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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DEAR FRIENDS AND MEMBERS OF THE STCC



PRESIDENT BRUNO G. ODERMATT

For those of us who just closed the 1st quarter financial books, we would agree that another tough year lies ahead of us. In the days before the latest outbreak, when many things appeared to be going in the right direction, the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) officials expected around 6.5 million foreign arrivals in 2021. However, after the government reported the highest daily infections since the start of the outbreak in early 2020, the TAT admitted that those figures needed to be adjusted downwards – to no one's surprise. As the new wave affects the country's reopening, the key is really to implement an effective mass

inoculation program. The Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) advises that Thailand's vaccination rate needs to be at least 10 times faster than the current rate (source PATA). At the time of this writing, Thailand had inoculated 0.82% of its 69 million population, which ranks it 8 for vaccine distribution efficacy out of 10 ASEAN countries (source Our World in Data, Oxford University). According to an Ipsos survey in 6 South East Asian countries, 62% of respondents believe that over half of their populations will have been vaccinated this year. Singapore received the highest vote of confidence (68%), while only a low number of respondents in Thailand believe that their country would achieve that goal in 2021. In any way you look at this dilemma, the private sector could really play a major role in the vaccine distribution and inoculation strategy. The Thai Chamber of Commerce (TCC) recently held a meeting with 40 CEOs who agreed to support the government by providing logistics

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and personnel in speeding up the vaccinations. The government should also allow the Private Sector to import vaccines and inoculate their employees, especially in sectors with substantial economic impact, such as airlines, public transport drivers, tourism business etc.

In more positive news, Bloomberg News reported in April that Thailand is considering revamping its immigration and visa rules to make it easier for expats and long-term tourists to stay in the country. It is part of a strategy to boost investment and tourism and the focus is on immediate improvements in visa and work permit regulations which would allow Thailand to gain more value from foreigners. As Khun Chayotid Kridakorn, who is leading the government task force, mentioned, *"Immigration rules are the key pain point and we want to make it easier for foreigners to live and work in Thailand"*. The issue of ease of doing business has come up over and over again in discussions with foreign investors wanting to invest in Thailand. If the government is able to get rid of, or at least substantially reduce its bureaucratic processes, then it might be a big boost for investment. Thailand risks falling behind its neighbors such as Malaysia, Vietnam and even Indonesia in attracting foreign investments. Indonesia, which had been inactive for several years, is now making great strides

in improving existing laws, regulations, investment privileges to draw foreign investments.

In the meantime, you should have received the invoice for your 2021 membership fee. As you may have noticed, there is a substantial increase compared to the prior year. For those of you who attended our Annual General Meeting in March, you experienced a lively discussion and active participation of our members, who recommend we should further increase the membership fee in order to set the Chamber on a sustainable financial foundation. For the record, the Board proposed a twofold increase in membership fee, however, a major part of STCC members felt that we should further it to a threefold increase. The increase was approved by the members without any opposing vote it will ensure that we can further transform our Chamber into a professional organization with a balanced budget in 2021 and onwards. We can also deliver improved services and business support for our members. From now on you should see frequent updates inside this newsletter from our Executive Director on any operational improvements we are going to make.

As we are still battling the impact of this once in a lifetime pandemic crisis, let's hold on to our positive spirit and do our best in navigating our businesses

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through this massive storm. As the German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche wrote, "Aus der Kriegsschule des Lebens - Was mich nicht umbringt, macht mich stärker." Properly translated it means Out of life's school of war - What does not kill me, makes me stronger. In whatever way you look at the wisdom of this brilliant thinker, it can be used as an affirmation of

resilience. It is exactly the kind of resilience we business leaders need to show in these challenging times.

With my best wishes,

Bruno G. Odermatt-Maag
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STCC Events May & June 2021:

Check out our Website for all updates and upcoming Events!

Postponed:

STCC-Embassy Connect Networking at the Swiss Residence
(Member only event)

Thursday, 27th of May

BOI Webinar: "Think Resilience, Think Thailand"

Thu-Fri, 10-11 of June

Khon Kaen Business Forum at Avani Khon Kaen Hotel & Convention Centre

Wednesday, 23 of June

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TIME TO IMMUNITY IN ASIA

We can only really expect an end to recurring cycles of social distancing and travel restrictions when enough of the population has acquired immunity to Covid-19. That can be achieved either by successfully fighting off infection or by vaccination. While there have been cases of people being re-infected after apparently recovering from the virus, they appear to be small in number. Some vaccines are less effective against some variants of Covid-19 but all appear sufficiently effective that they offer significant protection.

