos.

Libre naman daw ang mangarap,

Pero ang matupad ang mga ito’y

Sadyang napakahirap.

Paano matututo na magbilang, bumasa, at sumulat,

Kung sapagkain pa lamang sa hapag

Sadyang sila’y salat?

Mga musmos na bilanggo’t alipin ng kahirapan,

Sa lipunang tingin dito

ay isang malaking kasalanan.

Paano ba natin babaguhin kanilang mga kapalaran,

Silang tinawag ni Rizal na pag-asa ng ating bayan?

Sa piling nilang mga musmos,

Mga tanong ko’y di maubos- ubos.

Pangarap ba nila’y liliparin nalang ng hangin?

O tuluyang guguhu na parang kastilyong buhangin?

Sa piling nilang musmos,

Na sabuhay ay naghihikahos,

Pagkatao ko’y tila muling nabuo,

Nang ipaalala nila sakín kung bakít ako

Nanatiling ISANG GURO.



# My GEM Journey

Joshua Milan (4B)

The journey began when I got an invitation to sit for a qualifying exam just before Grade 1 ended. I still remember how nervous I felt when I entered the room full of students. I started the test with a silent prayer for Jesus and Mama Mary to help me. I waited excitedly over the summer vacation to know whether I qualified or not...GOD is GOOD! I qualified!



R1, L-R: Jacobson-silver, Iniqo-silver, Matt-gold, Joshua-gold R2, L-R: Martin-silver, Chelsea-silver, Athena-bronze, Anton-bronze

Since that time my love for Math grew and grew. We have hardworking coaches, Sir Charlie Amarela and Sir Gabe Cosme. They both make sure that we get the right training for each competition. The GEM classroom is a room full of Math wizards who enjoy learning. Math actually became more FUN because of GEM. We were able to join other Math training outside the school and meet many new friends too.

Because of GEM, I was able to join many local and international contests where my Math skills are put to the test. My most memorable competition was when I qualified to represent the country in the International Mathematics Contest (IMC) Singapore in July 2018. We went through a rigid training program for one whole month during the summer break and from there top performers were chosen to represent the country. Winning a medal will be extra



L-R: Joshua Milan, Aldrich Kimwell

tough, but I know that I prepared well, and I can count on prayers from my GEMmates and other DLSZ Mathletes. GOD is GOOD! He gifted me with a Gold medal!

But more importantly, God gave the whole DLSZ team medals to bring home. It was a such an awesome moment to have the whole team win! We felt so proud when they called our school on stage for pictures because everybody had a medal.

My happiest and most enjoyable competition was when my best GEM buddy and I became part of a few selected Mathletes to be part of the Philippine team in the Challenge for Future Mathematicians (CFM) contest in Bogor, Indonesia last Oct. 2018. The best part of the journey was not when we won silver medals for the individual category or the trophy for being first runner-up in the team category; it was those times I was with my buddy Aldrich and our new-found friends from other schools and other countries.

It has been three years now since I started GEM, and I still look forward to walking to the GEM classroom after classes. I also look forward to competitions and countries that I will travel to. But most of all, I look forward to spending time with the friends I have gained in this journey.

My GEMmates and other DLSZ Mathletes have been my best buddies in and outside the school. Their friendship is more than the Gold or Silver or Bronze medals that I have. They have taught me more than Math lessons. They taught me that friendship is important.



L-R: Hyoju Jang, Joshua, Gian C., EJ, Gian V., Aldrich. They are the members of GEM (Goals for Excellence in Mathematics) program for Grade 4.

## Your Opinion matters

"I am not in favor of lowering criminal liability. I know that they have committed a crime, but they should go to rehabilitation centers, and their parents should be responsible for them. Parents are the people who should teach them and set good examples."

-Sage Martina A. Espiritu

"Children don't always consider the consequences of their actions, whether or not these could possibly send them to jail. I am not justifying the acts of children to commit small crimes, but the fact is sending them to jail could leave a big impact on their perspective of the world. Children as young as nine still believe that the world is a place only filled with good things. Instead of sending them to jail, children should be taught moral formation."

-Anyra Mikaela S. Bergara