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In this month's issue, SOAP covers the activities and achievements of staff and students, featuring the long-awaited RAWK Commcert!



Message from the Dean

With only a month left in 2022, the time comes for us to take a step back and reflect upon the experiences we've had. The School of Arts has shown and will continue to show much growth as faculty members and students strive for greater achievements to make their year count.

- Prof. Matthew Marshall
Dean of the School of Arts

Dr Pauline Invited to Channel News Asia Segment on GE15



On 17th November, Dr Pauline Leong from the Department of Communication was given the opportunity to come on to Channel News Asia (CNA) to talk about the 15th general election in Malaysia, specifically on the role of social media in polls. She spoke about how excited the youths in Malaysia felt now that they could finally vote. Besides that, she raised the question of whether the youth have proper knowledge on politics and if they understood how important their vote is.

Watch the full news segment [here!](#)



(Photo source: CNA youtube)

**Dr Pauline Featured in OpenAcademy Short Video Campaign About
GE15**



(Photo source: OpenAcademy Facebook)

Dr Pauline Leong was featured in a short video campaign produced by OpenAcademy in conjunction with GE15. In her video, she speaks about why everyone has a part to play in the future of the country. She mentions how a person choosing not to vote is them giving up their right to others to choose their leader, and also encourages new voters to find out more information on voting and politics.

To watch the video, [click here!](#)

Dr Pauline Leong Guests in CHRISTE Youtube Podcast Channel

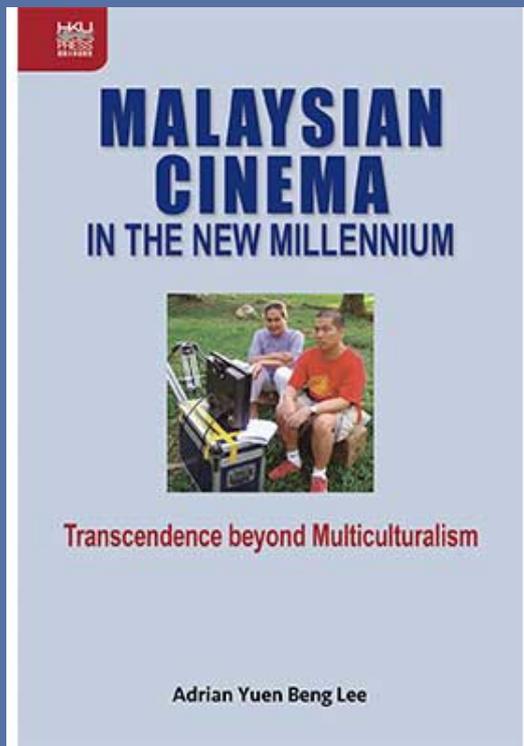


Guesting on the CHRISTE podcast channel on YouTube, Dr Pauline Leong Pooi Yin along with another lecturer from Monash University was invited to discuss the preliminary findings of their research, titled, *"Covid-19 Pandemic: Are Christians in Malaysia and Singapore Returning to Church? Why?"*. The Christian community worldwide was faced

with many challenges due to the pandemic, one of which was the prohibition of on-site worship services in churches. The Christian Institute for Theological Engagement (CHRISTE) is in the midst of funding crucial scholarly research on this subject matter from research grants awarded by the Cornelius Cardinal Sim Professorial Chair in Theology and Dialogue. Interviewed by the Rev. Deacon Professor Dr Sherman Kuek OFS (Cornelius Cardinal Sim Professor of Theology and Dialogue), Dr Pauline and her fellow research associate talked about what their research aims to achieve in order to benefit the many Christian communities around the region in their next step.

Listen to the podcast [here](#).

(Photo source: CHRISTE YouTube)



Dr Adrian Lee Publishes 'Malaysian Cinema in the New Millennium' Book

Congratulations to Dr Adrian Lee from the Department of Film & Performing Arts on the publication of his new book titled "Malaysian Cinema in the New Millennium"! The book explores a new approach on the study of multiculturalism in cinemas through analysing how the new wave of filmmakers use cosmopolitan themes to champion cultural diversity.

Dr Adrian questions how 'Malaysian Digital Indies' (MDI) repositioned Malaysian cinema globally in recent years. Subsequently, the book provides a new light on the way socio-economics and politics influenced new genres and forms of post 2000 filmmakers as well as illustrating the interactions between socio-economics and commercial cinema and politics. These are only a few of the many topics covered in Dr Adrian's book, so head on out to the link below to get your own copy!

Learn more about the book here: [Malaysian Cinema in the New Millennium](#)

(Photo source: Hong Kong University Press)

**International Cello Soloist Dr Heleen du Plessis Performs at
Lunchtime Concert**



On 10th November, we had the honour of having international cello soloist, Dr Heleen du Plessis take part in our Lunchtime Concert! She was joined by School of Arts Dean Prof. Matthew Marshall (guitar), Dept. of Film & Performing Arts Associate Professor Dr Andrew Filmer (viola), and EuroAsia founding president Angel Lee (violin, piano). The hour-long recital went on smoothly with a full house in the School of Arts Gallery! We hope that Dr Heleen will return for another performance in the future.



(Photo source: School of Arts Press)



Postgraduate Workshop by SOA Adjunct Professor Prof. Dr Mohd. Anis Md Nor

Prof. Dr Mohd. Anis Md Nor, adjunct professor of the Sunway University School of Arts, conducted a workshop on "Identifying, Constraining and Tightening Research Topic for Dissertation/Thesis Creative Output" for postgraduate students on November 16th.

During the workshop, he covered framing discourses (research led and practice led), constraining case studies vis-à-vis research questions, exegesis(interpretations), and applied theories. The workshop's objective was to investigate discourses of "why, what, how, and so what," as well as understand the difference between a writing thesis and a dossier.



(Photo source: Assoc. Prof. Dr Adrian Lee Yuen Beng)

'RAWK Commcert' Organised by Communications Students



On the 25th of November, the students from the Events Management module of the BA (Hons) in Communication programme held a multicultural event titled “RAWK Commcert”. RAWK is an acronym standing for, “Reach Aboriginees With Kindness”. Led by their lecturer Mr Srikumar Ramayan, the purpose of the event was to celebrate diversity of nationalities and to raise funds for the Orang Asli of Malaysia.



The event featured multiple cultural performances such as a performance by the Orang Asli themselves, dancing, singing and even a fashion walk where everyone wore different cultural clothes. The event was truly a success as everyone gathered together to celebrate and learn about different cultures.



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