Here, we estimate how long it will take – at current rates of vaccination and recovery from infection – to achieve population immunity, which we define as 70% of the population being protected from infection. Even in the advanced economies, the time to immunity varies greatly: Canada, the US, the UK and Germany may be less than three months away; Japan and New Zealand have barely begun down the path to immunity.

Among Asian emerging economies, also, the time to immunity varies. China, Hong Kong, Singapore and South Korea are likely to get there before year-end. South- and Southeast Asian economies (other than Singapore) will likely take much longer.

The time to immunity can be shortened by ramping up vaccination effort, as we are seeing today in China, South Korea, Thailand and Vietnam. But vaccinations are actually falling in India and Malaysia and are not rising as they should be in Indonesia and the Philippines.

Introduction

"When will the population achieve immunity?" is the most important question we can ask about an economy today. Only when immunity is likely and imminent can we begin to think about an escape from

recurring cycles of restrictions and a genuine opening up not only domestically but also to international travel. It is an empirical question fraught with uncertainty. Are Covid survivors really immune? Do vaccines offer immunity against new variants and did enough people take the vaccines that do? How many people need immunity before the population is immune? But with vaccination programs now underway everywhere we can begin to try to answer this all-important question.

We make this attempt by estimating how long it will take at the current rates of infection and vaccination for the to achieve population immunity. Each step of this calculation is uncertain as the medical and scientific communities still have much to learn about this virus. We adopt the definition of population immunity as requiring 70% of people to have acquired immunity either naturally by virtue of having recovered from Covid-19 infection or via vaccination. We assume anyone who has recovered from Covid acquires immunity for one year. There are documented cases of people who have recovered becoming infected again but they appear to be rare.

More problematic, some vaccines may not provide protection against some variants of the virus. The US CDC advises that vaccines used in the US "should work" against new variants. But it appears to be a patchwork: each vaccine has varying effectiveness against different variants. And "effectiveness" means different things: preventing serious expressions of the virus or preventing infection altogether are quite different things. But consensus for now appears to be that the vaccines used widely in the advanced economies, at least, offer sufficient protection against the most common variants.

Most people acquire protection through vaccination. Vaccination efforts were, in many countries, slower to begin than had been expected and for many



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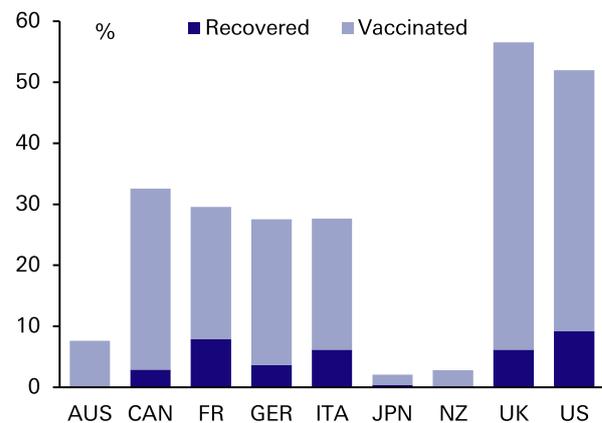
reasons often beyond the control of governments. Vaccine manufacturers may have overpromised, which meant deliveries of vaccines in some countries fell short of what governments thought they had contracted. The logistics of vaccinating so many people so quickly are very complicated, requiring new dedicated facilities to be set up in most places. To our knowledge, no government has made it mandatory for people to be vaccinated and acceptance of vaccines differs across countries, over time and between vaccines on offer. Willingness to get vaccinated is perhaps the greatest obstacle to population immunity and is not something that can be directly influenced by governments.

How long to immunity?

Treatments for Covid-19 continue to improve but hopes for an end to the pandemic rest on achieving population immunity – enough people having acquired immunity from infection by virtue of having fought it off or being vaccinated. In Figure 1, we show the current 'immunity' levels in the major advanced economies. The US and UK are far ahead – about 7.5% of their populations has survived infection in the past year and about half have been vaccinated at least once. In total, more than half of their populations have acquired some protection from

Covid. In Canada, France, Germany and Italy, about 30% have acquired some protection whereas in Australia, Japan and New Zealand not even 8% have. It's a great achievement that fewer than 0.5% of the populations of these countries has been infected in the first place but the fact that so few people have been vaccinated is a problem. They may be able to open up internally and between themselves – as Australia and New Zealand have done – but until they vaccinate the rest of their population they won't be able to open up to other countries. But vaccines have only been available in these three countries for two

Figure 1: Immunity in advanced economies



Sources: CEIC and Deutsche Bank Research.

