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Message From The Editor



As I was pondering one weekend over what to write for the 3rd edition of Pursuit, the sight of my two sons chasing each other reminded me of how much they have grown. As I looked at them, it then dawned upon me that I have worked in Sunway College JB for more than 9 years now and just like my children, I am so proud of how we have grown.

Sunway College JB celebrates its 10th Anniversary this year, and if you ask any mother of a ten-year-old, she will have plenty of tales to tell. Tales of how the early years involved sleepless nights and anxiety; tales of the many "firsts" a ten-year-old would have gone through and tales of countless proud moments.



Being ten years old is a great achievement for any child and even more so for a college. We faced harsh critics, had the highest of expectations laid upon us and what I personally found most challenging, the heavy responsibility of educating young adults. But as we prepare for the 10th anniversary celebrations, all these challenges and the sacrifices we made along the way were definitely worth it.



We celebrated numerous award winners and scholars, shared the joy of thousands of graduates and witnessed how our students came in as awkward, nervous teenagers and left as young, accomplished adults. We saw how the empty classrooms and courtyard started to fill with beaming and excited faces and staff areas become increasingly busy and productive.

We made countless parents and grandparents proud. We had sisters and brothers studying with us a few years in a row. We, the staff ourselves, became proud parents and all the more understood what it takes to raise and educate a child.

We made new friends with university partners around the world and we involved the local business community. We did our part for the neighbourhood and environment and we welcomed schoolchildren into our premises.

Most importantly, we made our presence felt.

Thank you to all who have made this possible. Sunway College JB celebrates 10 years of success with you.

Ong Mei Mei

Sunway College Johor Bahru is **10** years old!



Part of the Sunway Education Group, Sunway College JB has come a long way in providing quality academic programmes to students – firstly, at its temporary city campus and now, at its campus in Taman Mount Austin for an entire decade. The College offers a range of programmes for Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) school leavers at Pre-University and Diploma levels as well as a Professional Accounting pathway leading to the internationally recognised ACCA Qualification.

Since its inception, the college has grown from strength to strength; not only in student population, but in space too.

Built in 2011, the Sunway College Residence promises a safe and conducive environment for students away from home and is a new chapter of development for the College.

It was a proud moment for Sunway College JB when the Hospitality Training and Education Centre (HOSTEC) officially opened its doors in 2013. Students from our Hospitality programmes are now able to learn and practise hands-on skills within a purpose-built facility. We celebrated when the College was awarded Platinum Status by ACCA; the only institution in the southern region of Malaysia to be accorded this award.

Along the way, our academic colleagues have helped groom numerous outstanding students and many of them have gone on to greater success. From the Pre-university, Professional Accounting and Business Degree programmes, we have successfully nurtured many top achievers. These remarkable milestones have indeed added to the dynamic phases of the College's development and growth. The quality of our programmes has translated into outstanding graduates who enjoy



rewarding career pathways and excellent academic progression. To ensure that our programmes maintain high academic standards and remain relevant to the industry, the College established close bonds with university partners and industry partners.

To commemorate the 10th anniversary of our establishment, a series of activities have been planned throughout the year. Student activities such as the Wall of Wishes Facebook competition, instant monthly lucky draw and a Health and Wellness Carnival will be incorporated into the

year-long celebration which will culminate in a grand Gala Dinner.

The higher education landscape in Johor is changing with the emergence of prominent institutions in Iskandar Educity and therefore, the College will continue to strive to achieve sustainable growth and to maintain its tradition of excellence. The College looks forward to the potential and growth of the industry and appreciates your continued support as it progresses into yet another year filled with challenges ahead.

Happy Birthday, Sunway College Johor Bahru!





Community Fun Run

As part of the College's Corporate Social Responsibility and community outreach initiative, a Community Fun Run was organised by the Leo Club of Sunway College JB. Supported by the Lions Club of Skudai, the event attracted over 500 runners and a whopping RM10, 000 was raised for the Pertubuhan Kebajikan Insan Istimewa Johor Bahru (PKIJB).



AXP Elite Awards

The award, which is open to applicants from the ACCA and Business Degree programmes was presented to 3 deserving students who fulfilled the criteria. We congratulate Lee Pei Ying, Lee Jia Sheng and Lim Sze Nee!



Le Grandeur Palm Resort Johor Executive Trainee Programme

Sunway College JB and Le Grandeur have agreed to collaborate on an Executive Trainee Programme (ETP) which aims to create a seamless career pathway for the College's graduating students of Diploma in Hotel Management. Conducted at the premises of Le Grandeur for a period of 24 months, the ETP will provide our graduates with appropriate on-the-job training within a specific department, in order to sharpen their skills in productivity, customer service and management.

Sunway College JB Inaugural Conference 2013



The Sunway College JB Inaugural Conference 2013 (iCON) themed 'Exploring Possibilities, Enhancing

Passion' was initiated to provide a platform for educators to share knowledge, ideas and experience

on new and current frontiers in education as well as to enhance the teaching and learning experience. Professor Dr Moses Samuel, Deputy Dean (Higher Degrees and Internalisation) at the Faculty of Education, Universiti Malaya and Dr Chong Cheng Tung, Senior Lecturer at the Department of Aeronautics, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia were invited to share their findings and educational attainments and specialisation in their respective fields.

Australia & New Zealand Information Day

Organised by Sunway Education Group International Office – University Placement, the Australia and New Zealand Information Day was a great opportunity for students to meet with and speak to representatives from universities



regarding their tertiary pathway options. Monash University, University of Adelaide, University of Otago and Victoria University

of Wellington were some of the participating institutions present at the event.

