

# Sunway College e-Bulletin

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Dear Colleagues and Partners

We are pleased to share with you the latest e-Bulletin for Sunway College. We appreciate all who have contributed stories to the bulletin.

This edition of e-Bulletin features the launch of the Healthcare Learning Hub at Sunway College Johor Bahru, a new facility to enhance the learning experience and provide hands-on training opportunities for students pursuing the Diploma in Healthcare Management programme.

We have also celebrated the achievements of the graduates from the Canadian International Matriculation Programme, Australian Matriculation Programme, Victoria University Bachelor of Business Programme and the Cambridge A-Level Programme.

This edition also featured unique activities organised at Sunway College including the fresh flower composting initiative conducted by the Cambridge A-Level team, and also an Australia-ASEAN workshop that explores ways to restore growth in the visitor-economy supply chain.

Please help to share the news of the great activities and achievements happening at our College, to your local and international associates, colleagues, friends and family members.

The e-Bulletin runs by monthly and alternates between the University and the College.

## Sustainability Initiative – Leaf-Love-Life



Sunway College Cambridge A-level programme carried out a project along the vein of sustainability, ESG and SDG in Sunway campus.



This project is coined in extension of the A-Level Graduation Ceremony with fresh floral decorations displayed on the stage of Jeffrey Cheah Hall, fully sponsored by BloomThis. This initiative has involved all the staffs in the A-Level department, supervised by Ms Ruth Cheah and led by Ms Sharon Kong and Ms Leong Lai Wan.

Immediately after the closing of the A-Level Graduation Ceremony, all the flowers were removed from the stage and relocated (decorate) to the counter of offices in our Sunway campus, namely the A-Level staffroom, Student LIFE office, Marketing office, Student Admission office, Pre-U office, Sunway University Press office, Branding Dept office, Registry office, Dr Cheng Mien Wee's office and Prof Dato' Elizabeth Lee's office.

These flowers were then collected, after a week when the flowers started to wilt, and were sent to the Compost Room at the New University building, under the guidance from Associate Professor Dr Jane Gew Lai Ti, Professor Mohamed Kheireddine, Ms Linda Tan and Mr Jason Ruban.

**From Leaf:**

100% fresh artisan, handcrafted flowers and lush leaves from BloomThis were decorated beautifully on the stage, a day prior to the A-Level Graduation Ceremony. The sweet scent of fresh flowers filled the hall, captivating many guests and stealing uncountable camera clicks.

**To Love:**

In echoing the theme "Campus With A Conscience" and in walking the talk in supporting sustainability, ESG and SDG goals, this project has gained full cooperation and whole-hearted support from the main offices at Sunway College.

Apart from the lovely photography moments in the hall, these flora decorations sustained its worth and continued to provide more lovely views and camera clicks in these offices, rather than discarding these beautiful floral arrangements, while it is still fresh and blooming.

**To a new life:**

These wilted flowers were then sent to compost into fertilisers, to be returned to soil, sustaining life of many other new plants.

We are honoured to have Associate Professor Dr Jane Gew Lai Ti and Professor Mohamed Kheireddine, working on this initiative together, in utilising the compost machine located in Sunway University.

We have distributed the fertilisers to our Sunway campus staffs.

We thank you for the support and cooperation from all related departments and BloomThis, in making this project possible.

Echoing our Group founder and chairman Tan Sri Dr. Jeffrey Cheah,



*“Advancing the Sustainable Development Goals is not the sole responsibility of the governments alone. It requires the commitment of all sectors of society – the private sector, academia, civil society, and every individual. We are all in this together.”*









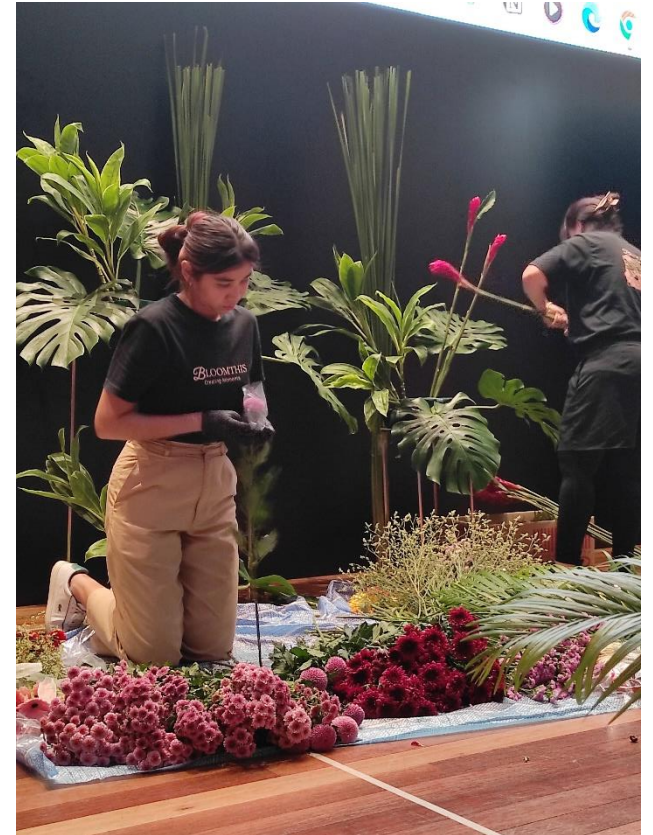














## **Sunway College Johor Bahru introduces a new facility - Healthcare Learning Hub**

Sunway College Johor Bahru launched a new facility, the Healthcare Learning Hub (HLH) during the recent campus Open Day held on 15 July 2023. The launch was officiated by Principal, Mrs Hor Poh Choo and Deputy Principal Ms Ong Mei Mei in the presence of representatives from Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri Johor (Johor State Health Department), adding to the importance and significance of the occasion. The concept of the HLH was initiated to enhance the learning experience and provide hands-on training opportunities for students enrolled in the Diploma in Healthcare Management programme. This presents a significant step forward in preparing students for their future careers in the healthcare industry.

