

# Sunway College e-Bulletin

June 2025

Dear Colleagues and Partners

We are pleased to share with you the latest e-Bulletin for Sunway College.

This edition of the e-Bulletin highlights the outstanding achievements of Sunway A-Level students in the Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards, Monash University Foundation Year students in the Monash Science Cup 2025, and Sunway Diploma Studies students during the MICPA x CA ANZ Accountancy Week 2025.

It also features various events and activities, including the Sunway-Oxbridge Essay Competition 2025, Victoria University's beach clean-up initiative, and the Monash University Foundation Year's annual MUFY Games.

Moreover, this edition also congratulates Sunway College Ipoh students who won Champion and Third Place in the National Dodgeball Championship 2025, as well as highlights Sunway College Johor Bahru's innovative X-Cel Challenge 2025, which saw participation from 80 teams across the state.

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

**Sunway A-Level conquers Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards for 11 years consecutively**  
**30 May 2025**



Sunway College has once again demonstrated its position as Malaysia's leading Cambridge provider, celebrating 11 consecutive years of outstanding academic achievement.

The May 2025 Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards ceremony at Sunway University honoured 16 exceptional students from Sunway College and Sunway College Johor Bahru, who collectively secured 20 distinctions across A and AS Levels.

Among the awardees, Ho Zhengying stood out by receiving three prestigious Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards and an offer from Cambridge University. Ho embodies the ambition and drive of young Malaysians, with a clear vision to make a positive impact on society.

He is currently developing an artificial intelligence agent designed to offer meaningful life advice to individuals facing uncertainty or feeling lost.

Reflecting on his journey, Ho shared, "I have never believed success comes from effort alone and I am fortunate to have incredible people guiding and supporting me. That sense of gratitude has grown into a strong urge to give back, to create something that truly matters for others."

In his speech for Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE), Ho encouraged peers to stay curious: "Let curiosity lead your learning. It is the best fuel you can have. Grades are milestones, not definitions. They reflect your effort, not your entire worth. Success feels best when it comes from passion, not pressure."

Sunway College students earned accolades across a broad spectrum of subjects. Claire Chan Wei Sven was recognised with a Top in Malaysia award for Literature in English and Psychology at the AS Level. Other Top in Malaysia recipients at A Level included Phang Jun Shen for Biology, Ng Ning Wei for Chemistry, Chong Kar Mun for Economics, Wong Yan Yee for Law, and Ho Zhengying for Further Mathematics.

The achievements also gained international recognition. At the AS Level, students awarded Top in the World honours included Oo Sin Rou in Accounting, Ngei Xin Yan in Further Mathematics, Wong Yu Xuan in Mathematics, and both Elyssa Ayu Binti Yuhasnor Affandy and James Low Jie Wei in Thinking Skills. At A Level, Ho Zhengying, Khor Choong Ming, and Tan Zi Heng from Sunway College Johor Bahru received Top in the World awards for Mathematics.

Ho Zhengying also claimed First Place in Malaysia at A Level with the Best Across Three award, while Wong Yu Xuan achieved the Best Across Four award and First Place in Malaysia at AS Level.

Further commendations came in the form of High Achievement awards. These were presented to Julius Lee Jun Tao for History at AS Level, Humaira Nur Taqiah Binti Shafril for History at A Level, and Lee Francesca for Literature in English at A Level.

Ruth Cheah, Director of Programme for Cambridge GCE A-Level at Sunway College, highlighted the collective effort behind these successes: "Success is a partnership. The dedicated lecturers and driven students at Sunway College together create the perfect formula for achievement. It is an honour to be recognised as the nation's best-performing Cambridge provider."

## **MUFY Games 2025: A vibrant celebration of health, teamwork, and fun**

### **6 June 2025**

The annual MUFY Games took place on 10 April 2025, once again highlighting MUFY's strong commitment to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal 3: *Good Health and Well-being*. This year's edition was nothing short of extraordinary, made even more exciting with the return of the high-energy fitness challenge circuit and the addition of a brand-new game—pickleball!

Approximately 850 students joined the festivities as players and volunteers, contributing to the electric atmosphere and spirit of camaraderie throughout the day. A wide variety of sports and games kept participants engaged, including badminton, basketball, blitz chess, bowling, captain ball, dodge ball, futsal, pickleball, table tennis, tele-match, and trio games (featuring charades, Pictionary, and Taboo).