Pre-U Freshies' Challenge

Pre-U students from the January 2014 intake of A-Levels, AUSMAT and MUFY battled it out in the blazing hot sun, competing among themselves in 10 station challenges comprising games replicated from the popular TV game show 'A Minute to Win It'. Organised by Student Relations Department, the Pre-U Freshies' Challenge was designed to build



team spirit and foster better student engagement through out-of-class activities.

FRESHIES' NIGHT - Back To School



New students from different programmes were invited to attend Freshies' Night, a yearly event managed by the Student Ambassadors and supported by Student Services Department. Dressed in a variety of costumes reminiscent of their days 'back in high school', everyone enjoyed a night of games and performances, followed by dinner.



Celebrating Earth Day with A Difference

Some 200 Sunway College JB Diploma and Certified Accounting Technician (CAT) students and staff joined hands in a 'gotong-royong' activity in cooperation with the Johor State Health Department (JKN). Led by the Vector Unit, the main aim of the day was to create awareness on the importance of dengue prevention among the community around the Austin Heights neighbourhood. In line with the College's 10th anniversary, several environmental projects and activities were organised over a period of ten days. Among the activities held were a recycling project, educational exhibition, eco-friendly carnival games and poster, craft and video creation competitions.



Sunway College JB wins at the 13th MMU National Inter-Varsity Accounting Quiz



Sunway College JB Professional Accounting students have done it again! Both teams, from the ACCA Fundamentals and Professional levels made the College very proud as Team A was placed third and Team B came in fifth place. Organised by the Accounting Club of Multimedia University, Malacca Campus and Malaysian Institute of Accountants, the competition attracted 42 teams from 24 institutions including Sunway TES, Sunway Ipoh, Sunway Kuching, UKM, USM, UM, Taylors, KDU and UTAR. The jubilant winners walked away with certificates, trophies and a priceless experience.

University of Southampton Malaysia Campus Student Engagement Series

Organised by Student Connections, some 140 Pre-University students were enlightened by Dame Wendy Hall, Dean of Physical and Applied Sciences from University of Southampton at her talk on careers in engineering. The students also experienced a little hands-on fun at the mechanical engineering workshop where each of them had to assemble a 'mini robot cleaner' using daily household items.



Information Literacy Campaign

Sunway JB Library & Learning Commons launched its Information Literacy Awareness Campaign, sponsored by Global Knowledge Marketing, Access Dunia and Electric Library. The idea of this campaign was to convey to students the importance of knowing when and why information is needed, where to find it, how to evaluate it, and to use and communicate it in an ethical manner (*Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professional 2013*). A series of activities which included seminars, workshops and quizzes were specially organised for both staff and students over two weeks.

A Rising Star



Sunway College JB MUFY student Alpha Chua Ye Jie is now a martial arts icon of the College after winning 3 gold medals from his latest competition, the 6th Malaysia-Singapore Chenshi Taijiqian Tournament. Alpha started learning Chen Style Taiji from a tender age of 9 and he now holds 3rd Dan in Taiji tested by the Taiji authorities from Beijing. Over a span of 6 years, he has won 43 gold medals from various national and international competitions including Rakan Muda, International Wushu and Taiji competitions in Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Ipoh and Sarawak.



Alumnus



Let AUSMAT Take You Places

Chia Wen Xi of Sunway College JB's Australian Matriculation (AUSMAT) 2013 cohort is currently in Japan on a 4-year undergraduate programme in Chemistry (majoring in Chemical and Biological Engineering) at the School of Engineering, Nagoya University, Japan. Wen Xi was offered a full Nagoya University Global 30 International Programs Scholarship as well as financial support of JPY500,000 each year for the full 4 years! A former straight A+ SPM achiever, Wen Xi achieved an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of 95.95.



Still Doing Sunway College JB Proud

Alumnus Aloysius Ang Yu Chien who graduated with a Distinction for his Diploma in Information Technology programme at Sunway College JB has won himself a Silver medal award in the recent Malaysia International Technology Expo 2014 for the project 'Smartphone-based Auxiliary System for Drivers'. The expo, at Putra World Trade Centre, saw a participation of over 700 local and international inventions. Aloysius, a Tan Sri Jeffrey Cheah Entrance Scholarship recipient had already displayed his 'talent' during his College years when his team came in third in an innovation competition championed by AIESEC in Universiti Teknologi Malaysia. His entrepreneurial spirit and innovative mind has made a deep impression with many and he is still fondly remembered by his lecturers.

Where are they now?



Engineer in the Making

Jeremy Fong Jia Wei enrolled for the GCE A-Levels at Sunway College JB in 2011 and achieved straight A results. A former student of Maktab Sultan Abu Bakar, he actively involved himself in the campus Student Ambassador movement as well as the Leo Club. Jeremy was among the pioneer batch of students to pursue Mechanical Engineering at the University of Southampton Malaysia Campus and was awarded with a full scholarship by Lloyds Register Foundation for his second year of studies. Jeremy will be making his way to the UK for his 3rd and 4th year studies in September 2014.



On the Path to Career Success

ACCA alumni Ng Wei Ling is currently working as an Audit Associate 2 in an international audit firm. As an entrance and continuing scholarship recipient, Wei Ling was awarded World and Malaysian Prizes for CAT Paper 3 in the December 2010 examinations. Wei Ling was also a familiar face at the MMU National Inter-Varsity Accounting Quiz as she represented our College for two consecutive years. Her team bagged third placing in the group category in 2013. Well-liked by her lecturers and peers, Wei Ling gave credit to her lecturers for her sterling achievements. She commended them for being approachable and helpful at all times.

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