THE SIS JOURNEY

From an Inspiration to a lasting Global Impact

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EST. 1996

30th Anniversary

SIS is Born

Jaspal Sidhu, a Singaporean, embarks on a mission to make quality education affordable and accessible in Indonesia. With support from his alma mater, Raffles Institution—Singapore's premier school and alma mater of founding father Lee Kuan Yew—the first SIS school opens in Jakarta.

1996

A Defining Year

SIS relocates to **South Jakarta**, transforming an unfinished clubhouse into a modern IGCSE-accredited campus, and expands with new schools in **Kelapa Gading** (North Jakarta) and **Kebon Jeruk** (West Jakarta).

2002

Compassion in Crisis and Expanding Access to Quality Education

After the Aceh tsunami, SIS supports relief efforts with partners like Rotary, while expanding with new campuses in **Pantai Indah Kapuk** (North Jakarta) and **Cilegon** (Banten), bringing affordable international education to more communities.

2004

Leadership Collaboration

SIS forms its first Leadership Council of Head Teachers, creating a collaborative platform for principals to share best practices, learn together, and strengthen leadership across all schools.

2006

Supporting Education Amid a Global Financial Crisis

The global financial crisis impacts economies worldwide, including Indonesia. SIS responds by launching scholarships to help many in its community continue their education journey.

2008

Three World-Class Curricula

SIS adopts the IB Programme, becoming Southeast Asia's only school group offering Singapore, Cambridge, and IB curricula, fully integrated with local values.

2014

Singapore Curriculum

CAMBRIDGE International Education
Cambridge International School

From Internal Transformation to National Impact

SIS renames its Management Team as the Support Team to strengthen guidance, collaboration, and transparency, and launches a series of Public–Private Partnership programmes to deepen its impact in the communities it serves.

2018

Rethinking the Future Through COVID-19 and expanding into ASEAN

Amid COVID-19, SIS enrolment grows through its out-standing online programs. It adopts life skills **(PACE)** as its Desired Student Learning Outcomes. It strengthens its Active Learning approach, and develops the unique **EFFECTOR** model to transform teacher recruitment and development. SIS expands overseas to **Myanmar**, marking its next step into ASEAN.

2020

Setting a Sustainability Benchmark

SIS' environmentally driven design philosophy and **UNSDG**-aligned curriculum gain global recognition as SIS Chennai becomes India's first school to earn the World Bank Group (IFC) Advanced EDGE certification, underscoring its commitment to sustainable campuses and student environmental awareness.

2022

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

From Early Learning to Global Leadership, Backed by World's #1 Education System

SIS opens its first stand-alone preschool in **Sedayu** (North East Jakarta), expands to **Bandung** (West Java), and is uniquely invited to present at Cambridge's Global Leadership Conference. Meanwhile, OECD's PISA rankings reaffirm Singapore as the world's number one education system.

2024

1995

Conception of a Vision

Inspired by Singapore's educational excellence, Singaporean business leaders in Indonesia envisioned a Singapore-style school in Jakarta for expatriates and local families, following discussions with Singapore's national leadership on bringing this model abroad.

1998

The May Riots, Schools Close

Riots erupt across Indonesia, toppling President Suharto and disrupting schools. SIS stays connected with students, supports safety and evacuation, and keeps learning going through technology during the national crisis.

2003

Expanding Horizons

Responding to demand from major Indonesian cities, SIS partners with the World Bank Group (IFC) and opens its first school outside Jakarta in **Medan** (North Sumatra), while introducing Middle and High School levels across all campuses.

2005

Strengthening Presence in Indonesia

With rising enrolments, SIS relocates its Kelapa Gading campus to a new site and expands further by opening a new school in **Semarang** (Central Java).

2007

First SIS Olympics

SIS launches the **SIS Olympics** to unite schools, strengthen alumni and community ties, and promote competitive sports across multiple disciplines.

2012

Making Education More Affordable and First Foray Overseas

SIS opens in **Palembang** (South Sumatra) to meet demand for affordable quality education in Sumatra, and expands overseas with **SIS Gwangju** in South Korea following strong parent interest.

2016

Refining Brand, Mission & Vision

SIS refines its brand, mission, and vision to reflect growth, align with evolving needs, inspire, connect, and guide communities toward lasting impact.

2019

Global Awards, National Voice

SIS earns global recognition from the World Bank Group (IFC) and Financial Times for transformative impact, and later joins a national think tank advising Indonesia's education leaders.

2021

Expanding to India and Earning Global Recognition

SIS is recognised by Capital Finance International (London) as Southeast Asia's Best International Education Institution, featured in Singapore's Business Times for delivering top education at non-prohibitive costs, and expands its regional presence with new campuses in **Chennai** and **Mumbai** (India).

2023

Shaping the Schools of Tomorrow, Expanding into East Java

SIS unveils a five-point progressive design philosophy for all its schools—Community, Future-Ready,Resilient, Green, and Model Schools—ensuring future campuses become exceptional learning environments, while expanding into **Surabaya** (East Java) by acquiring an existing campus.

2025

A Defining Year of Global Recognition, Future-Ready Benchmarks, and Unmatched Growth

- Cambridge praises SIS in an independent audit.
- SIS is selected by President Prabowo's education foundation to train public-school teachers, and invited by the Government of Rwanda and Samsung's leadership to share its success story.
- SIS also collaborates with Singapore's premier school Raffles Institution in a student exchange program.
- SIS expands into **BSD City** (South Tangerang) and **Senayan** (Central Jakarta) while recording historic high enrolments, and becomes the only school group invited to be on stage with global and regional leaders at the 2025 ASEAN Summit in Malaysia.