

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 the e-Bulletin features the academic excellence of Sunway A-Level students in the British Biology Olympiad 2024, and the graduation of the AUSMAT Class of 2024 with several global recognitions earned.

There were also numerous successful events, such as Sunway Foundation Programme's HerMighty Girl Power Camp and Sunway Fashion Design Technology Studies' collaboration with Sunway Theme Parks for a three-day fashion show. Included in the e-Bulletin is a success story of Sunway College JB alumnus, Arif Kamal, who shared his entrepreneurial journey.

This edition also features fun activities organised by the Sunway College community, including GET REAL V2.0 by Sunway Diploma Studies, the annual MUFY Games, Sunway College Kuching's visit to the Kuching International Airport, a campus visit by South Korean students, and Sunway TES Centre for Accountancy Excellence's Industry Insights on e-Invoicing.

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 bi-monthly and alternates between the University and the College.

#MostHappeningCampus

GET REAL V2.0 Providing Industry Insights for SDS Students

18 March 2024



It is not easy to get four young and driven individuals to come together to inspire students with their passions. Recently, Sunway Diploma Studies (SDS) has proved yet again that it is possible to bridge the divide between educational theory and industry practice, by hosting GET REAL V2.0. With the aim to provide avenues for students and staff regarding practical industry insights, the event witnessed a participation turnover exceeding 260 attendees.



The external panellists came from four different industries namely: Aviation, Advertising (Creative Content for Automotive), Gaming and Animation, as well as Banking and Finance. The insightful gathering at the Jeffrey Cheah Hall, JC3 was even more interactive and engaging as there were Question and Answer (Q&A) session by the newly elected SDS Student Council members, followed by a brief quiz.

It is noteworthy that one of the panellists is Victoria University, Sunway College's alumni, Kimberley Mah. She is a Manager of Business Development, Financing and Sustainability at HSBC Amanah. She shared briefly on what she does in finance and how she has been advocating Diversity and Inclusion, professionally and personally. The event also featured S. Dhanendran, who has 21 years of experience in the Aviation Industry and the Founder of 8FOXTROT. He disclosed how he went through a retrenchment and persevered to seize the opportunity of entering an untapped market for repurposing aeroplane parts.

The third speaker was Chandra Kumar, a co-founder of a content creator and video production company called FIVE55 Production; specializing in automotive industry. He shared more on the managerial side, especially having to work alongside his business partner, who is his long-time college mate. While the last speaker was Adri Ahmad, who is a Digital Content Producer at Lemon Sky Studios and had led multiple projects under the Animation and Gaming Industry. He expressed the transition between having a technical Information Technology background to requiring a more functional role of working creatively with various departments.

Entering its second year, GET REAL V2.0 has proven to be beneficial for students across various programmes at SDS. The event not only prepares them for the real world but also exposes them to the experiences of others, particularly in the four industries discussed. This commendable effort is welcomed and encouraged for implementation across the department, ensuring more of our students are well-equipped and industry ready.



Sunway TES CAE leads the way in e-Invoicing Education

3 February 2024



The latest hot topic concerning the Malaysian business arena is the E-Invoicing. The first implementation will be in Oct 2024. Sunway TES CAE true to its spirit in ensuring our students are abreast with current developments are proud to be the first Higher Education Institute to have had a head start on educating our students, who are our leaders of tomorrow.

We are honoured to have had Dr Rasyidah Che Rosli, Director, Operations Policy Section, Tax Operations Department, Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia here at the #mosthappeningcampus – Sunway TES CAE! Our students and some of the faculty were enlightened on the intricacies of this upcoming tax development and we are truly grateful for the valuable knowledge and perspectives shared as well as for her exceptional efforts in delivering such an engaging and informative talk.

Dr. Rasyidah's insights have provided us with a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. It certainly stirred an interest in our students to know more on the topic.

Sunway TES CAE extends a big thank you and our deepest gratitude to Dr. Rasyidah for sharing your expertise and for gracing us with your presence. We appreciate your time and dedication.

