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Chadwick International Granted WASC Accreditation

Chadwick International, located in Songdo, Incheon, proudly announced that it has been fully accredited for Grades Pre-K through 9 by the Schools Commission of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). This International Accreditation serves not only to validate the integrity of the school's mission and program, but also facilitates the transfer of credits to other English-speaking schools, which is critical for college/university acceptance worldwide.

This accreditation is a major milestone for Chadwick International as the school continues to establish itself in the community. It assures prospective families that the school's mission and program are viable, and that the institution is a trustworthy center for authentic student learning. In addition, the perpetual cycle of self-study that it requires fosters ongoing reflection and improvement of the school's programs and operations, a critical component of a forward-thinking organization such as Chadwick International.

The WASC Accrediting Commission is a world-renowned association that has been working with international schools for over 40 years, particularly in Asia. It is composed of 31 representatives from the educational organizations it serves, including the East Asia Regional Council of Schools (EARCOS). It is one of six regional accrediting agencies in the United States, and works closely with the Office of Overseas School under the U.S. Department of State.

The philosophy underlying WASC's accreditation process centers upon three fundamental beliefs: (1) that a school's goal is successful student learning; (2) that each school has a clear purpose and schoolwide student goals; and (3) that a school engages in external and internal evaluations as part of continued school improvement to support student learning.

"This initial WASC accreditation is a very significant accomplishment for our school," says Jeff Mercer, Headmaster of Chadwick International. "These external moderators validate what we already know to be true: great teaching and learning is taking place at CI, and we are creating a community known for excellence in terms of academics, character development, and helping students discover through experience their special gifts and talents. We are very proud of the work that we have done to earn this important distinction."