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## **ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT - March 2011**

### ***Introducing ISG Dammam’s New Principal Beginning August 2011***

International Schools Group (ISG) is proud to announce the appointment of **Mr. John Rutten** to serve as **Principal for ISG Dammam beginning August 2011**. His wife, Cheryl Rutten, will join ISG as a Physical Education teacher with Dhahran British Grammar School (DBGS). Mr. Rutten will replace Mr. Rick Barnhouse, ISG Dammam Principal since 1994, and ISG’s future Director of Facility Development.

Mr. Rutten’s genuine curiosity, enthusiasm and student-centered approach will guide ISG Dammam well into the future. “Receiving a world-class education is,” as Rutten explains, “a priceless gift [and] it is my job to see that this gift is delivered day after day to the students under my care. I do this by setting high expectations for staff and students, developing relationships that allow for mistakes while still having fun, and by leading by example...” Pragmatic and a strong communicator, with teaching experience in Pakistan, Bolivia and El Salvador, Mr. Rutten stresses his commitment to operating with a specific plan of action so that everyone in the community “knows what we are doing [and] why we are doing it.”

Mr. Rutten possess over 19 years in educational leadership, having served as a high school and elementary principal and an elementary vice principal and guidance counselor. Mr. Rutten holds a Specialist certification in Education Leadership/Superintendent studies and a Masters in Guidance Counseling from the University of North Dakota. His Bachelors degree is in Elementary Education with teaching certification in K-12 health and physical education.

Sharing highlights of his 28 years as an educator, Mr. Rutten is proud of several initiatives, which through his guidance and leadership, have become integrated into the culture of the educational community. Specifically, he referenced a new elementary literacy program that recognizes existing student capacity and offers opportunities for acceleration as quickly as possible given the individual needs and abilities of the student. At the high school level, the introduction of Professional Learning Communities (PLC) has proven successful in breaking down barriers to student progress, resulting in improved overall efficiency and effectiveness through greater collaboration with stakeholders.

To ensure a sense of balance, Mr. Rutten enjoys playing sports, reading and traveling. When asked what attracted him to ISG Dammam, Mr. Rutten commented: “The more I learn about ISG Dammam the more I am convinced that we have made a great decision! I look forward to helping strengthen an already robust educational team and am very excited and ready to get to work for the ISG community!”

ISG wishes to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Rutten and welcomes them both to the ISG educational community. His stable and clear vision will guide ISG Dammam’s success in an increasingly competitive and connected world community.