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Our history

Laguna Phuket Kindergarten is part of the development journey of Laguna Resorts & Hotels. It was set up in 1992 to serve the early learner needs of our community. It has since been recognized as one of the best early learning institutions in Thailand. Situated within the famed destination of Laguna Integrated Resort, we emphasize a community learning environment to encourage cross-cultural perspectives and cohesion. We align with our group's mission in embracing diversity and inclusiveness in all our approaches.

Introducing SILK

SILK, the extension of LPK development, is an English language program. By leveraging on Laguna resources and capabilities, and building upon the NEL (Nurturing Early Learner) principles of education for early learners designed by Singapore's Ministry of Education, SILK adopts a living classroom methodology and community connectedness to enhance quality lifestyle for parents and children to live, work and play.

As a sustained program in early childhood education, we serve students from all over the world seeking short to long term placements, with a flexible and child-led approach to nurture curiosity and creativity.

Our belief

Silk is a soft yet strong fiber, it is part and parcel of rich and colorful culture and heritage, it is well-coveted, loved and valued all the world. The silk route brings the East and West together to provide connection and cross-cultural understanding.

In the same light, we hope our young will grow up respecting diversity and understanding culture of the world. The empire of their future is the empire of their mind. We hope to shape perspectives and to encourage their curiosity, empathy, and authenticity.

Our philosophy stems from the interconnectivity of everything. And just as everything starts as a seed, we recognize the importance of early childhood education and in nurturing young minds so that they grow, become lush with potential, and eventually blossom into fruitful individuals.





Broad-based enrichment inspired by life

We believe enrichment lessons will enhance the overall learning journey of our students. Children will develop a wider range of skills through lessons in music, sports, computer literacy, and ecology and the environment, as well as engage in activities like storytelling, cooking and food preparation, and yoga and mindfulness.

The children will also acquire a much broader understanding of various cultures and develop self-discipline. Students will be given the opportunity to harness their potential and exercise their creativity and imagination through various mediums. We shall develop multilingual competencies and nurture cross-cultural sensitivity.

A pedagogy based on multifaceted inquiry

Learning happens when children explore, ask questions, discuss their ideas, and reflect on their actions and experiences.

Classroom environments are based on inquiry, curiosity, discussion, exploration of interests, interaction with peers, care for the environment, and exposure to social and cultural differences. Lesson plans are flexible and are designed to adjust to and meet each student's specific needs and interests.



The environment as a Living classroom

Learning spaces should promote exploration, inquiry, creativity, and love for nature. We put a premium on creating an experiential learning environment that inspires children to ask questions, make discoveries, create, and advocate for nature. A student's learning space is not limited to the four walls of a classroom. Instead, the whole Laguna is the learning environment, with its forests, gardens, lakes and numerous activity and recreational spaces.

SWIFT: Our 5 core areas of Learning

- S** SELF Understanding
- W** WORLD around us
- I** INCLUSIVENESS in cultures and peoples
- F** FAMILY
- T** TECHNOLOGY

The educational outcomes of the SWIFT learning model are:

- Positive emotional and social competences to become self-starters in their own learning journey
- Love for Aesthetics and Creative Expressions
- Curiosity in discovering the world
- Ability to take care of their health and safety
- Skills in languages and literacy needs and interests.





OUR FOUNDER

Ms Claire Chiang is the Co-founder and Senior Vice President of Banyan Tree Group, the Global Head of Learning and Talent Development as well as the Chairperson of China Business Development and Banyan Tree Management Academy. With a Master's degree in Philosophy, she has taught for over 16 years at the tertiary level in the University of Singapore and University of Hong Kong.

She is also the founder of the original Laguna Phuket Kindergarten 30 years ago. Her vision for SILK today is inspired by the need for cross-cultural exchange and a holistic, immersive education that cultivates a responsible global citizenry.

Vision

- ▲ SILK is dedicated to helping create inclusive, peaceful, just, and sustainable societies. Our curriculum places these ideals at the center of everything we do with our children.
- ▲ These values are not taught as abstract ideas but are taught by example through adults' clear, observable actions and are practiced
- ▲ We strive to empower our children to become agents of change, by helping them to develop a grounded moral compass, sound critical thinking skills, and a holistic knowledge base to apply in their daily lives.
- ▲ SILK envisions being the pioneer in embracing and protecting the environment and in empowering young minds to innovate, discover, and create possibilities. We believe that education is the foundation upon which we build more equitable communities and drive sustainable development.



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