This event was proudly brought by IGNITES headed by Ms Kiran Seth, Senior Lecturer & Head of IGNITES.







Another diamond to the crown with HerMighty Girl Power Camp

13 March 2024



As the vibrant echoes of laughter and newfound self-discovery linger in the air, the HerMighty Girl Power Camp, which brought together 230 girls from Klang Valley ranging in age from 13 to 17, brings to life the essence of empowerment and camaraderie. Guided by the spirited "Rockstars" – Amin, Chloe, Faiz, Sharenee, and Asyraf – and fueled by the dedicated amBESTIEdors, a committed group of SFP students and teachers, this thrilling journey unfolded, creating not just memories but also instilling the core values of the camp.

Encapsulated in the acronym SFP, these values urged the girls to Shine with confidence, Forge strong resilient mindsets, and embrace their Priceless self-worth, all symbolised by the brilliance of diamonds. From concert-like vibes during 'Wave your Glowsticks,' where girls waved their glowsticks in response to relatable statements, to heartening compliments in the circle of 'Miss Smiley,' each icebreaker painted the camp with hues of enthusiasm and positive energy.





Shine with Confidence

Girls delved into the root causes of their insecurities, primarily influenced by negative media. In a symbolic and liberating act, they wrote down their insecurities and tore them up, releasing them into the air like confetti.

Forging Strong Resilient Mindset:

Emphasising the need to filter media information, this session introduced Louise Evans' 5 Chairs concept. The girls learned that while they couldn't change others' behaviour, they could control their own responses, forging a strong and resilient mindset.

Priceless Love and Relationship

Concluding with a powerful message about self-love, girls discovered their love languages, recognising that the most important relationship anyone can have been with themselves.

Parents, ever the champions, joined in the celebration during the recap session, leaving their own heartfelt notes that added a touch of warmth to the unforgettable moments. The festivities continued with lively activity booths, where the girls not only pampered themselves at hair wax, snack, nail, and bead bars but also tapped into their empowered selves with 'Discover Your Inner Queen.'



In the end, the photobooth sealed the memories, capturing endless joy with besties and creating highlights that, unlike any filter, showcased the radiant spirits of these empowered girls. As the curtain falls on the HerMighty Girl Power Camp, it leaves behind not just a campsite but a space where confidence was cultivated, resilience was fortified, and self-love became the brightest jewel in each participant's crown. Until next time, let the echoes of laughter and newfound strength resonate, a reminder that every girl is a mighty force to be reckoned with.

Bridging gaps in education for stateless individuals

13 March 2024



In support of the Sustainable Development Goals on education and reducing inequalities, a forum was organized with invited external panelists to discuss perspectives on statelessness and the Right to Education in Malaysia. Held on 17th November 2023, it was executed by a collaborative committee consisting of academics from the Centre for Commercial Law and Justice at Sunway University, in collaboration with Sunway Diploma Studies and the Victoria University Business Programme.

As part of collective efforts to increase awareness and understanding of statelessness and the obstacles to education, the forum brought together several key individuals. This comprised Mr. KC Kuan, a parent of a former stateless child and founder of the Stateless Malaysian Citizenship Movement; Ms. Malini Ramalo from DHRAA, director of social protection; Ms. Larissa, Legal Partner at ALSSCO and Founder of HaKita, as well as Nalvin Dhillon, a young adult who waited for thirteen years until he received his citizenship. The panel expressed views from legal, economic, global, educational, and social perspectives on the matter.

Moderated by Dr. Paul Linus Andrews, Associate Dean of Sunway Business School and Head of the Centre for Commercial Law and Justice, the event kicked off with a video featuring the young stateless boy, Liong Wen Fung, at a state-level Wushu competition. It was followed by introductions of the external panelists. A series of questions for the panel members allowed the audience to gain a deeper awareness and understanding of the issue, especially from Ms. Larissa and Ms. Malini, while Mr. KC Kuan and Nalvin shared personal encounters faced with barriers to education. During the intermission, another video showcasing Wen Fung's exceptional guitar skills was featured. Nalvin, as an active youth advocate, shared how he stayed positive and motivated despite his lack of identity, inspiring the audience to persevere under adverse circumstances.