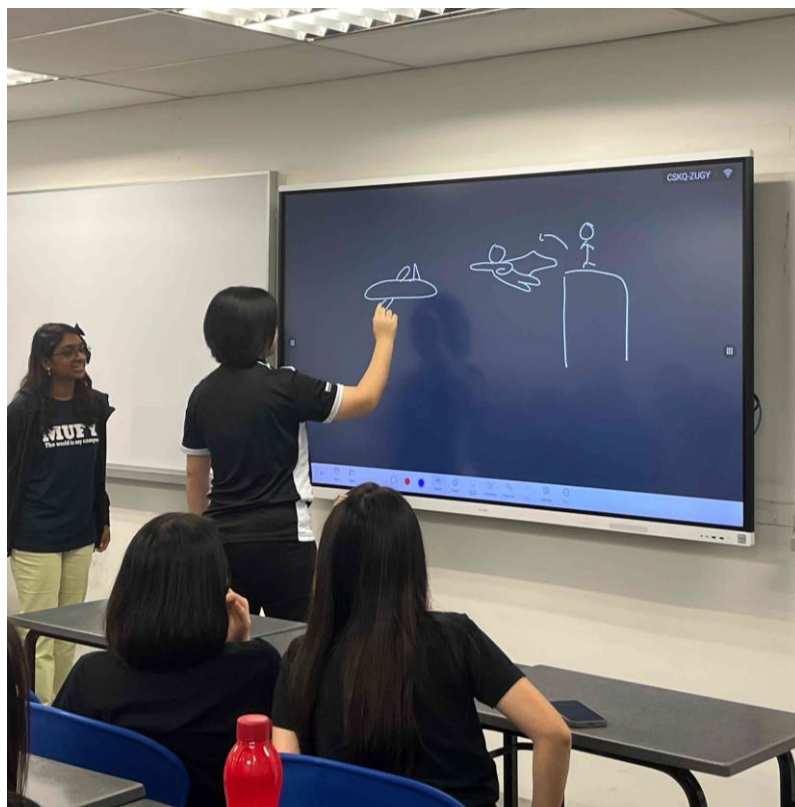




Both students and staff showed incredible enthusiasm, with volunteers playing a key role in ensuring the smooth flow of the event. Their energy and teamwork were truly the heartbeat of the MUFY Games 2025.

Medals were awarded to champions and runners-up across all categories, recognising not only their achievements but also their outstanding sportsmanship and dedication.

Congratulations to all the winners, and a heartfelt thank you to the MUFY Games committee for organising yet another memorable and meaningful celebration of health, fitness, and fun.



## SFP Ms Chloe Yong speaks out on the power of online words

16 June 2025



In conjunction with International Day for Countering Hate Speech, Senior Lecturer of the Sunway Foundation Programme, Ms Chloe Yong, emphasis that once we post online, our words can be seen and interpreted by anyone, anytime, often losing our intended tone and potentially perpetuating hurtful stereotypes or hate speech. It urges readers to pause before posting and recognise the real impact of words.

*By Chloe Yong:*

To most of you, posting online feels ordinary. You send memes to friends to stay connected, reply with a joke, leave a comment and move on. But once those words, pictures or videos are out there, you lose control over them. They can be seen by anyone, at any time, in any mood. The internet flattens your voice, and it hides your smile, your shrug, your intent. More often than not, your words land in ways you never expected.

I once responded to an Instagram post featuring a Malaysian family who had painted their dog with orange and black stripes. In the comments, a user from a Western country made a remark suggesting that Malaysians would eat the dog, a comment rooted in a longstanding and inaccurate stereotype about Asians. I replied, hoping to correct the misconception and defend my country.

However, the response I received further targeted my ethnicity, revealing how quickly such conversations online can escalate into racially charged territory.

For context, I am Malaysian Chinese. My Instagram was public at the time, and although I rarely posted selfies, a few were enough for that stranger to decide who I was and what kind of insults I apparently deserved. That comment, though not aimed at me by name, stayed with me for a long, long time.

Sarcasm is hard to get right in person, let alone online. Without facial expressions or tone of voice, what is meant as a joke can easily come across as an insult or even bullying.

A joke that makes sense in one group chat might feel hurtful or humiliating to someone outside that shared context. You might just be trying to be funny or fit in, but you cannot control how your words are received.

Memes and jokes often blur boundaries. What starts as a “joke” can quickly slip into hate speech or discrimination, especially towards people who already feel excluded. You might not notice it but the people on the receiving end almost always do.

Hate speech is not always loud or obvious. Sometimes it appears as a stereotype, a slur disguised as a joke or a meme targeting someone’s race, gender or background.

According to the United Nations (UN), hate speech includes any message — written, spoken, or shared — that attacks or discriminates against people based on factors such as religion, ethnicity, gender or identity.

“No child is born with hate. Hate is taught.” — Alice Wairimu Nderitu, former UN Special Advisor on the Prevention of Genocide. Bigotry, racism, xenophobia, misogyny, they all start somewhere. Usually, they start small: A word, a joke, a comment that no one challenges. Over time, these “little things” build up, and they can lead to real harm, both online and in the real world.

There is a rule I live by: If you have nothing good to say, do not say anything at all. It applies even more online. You do not have to respond to every post. You do not have to share every fleeting thought. You do not have to prove you are clever. Sometimes, silence is the wisest choice you can make.

Take a moment to pause and ask yourself, “What if this were said to me?” — and chances are, you will already know what to do. You never truly know what someone else is going through when they read your comment, and once it is out there, you cannot always take it back.

You might have meant no harm. But once words are online, your intent matters less than the impact they have. People who read your words may interpret them in ways you never intended. They cannot see your face or know your heart. What you write can stay with them far longer than you realise.

That awful experience led me to make my Instagram account private and stop posting altogether, even to friends and family abroad. When I reported the comment, Instagram responded that it did not qualify as hate speech. I understand that the review process is automated after all, but the lack of action still felt like a second blow.

We are not just consumers of content. We are creators, curators, and active participants in today’s media landscape. That role comes with influence, and as someone once said, “with great power comes great responsibility”. The world does not just need clever communicators; it needs thoughtful ones. It needs people who understand that free speech is not free from consequences and that words can cause real harm.