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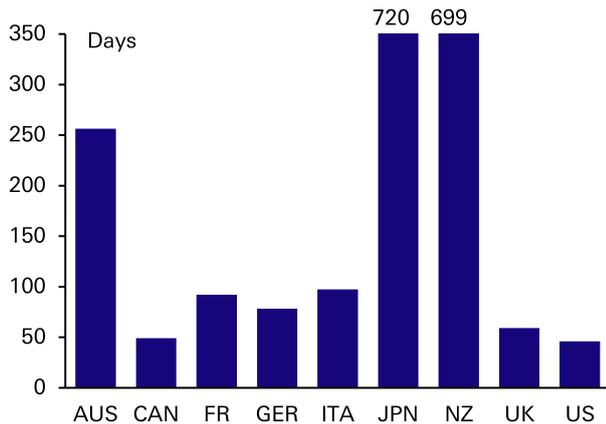
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Figure 2: Time to immunity



Sources: CEIC and Deutsche Bank Research.

months, so hopefully vaccination rates will rise quickly.

We can judge progress towards population immunity by measuring the current – weekly – increase in numbers of people who have recovered or been vaccinated and calculating how many days it will take for those numbers to rise to 70% of the population (Figure 2). So for example, in the US, population immunity requires 231mn people have immunity. Currently, 30mn have recovered from Covid in the past year and 141mn have been vaccinated at least once. So another 60mn need immunity. Over the past week, 388,000 people have recovered and 8.6mn have been vaccinated, so at these rates it will take another 46 days to achieve population immunity. Canada and the UK will take a little longer – about 50 days in Canada and 60 days in the UK. Australia, Japan and New Zealand are far behind, while France, Germany and Italy could achieve that milestone by August.

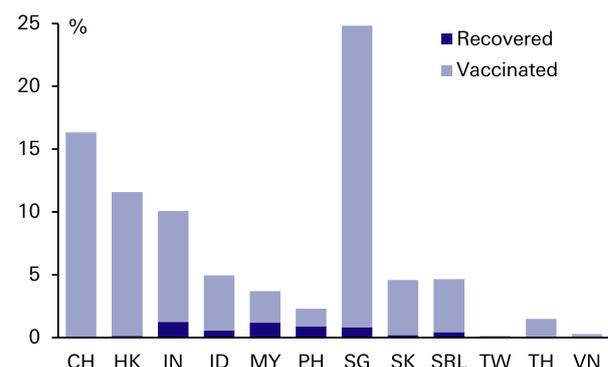
It's important to note that these estimates can vary significantly over time. Vaccination rates can vary significantly depending on vaccine availability – weekly vaccines administered have fallen by 20% in the US in the past two week days so the 46 day estimate may be too low if that trend continues. Weekly vaccinations in Japan, conversely, have doubled, so if it continues to increase our estimate will be too pessimistic.

We turn our attention now to Asian emerging economies. Note first that Singapore, far ahead in the Asia Pacific region in terms of acquired immunity, lags the non-APAC advanced economies (Figure 3). Note also, fortunately, that most immunity even in emerging economies, is acquired via vaccination rather than illness. Vaccination efforts began later in this region than in the US or Europe. While those advanced economies began vaccinating people in late December or early January and China also began vaccinating people last year, Indonesia, Singapore and Sri Lanka began in late January; Hong Kong, India and South Korea in February; and Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam only in March. So it's no surprise that levels of protection are lower in the emerging economies than in the advanced economies.

If we calculate the time to population immunity in emerging Asia, only China, Hong Kong, Singapore and South Korea appear to be on track to achieve that milestone in the next 12 months. Singapore is about 132 days away from population immunity; China is about 153 days away; Hong Kong and South Korea are further away. The other economies are much further still away from population immunity, but with vaccination drives only recently beginning, this is to be expected.

Another way to assess the time to immunity is to measure the daily rate of increase in the protected

Figure 3: Immunity in Asia

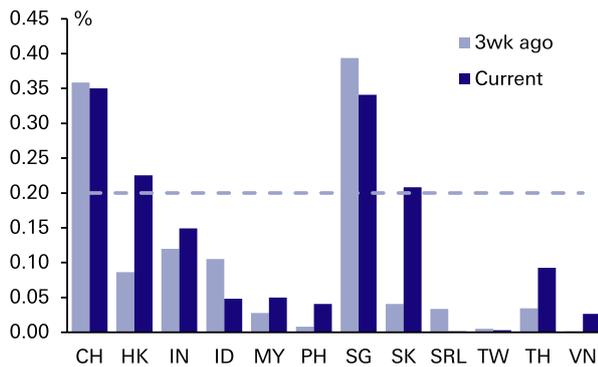


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Figure 4: Daily immunity increase



Sources: CEIC and Deutsche Bank Research.

population. That's shown in Figure 4, where we plot bars for the current rate of immunity increase and the rate as of three weeks ago. The horizontal line at 0.2% is the rate of daily increase needed to achieve population immunity in one year. The four economies listed above are now running ahead of that pace, the other economies are lagging. Vaccination numbers have risen very quickly in Hong Kong and South Korea and also in Thailand and Vietnam although not yet in sufficient numbers in the latter two countries to achieve population immunity soon. Vaccinations are rising again over the past week in China too.