"The demand for healthcare services is expected to continuously rise, including in Malaysia and Singapore. This is due to projected demographic shifts, among which are the increase in ageing population, life expectancy and lifestyle diseases. It is important to equip our students with the necessary skills and practical exposure to meet these evolving healthcare needs allowing students to gain some hands-on practice," explained head of programme, Dr Hong Koh Yiin.

The Diploma in Health Care Management (DHCM) programme was introduced in 2019 to meet this growing trend. The comprehensive curriculum is designed to equip graduates with a strong foundation in healthcare management principles, ethics and practices, enabling them to contribute to the improvement of services within the industry.

To further this effort, the HLH was conceived to serve as a dynamic platform for students' academic and professional growth and is established for the following purposes:

### **Platform for Industrial Engagement and Collaboration**

HLH will serve as the platform for industrial engagement and collaboration. Through interactive forums, engaging seminars, insightful workshops and dynamic networking events, students can connect with members from the extended industry and healthcare professionals. Such interaction is hoped to foster enthusiasm and deepen their understanding of the healthcare industry, setting the stage for future career success within the relevant sector.

### **Simulated Healthcare Facility**

HLH is designed for experiential learning by closely replicating relevant sections of real-world healthcare facilities, providing an opportunity for students to improve their practical abilities. Through role-play in simulated scenarios, students acquire the critical thinking, problem-solving and interpersonal skills necessary to excel in their studies and at the future workplace.

### **One Stop Community Centre**

The HLH is poised to extend its impact beyond the confines of the campus. In time, the college hopes to transform the facility into a 'One Stop Community Centre' which can promote and encourage the adoption of a healthy lifestyle among the local community through organising health-related activities, educational workshops and community outreach programmes with the HLH serving as the coordinating hub and venue of such activity.

In short, the Healthcare Learning Hub at Sunway College Johor Bahru presents a new learning facility for students intended to complement the Diploma in Healthcare Management programme. With the introduction of this innovative approach, the college reaffirms its commitment to delivering high-quality education that prepares graduates for the ever-evolving industry.



*From left: Dr Hong Koh Yiin, Deputy Principal Ms Ong Mei Mei, Principal Mrs Hor Poh Choo and representatives from the Johor State Health Department*



*Diploma in Health Care Management students demonstrating how education about basic nutrition and food groups could be enhanced through hands-on activity*



## Empowering Engineering Students: “Meet The Engineer” Career Talk And Nxp Malaysia Visit At Ausmat, Sunway College KL

In an effort to provide comprehensive industry exposure and career guidance to its AUSMAT general engineering studies (GTEST) students, Sunway College recently organised a series of events that included a career talk and a plant visit. These two initiatives offered students a unique opportunity to gain practical insights into the world of engineering and semiconductor manufacturing.



*Andrew Soh from Lattice Semiconductor Penang sharing his experience as an engineer with AUSMAT students*

The career talk featured Andrew Soh, a design engineer from Lattice Semiconductor, Penang. Andrew shared his valuable expertise and experiences, providing students with a glimpse into the intricacies of the engineering field. He spoke about his day-to-day responsibilities at Lattice Semiconductor, which primarily involve creating system-level tests to validate the performance of various high-speed IP programmed into FPGA hardware. AUSMAT students were captivated by his insights into the importance of continuous learning, expectations within the industry, salary prospects, and potential career advancement paths.

Following the career talk, the AUSMAT engineering studies students embarked on an enlightening visit to the NXP Malaysia. The visit began with an introduction to NXP's rich history and its commitment to innovation. Students were able to witness first hand the manufacturing processes behind the semiconductors that power our everyday devices. Guided by knowledgeable professionals, they explored the failure analysis lab, where an electron microscope was in action, revealing the intricate world of semiconductor defect analysis. They then ventured onto the plant floor, observing the assembly and testing processes of electronics. The tour concluded with an overview of the production flow, highlighting the stringent quality control measures implemented by NXP.



*AUSMAT students visiting NXP Malaysia*

Both the career talk and the plant visit served as a comprehensive educational experience for Sunway College's AUSMAT engineering studies students.

The career talk by professional provided valuable insights into the practical aspects of being an engineer, while the visit to NXP Malaysia allowed students to witness the real-world application of engineering principles within a leading semiconductor manufacturer.

These initiatives were a testament to Sunway College's commitment to holistic education and bridging the gap between academia and industry. By organising events that expose AUSMAT students to industry professionals and real-world experiences, Sunway College equips its AUSMAT graduates with the knowledge, skills, and motivation necessary to excel in their chosen fields.

Sunway College extends its gratitude to Andrew Soh for sharing his expertise during the career talk and to NXP Malaysia for opening their doors and providing an immersive experience during the plant visit. Such opportunities empower students and inspire them to pursue their engineering aspirations with passion and dedication.

By combining theoretical knowledge with practical exposure, Sunway College continues to nurture and shape future engineers for students undertaking GTEST in AUSMAT, preparing them for success in the dynamic and ever-evolving world of engineering and semiconductor manufacturing.

