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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR



I was pleasantly surprised one day to find an email prompting me to pen my editor's message for the 2nd edition of Pursuit. It hit me then that time really flies. I recall the excitement we felt in the office last year when we received the newsletters from the printers and me grimacing over the photos that were used in the first edition.

In the short one year that has passed, we have however grown from strength to strength; not only in student population, but in space too. It was a proud moment for Sunway College JB when our Hospitality Training and Education Centre (affectionately known as HOSTEC) opened its doors officially in May 2013. Students from our Hospitality programmes are now able to learn and practise in an exclusive area, under the caring supervision of our Hospitality lecturers.

Sunway College JB added another feather to its cap early this year when we were awarded the Platinum Status by ACCA. This award is testament to our College's success in managing the ACCA programme as well as providing the tuition access and support that are required for our students to become ACCA members. It is truly an achievement seeing that we are the only institution in the southern region of Peninsular Malaysia to be accorded this award. We were also very excited to welcome our first batch of KPM Bursary Scholars in July 2013. These students are truly exceptional and we look

forward to them continuing our tradition of academic excellence.

What I am most excited to share with you in this edition however, is the numerous community and charity projects our students have not only participated in, but spearheaded in the last one year. A student recently commented to me that he is thankful for the opportunities the College has presented to him, whether it is visiting a charity home or cleaning up the beach; to see how fortunate we are and how important it is to give back to the ones surrounding us. Sunway College JB students and staff packed the auditorium when the live broadcast of Nick Vujicic (author of *Life Without Limbs: Inspiration for a Ridiculously Good Life*) speaking in Sunway University was aired, leaving everyone inspired, and most importantly, thankful.

Enjoy reading about all these in the pages to come and in the spirit of gratefulness, I thank all of you for taking time to read my short message and wish all of you the best in everything.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ong Mei Mei'.

Ong Mei Mei

**Greetings from
Sunway College
Johor Bahru!**

"In life you have a choice: Bitter or Better? Choose better, forget bitter."

– Nick Vujicic

Hospitality Training and Education Centre (HOSTEC)



Sunway College Johor Bahru recently launched a new facility, the Hospitality Education and Training Centre (HOSTEC). The occasion was graced by members of the Board of Directors, Mr Lee Weng Keng, CEO of the Education and Healthcare Division of Sunway Group, Ms Elizabeth Lee, Senior Executive Director of Sunway Education Group, Mrs Hor Poh Choo, Principal and Chief Executive of Sunway College Johor Bahru as well as Directors, Mr Ng Kok Cheng and Mr Char Hon Wah.

Staff and students from the Hospitality programmes witnessed the ribbon cutting ceremony accompanied by the festive 'pop' of confetti, at the officiating ceremony. This was followed by a welcome address by the Principal, Mrs Hor Poh Choo.

With a mock front office reception, guestroom, bar, kitchen and restaurant, it simulates an actual hotel setup to give students a realistic picture of industry operations. The students will receive

ample guidance before they embark on the Supervised Work Experience (SWE), a compulsory internship module.

"With this facility, we hope to provide students with a conducive yet realistic environment for hands-on practice in the various aspects of hotel operations and services," said Mrs Hor.

The College also recently launched the Certificate in Hotel Operations programme with its first intake in April 2013. This full-time programme will provide students with the fundamental knowledge and skills needed for gainful employment while providing them the option of progressing to the Diploma in Hotel Management upon successful completion.

The highlights of the day included a tour of the HOSTEC followed by buffet lunch for all attendees including industry professionals from the College's partner hotels, Diploma in Hotel Management alumni, staff and students.

Sunway College JB at a Glance



Visiting Korean Students

The College had the honour to host a group of 20 students from Daejeon Health Sciences College, Korea in July 2012. The purpose of their trip was mainly to improve their English Language skills by integrating themselves within an English speaking environment. Together with our local students, they participated in specially organised activities throughout their month-long visit.



Celebrating the Nation's Independence with Pride

In conjunction with the National Day and Malaysia Day celebrations, Sunway College Johor Bahru reached out to the community through a series of activities. Co-organised by *Jabatan Penerangan Negeri Johor*, the College hopes to instil a sense of national pride in our young and celebrate the unique diversity of our nation's multi-cultural, multi-racial and multi-religious community. The day's events included the 1Malaysia exhibition by *Jabatan Penerangan Negeri Johor*, a cultural showcase, poster design and fancy dress competitions.



