

Quality teaching for all

The SIP network of primary schools reaches out to Chile's underprivileged children

Education has long been a priority of the Chilean government, yet few public initiatives have been as groundbreaking and long lasting as the SIP school network. SIP, which stands for "Primary Instruction Corporation" in Spanish, is a private non-profit institution founded in 1856 by a group of young intellectuals who sought to establish a system that would tend to the needs of the less fortunate.

SIP's president today is Patricia Matte Larrain of the powerful Matte family, which has always extended its interests beyond business and into philanthropic missions.

SIP schools are donated – the latest one was endowed by the Matte-Larrain family themselves – and renowned for their methodology, high quality of teachers, and the values of hard work, discipline and respect they impart to their students. Over

230,000 students have graduated from SIP schools, many of whom have gone on to study at Chile's best universities.

"SIP's philosophy is to apply the best practices available in the private sector to the world of education," says Mrs. Matte. "The financial administration has also been carried out efficiently, which explains why SIP has been around for more than 155 years."



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