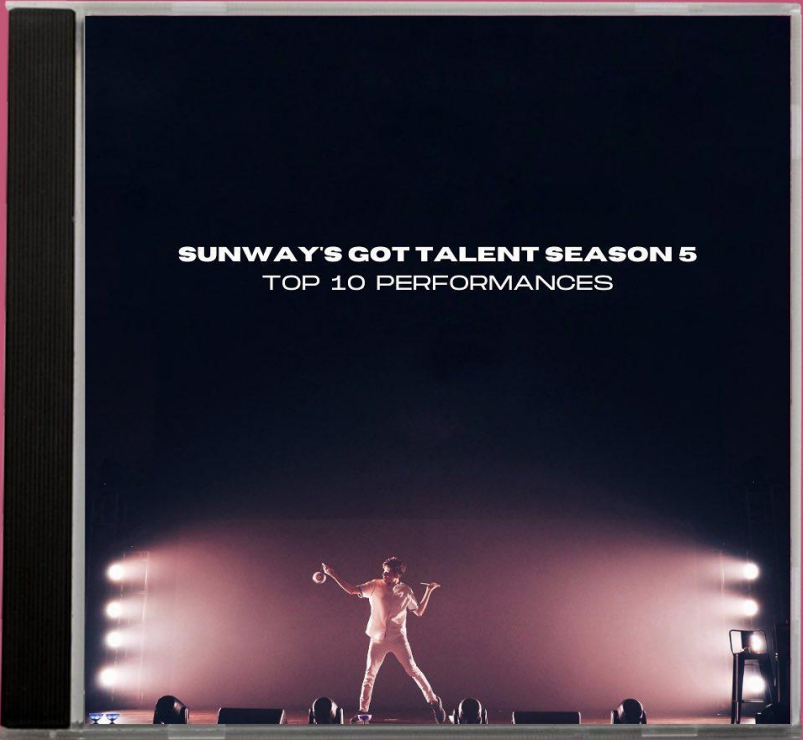
## To the Past and Back

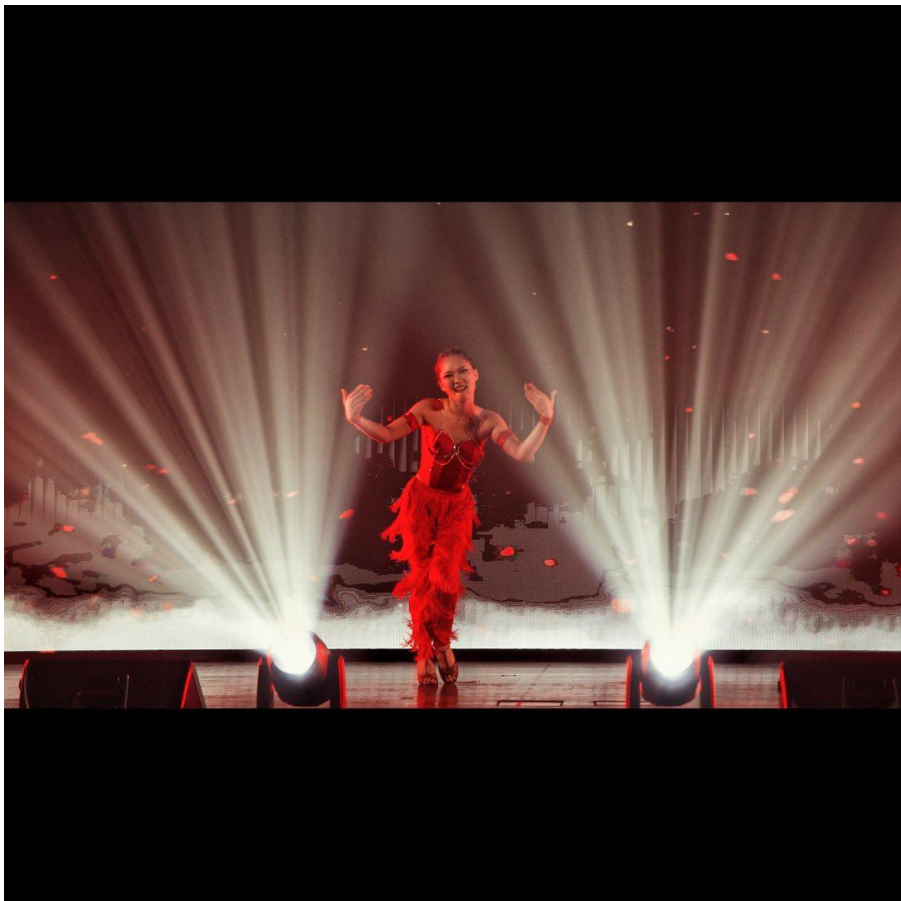
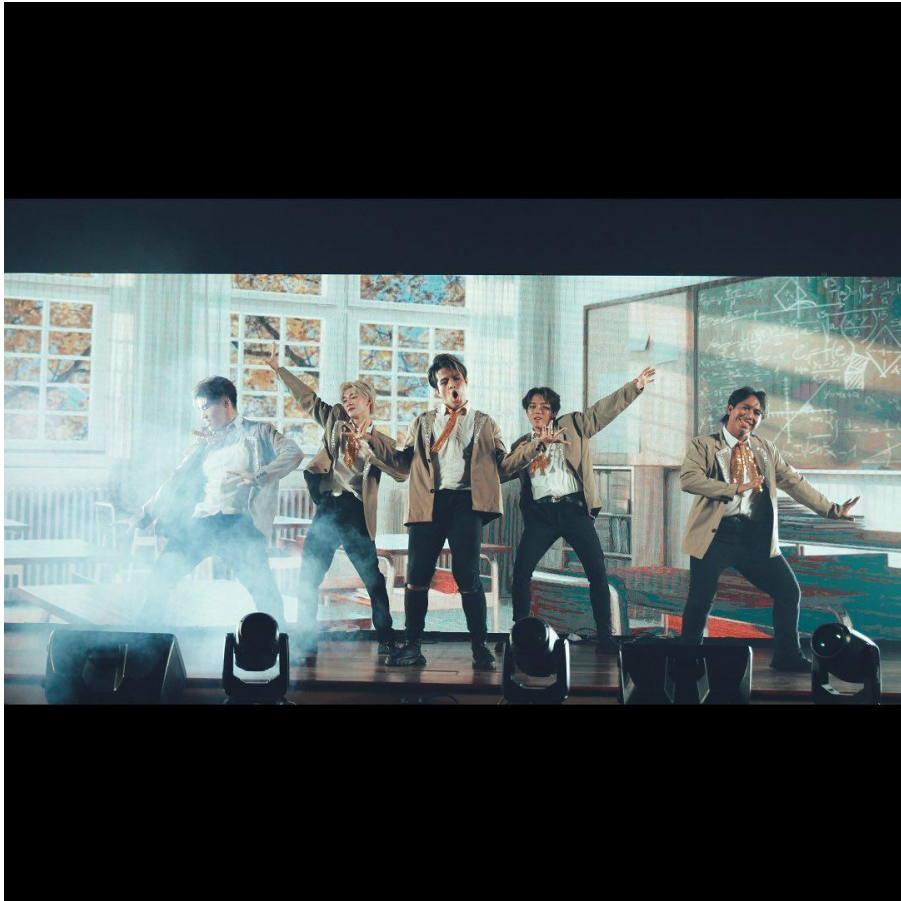
Sunway Student Ambassadors relive the Sunway's Got Talent Season 5 this year and talented winners have demonstrated their passion, talent and dedication with the themed 'To the Past and Back'.