The event drew participation from Sunway College and University staff and students, as well as a few external invited guests, including a few families from the stateless community. The significance of this event was captured through the insights gained, especially in dispelling misconceptions about the stateless community and addressing the plight they face, particularly in receiving basic rights, which includes access to educational opportunities.



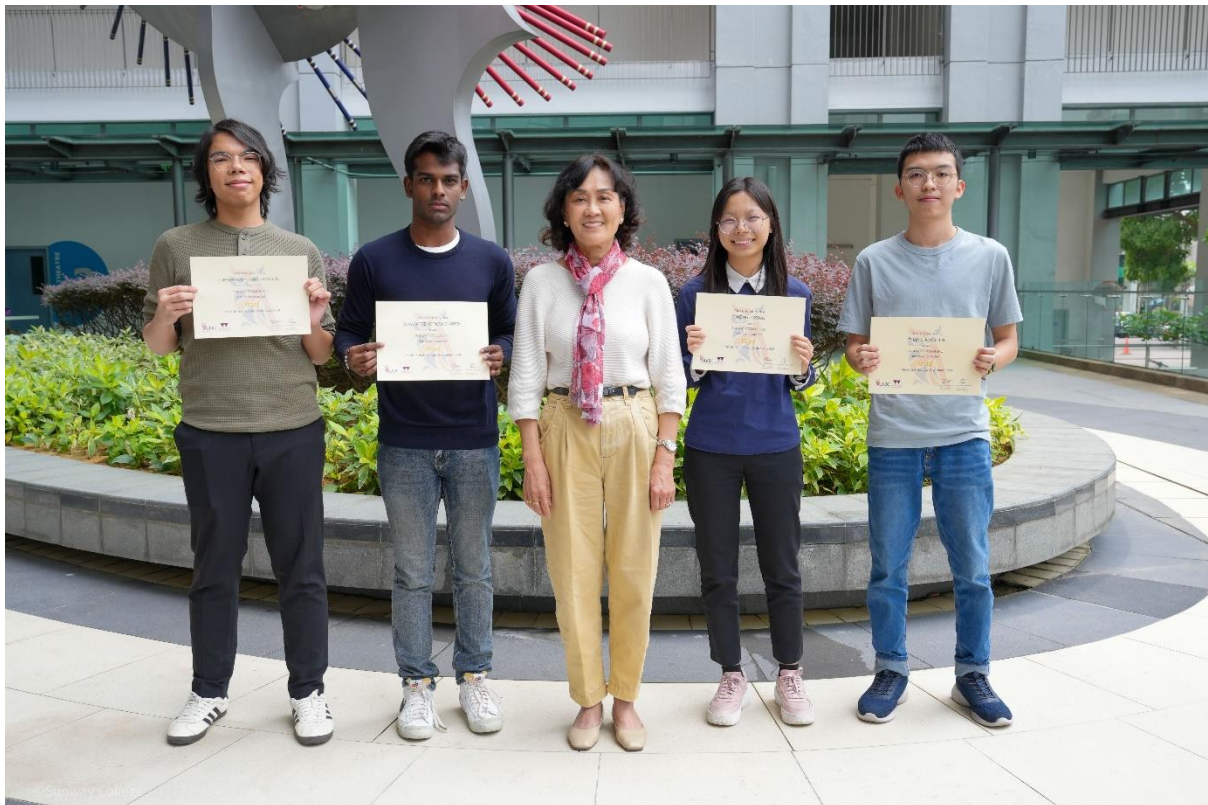
A-Level students A-cing It in the British Biology Olympiad 2024

7 March 2024

The British Biology Olympiad 2024 has just concluded, once again reaching greater heights of achievement for Sunway College.

This year, Sunway College A-Level witnessed a substantial increase in participation, with an impressive cohort of 112 students. This dedicated group not only showcased their passion for biology but also excelled in the Olympiad, contributing to a remarkable 33% surge in the number of award recipients compared to the preceding year.

