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A School Where Students Live a Full Life, Chadwick International

Chadwick International with purpose-built facilities and mission to the development of exemplary character.

The international school in Songdo International Business District was designed to be one of the most important infrastructures of New Songdo City Project since it was essential to have a prestigious school for families who live or work in Songdo. It made headlines when Chadwick School, a prestigious private school in Los Angeles announced to open its second campus in Songdo.

By combining the various pictures by principals of prestigious private schools in North America about what their ideal school should be like, the world class international school was built.

The first thing the reporter noticed at Chadwick International is a cube-shaped pavilion, a bell tower, and an open “U-shaped” building structure. Many parts of the school facilities were inspired by traditional Korean houses. Moreover, the U-shaped structure allows students to minimize transition between classes and easily access to shared facilities such as the aquatics center, gymnasium, and theaters.

In the Middle/Upper School classrooms, students sit around a table called “Harkness” table with two teachers. At Chadwick International, teachers don't just convey knowledge, but interact with students by having a discussion and exchanging opinions together in a seminar style. Teachers continuously ask their students what they think and the students freely ask questions. In the well-respected atmosphere, all the students can actively participate in the class discussions.

Classrooms for lower grades in the Village School building have toilets inside each classroom so that teachers can easily take care of the children. The classrooms have easy and direct access to the playground to let the children can play enjoying the sun during recess.

The school is equipped with the world-class athletic and arts facilities such as an aquatic center, gymnasiums, performing arts center and music rooms. These superior facilities enable children to experience and learn about various lifestyles simply by coming to school.

Chadwick International's curriculum is based on IB (International Baccalaureate) program. English is the primary language and the school offers mainstream ESOL for students who are in need of additional help in language. What makes Chadwick special the most is its mission for a well-rounded education. Chadwick International is not just a place to transmit knowledge but a place where children spend most of their time, build relationships and accumulate various experiences. The bright and happy faces of the children we met while we visited the school were the most truthful answer what Chadwick education is all about.