To run through an example, consider South Korea. The country has experienced three complete waves of infection and is experiencing a fourth currently. New infections peaked at 20 per million in late December

– as we've seen, a very low figure compared to most other economies. With relatively few cases, only 0.2% of the population has acquired immunity by overcoming infection. Vaccinations began in late February and so far 4.4% of the population has been vaccinated. At the current pace of 770,000 vaccinations per week it would take about ten months to reach 70% of the population with some protection. But daily vaccinations have more than tripled in the past two weeks. Another 25% increase in the number of vaccinations would allow the population to achieve 70% protection by the end of this year. That seems to us an easily achievable increase barring unforeseen delays in vaccine delivery.

Summary

The Covid-19 pandemic has afflicted at least 20mn people in Emerging Asia, of which at least 230,000 have died. But as better treatments emerge, the mortality rate has fallen by nearly half so far this year, to below 1% of cases. And in a short period of time more than 350 million people have been vaccinated. Each week, more than twice as many people are vaccinated as have been infected over the past 16 months. Ten percent of the region's population has some immunity from Covid already and nearly half are very likely to by year-end. This is a remarkably positive picture compared to a year ago.

Even in the advanced economies, the time to immunity

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The time to immunity can be shortened by ramping up vaccination effort, as we are seeing today in South Korea, Thailand and Vietnam. But the time to immunity is still much longer in the poorer economies than the advanced economies. India, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam are today more than a year away from population immunity. And vaccinations are actually falling in India and Malaysia and are not rising as they should be in Indonesia and the Philippines.

It will take more than just delivering vaccines, something the better-off countries will do, we're sure, as they achieve population immunity. It will be an enormous logistical challenge to vaccinate most of the population – and then perhaps to do it each year. It may appear attractive to some to treat, rather than prevent, infections. But inability to achieve population immunity may come at the cost of restraining growth in these economies for many years.



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STCC INTERNAL NEWS

INTRODUCING MS. EMMA CHEN, EVENTS & MARKETING TRAINEE

Dear Readers,
It is my pleasure to have the opportunity to introduce myself to you all.

My name is Emma and I'm a final-year student at École hôtelière de Lausanne (EHL). Even though my roots are in Taiwan, I was born and raised in Bangkok. I lived here for 18 years before moving to Switzerland for University. I chose to go to Switzerland for its well-known field of Hospitality.

As we were all affected by the pandemic, I also had to change my plans and returned to Thailand early to continue my studies virtually for the time being. Since I miss Switzerland and wanted to get in touch with the very lively Swiss business community in Thailand, I applied for a traineeship at the Chamber and am very happy that I was accepted. I will now be working in communications, events and PR of the Chamber of Commerce as Events & Marketing trainee for the coming months. Even though the current situation in Thailand does not allow for physical events, I hope this will change soon and I will be

able to meet you as our members in person.

In the meantime, please feel free to reach out to me at: communication@swissthai.com for any inquires.

Thank you!