Among the standout achievements were 82 students who garnered prestigious awards: 4 Gold, 18 Silver, 22 Bronze, 24 Highly Commendable, and 14 Commendable accolades.



*Gold Award: Christian Yi-Xian Jackson, Vijay Arrendra Vijendren, Phang Jun Shen, Chong Zi Xuan.
Gold award recipients with Sunway College Cambridge GCE A-Level Director, Ruth Cheah.*



Silver Award: Chew Ying Chia, Arkar Chan Nyein, Kvanh Eeson, Louis Loo Wooi Kee, Nathan Wong Chang Sheng, Liza Yue Lee Shi, Chia Wern Xin, Jeremy Leow Yuan-Sheng, Lim Hsien Loong, Chew Feng Ying, Owen Lo Chen Yeh, Lee Yen Qi, Caitlyn Yee Mei Suet, Lim Ming Wen, Tan Jeen Yi, Hazel Tham Zi Qi, Natasha Maeliwang Sirichote, Yap Teng Teng. Silver award recipients with Sunway College Cambridge GCE A-Level Director, Ruth Cheah



Bronze Award: Tan J Son, Ong Tai Wei, Priyarubhini A/P Krishnan, Ng Ze Xian, Ang Jun Liang, Sucitra Cheong Zhi Xian, Hong Rui Leong, Kelvin Loh Chin Fong, Hoo Xiao Yan, Ho Lit Herng, Tan Kian Yu, Liang Wen Yi, Yew Zhi En, Lee Arin, Michael Yen Ezett, Amir Alif Bin Abu Bakar, Lim Cyn Ee, Lee Zhi Jia, Jolene Lee Zhi Lin, Chan Han Sheng, Wong Yee Jin. Bronze award recipients with Sunway College Cambridge GCE A-Level Director, Ruth Cheah



Highly Commended: Goh Jia En, Saw Cheng Xuan, Lek Yu Shin, Lee Yee Xuan, Kuang Kai Wen, Shee Zheng De, Lim Jian Zhi, Margaret Tan Chern Mei, Lee Kah Yee, Ng Hui Lyn, Teresa Tai Jia Ai, Ling Ning Xi Amber, Lee Qing Er, Yin Wye Heng, Goh Xiao Yue, Ong Wei En, Chiew Jing Yun, Yeap Zher Khai, Chong Tze Ching Abigail, Lee Yi Shien, Oh Heung Jeng, Ng Wei Yuan, Moo Zeyin, Lim Zoey. Highly Commended award recipients with Sunway College Cambridge GCE A-Level Director, Ruth Cheah



Commended: Khoo Khai Xuan, Kok Kit Loon, Ong Yung Hooi, Koay Jing Ting, Ho Jia Xing, Lu Wenxin, Lin Htet Aung, Chong Kar Mun, Ng Jia Xuan, Hilary Wong Siu Wen, Ang Qin, Ko Jing Sing, Lee Khee En, Tan Zhao Xian. Commended award recipients with Sunway College Cambridge GCE A-Level Director, Ruth Cheah

The competition encourages students passionate about biology to enhance and broaden their skills. It enables students to showcase their abilities and to be suitably rewarded with publicly recognised certificates.

A heartfelt congratulations is extended to the accomplished students of Sunway College A-Level. This achievement reflects their dedication, hard work, and exceptional performance in the British Biology Olympiad 2024.

Sunway College JB alumnus Arif Kamal forges ahead on his path to business success

19 March 2024

Meet Arif Kamal, an alumnus who is proudly riding the wave of success in his business ventures. Graduating with a Diploma in Business Administration in 2013, Arif's journey from Sunway College JB to establishing businesses across industries and borders is proof of his entrepreneurial courage, acumen and ambition.

"My college experience was more than simply acquiring knowledge. It was about developing the mindset and skills necessary for real-world success – which was key for me as I have always had interest for entrepreneurship as my family runs their own business. This was my primary influence and the bug bit hard as soon as I started getting involved in the family business. The lessons, both in and out of the classroom, have helped in my journey as Sunway College JB provided the groundwork for my personal growth and for that, I am grateful," he reflects.

