

## **What is the WASC/IBO combined visit all about?**

On the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020, Sekolah Ciputra will host a visit from the International Baccalaureate Organisation (IBO) and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). We are an IBO Continuum School and are in the process of adding WASC to our accreditations.

There are very few schools world-wide that are IBO Continuum. This means students get the opportunity of studying the IB from the age of three right through to graduation. Sekolah Ciputra teaches the Primary Years Programme (PYP), the Middle Years Programme (MYP) and the Diploma Programme, (IBDP). Recently, the Indonesian Government ranked all the international education providers, awarding the IB programme first place.

The visits are part of a four yearly cycle to ensure that our structure and systems best support student learning. It is wonderful to have this type of feedback as it helps us to plan for the future. Although we are a successful and mature IB school, we know there is always room to improve. We use the philosophy that we expect from our students, which is to reflect upon our work and think critically with a view to building a cycle of continuous improvement. The visits may only be every four years, but we are constantly involved with the IBO through workshops, seminars and meetings.

The WASC visit, which will take place at the same time, has a wider focus. We will be evaluated on our school administration, building, finances, health and safety and child protection to name a few. We are currently a WASC candidate school. Officially a "Candidate for accreditation. Approved by the Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges." A WASC team visited us from the 29<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018, inspected the school and its systems and we moved to candidate status in February 2019. The next visit, as previously stated, takes place in October 2020. The results are most likely to be released around February 2021.

Apart from quality assurance, helping us to ensure that all our school systems are in keeping with international best practice, WASC accreditation has a number of other significant benefits:

It raises the status of our graduation certificate allowing graduates direct entry to a number of US colleges.

- It gives us access to a wide range of staff professional development opportunities.
- It assists with the recruitment of expatriate staff who have a clear preference for working in accredited schools because of the high standard required for accreditation.
- It provides a template for school planning and improvement.
- It requires high quality consultation with all stakeholders.

Please feel free to use the links below to check our official status with these organisations.

Accrediting Commission for Schools  
Western Association of Schools and Colleges  
533 Airport Blvd., Suite 200  
Burlingame, CA 94010  
[www.acvswasc.org](http://www.acvswasc.org)

International Baccalaureate  
Route des Morillons 15  
Grand-Saconnex, Genève CH-1218  
SWITZERLAND  
<https://www.ibo.org/information-for-parents/>