Emma Chen



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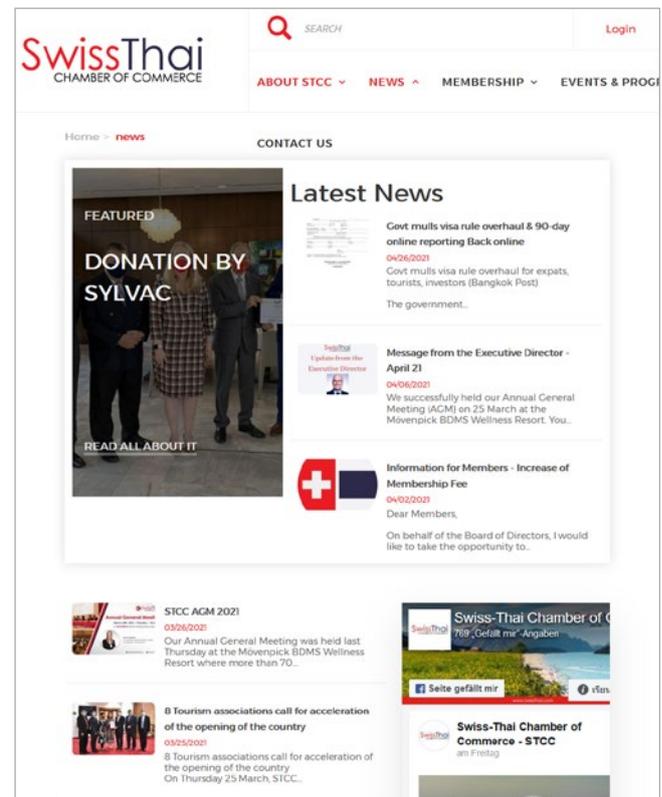
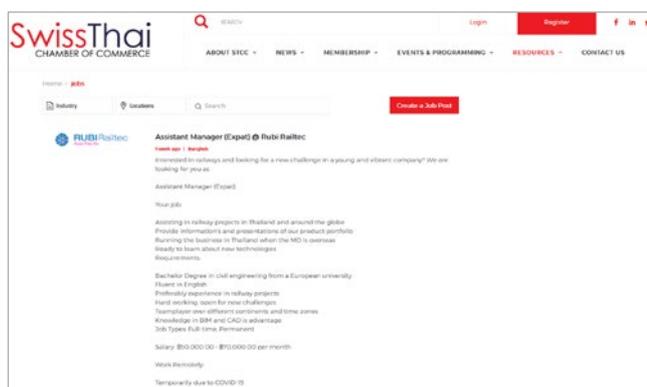
We are pleased to present our new website which we hope will bring you closer to the Swiss-Thai Chamber of Commerce. There are new features dedicated especially to our members.

- You can now log in to the website with your Glue Up account and get full access to the membership directory.
- You can create your own job listings as well as post your events on our website under the Community Events section. If you would like us to publish your

job listings or events on our website, we will be happy to assist you and publish them on your behalf.

In addition, you will find profiles of candidates looking for work under the Candidates section of the website. Also make sure to check out the News section where we regularly publish business related news, news from our members and more.

We hope you find the STCC's new website a useful tool to keep in touch with us and welcome any feedback on it.





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ROCHE COMMERCIAL COVID-19 TESTING PROPOSAL

At the STCC we believe that the welfare and safety of your staff is of paramount importance, especially in these difficult times. Many of you have operations with large numbers of staff and everyone is looking forward to return to some form of normality as soon as possible in the safest way possible.

In this context, our member Roche has developed a mass testing offer to help businesses to test their employees by working with a selected partner to provide the sampling, collection, testing and reporting they would like to share with you.

According to Roche, the Roche Rapid Antigen Test offers certain benefits for implementing such safety procedures as it is cheaper and faster than the widely known RT-PCR test and can be implemented as a point-of-care (POC) test. As such, it allows to get the results faster, typically within 15-30 minutes on site, rather than hours or days.

You can find more information about this proposal by clicking [HERE](#) and [HERE](#)

***If you are interested, please reach out to:
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ABOUT US

Ronewa Art Projects brings together people, ideas and events shaping the new landscape of contemporary art. To address the rapid shift taking place in the art world and how we experience art, traditional models are not only being reconsidered, but transcended and reinvented.

Since it was founded in 2006, Ronewa Art Gallery has been dedicated to the presentation of artists and connecting international talent with both collectors and community in Paris, Berlin and the United States.

Ronewa Art Projects is the evolution and expansion of Ronewa Art Gallery. We use both established and alternative platforms to curate contemporary art projects, injecting a fresh approach using mobility and expertise of presenting to local and international

art markets. We are a catalyst for new ideas, projects, relationships and collaborations to increase the reach and visibility of contemporary art and artists from Asia, Europe and Africa.

OUR MISSION

We believe in a new model based on the globalized, digital, self-empowered culture that's no longer constrained by place, generation or status. It's a community connected together by a love for art, culture, creative process and being part of an inspiring and interesting conversation - all over the world. Our approach is transparent, direct, and built on a foundation of trust and positivity. We identify good artists specialized in painting, photography, installation and relief sculpture and help them navigate the art world, offer advice, promote and sell their works through exhibitions and networks. We work together with other curators and partners in Europe, Asia and Africa to exhibit and provide a network that is both local and global, fixed and nomadic. We build bridges between artists and collectors and share our passion through educating and informing a new breed of young collectors and contemporary art enthusiasts.

Stay updated on Ronewa Art Projects and join the conversation on our Instagram and Facebook where we're documenting our work, traveling across the globe, building new projects and collaborating with some of the best new artists around.