Arif has since embarked on a journey that saw him establish businesses across retail, e-commerce, restaurant and catering services to navigating the intricacies of distribution channels. All these, while being a certified trainer by HRD Corp. Arif's entrepreneurial footprint and knowledge even spans across borders with more than 10 years of experience in retail operations for global brands such as Nike, Adidas, Clarks and Scholl. His ventures have not only left a mark on the local business landscape but have also reached international shores, penetrating markets in Singapore, Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines, South America and Taiwan.

Arif fondly recalls his time on campus as an important period of his life. Reflecting on his study experience at college, Arif emphasises the impact of education in his entrepreneurial journey. The comprehensive curriculum which included subjects such as Marketing Communications, Microeconomics and Financial Management provided him with a solid foundation in business acumen. Moreover, the emphasis on personal development, including soft skills like leadership and communication were further honed through his involvement as a Student Ambassador.

However, Arif's journey is not solitary; it is intertwined with that of his siblings, who also pursued their education at Sunway College Johor Bahru. Inspired by the college's reputation for academic excellence and supportive learning environment, coupled with their shared ambition for entrepreneurial success, each one of Arif's siblings who graduated have embarked on their own paths to success.

"The quality of education here is top-notch. Its proximity to our home was a significant factor. Our family ran a business in Johor Bahru, so being close to home meant that I could easily juggle my studies and contribute to our family business," added Arif.

Now a seasoned entrepreneur, Arif Kamal offers valuable insights to aspiring business enthusiasts. "My advice is first, embrace your passion but couple it with practical knowledge. Your drive gets you started, but knowledge navigates the journey. Second, don't fear failure. It is not a setback; it is a stepping stone. Every mistake is a lesson. Finally, stay adaptable. The business world is dynamic. Your ability to adapt to changing markets, consumer needs and technologies is what will set you apart. Dream big, start small, but most importantly, start now!"

Expressing gratitude for the support received during his formative years at Sunway College JB, Arif extends his appreciation to the dedicated lecturers and the supportive team at Student Services for their guidance and mentorship which has played an important role in shaping his journey and laying the foundation for his entrepreneurial endeavours. The Sunway College Johor Bahru community

wishes him the best of luck in his business ventures and look forward to hearing more about his successes in the future.



Photo: Arif Kamal with Ms Leong Mei Kuen, Head of Business and Financial Programmes

SDS sparks collaborative innovation in advancing teaching and learning pedagogy

18 March 2024



Sunway Diploma Studies (SDS) rejoices in the resounding success of the inaugural Lecture Series on Pedagogical Advancement, held in collaboration with Sunway Business School, Asian Strategy and Leadership Incorporated (ASLI), and Victoria University on 19 February.

The event aimed to enrich teaching methodologies and perspectives across the Sunway Education Group (SEG), attracting enthusiastic participation from various departments and schools, including School of Medical and Life Sciences, School of Arts, Sunway Foundation Programme, Science and Engineering Resources, Sunway University Press, General Studies Department, AUSMAT, Centre for English Language Studies and many more.

According to Head of the Teaching and Learning Unit at SDS, Mr Gobindran Raj Rajagopal, the event demonstrated collaborative triumph, showcasing the best practices in teaching and learning from the Sunway Diploma Studies programmes

"Our first lecture series stands as a testament to the dedication of the Teaching and Learning Committee from Sunway Diploma Studies, providing a platform for educators to exchange their most effective teaching strategies," he emphasized.

Gobind emphasized the importance of lecture series discussions in fostering innovation and improvement in teaching and learning practices, particularly amidst rapid technological advancements like the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in education.

"In today's dynamic educational landscape, we must cultivate innovative approaches. How do we uncover those 'aha!' moments that ignite our passion for creative and effective teaching and learning," he pondered.

