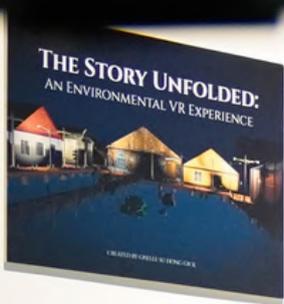


# SCHOOL OF ARTS PRESS Newsletter





## About us

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 lecturers' and students' achievements, an immersive polysensory exhibition, a donation drive for the flood victims and a sustainability bazaar from the DADM students!

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# Message From The Dean

This month, we concluded our short semester with several meaningful community service projects by our students. It is indeed encouraging to see them going the extra mile in using their talents to give back to the community. Meanwhile, our staff members continue on with their academic endeavours and achievements - a notable one being the SOA's first appearance in the QS World University Rankings with the Art & Design subject areas entering the rankings in the 201-240 range. A huge congratulations to the Department of Art, Design and Media for this fantastic achievement.

To all students, I wish you congratulations on successfully completing another semester. Have a great semester break and see you in April!

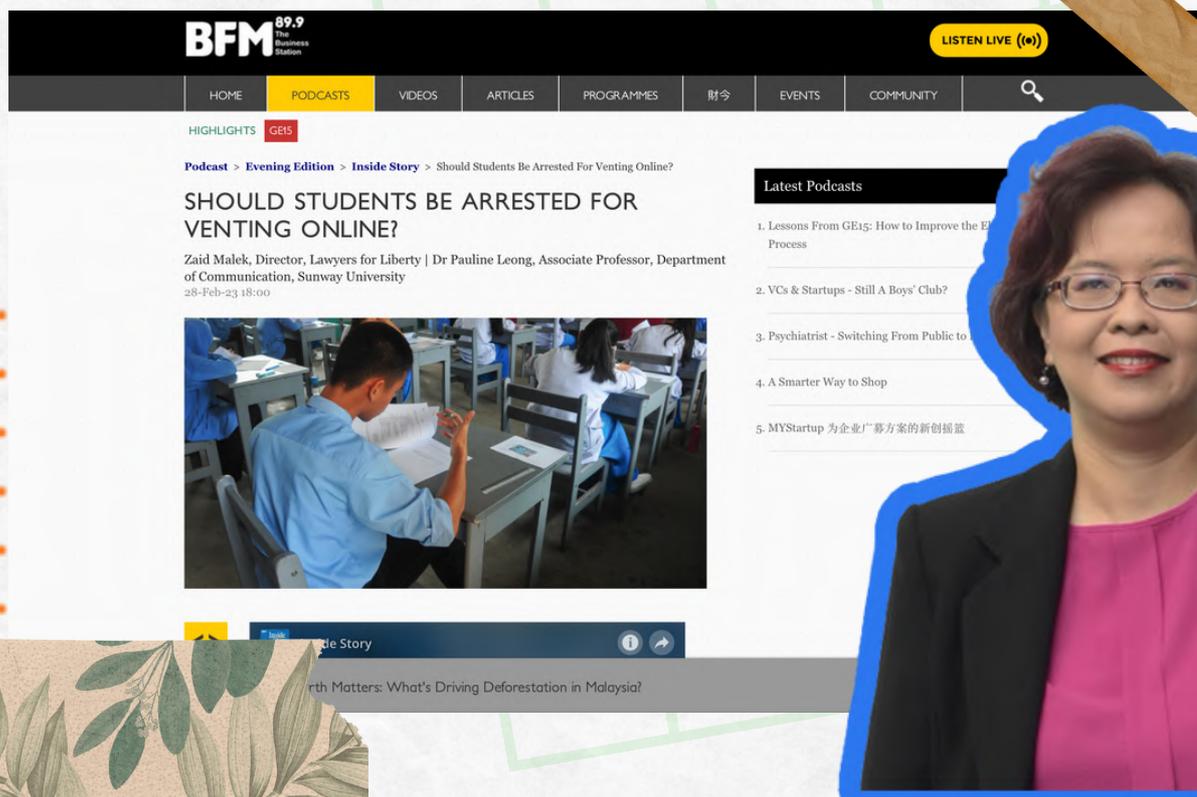
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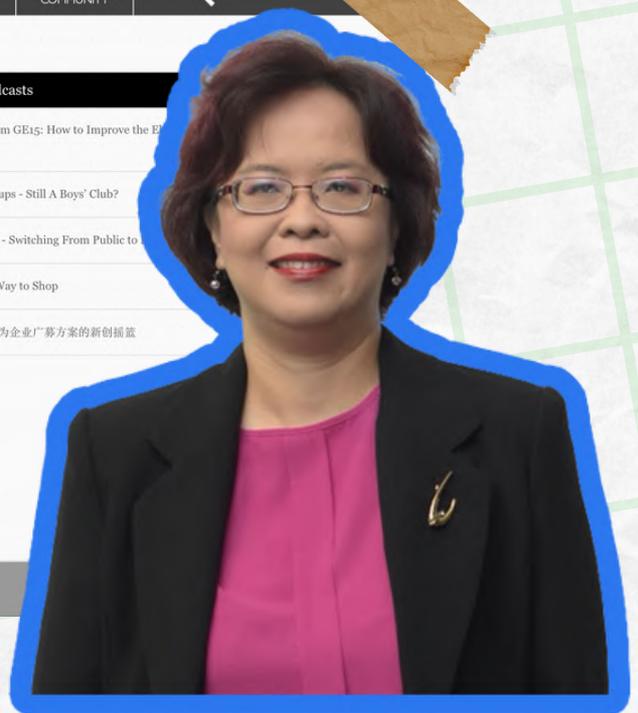
# Dr Pauline Leong Interviewed on BFM's Evening Edition podcast