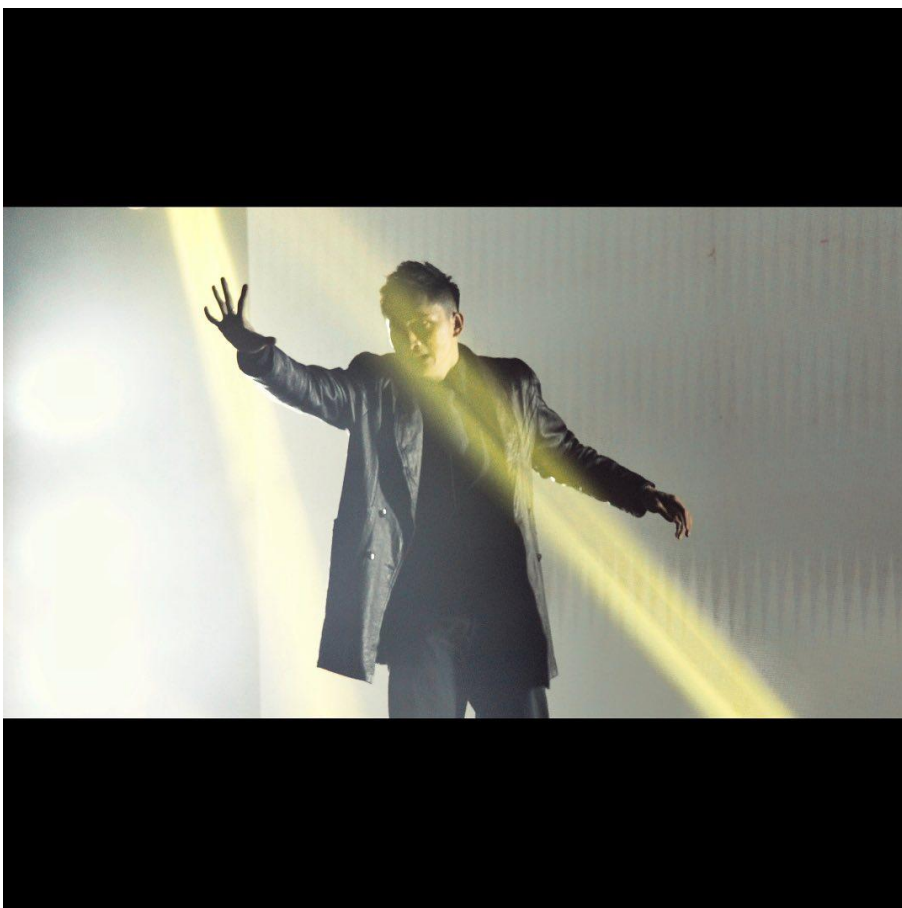
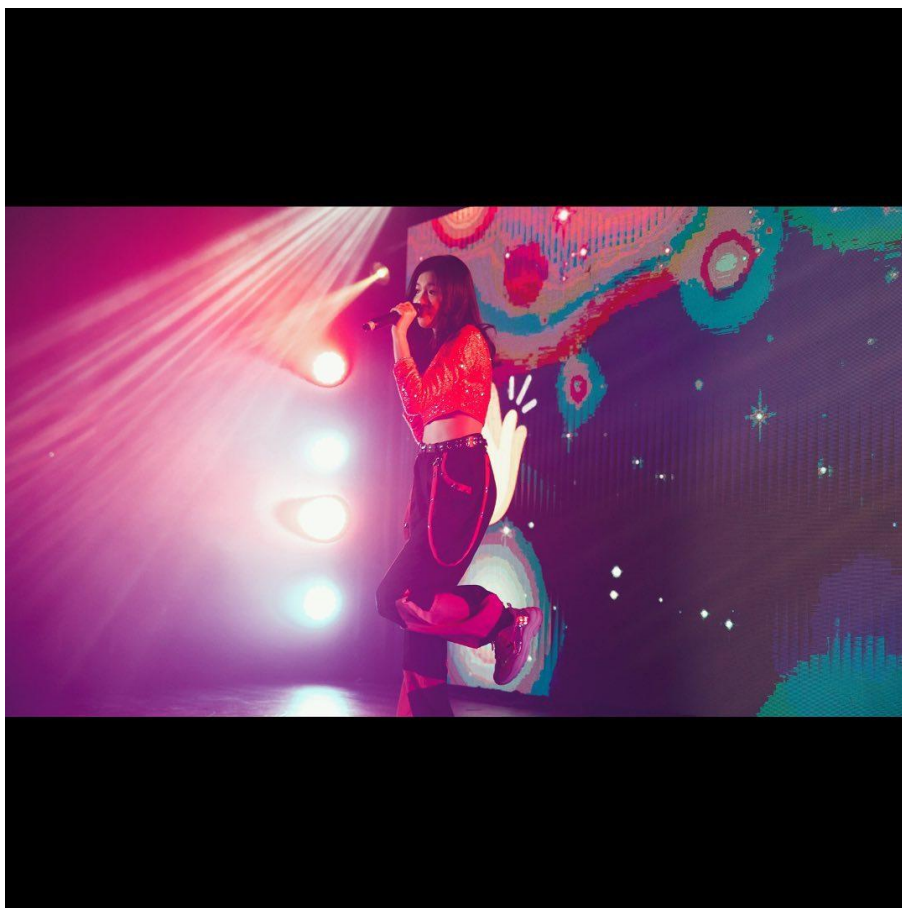