SDS is committed to advancing towards the mission and vision of Sustainable Development Goal SDG-4 for Quality Education through collaborative initiatives like the Lecture Series. We thank all participants for attending the program and do join the upcoming lecture series to explore the latest trends and revolutions in education, expected in April, June, and August this year!



This article is written by SDS Lecturers, Thanaletchumi Pechumuthu.

Triumph down under - Australian Matriculation graduates shine on the global stage

25 March 2024

On the 3rd of February 2024, the Australian Matriculation (AUSMAT) programme at Sunway College Kuala Lumpur witnessed a momentous occasion—the graduation of the Class of 2024 (February 2023 Intake). Amidst applause, tears, and pride, 314 graduates had stepped into the next chapter of their lives, leaving behind a legacy of academic excellence.

The Class of 2024 have set the bar high by achieving remarkable WACE results. A whopping 32% of the graduates attained an ATAR of 90 and above, 180 graduates earned an ATAR of 80 and 74% of our AUSMAT graduates secured an ATAR of 70 and above, placing them in the top 30% of WACE candidate worldwide. These are the testament of student's hard work throughout the year.

In addition, a special acknowledgment goes to Mireille Kho Wyern, Tei Chun Wei, Arshinie Saravanan, Wendy Khong Wenxin, Tan Zi Shan, and Shelley Song Si Ni who have excelled in their academic pursuits with their astounding achievements of ATAR 99 and above (placing them in the top 1% of WACE scorers worldwide).

Amidst the sunlit halls of Sunway College, 5 Australian Matriculation graduates – Cheryl Lee Xin Qian, Nyam May Anne, Yee Shinnie, Mireille Kho Wyern, and Wendy Khong Wenxin, soared to unprecedented heights, clinching coveted global recognitions awarded by the School Curriculum of Standard Authority, Western Australia. These graduates, driven by passion, dedication, and unwavering commitment, have not only excelled in their studies but have also left an indelible mark by clinching prestigious Special Subject Award (the top achiever with the highest scores based on the WACE exam) for English as Additional Language or Dialect, and the Special Subject Certificate of Excellence (the top 0.05% of candidates based on the WACE exam scores) for English as Additional Language or Dialect, Chemistry, Mathematics Methods, and Business Management & Enterprise.

During the ceremony, RM6800 worth of book prizes were awarded to 11 graduates, courtesy of Australian universities such as Deakin University, University of Melbourne, Murdoch University, Swinburne University of Technology, University of Western Australia, Victoria University, University of Technology Sydney, Australia National University and Monash University, Malaysia.

The journey to success was not without its challenges. The Australian Matriculation graduates embarked on their academic odyssey armed with determination and a thirst for knowledge. The AUSMAT journey has prepared them to embrace the rigorous curriculum with open minds, immersing themselves in the intricacies of their chosen subjects. Through countless hours of study, experimentation, and exploration, they honed their skills and deepened their understanding, laying the groundwork for future triumphs. We believe they will continue to shine brightly in universities, careers, and beyond.

Once again, congratulations, Class of 2024, February 2023 Intake!



The graduation ceremony was graced by distinguished guests who have played pivotal roles in shaping education including Prof. Dato Dr. Elizabeth Lee (Chief Executive Officer, Sunway Education Group), Prof. Sibrandes Poppema (President of Sunway University), Ms. Fiona Morris, (Counsellor – Education & Research, Australian High Commission, Malaysia), Ms. Srii Gunaseelan, (Business Development Manager (Education), AUSTRADE), Ms. Gail Taylor (Principal Consultant – International Education, Curriculum, Assessment & Strategic Policy, School Curriculum & Standards Authority), Dr. Cheng Mien Wee (Director of Pre-University Studies) and Ms. Vanitha Satchithanadan (Assistant Director for Pre-University Studies and Director of AUSMAT).



The valedictorian, Mireille Kho Wyern, took the stage and her voice resonating with gratitude. She thanked their families, lecturers, and friends—the pillars of support during their AUSMAT journey. Her speeches echoed the shared experiences of being an Ausmat students for the past year, the moments of doubt, and the triumphs that followed. Through it all, they all emerged stronger, ready to face the world beyond these hallowed halls.