Dr Pauline Leong, Associate Professor from the Department of Communication, was interviewed on the topic, "Should Students Be Arrested For Venting Online?" The topic is in regard to the viral video about two 18-year-old students ranting about the recent SPM Sejarah paper. Both the students were investigated and arrested after a report was made by a teacher. Dr Pauline discussed the restrictions and responsibilities of the right for free speech. In addition, Dr Pauline explained that students should have a private space which is moderated by teachers and mentors to express and discuss issues, so they can develop good critical thinking skills.

Listen to the full podcast [here](#) to learn more.



The screenshot shows the BFM 89.9 website interface. The top navigation bar includes 'HOME', 'PODCASTS', 'VIDEOS', 'ARTICLES', 'PROGRAMMES', '财经', 'EVENTS', and 'COMMUNITY'. A 'LISTEN LIVE (🔊)' button is visible. The main content area features a podcast article titled 'SHOULD STUDENTS BE ARRESTED FOR VENTING ONLINE?' by Zaid Malek and Dr Pauline Leong. Below the article is a photo of students in a classroom. To the right, a 'Latest Podcasts' list includes: 1. Lessons From GE15: How to Improve the Process, 2. VCs & Startups - Still A Boys' Club?, 3. Psychiatrist - Switching From Public to Private, 4. A Smarter Way to Shop, and 5. MYStartup 为企业广募方案的新创播盖.



(Photo source: www.bfm.my)

# DADM Students' Sustainability Bazaar Combines Good Deeds and Entrepreneurial Skills

From the 6th to 8th of March, BA (Hons) Design Communication and BA (Hons) in Interior Architecture students held a sustainability bazaar at Sunway College's Boulevard as part of their Community Service module. They planned their projects by selecting a cause that resonated with them and collaborating with relevant NGOs. Putting their design and branding skills into use, one-of-a-kind merchandise and entrepreneurial ventures were displayed at each booth while campaigning for good causes.



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# Dr Andrew Filmer Achieves Senior Fellow(SFHEA) Status

Congratulations to Dr Andrew Filmer, Associate Professor from the Department of Film and Performing Arts, on achieving the Senior Fellow (SFHEA) status! This achievement provides him with a UK qualification in education on top of his New Zealand and US qualification in music as well as his Malaysian degree in communications. Dr Andrew expressed his gratitude to Annyza Tumar (head of the Academic Enhancement Division of Sunway University) and Susan Armitage (Lancaster University), and also his referees and research partners Dr Ann Rosnida and Prof. George Hess for their support and guidance.



(Photo source: Dr Andrew Filmer)

# Azeem Shah Selected for DeCoSEAS Southeast Asia-Europe Visiting Fellowship

MA in Creative Arts and Media student Azeem Shah has been selected for the Decolonising Southeast Asian Sound Archives (DeCoSEAS) Southeast Asia-Europe Visiting Fellowship 2023. Being one of the three selected fellows, Azeem was chosen out of a pool of over 80 proposals. During his three-month fellowship, Azeem will partner with audio-visual archives in Europe to work on his research project. He aims to amplify the dialogue of decolonising sounds through musical compositions that will raise the audience's awareness concerning this issue.

Click [here](#) to find out more about his project!