Principal's Award

Introduced as part of the College's Corporate Social Responsibility and community outreach initiative, RM160,000 worth of tuition bursaries were awarded to deserving secondary school students nominated by their respective school principals for their remarkable achievements.



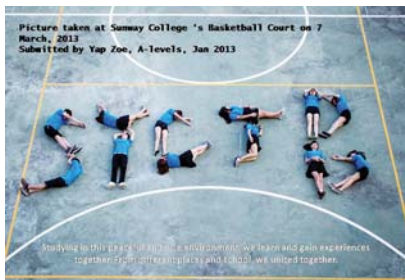
Platinum status for ACCA

Sunway College Johor Bahru was awarded Platinum Status Approved Learning Partner by ACCA, UK. This approval signifies that the College has met the challenging quality assurance measures and performance indicators set by ACCA as a student tuition provider. A ceremony was held where Ms Jennifer Lopez, Country Head of ACCA Malaysia presented the award to College Principal Mrs Hor Poh Choo, in the presence of staff and students from the Professional Accounting programmes.



Moments@SunwayJB Competition

Students were given the opportunity to show off their photography skills in the inaugural Moments@SunwayJB competition. All they had to do was to snap a photo taken at a location on-campus and to add a caption of maximum 25 words describing their college experience. The champion walked away with an iPad Mini while 3 Fujifilm Instax Cameras were given away to the special award winners.



Champion



Special Award



Special Award



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BEACH Cleaning Activity

Enthusiastic students from the Pre-university, Degree and Professional Accounting programmes commemorated Earth Day by participating in a beach cleaning activity at Tanjung Balau. Co-organised with the Johor Tenggara Town Board, the students and accompanying College staff came ready with their caps, sun block lotion and sun shades and were all out to do their bit for Mother Nature and the local community.



Sunway College JB at a Glance

SPORTS CARNIVAL



A much anticipated yearly event, the second instalment saw both staff and students demonstrate cohesive team work and exuberant team spirit in the pursuit of sporting excellence. There was strong emphasis on participation where everyone had fun while earning points for their respective teams.

Nick Vujicic's Live Video Stream, direct from Sunway University



It was definitely a full house at the auditorium. Staff and students were moved to tears while listening to Nick's life story. Nick shared his thoughts on faith, hope and love to encourage and help others overcome challenges. The event was broadcast live to 21 locations, including Sunway College JB, Sunway College Ipoh and the Sunway Resort Hotel & Spa.

Having Fun with Science and Technology

A Science and Technology Day was organised for 35 students (Forms 4 & 5) from SMK Taman Mount Austin and SMK IJ Convent with the objective of generating a greater interest in science and technology as well as to foster team building amongst the students. These budding scientists were given the opportunity to experience life on campus as a college student for a day, which they found to be insightful and extremely enjoyable.



Sunway College JB signs MoU with AXP Solutions Sdn Bhd

Under the MoU, ACCA and Victoria University (VU) business degree students will be eligible to receive the AXP Enterprise Elite Awards. AXP Solutions, an audit automation software company with Audit Express (AE) as their main product, is widely used by accounting firms in Malaysia and Singapore. It links audit working papers to annual reports and thereby improves both the speed and accuracy of undertaking an audit engagement. The awards are merit-based and to be eligible for the selection process, a student should have passed all papers at the ACCA Fundamental level; or passed all second year subjects in the VU business degree and recommended by the College.



Sunway College JB at a Glance

Education Information Day and University Showcase

Highlights of this annual fixture included campus tours, personalised consultation, personality profiling, career choices workshop and science demonstrations. Representatives from renowned universities were also present to speak on the available degree pathways for pre-university and diploma students. Among the participating universities were Sunway University, Monash University Malaysia, National University of Singapore, Nanyang Technological University, Newcastle University Medicine Malaysia, Southampton University Malaysia Campus, University of Queensland, University of Adelaide, Cesar Ritz Colleges Switzerland and University of Leeds.



University Placement Activities



The University Placement (UP) unit arranged a series of talks and workshops by universities such as University of Nottingham Malaysia, National University of Singapore and Curtin University of Technology, Australia for pre-university students. These activities help introduce students to the many opportunities available at tertiary level and are conducted throughout the year.

