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Dear Heads and Coordinators,

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE ASIA PACIFIC EVENTS CALENDAR 2007

Please find attached the IBAP Events Calendar for 2006-07.

In an effort to address the long-term professional development needs of the entire Asia-Pacific region for 2007, IBAP Programme Managers and Sub-Regional Representatives collaborate to develop a Regional Professional Development Events Calendar that takes into consideration a variety of factors, such as:

- The provision of a regular cycle of workshops in each of the 4 different sub-regions: South-East Asia, East Asia, South Asia, and Australasia;
- The timing of events to suit the range of academic calendars that differ from country to country within the region;
- The professional development needs of experienced as well as inexperienced teachers and coordinators;
- The professional development needs of established IB World Schools as well as those of schools seeking authorization;
- The placement of events in locations easily accessible to international participants;
- The real professional development costs to schools including such factors as time, travel and accommodation, and teacher replacement costs;
- The curriculum review cycle.

The attached professional development calendar attempts to take these issues under consideration.

We are conscious that the timely publication of the Regional PD Events Calendar can assist Heads and Coordinators in their budget planning for the upcoming academic year. To that end, we are providing dates for 2007 earlier than ever before. We will endeavor to publish this calendar even earlier for 2008.

You will notice that for some events on the calendar, specific venues are not identified; we have not yet confirmed the venue for these events and they are to be determined (TBD) in the future. For up-to-date information about workshops, regularly refer to our website at: <http://www.ibo.org/ibap/workshops>

In the 2007 calendar, you will notice that we are experimenting with a new venue model for IBAP Regional Workshops: a combination of events in schools and venues other than schools. “Cliftons” are Asia Pacific's leading provider of

Computer Training, and Conference/Seminar Facilities, located in the CBD of select cities. Other IB Regions have been successful in their use of non-school venues such as these for the provision of workshops. It is timely for IBAP to experiment with new models, as we gradually increase the size and frequency of workshops in an attempt to provide for growing regional needs.

We appreciate the tremendous support we have received over the years from schools that are willing and able to host workshops. We will continue to rely upon constructive partnerships with schools for the success of our professional development programme, and we welcome expressions of interest from schools that are able to host workshops in the future.

In closing, I ask that you pay close attention to **two important issues** as you prepare your school's professional development programme for 2007 and beyond. In your organisation of staff to attend these events, please note:

- Each workshop caters to varying levels of teaching and IB programme experience: L1, L2, L3 and LM (Level Mixed). In order to ensure that participants have the requisite level of experience required to attend and benefit from particular workshops, coordinators and participants should check the "IBAP Workshops Descriptions" online at: <http://www.ibo.org/ibap/workshops>
- An official "IBO Certificate of Attendance" is only awarded to participants who have attended all sessions of a workshop. Please ensure that participants' travel arrangements do not preclude their candidacy for a certificate.

Regards,



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