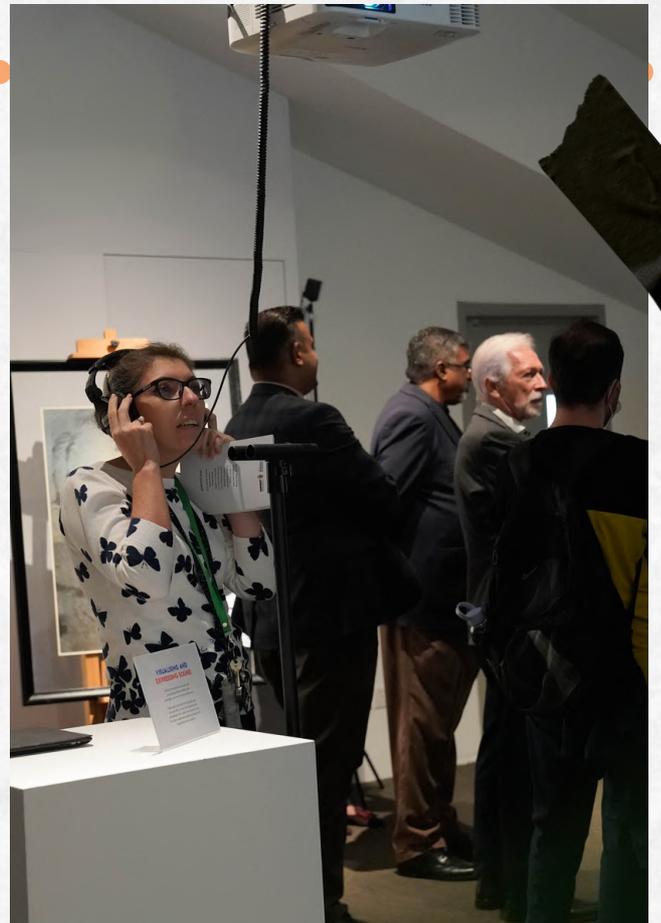
(Photo source: [www.decoseas.org](http://www.decoseas.org))

# Transmedia 2

## Revisiting the Real and the Virtual

Transmedia 2 is a research-creation exhibition which showcases the collaboration between virtual and reality. The exhibition was curated by the Centre for Research-Creation in Digital Media (CRCDM), which focuses on combining the creative and academic research practices along with supporting the development of knowledge and innovation through artistic expression. Running from 6th to 26th March, visitors of the exhibition got to discover immersive polysensory experiences through the exhibits which utilised videos, sounds, paintings, photographs, wood carvings and virtual reality. In addition to the stimulating sensory experience, visitors got to learn about the powerful messages behind each and every one of the exhibits which raises awareness about the contemporary issues in our society.





(Photo source: Sunway University)

# School of Arts Donation Drive for Flood Victims



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

In aid of the recent flood victims, the School of Arts held a flash donation drive from 8th to 10th March to collect essential items such as toiletries and dry food from staff and students. Thanks to the generosity and cooperation of the staff and students, three carloads of items were collected! The items were sent to Nadia of MY Hope Hero, who in turn packed and sent the items to Batu Pahat, Johor.

Thank you, School of Arts staff and students, for your generous giving!

# Community Service for Planetary Health Pledge

On the 17th of March, students from the School of Arts and School of Engineering and Technology gathered at Graduate Centre Hall 3 to take a Planetary Health Pledge. This was a part of the students' Community Service for Planetary Health module. The ceremony started with a few welcoming speeches, including one by Professor Bradley Freeman, who contrasted climate change issues with science fiction depictions. A video compiling all the students' projects was then showcased. The ceremony ended with the students taking the Sunway Planetary Health Pledge, led by Mr Anwar Felix, Student Ambassador of the 2022 Tyler Prize.





(Photo source: Sunway Centre for Planetary Health Facebook)

# School of Arts

## Makes its First Appearance in the QS World University Rankings

For the first time, the School of Arts has appeared in the QS World University Rankings through the Department of Art, Design and Media! The Art and Design subject area has entered the QS Subject Rankings in the 201-240 range. Now, Sunway University is ranked fifth equal in Malaysia in Art and Design.

“This was unquestionably a collaborative effort not only between the Department and the School, but also Administrative, Planning & Corporate Development, Branding and University Services amongst others. Working together with such an incredible group of individuals has been an absolute pleasure. Each member of the team brought their unique skills and perspectives, and I am grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with such talented colleagues. I am humbled by this experience; I look forward to learning and evolving further as we traverse the future together,” commented Ms Maslisa Zainuddin, the head of Department for Art, Design and Media.

(Photo source: CLOUD by SOA)



**Congratulations to the Department  
of Art, Design and Media for this  
great achievement!**

# Private screening of Roger Liew's First Feature Film, Adam Ashburn's Showreel



Roger Liew, a lecturer from the BA (Hons) Digital Film Production programme, recently held a private screening of his debut feature film, Adam Ashburn's Showreel at the screening room on level 9. The honourable guests at the screening were Malaysian International Film Festival (MIFFEST) programmer, Chia Yu Ern and FINAS Chairman, Dato' Kamil Othman. Through this screening, Roger hopes to have the opportunity to showcase the movie at this year's Malaysian International Film Festival (MIFFEST) as well as forging a connection with the film festival and FINAS.

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



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