On this International Day for Countering Hate Speech, I hope everyone will choose your words with care. Sometimes, the most powerful thing you can say is nothing at all. The fight against hate does not always begin with grand gestures or speeches. It starts in quiet moments when you decide not to share the joke, not to post the comment, not to laugh at someone else’s expense.

*The author is a senior lecturer at Sunway College’s Sunway Foundation Programme.*



**SDS students crowned National Champions at prestigious MICPA x CA ANZ Accountancy Week 2025**  
**19 May 2025**

Sunway Diploma Studies (SDS) has once again proven its academic excellence on the national stage.

A team of three outstanding Diploma in Accounting students emerged Champions in the Diploma-Level Accounting Students Quiz at the 25th MICPA x CA ANZ Accountancy Week 2025, held from April 22 to 26 at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM).



Organised by the Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants (MICPA) in collaboration with Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CA ANZ), the annual event gathered top-performing students from MICPA-accredited institutions across Malaysia under the theme *"Shaping Future-Ready Minds."*

The competition was intellectually rigorous, testing participants on topics ranging from Accounting & Auditing, Taxation, Company & Commercial Law, and Commercial Knowledge, to General Knowledge such as World History, Economics, and Current Affairs.



SDS fielded two teams for the competition, each comprising three students. After a demanding Preliminary Round of multiple-choice written assessments, the top teams advanced to a high-stakes Final Round featuring a fast-paced oral buzzer quiz.

The SDS champion team impressed judges and peers alike with their critical thinking, composure under pressure, and breadth of knowledge. Their triumph reflects their hard work, sharp intellect, and the supportive learning environment fostered at Sunway Diploma Studies.

"This win is more than a trophy. It's a powerful endorsement of the quality of education and mentorship our students receive," said the academic team. Special appreciation goes to Ms Shazlina Abdul Jalil and Mr Ng Kok Ming, the dedicated lecturers and mentors who guided the students throughout their journey.



The MICPA x CA ANZ Accountancy Week is more than just a competition, it serves as a platform for young talents to engage with industry standards and build professional confidence.

SDS's success in this prestigious event reinforces Sunway's commitment to producing future-ready graduates equipped to lead in an ever-evolving financial landscape.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to our champions - your remarkable achievement has brought pride to the entire Sunway community!



*From left: Ms Shazlina (Lecturer/Mentor), Lee Yi Hung, Tan Yu Min (Team Leader), and Yap Shi Wen posing proudly after winning the Champion title at the 25th MICPA x CA ANZ Accountancy Week 2025, held at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM).*



## MUFY teams excel at Monash Science Cup 2025

20 June 2025

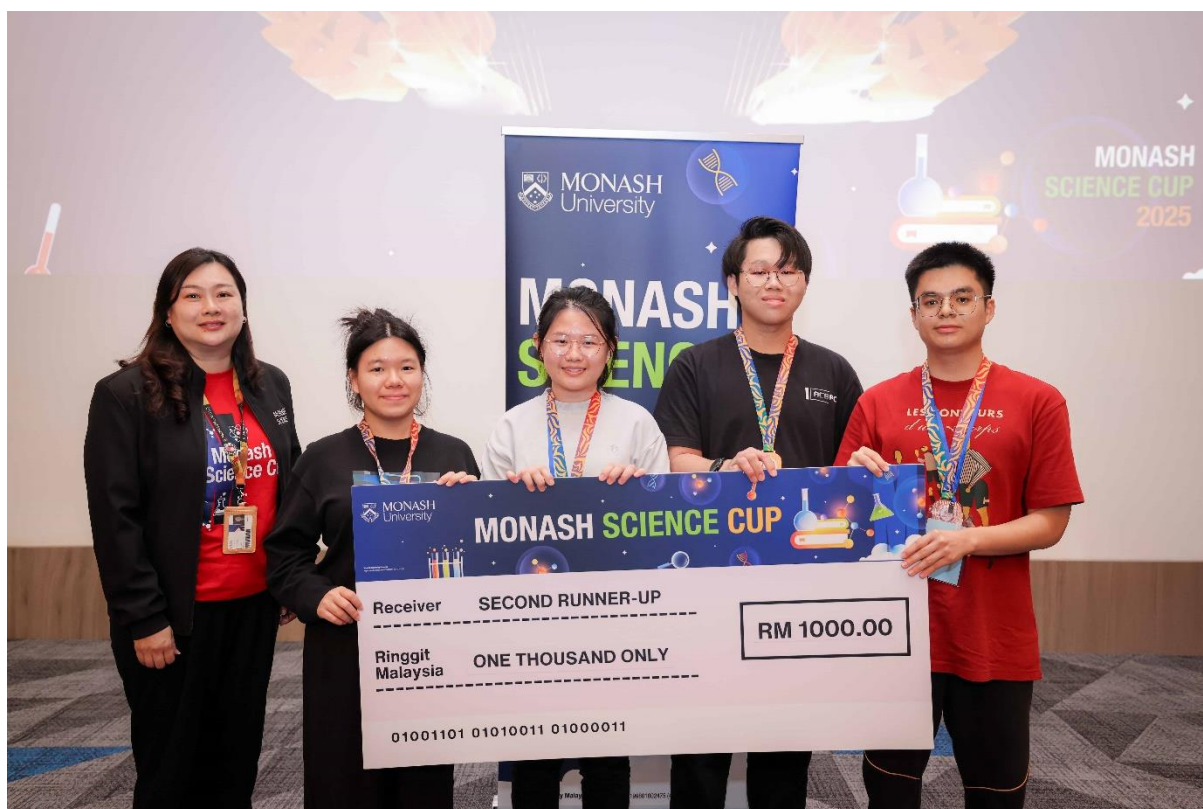
On 26 April 2025, the Monash Science Cup returned after a seven-year hiatus, uniting 129 pre-university students in 33 teams under the theme, “Science in Action: Solve, Create, Innovate!”