Congratulations to the victorious talents! 🏆🌟 Relive the past and back moments of Sunway's Got Talent Season 5 Grand Finale as we present pictures of the winners. From astonishing performances to unforgettable emotions, witness the triumph of talent, passion, and dedication. Join us in celebrating the extraordinary achievements of these remarkable students!

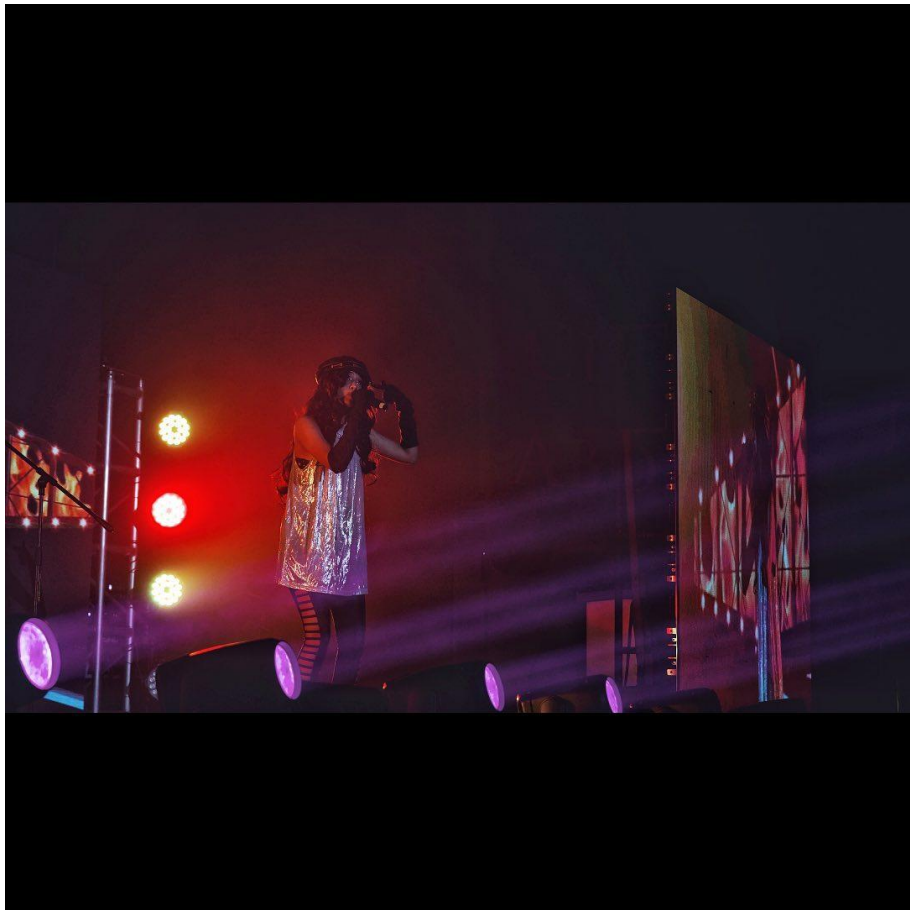
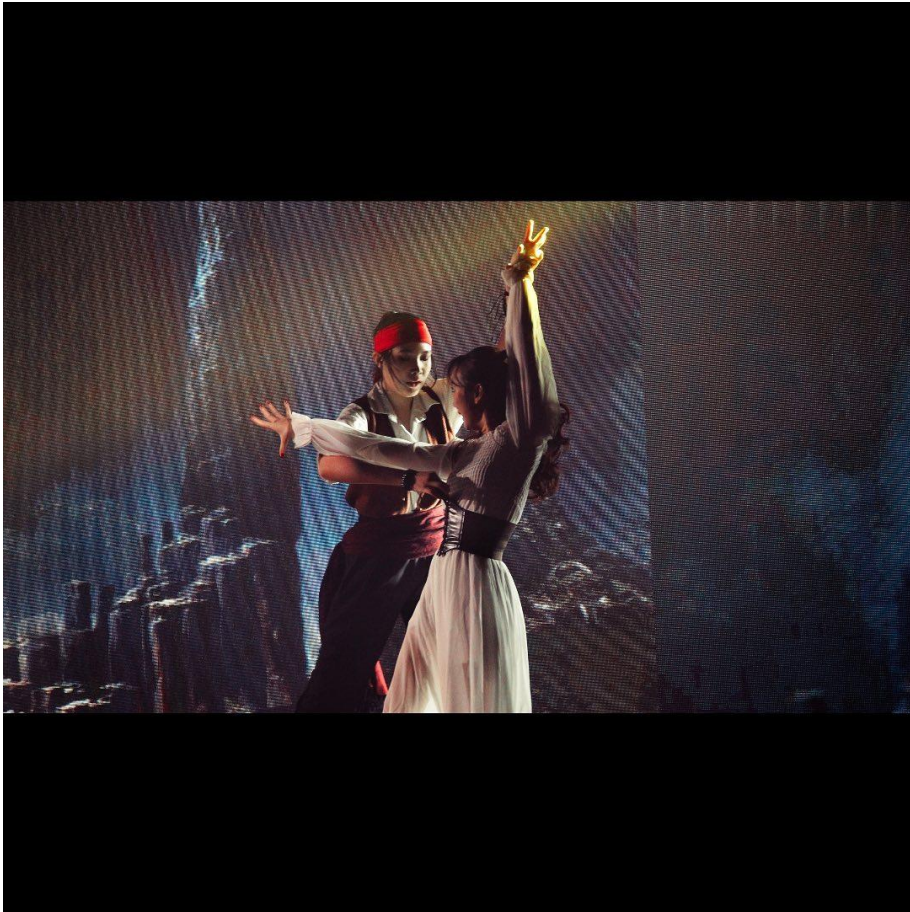


