



# End Human Trafficking: Rani Hong

A steadfast campaigner against human trafficking shares her inspiring story with students of AIS Pushp Vihar and Amitasha

AIS, Pushp Vihar and Amitasha Saket, played host to Rani Hong, Co-founder of Tronie Foundation, an organization working for emancipation of victims of human trafficking and putting an end to this crime against humanity. The event organised by AERC began with the lighting of ceremonial lamp by



AIS Pushp Vihar



Championing a cause: Ms. Hong

Ms. Rani Hong, Ms. Ameeta Mohan, Principal, AIS PV and Ms. Divya Bhatia, Vice Principal. The other esteemed guests present during the event included Ms. Madhyama Subramaniam, United Nation Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Ms. Jyoti Arora, Head, AERC and Ms. Vira Sharma, Managing Editor, The Global Times.

This was followed by a talk on human trafficking by Ms. Hong, who shared her touching and inspiring story with the audience. She spoke about the work undertaken by Tronie Foundation to eradicate human trafficking and towards building a better society, all in affiliation with UNODC and UN General Assembly. Ms. Hong who also works as an advisor at UN General Assembly on issues related to human trafficking said, "Every problem should be considered a challenge and every challenge an opportunity. We all are blessed with the power to be agents of change and voice of millions of children who are subjected to cruelty." Her efforts led to the the US being the first state to pass laws to prevent human trafficking and provide aid to the victims of human trafficking. Her inspirational story from being a victim of child labour at the age of seven to being adopted by a US family and then



Ms. Hong with her team of volunteers and students of AIS PV



miraculously being reunited with her birth mother on her first trip to India, created a furor among the students and elicited many inquisitive queries. She was accompanied by a team of eight US students who along with their parents work relentlessly as volunteers for the foundation. The young volunteers amazed the audience with their extraordinary zeal and infectious energy that made the gathering dance to their tune literally. Sharing his experience at Amity, young volunteer Evan Taylor said, "It was very reassuring for me to know that even after I leave India, the kids at Amity will help spread our message and continue the movement." True to his belief, the school kids instantly took up the cause to spread awareness and formed an Anti Human Trafficking Activists Club (AHTAC).  



Amitasha

## Workshop on Health and Nutrition

With an aim to create awareness amongst students about the importance of nutrition and physical activity, Embassy of Switzerland in association with food giant, Nestlé organised a two day workshop for over 100 Amitasha students and their teachers on May 9 and 10, 2011 at AIS Noida and Saket. The workshop conducted by AERC comprised chiefly of two sessions. A one hour session on promoting Indo-Swiss bilateral relations was conducted by Ms. Sarah Berry from the Embassy of Switzerland, New Delhi. This was followed by a session on health, nutrition and physical activity, conducted by Nestlé. What made the workshop more interesting was the fact that it was conducted in Hindi. Ms. Berry took the students on a whirl wind tour of Switzerland on the first day where she shared interesting details about the country. A short film on this beautiful country was also screened for the participants.

An interactive session on health and nutrition conducted by Ms Deepika Kohli and Ms Smriti Verma under the "Nestlé Healthy Kids Global Programme" proved to be informative for Amitasha students. An informative and colourful booklet, along with the corresponding presentation, served as the didactic material for this session. A question and answer round followed by a discussion at the end ensured that the message conveyed during workshop was well received by the participants. It enabled students to understand more about healthy living, importance of balanced diet, hygiene and exercise in life. Apart from this, their general knowledge component was also enriched during the workshop. The brief description about Switzerland, its geography, the salient features and long standing friendship with India made them brush up their facts. Overall the workshop drew tremendous response.  

## Bidding Adieu!

Goodbyes are not the end, they simply mark new beginnings. AGS PV bid farewell to the passing out batch

Rishav Duggar, A levels, AGS PV



Finally it was time to say goodbye to A2 students of Amity Global School, Pushp Vihar. It was a moment of mixed feelings. Joy because the students were ready to embark on a new journey into a vast and unexplored world and sorrow because they won't be with us any longer.

The farewell celebrations began with a melodious and touching number "Yaron Dosti". This was followed by a wonderful power point presentation which took everyone down memory lane, recapturing all the memorable moments spent together in school.

However, the event which set the mood for the evening was bestowing of titles to passing out students based on their character and nature. It didn't take much time for the audience to identify- "Mr. Dabaang or Mr Cool or Ms. Bubbly or Mr Studious or Mr. I Don't Know." This was followed by a small ramp walk in

which the participants shared their experiences at AGS, PV.

Emotions soared high when students got misty eyed and developed a slight quiver in their voice recollecting the wonderful time spent at school. A skit providing a sneak peek into a typical classroom where students liked teasing each other, was enjoyed by everyone.

Fun and game session set the entertainment quotient soaring. 'Newspaper folding game', 'blowing the balloons' and 'musical chair' was enjoyed by one and all. What is party without food? After such a fun filled exercise, everyone looked forward to a delicious spread. The food was simply wonderful. As the students parted they took back with them memories of some deeply cherished moments spent at school. This fun-filled evening couldn't have been possible without the teachers who coordinated with the students to make the farewell a grand success. So we take this opportunity to thank them.  



AGS Pushp Vihar

AGS PV students proudly displaying titles bestowed on them

AIS Saket



MUNers striking a pose against Statue of Liberty with the delegation head Mr Sumedh Kapoor

## MUNers quest with Uncle SAM

UNA-USA, 2011 proved to be a cultural rendezvous for seven Amityans who dazzled their fellow delegates with their oratory brilliance

Arjun Tyagi & Sarthak Sharma, XI, AIS Saket

When: May 12- 14, 2011

Where: UN General Assembly Hall and Grand Hyatt, New York

Team Members: Arjun Tyagi, Sarthak Sharma, Shridula Singh, Venika Menon, Nikita Kapoor, Chaitanya Ram Gopal and Shashank

Awards and Acclamations: Arjun Tyagi and Sarthak Sharma win Best Delegation Commendation in UNEP

Seven bright Amityans got an opportunity to raise issues affecting 'Somalia' at the 12th annual Global Classrooms International Model UN Conference (UNA-USA) held between May 12 - 14, 2011.

The main attraction of the conference was the grand opening and closing ceremony held at UN

General Assembly Hall. The three day conference sponsored by the United Nations Association of the USA's Global Classrooms program hosted more than 2300 students and 19 committees from diverse countries and backgrounds.

The participating delegates voiced their opinion against pressing issues such as democratic governance, population, harmful substances, humanitarian and natural disasters. The conference provided an authentic simulation of the UN in a highly professional setting.

The program facilitated by AERC under the sagacious guidance of Dr Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, the students traveled to New York City to compete in this prestigious forum led by Mr. Sumedh Kapoor.

Amityans felt truly inspired standing in the shadows of countless erudite men and women who had tackled major global problems during the opening cer-

emony held on May 12, 2011.

The fledgling diplomats of tomorrow felt highly privileged to hear the enlightening words of Ban Ki Moon, Secretary General of the United Nations.

Mr Moon, in his address to the delegates highlighted the importance of peace, women's rights, preserving natural resources and empowering the weak all across the world.

The second day saw the students shedding their apprehensions and participating in discussion. The delegates dazzled the committees with their knowledge, their impeccable speaking abilities and exemplary diplomacy. Amendments poured in, clauses were added and votes were taken.

The unmoderated caucuses proved to be quite an experience. UNEP Committee was dominated by the delegation of Somalia represented by Amity International School. 