

One of Us now

International students joining Kuo Chuan Presbyterian Secondary School in 2016 have brought a rich diversity to the school environment. This photo essay focuses on three of them and one unique aspect of each.



Students taking their pledge during the morning assembly. Is it apparent? Obviously not as some of them are students who hail from Nigeria, Sri Lanka, India, Japan, Myanmar, Indonesia and many more – each of them unique in their own way.



Jonathan having “hoppers” or locally known as “appam” with his family. Mr Denver Moses, father of Jonathan aged 43 and Associate Director with Johnson & Johnson, said that Sri Lankans eat them any time with a condiment made of shredded coconut, chilli powder, lime, chilli, onions and maldive fish.



Mdm Ma Cho ChoAye, mother of Khant Zay, 50 and working in Subway, applying thanaka on Khant's face. She says the yellowish paste is made from barks and is applied to the faces of Myanmar women and girls for cosmetic purposes although young boys can be seen with it too.



Ilyomade Gift Ayomide and his mother in their traditional costumes. Mdm Kehinde Ilyomade, mother of Gift aged 43 and housewife, explained that the material used for the costumes can indicate the status and wealth of the family in the villages or towns where one lives in Nigeria.



Despite their different traditions and cultures, the boys from various lands have adapted and blended in well with the rest of the students who treat them no differently from their own. We definitely can learn from each other and keep the school's theme "Journeying Together, Creating New Pathways" alive.