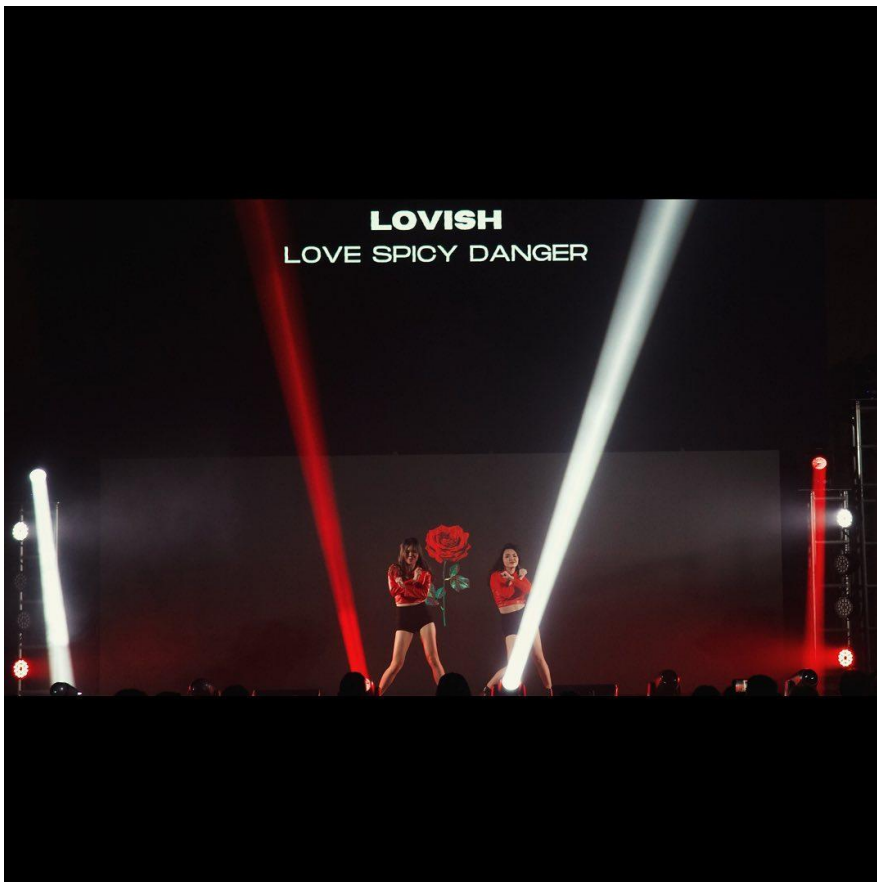
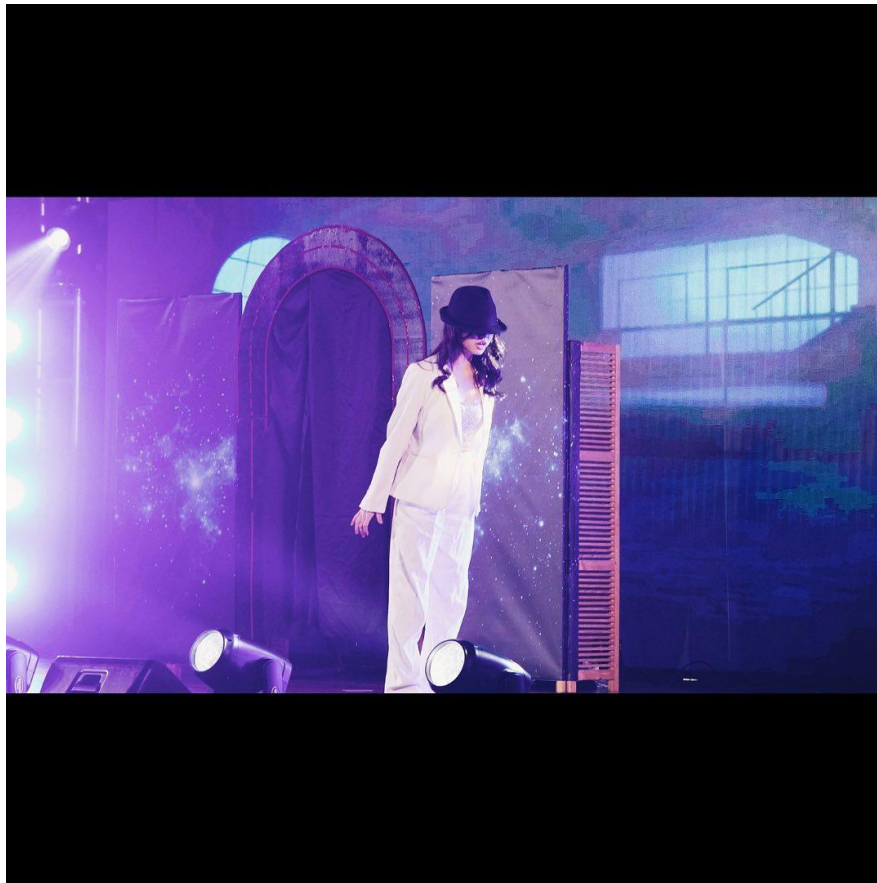