The event featured three hands-on challenge tracks designed to apply scientific knowledge to real-world issues while offering participants access to advanced lab equipment and engagement with Monash faculty and professional staff.

Team *powerpuffs + 1* from Monash University Foundation Year (MUFY), Sunway College KL, emerged as the Champions of the Monash Science Cup 2025, earning RM2,000. Yamong Nadi Aung, Moe Oo Nwe, Thae Thinzar Ko, and Zay Yar Myo Htwe impressed judges with their scientific prowess.



Meanwhile, *One of a Kind*, also from MUFY Sunway College KL, secured the Second Runner-Up title and RM1,000. The team included Chong Yuek Ferng, Ooi Yan Sheng, Peh Xuan Rui, and Angela Wong Ying Lin.



Congratulations to our MUFY Students! We are all very proud of you!









## Sunway College JB Tan Zi Heng's double awards, double excellence!

11 June 2025

Tan Zi Heng has once again made Sunway College Johor Bahru proud by earning his second Outstanding Cambridge Learner Award (OCLA) in Mathematics.

First time? Impressive. Second time? ICONIC!

Zi Heng earned his first OCLA for topping the world at AS Level Mathematics in the May/June 2024 Cambridge International exams. This time round, he has taken his achievement to an even greater level, scoring a perfect Percentage Uniform Mark (PUM) of 100, earning him the well-deserved accolade Top in the World for A-Level Mathematics!

His journey to academic excellence has been nothing short of inspiring. With 3A\* 1A under his belt for his A-Levels, Tan Zi Heng has consistently demonstrated his passion and dedication to learning.

Of course, his journey to success was made possible with the guidance and support of his Mathematics lecturer, Ms Alicia Leong Hsueh Yan.

*"I am especially grateful to Ms. Alicia, my Mathematics lecturer, whose guidance in mathematical concepts and answering techniques played a significant role in helping me secure the OCLA for Mathematics, not only once but at both exam stages!"*



*Tan Zi Heng receiving his Outstanding Cambridge Learner Award for Top in the World A-level Mathematics*

### Secret to Success

*"The most challenging part of the A-Level programme is the demanding syllabus and timeline. The curriculum involves in-depth understanding and requires consistent practice and revision to fully grasp the concepts. Choosing to undertake 4 subjects, it felt overwhelming at times. My daily schedule was packed with classes, followed by revision and practice of past year papers."*

*A well-organised schedule helped me stay on track academically while ensuring I got enough rest. I prioritised tasks, took breaks when needed, and made time for hobbies like reading and playing video games, as well as socialising with friends and family.*

*I believe perseverance and consistency are key to success. Consistent revision and regular practice with past year papers are the most effective and direct ways to excel in any A-Level subject. However, understanding the topics thoroughly is equally important. Practicing without understanding the concepts is not productive, so it's essential to ensure clarity on each topic. There are many online resources, websites, and videos that can help students understand the material. However, lecturers remain the best source of guidance, and they should always be your go-to for academic support and questions."*

### **Support System**

*"I am deeply grateful to my beloved family for their unwavering support and encouragement throughout my journey. Their complete belief and confidence in me kept me motivated and focused. My lecturers also played a crucial role in my success for always being there for me, offering valuable guidance and advice.*

*Last but not least, I am thankful for my A-Level mates. We attended classes together, stayed late in the library, and celebrated the highs for each other. We've been through so much as a group - without them, the journey would have been tiring and monotonous. However, thanks to their presence, my time at college became enjoyable and filled with joy."*

Sunway College Johor Bahru congratulates Zi Heng on his remarkable achievements and wishes him the very best as he embarks on the next exciting chapter when he commences undergraduate studies. He has received offers from Nanyang Technological University (NTU) Singapore, Tsinghua University, China and Shanghai Jiao Tong University. Whichever he chooses, we have no doubt that Zi Heng will continue to achieve great things in the future.



*Tan Zi Heng with his parents, A-level Mathematics lecturer Alicia Leong and Sunway College Johor Bahru Head of Pre-university How Pei Lin*



## **Waves of change by Victoria University Business Club**

### **21 May 2025**

On the 3rd of May 2025, 17 student members of the Victoria University Business Club (VUBC) came together for a beach clean-up at Pantai Bagan Pinang, Port Dickson.



Recognising the alarming litter problem that threatens the natural biodiversity, coastal ecosystem and the health of marine life, the team dedicated two hours to collecting waste along the shoreline. Their efforts resulted in the removal of 12 bags of trash, totalling approximately 20 kilograms of waste.

