

A man wearing a black cap, glasses, and a black t-shirt with the word 'AUSTIN' on it is crouching and painting a mural on a wall. He is holding a paintbrush and a palette. In the background, other people are also painting murals on a wall, some using ladders. The scene is outdoors or in a large open space.

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School of Arts Press (SOAP) is Sunway University's School of Arts monthly newsletter in which we highlight and provide information on student and staff achievements, past events as well as a notification platform for upcoming events.

Issue highlights

In this month's issue, SOAP highlights the achievements of the SOA lecturers and students as well as an exciting collaboration with Sports Direct Bangsar!

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Message From The Dean

It is generally a quiet month as our students enjoy their semester break, but the trajectory of the School of Arts continues to move forward. The collaboration between the Department of Art, Design, and Media with Sports Direct Bangsar marks the growth of our collaborations with industry partners. Collaborations such as these will produce new opportunities for our students to flourish in, bringing an encouraging start to the new year.

Additionally, I'd like to wish a Happy Lunar New Year to all staff and students who celebrate. Wishing you good health and safe travels in this festive season!

PROF. MATTHEW MARSHALL



Dr Adrian Lee

Awarded an External Research Grant

Dr Adrian Lee from the Department of Film and Performing Arts was awarded an external grant for the research project, Monitoring and Evaluation with a Gender Focus of Sustainable Development Goals (APPGM-SDG). Dr Adrian will be the lead researcher and Regional Evaluator for this research project. Co-sponsored by IKMAS (UKM), Persatuan Sosial Sains Malaysia (PSSM) and UNESCO, the project will run from October 2022 to September 2023.

**Congratulations to
Dr Adrian Lee on
receiving the grant!**



(Photo source: Dr Adrian Lee)



DADM Hybrid Mural Painting and Reveal Session with Sports Direct

On 14th January, the Department of Art, Design and Media participated in a hybrid mural painting and reveal session in collaboration with Sports Direct Bangsar. The “Malaysiana Lifestyle”-themed mural was designed by 21 BA (Hons) Design Communication students. The theme was chosen to highlight iconic Malaysian items, including food and sports. While the designing, planning, and execution took 10 weeks to complete, various parts of the mural were left blank for participants to paint by hand on the day of the reveal. Spanning approximately 80 feet, the mural is to be enjoyed from the left to right as a progression from day to night.