Inaugural batch of KPM Bursary recipients



Sunway College Johor Bahru recorded a milestone by being the only approved private institution in Johor providing Cambridge GCE A-Levels to KPM Bursary recipients. Bursary recipients are fully sponsored by the Ministry of Education (KPM) to pursue their pre-university studies in recognition of their excellent SPM results. As an added incentive, each also received RM1,000 worth of book vouchers sponsored by the College. These scholars will be assigned a personal mentor to provide academic advice as well as ensure their overall well-being.

Community Outreach

Students of the Diploma in Information Technology programme were among the many students who reached out to the community through community service by visiting orphanages, old folks' homes and down syndrome centres, among others. They spread their love and care by helping to clean up the premises and played games with the residents of these homes. The eye-opening experience really brought about an awareness among the students and they found the projects to be truly rewarding!



Hall of Fame

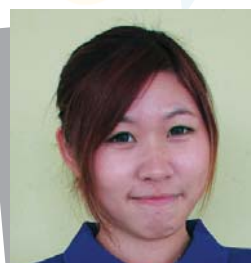
2012/2013 Award Winners



Chai Chuan Wei
Bachelor of Business
Victoria University, Melbourne
Top Scorer - Accounting for Decision Making



Vivient Tan Wee Chan
Bachelor of Business
Victoria University, Melbourne
Top Scorer - Information Systems for Business



Kee Kai Leng
Bachelor of Business
Victoria University, Melbourne
Top Scorer - Marketing Services and Experiences



Chan Yuting
Bachelor of Business
Victoria University, Melbourne
Top Scorer - Accounting for Decision Making



Jamie Lim Kai Li
Cambridge GCE A-Levels
Outstanding Cambridge Learner Award
AS Mathematics



Jason Thum Ka Tseng
Cambridge GCE A-Levels
Outstanding Cambridge Learner Award
AS Biology



Tan Tong Min
Cambridge GCE A-Levels
Highest Overall Marks in
Malaysia for Best Across
Four Subjects



Chloe Yap Wen Ting
Australian Matriculation
Special Certificate of Distinction
Special Course Award
English as an Additional Language or
Dialect (EALD)



Jasmine Sin
ACCA Qualification
World Prize Winner
P4-Advanced Financial Management



Yeo Xue Ly
Monash University Foundation Year
Monash Excellence Award
Accounting Unit 1



**Shahandyka Ozal
Mohamed Kasim**
Monash University Foundation Year
Monash Excellence Award
Economics Unit 1



Jasmine Soo Shin Ying
Monash University Foundation Year
Monash Excellence Award
Chemistry Unit 1
Chemistry Unit 2



Low Chia Yee
Monash University Foundation Year
Monash Excellence Award
Accounting Unit 1



Nikita A/P Hemanth
Monash University Foundation Year
Monash Excellence Award
Biology Unit 2

Alumnus

Where are they now?



Tan Zaiqi

Diploma in Hotel Management 2010
Currently employed at Philea Resort & Spa, Melaka as Sales Coordinator



Lau Kei Siang

Diploma in Information Technology 2010
Currently pursuing BSc (Hons) Information Technology in Sunway University



Chloe Yap Wen Ting

Australian Matriculation 2012
Special Course Award (EALD)
Special Certificate of Distinction (EALD)
Currently pursuing Bachelor of Arts (Global) in Monash University Malaysia



Jasmine Sin

ACCA Affiliate 2012
First class honours for BSc in Applied Accounting by Oxford Brookes University
World & Malaysian Prize winner for ACCA Paper 4 – Advanced Financial Management June 2012
Malaysian Prize winner for ACCA F5 – Performance Management December 2010
Currently working as an Assistant in Assurance Services in an international audit firm in Singapore



Krystin Law Su Ling

Victoria University Bachelor of Business (Accounting) 2010
Top Scorer for Introduction to Marketing, Corporate Law and Financial Accounting

Currently an Audit Associate in an international audit firm
Seen here with sister, Elizabeth Law Yen Ling (left), 2008 Victoria University alumni who was a Top Scorer for Marketing Planning & Strategy

Sunway College Johor Bahru is proud to be associated with



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