This initiative is aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) No. 3 (Good Health and Well-being), No.13 (Climate Action), and No. 14 (Life Below Water).





The effort is an on-going reflection of VUBC team's passionate commitment to environmental sustainability and community well-being as well as fostering a deep sense of social responsibility and camaraderie among club members.

VUBC hopes to continue organising similar events and continue their efforts to make a meaningful difference through their club activities to create a better future for all.

## **AUSMAT celebrates excellence as Ms. Diana Ann wins gold at T-LINC 2025**

**20 June 2025**

We are proud to share that Ms. Diana Ann, Senior Lecturer at Sunway College Australian Matriculation (AUSMAT) programme, has clinched the Gold Award in the Alternate Assessment category at the prestigious Sunway University Teaching and Learning Innovation Challenge (T-LINC) 2025!

This highly competitive award, modeled after the national-level AKRI (Special Award by the Minister of Higher Education for Innovative Curriculum Design and Delivery), highlights the highest standards in educational innovation. Ms. Diana's achievement is a testament to her creativity, commitment, and excellence in transforming student learning experiences.

Please join us in congratulating Ms. Diana on this remarkable milestone, a moment of pride for AUSMAT, Pre-University Studies, and the entire Sunway College community!





## Sunway A-Level ahead at BBO 2025

28 May 2025

It is a proud moment with the conclusion of the British Biology Olympiad 2025, celebrating the remarkable achievements of Sunway College A-Level.

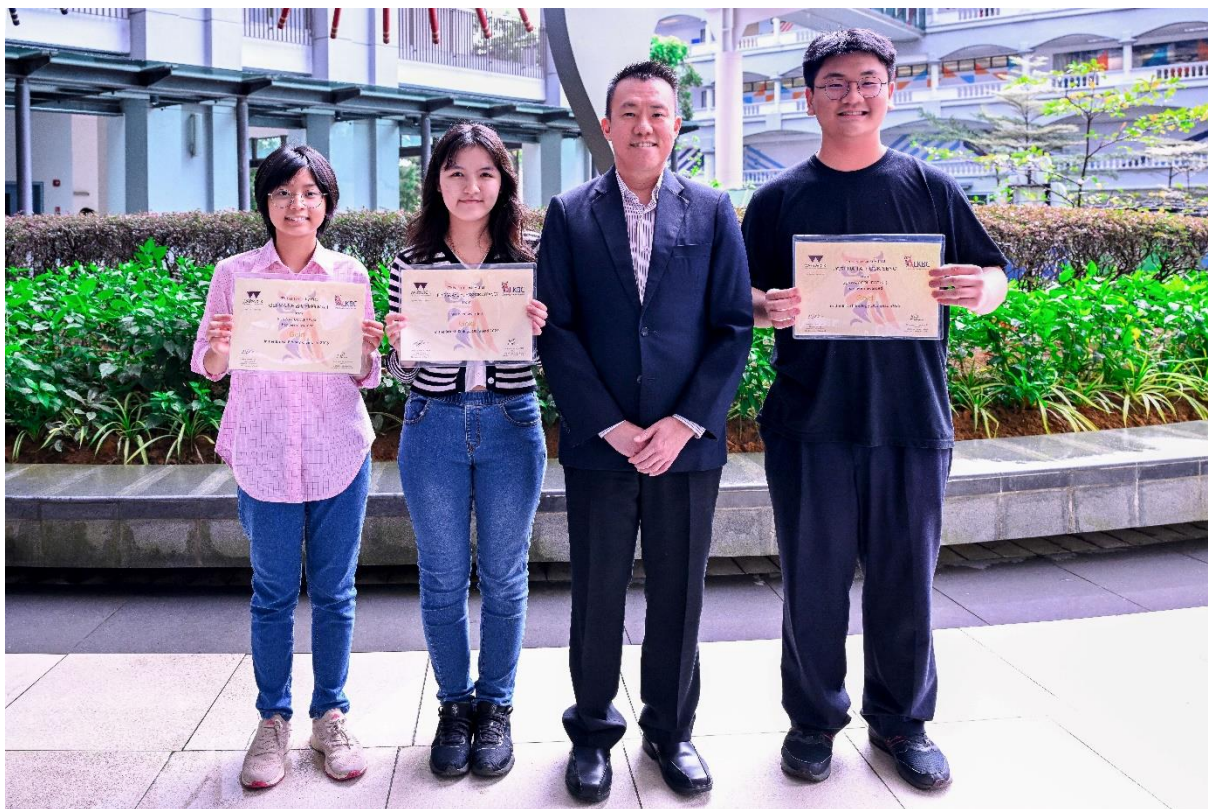
By engaging and inspiring students with a passion for biology, the competition encourages them to develop their abilities further and provides an opportunity to showcase their skills while earning publicly recognised certificates.

The standout accomplishments were 82 students who garnered prestigious awards: 3 Gold, 14 Silver, 16 Bronze, 23 Highly Commendable, and 26 Commendable accolades.

During the certificate presentation ceremony, Dr Lam Chee Fong, Deputy Director of the Cambridge A-Level Programme, awarded the certificates to the proud students.

All students who participated and are aged 14-19 are eligible for one year of BioNet membership of the Royal Society of Biology.

Congratulations to all the BBO 2025 winners!