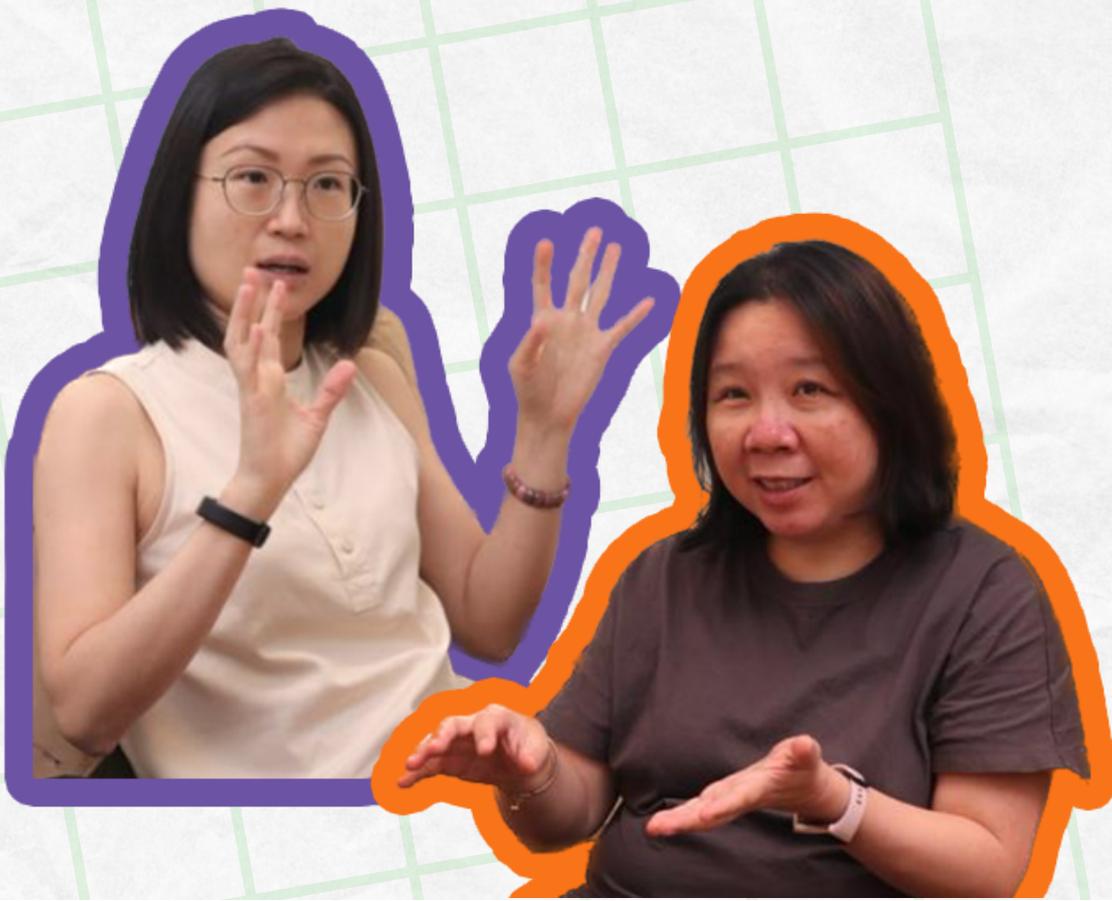


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Dr Goh's Research Project

Featured in Nanyang Siang Pau Newspaper

The Nanyang Siang Pau newspaper featured a research project by Dr Goh Yi Sheng from the Department of Art, Design and Media. Alongside Dr Catherine Lee from the Department of Communication, their research reports on the issues and experiences faced by the senior citizens during the flash flood season in Malaysia. The flash flood season which has become a norm in Malaysia has been particularly harsh towards the senior citizens who are vulnerable and have limited access to help even from the rescue team. An in-depth discussion on the topic was held with the Nanyan Siang Pau newspaper, which was published physically and digitally.



The research was conducted under the Future Cities Research Institute (FCRI), a joint institute established between Lancaster University and Sunway University which focuses on developing sustainable urban environments. The four main themes are Digital Cities, Sustainable Cities, Liveable Cities, and Resilient Cities. Dr Goh's research falls under the Resilient Cities theme, which focuses on how to make cities, communities and the citizens more resilient and adaptable to climate change as well as other global challenges.



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救援工作没效率 水灾来袭牺牲老人？

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逢雨成灾，似乎是马来西亚的“正常”情况。自去年12月杪遭遇大水灾后，城市人已闻“雨”色变，至今也仍苦于应付着时常来袭的水灾惨况。水灾发生时，救援工作随即展开。老年人是否会成为救援的“优先目标”？最近发表的《老年人水灾经验研究报告》给出了答案，“不是”！

这或让人非常疑惑？无法独立逃生、迫切需要救援的老年人，水灾期间却不是救援者的首要目标？针对老年人在水灾前后的身心状况与面对问题做了一份调查，《老年人水灾经验研究报告》告诉当局者，为何救援单位会忽略优先救老年人，原因在于：“救灾经验的不足！

施以救援者，对老年人面对灾难时应采取的回应措施显然不太有概念。无论是政府或非政府救援团队，每当灾难发生时，基本上都是采取“遇谁救谁”的措施。

(Photo source: www.enanyang.my)

Music Performance Student Awarded Special Mention Prize at Birmingham International Music Competition

Lai Jia Yun, a BA (Hons) Music Performance student won the Special Mention prize in the Birmingham International Music Competition under the Voice (Advanced 2) category! This competition marked Jia Yun's first ever international competition since learning classical singing, which brought forth a pleasant surprise when the result was announced.



(Photo source: bhimc.org.uk)

In the competition, she sang "Les gars qui vont a la fête" by Francis Poulenc, which took longer to prepare as she was new to the French language and had to familiarise herself with Poulenc's singing style. However, through her own coping mechanisms, she was able to overcome the nerve-wrecking recording process for the competition submission.

Ultimately, Jia Yun considers this a golden opportunity that has set her up for future face-to-face competitions. She is thankful for the support from the School of Arts in which her lecturers prepared her for this great achievement.

Congratulations once again to Lai Jia Yun on the spectacular achievement!



(Photo source: Lai Jia Yun)



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