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### To Whom It May Concern

It is with pleasure that I forward this reference for Mr. Chris Soentpiet, who recently visited Taipei American School, Taiwan as the '1997 Visiting Author/Illustrator'. Mr. Soentpiet spent four days working with our 760 elementary students and did an outstanding job.

Chris was at ease speaking to five years old kindergarten students, sophisticated fifth graders and experienced teachers. Chris is a 'natural' public speaker who shared his wonderful art work, book illustrations and writing abilities in his presentations to the students and teachers. Chris made excellent use of color slides to illustrate his discussions with his audiences. Chris Soentpiet is an outstanding young man and presenter, full of energy and great humor. He relates exceptionally well to everyone he meets. We have had numerous visiting authors and illustrators here at Taipei American School over the past seven years, and Chris Soentpiet is one of the best.

I can recommend Chris Soentpiet to you very highly as an outstanding visiting author/illustrator.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gavin Allen". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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