*Gold Medal: Elyssa Ayu Yuhasnor Affandy, Germaine Zhi Ying Mah, Joshua Tai Hock Seng*





*Silver Medal: Adriel Lim Shern Yang, Caithlyn Ng Kai Yi, Gan Rongxian, Gan Shu Yi, Goh Qian Yi, Jasmine Kua Kai Qing, Kuar Yu Zhe, Li Ling Brown, Lim Wei Joon, Ming Wen Lim, Ong Jia Ze, Tara Fukagawa, Thin Chee Him, Yuxiang Yao*



*Bronze Medal: Chia Wen-Howe, Choong Jie Hong Joseph, Christian Yi-Xian Jackson, Darren Chan Zhi Heng, Janice Voon Jia Qi, Jasmine Low Jia Thong, Jayden Lee Chee Sern, Khoo Zi Qi, Koh Lim Min, Lau Jin You, Lee Yong Jia, Say Wei Wen, Teoh Wei Zheng, Wong Jia En, Wong Jia Yi, Yee Xin Nee.*





*Highly Commended Medal: Aisyah Sofea Binti Zahari, Avril Teo Zi Ying, Chang Wen Wei, Chia Ka Reon, Choco Wong Ho Yan, Chong Kai Xin, Chua Yik En, Darrell James Puvan, David Yen Ezann, Gabriel Liaw Zi Xi, Goh Ze Yi, Jeslyn Tiong Ming En, Khalisha Binti Kamarudin, Koh Han Bay, Lai Zi Qian, Lim Yi You, Lim Zhe Qian, Lin Ga Hei, Ling Ning Xi Amber, Mikaela Foo Xze Myn, Ooi Wei Heng, Yong Hui Ling, Yong Yew Hao.*



*Commended Medal: Ashley Lee Jing Han, Cheah Wei Shin, Chin Zhi Yu Adelynn, Chong Junn Kang, Chua Joson, Cynthia Ng Sheim Wei, Danvin Dev, Eunice Yew Ying Yuen, Ezann Lam Yu Chen, Goh Jit Wern, Jocelyn Koo Wai Yee, Khor Kar Enn, Lai Yaw Chean, Lee Yi Jie, Lee Yuan Zhen, Lim Eu Jia, Long Yujing, Navena Srie A/P Viswam, Oh Younho, Shawn Liau, Tan Chze Yee, Tee Xue Ling, Wong Kai Tzer, Wong Yue Qing, Yap Wei Mun, Zhou Wen Jin*

## **Sunway College Johor Bahru X-Cel Challenge 2025: a gathering of young innovators**

### **11 June 2025**

Sunway College Johor Bahru is proud to have successfully hosted the X-Cel Challenge 2025, a STEM-focused competition that gathered young minds from secondary schools across Johor. Organised in collaboration with the Johor State Education Department (JPNJ) and supported by education technology partner, EduPlay, the competition drew participation from 80 teams, each stepping up to the challenge to dream big and dive into real-world problems and solutions.

Themed “Digital Transformation: Innovating for Sustainable Solutions,” the X-Cel Challenge aimed to cultivate students’ interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) while raising awareness of the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs). It also offered students a platform to explore the intersection of innovation, sustainability and technology while nurturing skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving and effective communication.

The competition was held in four rounds:

**Round 1:** An online Knowledge Quiz powered by Eduplay’s NA.VI tested teams on mathematics, science and general knowledge on sustainability. From this, the top 30 teams with the highest scores and fastest completion times advanced to Round 2.

**Round 2:** A one-day Boot Camp held on 21 March 2025 at Sunway College JB. Here, students participated in STEM workshops and practical activities designed by academics to inspire their ideas and equip them with skills to craft effective Problem Statements. Teams received hands-on guidance and explored the relevance of STEM in everyday life, alongside the global challenges defined by the UN SDGs.

**Round 3:** Teams submitted a Solution Proposal, addressing a problem they had identified during the Boot Camp. These proposals were evaluated for creativity, cohesion, feasibility and alignment with specific sustainability development goals. The best ten proposals qualified these teams for the final round.

- SMK Sultan Ismail (Group 13)
- Sunway International School, Sunway Iskandar (Group 26)
- SMK Taman Molek (Group 28)
- LUCA International School (Group 38)
- Maktab Sultan Abu Bakar (Group 39)
- A & O Centre of Excellence (Group 40)
- SMK Desa Cemerlang (Group 47)
- HLCE Hope Resource Centre (Group 53)
- SMK Infant Jesus Convent (Group 62)
- SMK Infant Jesus Convent (Group 71)

**Round 4:** The Final Pitch held on 21 April 2025, brought the 10 finalist teams, accompanied by teachers and school principals back to Sunway College JB where they presented their solutions to a panel of judges.



The judging panel consisted of Mr Way Jing Hui, Founder of EduPlay (official edutech partner for X-Cel Challenge), Ms Leong Mei Kuen, Head of Business Diploma and Financial Programmes and Ms Tye Ling Lee, Programme Coordinator for the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) at Sunway College JB.

Each team had 15 minutes to wow the judges (and wow them they did!). The finalists pitched their hearts out to impress the judges with their creative approaches where some even included props and prototypes to support their presentations.