## Celebrating Milestone Achievements of Our CIMP Graduates

Congratulations to the graduates from the Canadian International Matriculation Programme (CIMP). The graduates' unwavering commitment, resilience and academic accomplishments have definitely prepared them for the next step of the exciting journey.















## Passion Made Dream Comes True

What could be more exciting when you received an offer to pursue your studies at a prestigious university which also favours your professional development in a sports career?

Cambridge A-Level alumna cum professional Malaysian squash player Wong Heng Wai from Kedah, received a spot to pursue her degree studies as a student athlete from Yale University, Class of 2028, and joining the Yale Squash Team is a dream come true for the squash enthusiast who wish to join the Ivy League and College Squash Association in the United States.

It all started when Heng Wai took part in the Kedah Squash Racket Association selection in Standard 1, and with support from her teachers and family members, Heng Wai has been working hard towards the goals she wants to achieve as a student-athlete.



Heng Wai received the women singles title at the Professional Squash Association (PSA) World Squash Federation (WSF) Satellite Tour in early 2023. She also won the girls' Under-17 title at the US Junior Open Squash Championships in 2019. She currently ranks at #145\* in the PSA World Tour ranking.

While athlete training takes up six days a week, it is difficult to juggle between studies and squash training. Heng Wai's personal tip to balance between both is to always plan a schedule and list down the tasks and goals she will need to accomplish on a weekly/monthly basis.



Heng Wai scored 10As in her SPM exam sitting and 2A\*s and 1A in her Cambridge A-Level studies at Sunway College.



With advice from her seniors studied in the United States, Heng Wai decided to pursue the world-wide recognised Cambridge A-Level studies and Sunway College is at a strategic location where she can also go for training with the national squash team at Bukit Jalil.

“The lecturers are very supportive and thoughtful, where they understand that I am a student athlete and they will help me to catch up on the syllabus that I have missed. I am also grateful for a bunch of friends I have meet in the programme where we share similar goals and work towards to achieving them,” shared Heng Wai.

Heng Wai is currently taking a gap year to focus on her sports career as a full-time athlete where she continues to train, gain experience from elite players while she represents Malaysia to compete in professional tournaments.

With a strong passion to play in the courts, we wish Heng Wai all the best in her future endeavours.

\*as of July 2023

## **AUS-MAZING Breakthrough in WACE 2023**

Resounding SHOUT OUT to Class of 2023, June 2022 Intake for the INCREDIBLE achievements!

Sunway College and its 'Fast Tracked, Globally Recognised, and University Ready' Australia Matriculation programme (AUSMAT) have once again proven to the world, that Malaysia is an educational force to be reckoned with.

AUSMAT at Sunway College has grown into the largest provider of the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) in the world, with a 96% graduation rate in 2023. While maintaining the standards of excellence, AUSMAT always strives to be pioneer, spearheading the push into the digital era. It was awarded the "Best Smart School" by EduTech Asia before the COVID-19 pandemic, and continues its effort to modernise, resulting in an MIEE (Microsoft Innovative Educator Expert) certified base of lecturers, incorporating the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals across its wide range of subjects, in full compliance with the international high standard of the School Curriculum and Standards Authority of Western Australia. Now, AUSMAT is well prepared to integrate the latest cutting-edge AI tools into its syllabi in preparing students for a world-class education in line with today's fast-moving technology world.

The unwavering commitment and hard work of this special June 2022 intake has culminated in the most impressive results in AUSMAT with

- 32% of students scoring ATAR 90 and above (placing them in the top 10% of WACE scorers worldwide)
- 63% of students scoring ATAR 80 and above (placing them in the top 20% of WACE scorers worldwide)
- 81% of students scoring ATAR 70 and above
- 92% of students scoring ATAR 60 and above

Congratulations to our amazing alumni Loke Lysha, Yap Kim Eng, and Yap Xuan Lin for making AUSMAT and Sunway College extremely proud with their astounding achievements of ATAR 99 and above (placing them in the top 1% of WACE scorers worldwide).

With these fantastic results, AUSMAT alumni, more than ever, are in the best possible position for the next step of their academic journey with clear advantages as their academic foundation along with university-ready skills are solid.