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NEWS FROM THE EMBASSY

EXHIBITION 'HOLD ON TO THAT PAPER AGAIN' AT SAC GALLERY OPEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY UNTIL MAY 22, 2021

Tashi Brauen

Cracks 17, 2021

Acrylic paint on cardboard in wooden shadow gap frame
160 x 120 cm



Tashi Brauen

Installation View, SAC Gallery, Bangkok

Cracks works: 16, 12, 11, 10, 2021

Acrylic paint on cardboard in wooden shadow gap frame
(left image) 160 x 120 cm
(right images) 120 x 80 cm



Tashi Brauen

Wölbungen (Vaults), 2020

Mixed media on paper
30 x 50.5 cm





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NEWS FROM THE EMBASSY

Tashi Brauen experiments with the physical quality of his everyday materials. For him, paper is a flat surface to paint on, but also a pliable material to manipulate. He employs unique methods for creating his abstract imagery, such as bending and tearing cardboard for his 'Crack' series and pressing paint between paper for his 'Du' works that repurpose pages of the Swiss art and culture magazine. Both series on show in the exhibition call on the balancing act of intentional actions and spontaneous forms seen across his practice.

The works of Zurich-based Tashi Brauen return to Bangkok after exhibiting at the Serindia Gallery and creating a memorable large-scale sculptural installation at the Embassy of Switzerland in Bangkok in 2016.

Special thanks to SAC Gallery and in the Ronewa Art Projects online viewing room.

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INTRODUCTION OF OUR NEW PRINCIPAL, CHRISTIAN VOGEL

So that you know who you will be dealing with in the future, I would like to introduce myself to you in a few words:

I was born on 19 February 1962 to a father from Lucerne and a mother from Udine (Italy) in the tranquil town of Entfelden in the Suhrental valley of Aargau, where I also spent my early school years. After obtaining the Federal Matura (Type B) at the Alte Kantonsschule Aarau, I gained my first work experience as a lecturer and editor at the Aargauer Zeitung publishing house while studying at the University of Zurich. I then decided to train as a primary and secondary school teacher at the Höhere Pädagogische Lehranstalt HPL in Zofingen. During my subsequent studies as a secondary school teacher at the University of Lausanne, I met my wife Erika, to whom I have now been happily married for 25 years. Our two children Irina (24) and Adriano (22) are also the result of this marriage. Our daughter is currently completing her Master's degree in International Relations at the University of Leiden (Netherlands), while our son is going to do an apprenticeship as a biology lab technician at Syngenta in Stein. After two exciting years as a secondary school teacher in Fricktal, I was drawn to the Berufswahlschule Bülach, where I worked as a homeroom teacher and department head for the next 18 years. For the last seven years, after completing my principal's training, I was a headmaster of the Nägelimoos Secondary School in Kloten and then the principal of the Hirslanden Secondary School in the Zurichberg school district. In addition, I was the Chief Financial Officer of the Bülach Secondary School Board for five years.

I find a balance to my professional life in my leisure activities such as reading, sports and above all, travelling. Since my work as a school principal began,

I have had to cut back on my sporting commitments as a junior coach in football or at federation level in figure skating, but while travelling I have been able to get to know many interesting countries and cultures such as Australia, Russia, the Caucasus, China or Southeast Asia.

Unfortunately, I had to start in a phase of lockdown, but I am nevertheless looking forward to my new task and to a successful cooperation with all those involved. I hope to meet the members and representatives of the STCC soon in person, maybe at one of the many upcoming events of our school.





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RIS SWISS SECTION DEUTSCHSPRACHIGE SCHULE BANGKOK

OPEN HOUSE INFO SESSION ON SATURDAY, 22 MAY 2021



RIS Swiss Section – Deutschsprachige Schule Bangkok welcomes everyone to join us at 1:00pm for a Open House Info Session. The event is expected to take place virtually. Please check our website for more information.

RIS Swiss Section – Deutschsprachige Schule Bangkok is the only international school in Bangkok with a Swiss/German curriculum with German and English as the first classroom languages. We offer all grades from Pre-K (Nursery) to Grade 12 and afternoon

Playgroups for the youngest children.

Join us if you want to see our unique Swiss and German learning experience first-hand! You will have the chance to learn about our Swiss/German approach to education during a presentation of our school principal, head of primary and secondary school, meet teachers, students and parents and participate in a live Q&A session. We are looking forward to meeting you at our Open House Day!



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LEARNING PACKAGES PICK-UP



The second half of this semester has started very well, once again, with our online learning procedures in place.

For our students, to be equipped in the best possible way at home, learning packages and resources were

arranged for pick up at our school, distributed in person, or sent out via mail. The learning packages, which consist of books, paper worksheets, and many playing and crafting materials, help to reduce screen time and further enhance the remote learning experience of our students.