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



With incredible graduation rates, Class of 2024 February 2024 Intake, the AUSMAT graduates stand poised to conquer new frontiers, armed with knowledge, ambition, and an unyielding resolve to make their mark on the world. Their success story serves as a testament to the transformative power of education and the boundless potential that resides within each and every one of us.



“Sunway AUSMAT students leave equipped with life's essential lessons—resilience, teamwork, communication, kindness, and acceptance. They are ready to face university life, adapt to new cultures and countries, and confront whatever challenges may arise.” – Ms. Vanitha Satchithanadan (Assistant Director of Pre-University Studies, and Programme Director of Australian Matriculation Sunway College).



A communal celebration of success to embrace achievement.

Runway debut of FDTS young designers

21 March 2024

A Fashion Show in Conjunction with Sunway's 50th Anniversary

In the heart of Sunway City, Sunway Pyramid Mall became one of four spots across Malaysia for yet another round of Mega Roadshow; this year to proudly commemorate Sunway's 50th anniversary. With collaboration from Sunway Theme Parks, Sunway College FDTS was able to put on 3 days' worth of fashion shows from March.

The project was launched in 2023 where the Sunway Theme Parks team had come over to the Fashion Hub to brief our students on the collaboration project, which involved designing Wedding Costumes for Captain Quack and Lady Quack's upcoming wedding ceremony. This would mark our students' very first experience in costume-making, which conveniently aligned with FDTS' holistic approach of training students to have an expansive range of skills. The students even got to dip their toes in the world of backstage management by hosting model casting calls, arranging model look cards, runway routes and all things needed to run a fashion show smoothly.



Model casting organized by FDTS students

With the designs selected back in August 2023, the long months of development, material sourcing and sample making started, which was then followed by 2 full months of fittings sessions and production. As it was the students' very first time making mascot-sized costumes, they had to innovate solutions for problems when it came to the cut, fit, drape and fastening of the garments for easy dressing.

On the day of the debut, frocks after frocks were sent down the LED lit runway, each design completely embodied by the talented student models from Sunway University and College. Captain and Lady Quack closed the runway in their romantic matching wedding set, garnering a sizeable cheer from the crowd.



Runway photograph courtesy of John Gullidge

Following the wedding fashion show was another fashion show 100% styled by our students using the Fashion Hub's archive pieces. Creative styling was achieved by mix and matching, wearing clothes the wrong way and other unconventional styling techniques.



Upon closing the show for the very last time on their last show slot, almost a year of hard work had come to an end with the students and models cheering in celebration of successfully completing their very first fashion show. This accomplishment gave the young designer students the confidence they needed to host their next fashion show, coming in May 2024.



Fashion students and models of Sunway College and Sunway University.

Unforgettable moments - MUFY Games 2024 celebrates fitness and fun

21 March 2024



The annual MUFY Games took place on 7 March 2024, showcasing MUFY's commitment to promoting the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal 3: Good Health and Well-being. This year's games were especially memorable with a newly added thrilling fitness challenge circuit.

A wide range of exciting sports and games awaited MUFY students, including badminton, basketball, blitz chess, bowling, captain ball, dodge ball, futsal, table tennis, tele-match, and trio games (featuring charades, Pictionary, and Taboo). MUFY students and staff enthusiastically participated and volunteered, adding to the vibrant energy of the event.

Medals were awarded to all champions and runners-up, recognizing their outstanding efforts and sportsmanship.

Congratulations are in order for all the winners, and a big round of applause to the MUFY Games committee for orchestrating yet another successful and unforgettable event.





Exciting airport visit enlightens students on statistics and safety protocols

21 March 2024

In an effort to broaden the horizons of students, Sunway College Kuching organised a captivating visit to the Kuching International Airport (KIA), offering an immersive experience into the world of airport operations and management. The primary goal was to acquaint students with the pivotal role statistics play in the efficient functioning of airports, shedding light on their significance in decision-making processes.