*The graduation ceremony of Class of 2023, June 2022 Intake was blessed with the presence of distinguished guests—Senator YB Jaziri Alkaf Abdillah Suffian, Ms. Fiona Morris (Counsellor – Education and Research, Australian High Commission, Malaysia), Ms. Srii Gunaseelan (Business Development Manager, AUSTRADE) and University Representatives (sponsors of Book Prize Awards)*



*Book Prize Awardees who shined the Jeffrey Cheah Hall, Sunway College brightly with their remarkable academic accomplishments*





*With incredible graduation rates, Class of 2023 June 2022 Intake, the AUSMAT graduates, has proven that they are ready to take on the rigours of further education, and are university-ready, as well as life-ready*



*"It is through AUSMAT and its close partnership with Western Australian authorities, that our students here in Malaysia have access to the very best education system in the world." – Assistant Director of Pre-University Studies, and Programme Director of Australian Matriculation Sunway College.*





*"As you embark on new endeavours, remember the value of perseverance." – Senator YB Jaziri Alkaf  
Abdillah Suffian, AUSMAT alumni*



*Loke Lysha, the Valedictorian of Class of 2023 June 2022 Intake achieved the highest ATAR of 99.5*





*Yap Kim Eng, achieved 2nd highest ATAR of 99.2*



*Yap Xuan Lin, achieved 3rd highest ATAR of 99.0*



*Over 200 parents in attendance representing the building blocks of the Sunway family*



## **Congratulations to our VU graduates!**

Hats off to our Bachelor of Business Twinning Programme graduates! Victoria University Melbourne recently hosted the annual Malaysia Graduation Ceremony to celebrate the Class of 2023 at Sunway Resort and Spa. A total of more than 340 Sunway College Kuala Lumpur campus and Johor Bahru campus students attended and received their graduation scrolls from Dr Romana Garma, the Head of School at Victoria University Business School (Dean, Victoria University Business School, the culmination of three years eventful learning journey with family and friends.

The student representative, Ciara Angelica Andante Cacas, expressed her heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to the programme directors, lecturers, administrative staff, friends, parents and families.

“It has certainly been tough transitioning and adapting to the new norm, but it was also life changing. It taught us to navigate the situation in our own unique ways, not letting anything stand in the way of our goals and dreams,” she said.







## **Empowering the Visitor Economy: Exploring Diversity, Leadership, and Resilience**

More than 560 people took part in a hybrid international workshop to explore the essential aspects of diversity, leadership, and resilience within the visitor economy supply chain, funded by Australia-ASEAN Council, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Held in the mid of 2023, at the stunning Victoria University at Sunway College, Kuala Lumpur campus, participants included industry practitioners, academics, senior government representatives and students shared insights with expert speakers from Australia, Vietnam, Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia.

The opening ceremony commenced with an expression of gratitude and warm greetings to our esteemed guests. We were honoured to have the presence of the following distinguished individuals:

- His Excellency Dr Justin Lee, Australian High Commissioner to Malaysia
- Professor Teo Ee Sing, Executive Director of Sunway College
- Mr Paul Sanda, Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner to Malaysia and Brunei, Austrade
- Dr Jason Cheok, Director of VU Undergraduate Programme Sunway College
- Ms Vanitha Satchi Thanadan, Assistant Director of Pre-University Studies and Director of Programme - Australian Matriculation, Sunway College
- Mr Gobindran Raj Rajagopal, Head of Diploma in Business Administration, Sunway College

We were honoured to have with us Dr Catherine Lou and Associate Professor Joanne Pyke from Victoria University, Australia, who led the project together with key team member Dr Thu-Huong Nguyen. We were also delighted to have the presence of Ms Maheswary Subramani from Victoria University Sunway College and Assistant Professor Dr Wanamina Bostan Ali from Prince of Songkla University, Thailand. Their expertise and contributions have been invaluable to the success of this endeavour.

The ceremony set the stage for an engaging and enlightening discussion, underscoring the significance of diversity, leadership, and resilience in the visitor economy supply chain. It was an honour to have such esteemed guests join us, highlighting the importance of collaboration and knowledge exchange within the industry. The workshop delved deep into the complex connections between diversity, leadership, and resilience, revealing the critical linkages that propel the visitor economy forward. Participants departed with a renewed perspective and a wealth of insights to shape the industry's future, armed with the understanding that embracing diversity and inclusive practices is key to unlocking the sector's full potential.

As this vibrant series continues to inspire collaboration and innovation, we eagerly anticipate the next chapter in the Australia-ASEAN: New Normal for the Visitor Economy Supply Chain Series, where fresh ideas will fuel transformative growth. Stay tuned for more updates and opportunities to contribute to this dynamic discourse.









## MUFY Graduation Ceremony July 2023

The MUFY Graduation July 2023 ceremony was held on 15 July and this time, there were two graduation ceremony sessions to accommodate the astounding number of graduates and their guests who came to celebrate the spectacular achievements and performance of MUFY graduates from the July and August 2022 intakes.

Here are highlights of their achievements:

- **CHUA SHI XIANG** received the **MUFY Excellence Award** for achieving the Highest Overall MUFY Score of **99.18%**
- **288 students** received the **Monash University High Achiever Award** for achieving an overall MUFY score of 89% and above
- **578 students** achieved an overall **High Distinction** score by achieving an overall MUFY score of 80% and above

There were performances from graduates, Nai Yinhuey, who belted out “A moment like this” by Kelly Clarkson and Chin Shu Yen, who sang “Speechless” by Naomi Scott and she was accompanied by Wong Sien Rui on the keyboard.

Graduates and guests were also treated to a wonderful performance by MUFY’s Deputy Director, Ms Helen James, singing “For Good” from the musical, “Wicked”, and 11 MUFY academic staff delightfully surprised all with their amazing dance performance. It was indeed a day to remember!

Congratulations and bravo to all our MUFY graduates! We applaud and are proud of their achievements and we wish them all the success in their future endeavours.