After a rigorous selection process, the winning teams were:

- Champion: SMK Infant Jesus Convent (Group 62)
- 1st Runner-Up: SMK Taman Molek (Group 28)
- 2nd Runner-Up: A&O Centre of Excellence (Group 40)

From 80 teams to just 10 finalists, these students have proven their dedication, teamwork and creativity. The X-Cel Challenge 2025 was more than a competition, it was a platform to sharpen these young minds in rising to solve challenges. It reminded us that age is no barrier in unleashing creativity and when given the right guidance and space to shine, they rise beyond expectations. To all the dreamers, doers and problem-solvers who took part, a big congratulations! We are heartened to know that the future of sustainable innovation will be in good hands.



*Group photo featuring Penolong Pengarah Unit Hal Ehwal Murid (JPNJ) Puan Hasdhatul Norasyikin Binti Md Said, Deputy Principal Ms Ong Mei Mei, Director-Student Relations Ms Linda Lim, founder of EduPlay Mr Way Jing Hui, school principals, teachers and finalist teams.*



*Winners of the X-Cel Challenge 2025*



*Champion: SMK Infant Jesus Convent (Group 62)*





*1st Runner-Up: SMK Taman Molek (Group 28)*



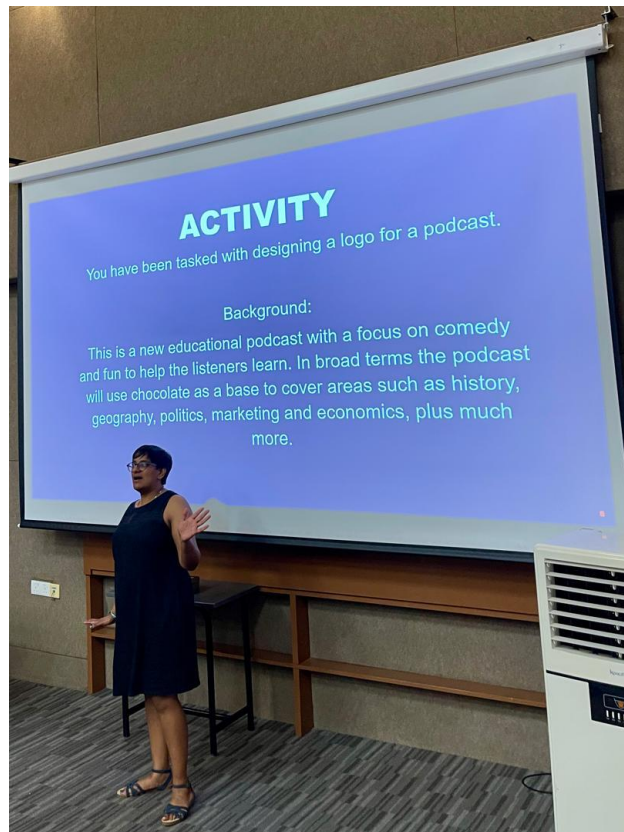
*2nd Runner-Up: A&O Centre of Excellence (Group 40)*



## SDS students dive into AI-driven content research

6 June 2025

Embracing the digital age, Sunway Diploma Studies' Department of Communication (SDS DCOMM) recently hosted an eye-opening session on the transformative role of artificial intelligence (AI) in media research and storytelling. The event, titled *"Undertaking Content Research with AI: Benefits and Pitfalls,"* was held in collaboration with Middlesex University London and featured a dynamic mix of lecture and hands-on learning.





Leading the session was Dr. Mita Lad, a seasoned digital media lecturer and Programme Leader for the BA in Digital Media and Communications at Middlesex University. With over 15 years of experience and a research focus on television audiences and diaspora media, Dr. Lad offered students a deep dive into how AI is reshaping content creation, from writing and visual sourcing to evaluating credible information.

Around 50 students and two lecturers attended the event, eager to explore how tools like ChatGPT, CoPilot, and Gemini are influencing the media landscape. Dr. Lad's lecture unpacked the practical uses of AI in content development while also addressing critical ethical concerns such as misinformation and intellectual property. She emphasised the importance of using AI thoughtfully and with a strong ethical compass.

The session transitioned into an interactive workshop where students, grouped in teams of five, were challenged to design a podcast logo centred on the theme of chocolate. Using AI tools to support their brainstorming and design process, students practiced crafting prompts, gathering insights, and generating visuals, bringing their ideas to life in real time.

Adding a creative twist, Dr. Lad had earlier invited students to submit original logo designs. Two standout entries were selected and awarded prizes, celebrating the students' creativity and initiative.

This surprise element added excitement and highlighted the design talent within the SDS DCOMM community.

The atmosphere was vibrant and collaborative, with students actively engaging, asking insightful questions, and experimenting with AI tools. A key message echoed throughout the session: while AI can significantly enhance content creation, it must be guided by human judgment, ethics, and context. As Dr. Lad aptly put it, "AI can enhance what we do, but we must guide it with context, ethics, and intention."

To conclude the event, Miss Nurzalina Ramli, Head of Programme for SDS DCOMM, presented a token of appreciation to Dr. Lad. A group photo captured the spirit of the day, one filled with learning, creativity, and forward-thinking collaboration. This initiative reflects SDS DCOMM's dedication to equipping students with future-ready skills and a critical understanding of the evolving digital media landscape.









