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**Subject: Award of CIS Accreditation**

Dear Mark,

The Council of International Schools' Accreditation Service and its Advisors have now completed their study of the report submitted by the November 2017 Visiting Team and considered its recommendation with regard to your school's status within the accreditation process.

I am pleased to inform you that the Council of International Schools has decided to award accreditation to the British Vietnamese International School, Hanoi with immediate effect. Warmest congratulations to you, your staff and the entire school community on achieving accredited status.

In reaching its decision, CIS took into account the Visiting Team's commendations which were based on evidence of excellent and effective alignment with the standards for CIS accreditation. In granting the award of accreditation, CIS felt that the commendations – or strengths of the school – far outweighed any areas in which the school was deficient. Of particular note is the school's commitment to bilingual and bicultural learning; the high level of support for students with EAL/VAL and learning needs; the high quality professional development opportunities for teachers, and a strong focus on Community Service. Additionally, the new governance structure created and developed by Nord Anglia and the outstanding leadership by the Principal, are significant contributing factors to the very positive school climate.

These strengths should be celebrated by the school community. The complete list appears in the Visiting Team Report.

Although the Visiting Team clearly viewed the school very positively, it made many recommendations. The Visiting Team was particularly concerned with areas needing development in creating contextually appropriate definitions related to global citizenship for all sections of the school to guide curriculum development in this key area (Section B); the re-development of the Strategic Plan to guide the school's future focus (Section C); the alignment of relevant policies from BVIS Hanoi, BIS group and NAE to further ensure clarity of expectations and procedures (Section D); and, the urgent need to create a regularly rehearsed and reviewed lockdown procedure for the Primary School (Section G)

The complete list appears in the Visiting Team Report and the school will need to address these in the coming years.

The next routine stage of the accreditation process will be the submission of the First Report on Progress & Planning (FRPP) by 01 December 2019. Guidance on how to write the FRPP addressing all the November 2017 team recommendations can be found in the FRPP Booklet which will also be sent to you by the Accreditation staff.

You may now publish the fact that the British Vietnamese International School, Hanoi has been accredited by the Council of International Schools. A special icon is available to help you publicise your school as a CIS Accredited School. Therefore, please replace the CIS Member icon with the CIS



Accredited School icon that is available for downloading in the 'Membership Services & Resources' section of the [CIS Community Portal](#). In addition, an official CIS leaflet entitled 'Your Child is at an Accredited School' is available for distribution in your school community if you wish. Please contact our Accreditation staff at [accreditation@cois.org](mailto:accreditation@cois.org) if this is of interest to you.

To celebrate the granting of accreditation, a plaque and certificate will be awarded to the school. Staff from the Accreditation Office will contact you on this matter.

I look forward to reading how the school has addressed all the Visiting Team recommendations when the FRPP is submitted in December 2019. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact Martin Kneath, the CIS School International Advisor responsible for your school ([martinkneath@cois.org](mailto:martinkneath@cois.org)), or me ([raydavis@cois.org](mailto:raydavis@cois.org)), if there is any point that is unclear or on which you need further advice.

Once again Mark, congratulations to everyone at the British Vietnamese International School, Hanoi on achieving CIS accredited status.

With my best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ray Davis', with a long horizontal line extending to the left.

Ray Davis  
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*Please note: You should have access to the Visiting Team Report to which this letter refers. If this is not the case, please contact our Accreditation Staff at [accreditation@cois.org](mailto:accreditation@cois.org).*