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Meet the 2020-2021 Primary Campus PTG Committee Members



Gayatri Shankar
Chairwoman

Gayatri, originally from India, moved to Vietnam in Jan 2018, having already lived as an expat in Shanghai and Kuala Lumpur. Her young twins started in F2 and are in their final year ay EYIC before moving on to Juniors!

“During the new parent orientation, I saw the PTG presentation and appreciated how warm they were to new parents. In 2018/19 I volunteered to support with some events to get to know the school and the parent community better. Then in 2019/2020 I decided to take on a role as part of the core PTG committee, inspired to be part of the amazing BIS community. The school and the PTG events do keep me busy but investing my time for the right people gives me a great sense of satisfaction!”



Lily Guajardo,
Vice Chairwoman

Lily and her husband, originally from Mexico, started their Vietnam journey in 2007, having previously lived in USA, UK and Sweden. They were assigned a 1 year engineering project in HCMC, but 13 years, 2 children, a dog and 2 cats, later there are still here! Both her children have been enrolled with BIS since F1 and now her oldest daughter is at Secondary Campus, and her son is in Year 6 at Junior Campus.

“My first experience with PTG was as a Class Parent representative in 2010, then a small role with the Disco Committee in 2014. Since then I took on the main role for coordinating the Global Cafe, because it has been one of the best annual experiences, of my children’s school lives, and it is wonderful for the children to see me involved in the event. I chose to join the PTG committee because I truly felt welcomed in the BIS community and would like others to experience the same.”



Ai Dogami
Country Representative Coordinator

Ai, originally from Japan, moved to HCMC with her family, from Beijing, China, in April 2018. At that time her daughter was in Y1, and her son was in F1, and her children like it here very much!

“I was impressed with the warm and welcoming atmosphere of school and the PTG when I first joined BIS. I was motivated to get myself deeply involved in the BIS community.”



Pamela Duncan
Class Parent Representative Coordinator / Head of Ticketing @ EYIC Campus

Pamela, originally from the UK, has lived in Asia for more than 10 years. Firstly, in Hong Kong, then Thailand before moving to Vietnam with her young family in March 2018. Both children are in the EYIC and LOVE IT!

“Relocating to Vietnam was the first time we moved to a new country as parents! And there was a much greater sense of responsibility to get organised and help our two young children settle as quickly as possible! In all the years I lived away from the UK I have never felt as welcome anywhere or as supported as I do at BIS. I almost immediately wanted to support the PTG but was concerned about not being able to commit much time because of my family responsibilities, however the PTG have always been flexible, and grateful for even a small amount of time I was able to offer. I am proud to show my children that I am an active member of their school community, I am grateful for the opportunity to support the school, and I am grateful to work alongside other passionate parent and staff volunteers!”



Vivian Liu
Head of Ticketing @ Junior Campus

Vivian and her family moved to Vietnam in July 2019 from China, and this is their first time living away from their home country. Vivian’s daughter joined in Y3.

“I joined PTG because it is a great way for parents to understand more about the School, its community and the children’s school life. I am honoured to be one of PTG”



Jana Capek
Head of Disco Event

Jana moved to Vietnam with her family in August 2018 from her home country, Slovakia. However, this is not their first expat experience, having previously lived in Poland, China, Sweden, Thailand, India, Russia and Czech Republic.

Her sons joined BIS in F2 and Y1.

“I joined the PTG to be part of the community, to meet new, interesting, and inspiring people. My most favourite event is Global café!”



Thomas Jakobsen
Treasurer

Thomas moved to Vietnam in 2006. He is Danish but only lived there as a teenager having grown up in Belfast, Northern Ireland and Limerick in the Republic. Since then he has lived in Belgium, China, Lithuania, and Ukraine! His son is at Junior Campus.

“I am happy to be part of the PTG because I believe that a close relationship between the parents and the school is very important and benefits our children”

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