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PH-VALUE TESTING DURING CHEMISTRY LESSON OF GRADE 9



We have all read the terms "pH balanced" or "pH neutral" on shampoos or skin lotions, but what do they exactly mean? During an exciting chemistry session, the students of Grade 9 learned what measurement we use to decide whether something is an acid or a base, what pH actually stands for, and how we can measure the pH value of a substance. The students then used different materials we all have in our houses like cleaners, soaps, sugar, baking soda, etc., and tested them with different indicators on their pH-values.

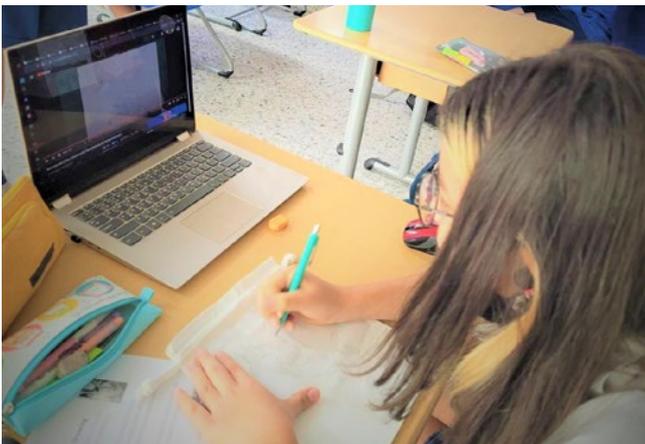
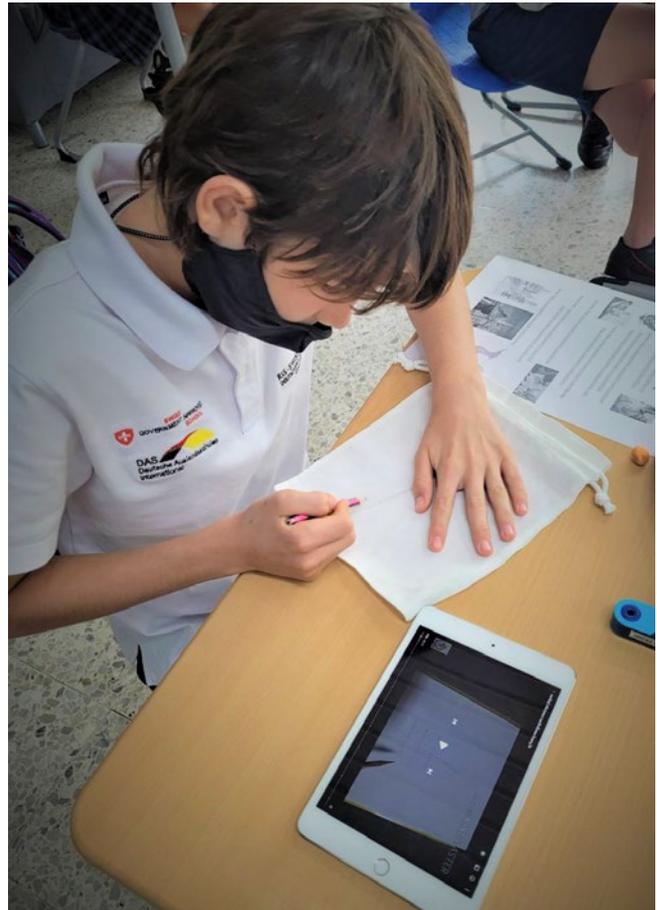




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THAI MYTHICAL CREATURE DRAWING

Art is the representation of cultural views, beliefs, and practices. Art helps to understand and interpret a culture that may be hard to relate to. Furthermore, it can be a medium that bridges gaps between different societies. During their Thai Culture and Language lessons, our Grade 7 students learned about mythical creatures in Thailand such as Naga, Garuda, and Singha. After reading related literature and discussing similarities and differences between western and Thai mythical creatures, the students then drew their own favorite mythical creatures on cloth bags.





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GRADE 7 BIOLOGY CLASS: ONION CELL INVESTIGATION



Is a plant cell bigger or smaller than an animal cell? What is the largest cell you can see without a microscope? These are some of the questions, our students of Grade 7 can now definitely answer. This week, the students investigated the cell structure of onions during their biology class. The students first observed the organism with microscopes, took pictures of the magnified objects, and then created

biological diagrams of what they saw. This investigation demonstrated that living things are made of cells; either one cell or many different numbers and types of cells. The students further learned how to precisely follow a multi-step procedure in order to successfully carrying out a scientific experiment.