The itinerary featured a dynamic blend of educational activities, including a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation and an enriching tour of airport facilities, including terminals and the Airport Fire Rescue Service (AFRS).

Students were treated to a captivating journey through the history and evolution of KIA, gaining valuable insights into its transformation over time. They were also privy to eye-opening statistics showcasing the impact of COVID-19 on passenger traffic and the remarkable surge in demand for cargo services during the pandemic. Additionally, the distinctions between the roles of airport companies and airlines were elucidated, highlighting the role of statistics in shaping future business strategies and expansion plans.

Memorable Tour Highlights

As the tour unfolded, students were guided through airport terminals, where they received in-depth explanations on queue management and passenger flow, offering a firsthand glimpse into the meticulous operational procedures.

The highlight of the visit, however, was the exploration of the AFRS department building. For many students, it was a revelation to learn about the crucial role of firefighting and rescue services within an airport setting. The significance of mathematics in pursuing a career in firefighting was emphasised, fostering an awareness of its importance across various professions.

The experience culminated in an up-close encounter with advanced fire trucks and equipment, allowing students to witness the bravery and expertise of firefighters in action. Expressing heartfelt gratitude, students conveyed their utmost respect to these unsung heroes, acknowledging their pivotal role in ensuring the safety of all flight passengers.

This illuminating visit not only expanded students' knowledge of airport operations but also instilled a deeper appreciation for the indispensable role of statistics and safety protocols in the aviation industry.



Top and bottom photos: Briefing on the safety protocols in KIA



Group Photo with the KIA Personnel after the briefing



Dr. Lai Jia Jiun from SCK handed over the token of appreciation to KIA's representative to thank them for accommodating our students.

SDS students dive into fintech future with expert insights

19 March 2024

'Securities Commission Malaysia Shares Fintech Secrets in the Capital Market'



SDS students gained valuable insights into Financial Technology or 'FinTech' from the Securities Commission Malaysia organized by Diploma of Business Administration (DBA) last February.

According to the lecturer, Dr. Hurul Ain, SDS students especially those in business program must gain exposure to the application of FinTech particularly in the capital market beyond the online payment applications.

"Students should start gaining exposure of FinTech functions and applications, especially among business students. The knowledge and opportunities of FinTech in the capital market areas will benefit many companies, as it offers plenty of financing options to assist in external funding," Dr. Hurul added.

Meanwhile, the Manager of Digital Innovation at the Securities Commission, Ms. Chua Shar Min who was also the speaker emphasized the importance of FinTech in shaping the future and students should be educated about it.

"Contrary to popular understanding, FinTech encompasses more than just the online payment function. FinTech is the future, and it is only right that we equip students with the knowledge of it, and what better way to learn it from if not from the experts themselves," she said.

Ms. Chua Shar Min's extensive knowledge in FinTech and the capital market created a more robust sharing session with the participants. The contents comprised an overview of the FinTech industry, the digital agenda for the Malaysian capital market, FinTech applications and opportunities, and key initiatives to develop Malaysia's FinTech industry.

SDS advocates for integrating Fintech education into academic curricula and utilizing experts' insights to facilitate learning in this area. This marks the first collaboration between SDS and the Securities Commission, and we look forward to more sharing sessions in the future.

This article is written by the Lecturer of SDS, Dr Hurul Ain.

**South Korea group visit from Incheon city middle and high school students
3 April 2024**



The International Office welcomed a big group visitor from South Korea for a campus visit on 20th February 2024. The group consisted of 16 schools participated by over 80 students from middle school and high school in Incheon city from Gyeonggi province. They were accompanied by 6 teachers. The team at International Office shared an overview of Sunway Education in Sunway City Kuala Lumpur and education pathways after completing high school in South Korea. We took this opportunity to invite our visitors to enjoy and witness the Malaysia Chinese culture by joining in the Chinese New Year celebration on campus that day including the lion dance performance. They were impressed and left Sunway campus with happy memories. We look forward to welcoming them as Sunway student in the near future.