*This article is written by SDS lecturer, Mieza Shafieza Mohd Fuad.*



## MUFY “Sharity” Fiesta raises RM11,500 for Rumah Kanak-Kanak Trinititi

6 June 2025

The MUFY Student Committee and staff successfully organised the MUFY “Sharity” Fiesta on 14 and 15 April 2025, raising an impressive RM11,500 in support of Rumah Kanak-Kanak Trinititi. The home provides care, shelter, and support for orphaned, abused, neglected, and abandoned children, helping them lead healthier, more fulfilling lives.





Held at The Boulevard, the MUFY “Sharity” Fiesta featured a vibrant mix of food stalls, games, and merchandise booths. Sunway students and staff enjoyed two days of fun while contributing to a meaningful cause. The festive atmosphere and strong community spirit were a testament to the event’s impact.



On 3 May 2025, the MUFY staff and Student Committee paid a visit to Rumah Kanak-Kanak Trinita. They spent the day engaging with the children through games and interactive activities and also gained valuable insight into the incredible work carried out by the home. It was a heartwarming and unforgettable experience for everyone involved. Special thanks to Black Tap, Sunway Resort for providing a scrumptious lunch to the children and staff of the home.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to our Co-Donor, Kyochon Chicken, and all our generous sponsors for their meaningful contributions in making the MUFY “Sharity” Fiesta and our community outreach a resounding success.



Special thanks also go to the dedicated organising committee for their tireless efforts and commitment in ensuring a memorable and impactful event.





## **SCI students score big at National Dodgeball Championship 2025!**

**20 June 2025**

Sunway College Ipoh proudly celebrates the remarkable achievements of our students and alumni who made their mark at the National Dodgeball Championship 2025!

### **Coed Team – 2nd Runner-Up**

Representing the external dodgeball club Glaux, eight SCI students and alumni showcased incredible teamwork and resilience to claim 3rd place in the highly competitive Coed Team category.

Congratulations to:

- Elton Ho Yee Loong (DIIT)
- Low Ee Ann (DIGD)
- Nicole Tan Zhi San (DIBA)
- Chew Wan Qing (Alumni, ACCA)
- Jeremy Ho Zhi You (Alumni, ACCA)
- Tai Qi Xuan (Alumni, ACCA)
- Tham Zi Wei (Alumni, DIID)
- Wong Zhuo Ning (Alumni, CAD)

### **Full Male Team – National Champions**

Meanwhile, SCI students from the external club iSpirit delivered an exceptional performance to emerge as National Champions in the Full Male Team category!

Congratulations to:

- Tan Wei Jian (DIGD)
- Kenaz Woo Siu Kin (DIGD)
- Aaron Riche Cabana (DIBA)

Your passion, discipline, and sportsmanship are a true reflection of SCI's spirit. We are incredibly proud of your success and can't wait to see what you'll achieve next.



## Fuelling passion & purpose at SDS GET REAL V3.0

14 May 2025



It was a day of inspiration and purpose for Sunway Diploma Studies as four founders of their own business ventures shared their experiences at the recent GET REAL V.3.0. The talk-show event, in its third year running, was initiated with a mission to enrich students' learning beyond the classroom through real-world insights and perspectives.

The event received an astounding record of 321 attendees comprising of students and staff from within Sunway Diploma Studies and other programmes in Sunway College. The audience were captivated by four inspiring panelists from various emerging industries. The panel consisted of Arthur Tan, the founder and CEO of FILLiquid, a Web3 based organization ; Koh Su Yen, an ex-Sunway alumni and founder of Emotion Pod focusing on emotion regulation sessions; Yogendran Ramani, founder and Managing Director of Aden One(M) Sdn Bhd ; a design and build organization with emphasis on sustainability and finally Jan Wong, founder of OpenMinds, a digital consulting start-up and MarTech solutions provider.

The courageous entrepreneurs shared what propelled them to start their ventures, their journey from higher education and the challenges they went through sustaining in the industry. There were accompanying visuals while the moderators posed questions in a relaxed conversational-style approach.





Arthur, who is also a professional event host, spoke about the struggles he faced trying to make ends meet for himself to ensure he had enough to pay his staff while highlighting that it was not always about money. Su Yen, who worked in global banking, shared about rising above the setback of grief after losing her mother to cancer and realised regulating emotions was a skill to develop which fueled the need for her business venture. Jan Wong, who is Forbes 30 under 30 Asia in 2017, had revealed how he started his first company when he was just 17 and pursued his business plans together with his studies through personal adversities he plodded through. Mr Yogen, whose company won the SME100 awards 2024 and SEBA awards (sustainable design and build) talked about meeting the needs of his clients with various sustainable solutions embedded in construction such as rainwater management and solar system. The insightful gathering at the Jeffrey Cheah Hall, JC2 became interactive with audience participation for the (Q&A) session from students before the tokens of appreciation. The crowd was pumped-up along with the hyped music for the finale which was a group video with everyone exclaiming 'Get Real!'. Individual students then got to approach the panelist personally with questions.

GET REAL V3.0 delivered as promised, a raw take on purpose and passionate pursuits amidst adversities to which participants could reflect on. Sunway Diploma Studies prepares students for the real world with exposure to emerging industries that complement their practical knowledge. Industry-linked events like GET REAL V3.0 serve to build on students' potential and inspire rewarding possibilities with resilience to propel further.