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MATURABALL 2021



The Class of 2021 invites you to the Maturaball, the highlight of every school year. Join us for a glamorous party with the graduating students of the RIS Swiss Section – Deutschsprachige Schule Bangkok! The ball marks an exclusive event in a festive atmosphere at the S31 Sukhumvit Hotel on June 12th, 2021.

Due to the COVID-19 situation, the tickets are only available online until further notice via email: matura2021@ris-swiss-section.org or phone at 0910313002

Important events in the second semester of the school year 2020-21:

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| 22.05.2021 | Open House Info Session (13:00 - 15:00) |
| 10.06.2021 | Flea Market for Primary School (11:00 - 12:00) |
| 11.06.2021 | Graduation Ceremony (10:00) |
| 12.06.2021 | Matura Ball |

Please visit our website - www.ris-swiss-section.org - and get more information about our upcoming events.



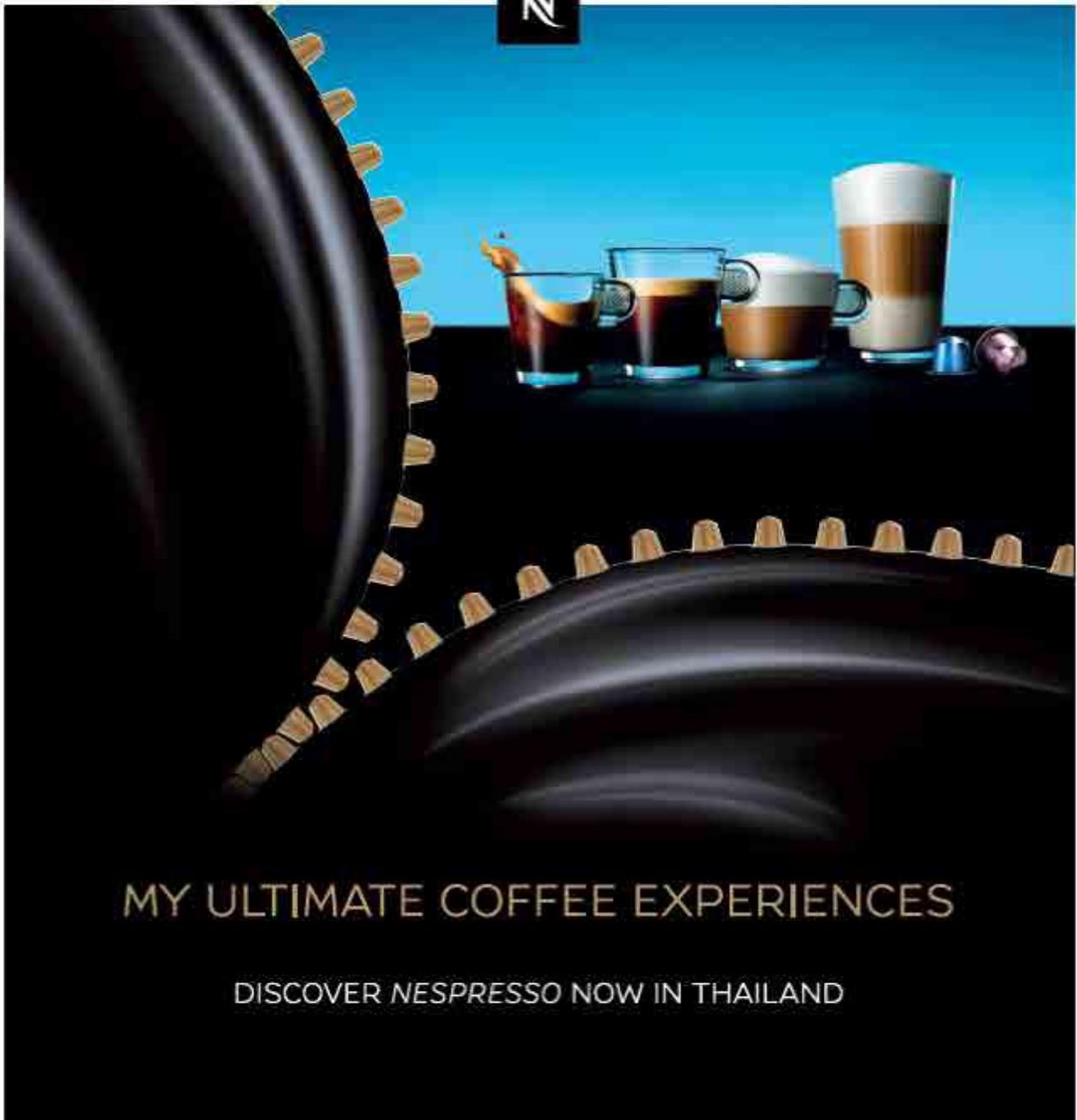
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