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Celebrating National Day with  
'Merdeka' Fun Run



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*Message From*

## The Editor



The past one year has not been an easy journey for many of us.

The College faced many challenges, including more options now available for school leavers, changing industry regulations and the rising costs of operations. Indeed, every decision made has to be thoroughly thought out, especially when we know that our students' achievements and experience cannot be compromised.

It was therefore a big step for us when we first mooted the idea of another building for the College. Everyone was very excited as the new facility will contain a new hall, new science labs and student areas. Numerous discussions were held and we talked about everything, right down to the furniture. Of course, with such large scale construction, there are bound to be inconvenience and we are grateful that our students and staff have been very understanding.

Some of us faced personal adversities too. Working in Sunway JB is akin to being in a big family and I am very proud that our staff are always ready to lend a helping hand or a shoulder to cry on whenever a colleague is going through a rough patch. I am equally touched to see colleagues coming out of tough situations stronger and still conducting lessons and discussions with students with a big smile.

We hope to impart this spirit of perseverance to our students too and found it very apt to have local celebrity, Dr Soo Wincci share her personal journey with us during the Inwinccible-X Tour. Indeed, we want our students to not only be book-smart but hopefully life-smart too.

I am already looking forward to 2018 and hope to share with you the progress of our new building then. In the meantime, I wish all of you peace and good health.

We don't grow when things are easy, we grow when we face challenges.  
- Joyce Meyer

  
Ong Mei Mei



## Gala Night 2016

The student annual ball was rebranded as Gala Night in 2016 and held at the Grand Paragon Hotel, Johor Bahru. Themed Hollywood Oscar Movies, the evening began with a surprise birthday celebration for the College's Principal. Guests were entertained with song and dance performances throughout the night which culminated with the crowning of the winners for the Best Dressed Competition followed by a lucky draw.



## A New Building on Campus!

The next phase of development for the College is a new four-storey academic block to accommodate the growing needs of the campus community. The new building will house 5 science laboratories, 6 indoor badminton courts, a function space and an examination hall that can accommodate approximately 450 candidates. Construction started in December 2016 and is expected to be completed by the end of 2018.



## AXP Enterprise Elite Award 2016



We congratulate the latest recipients of the AXP Enterprise Elite Award:

- Kang Jing Yi, ACCA
- Lim Cuei Sheng, ACCA
- Wong Jun Jie, ACCA

Winning the award was no simple feat as these students had to meet the criteria for eligibility prior to the selection process. Shortlisted candidates were then required to attend a fully subsidised AXP Workshop and Audit Express Certification followed by an interview session with AXP and these achievers nailed it! The award consists of a cash prize, trophy and AXP Certificate of Achievement.

## Ford Driving Skills For Life



Ford Driving Skills For Life (DSFL) is a free, no-cost hands-on driving clinic to equip young drivers with the necessary skills for safe driving. This programme was brought on-campus to benefit our students especially the new drivers. Participants were taught to improve their skills in key areas which were critical factors in more than 60% of vehicle crashes – vehicle handling, emergency braking, braking avoidance, hazard recognition and distracted and impaired driving. At the end of the course, the successful participants went home with a certificate of attendance and a whole new set of driving skills!

## Celebrating Chinese New Year with Campus Community

Student Services organised a Chinese New Year celebration with a series of activities to introduce traditional Chinese art and culture as well as to raise funds for Dual Blessing, an NGO for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs). Staff and students had the opportunity to learn to write their own couplets with the guidance of an experienced calligrapher while merchandise sales of cookies, clothes and shoes added to the festive atmosphere.

There were also fun and games with prizes to be won and performances by staff and students. All proceeds from the day's activities were used as transportation allowance by Dual Blessing for PwDs to return to their hometowns for the celebrations.





The Inwincible-X World Tour, a programme by MyPerintis School of Life and co-organised by Beyond Artistes was held to benefit a very lucky group of diploma students. They had a once in a lifetime experience hearing from the world's 1st Miss World Malaysia turned artiste with a PhD in Business Administration, Dr Soo Winni who shared her inspirational 'Inwincible Journey', the obstacles and challenges that she faced and her strong determination in pursuing success. By equipping them with non-academic life skills to prepare for employment and entrepreneurship, students were urged to be more proactive and passionate in pursuing their dreams and passion. The programme is also designed to empower and enlighten the students to take action and step up towards personal excellence and achievement.

## 16th Multimedia University National Inter-varsity Accounting Quiz



ACCA students did the College proud once again – a team of four students emerged second runner-up at the 16th Multimedia University National Inter-varsity Accounting Quiz. The experience sharpened their interpersonal skills as well as improved their public speaking while building on their accounting knowledge and teamwork. The yearly competition aims to test the understanding, application and implementation of students' knowledge of accounting as well as to provide an opportunity for students from different institutions to discuss and share experiences with each other.

## VU students make charity the theme for final year project



Sunway College Johor Bahru students undertaking the VU Business Degree programme dedicated their final year project towards raising funds for charitable causes. Determined to make a difference in the lives of the needy communities around them, three groups of third year students planned and executed a series of projects with fundraising in mind.

The first group, The Elites successfully raised over RM70,000 for Johor Jaya Lions Dialysis Centre through a fundraising dinner. The money would be used to purchase a hemodialysis machine as well as to partially fund the centre's operating cost. The Sparks, on the other hand, achieved a net collection of over RM33,000 by running a charity bazaar to benefit the Handicapped and Mentally Disabled Children's Association Johor Bahru (HANDICAP JB). This contribution would help set up a sensory room for the mentally disabled children.

Another group from the same cohort, Team Genesis raised funds for Xi Le Er Special Children Care Centre to purchase a customised rehabilitation therapy wheelchair. Within 6 weeks, they successfully raised RM6,500 through a series of recycling projects together with cleverly executed sale of everyday items on-campus as well as online.



## Doing their bit for the environment

For many, Earth Day is a reminder to recycle and switch off the lights when we leave a room. This year, students of Sunway College Johor Bahru decided to take conservation out of the classroom and into the great outdoors – they all gathered at the Tanjung Piai National Park on a weekend for a massive mangrove cleaning and seeding activity. Upon arrival, the students were greeted by the officers from Tanjung Piai and were briefed on their duties and activities for the day. Though it was tiring, everyone felt good to have contributed towards the preservation of Mother Nature.



# Placement and Graduate Support Services – the key to student advancement

Placement support is a critical part of services for completing students advancing on to undergraduate studies or graduating students bound for the working world. Proper guidance and advice on how to make sound choices are part and parcel of the placement support services through regular arrangement of on-campus university talks, career counselling services and other placement related activities. University application announcements and referral writing are also some of the efforts undertaken towards providing effective university placement support.

Representatives from renowned universities in Australia, UK, Singapore as well as foreign branch campuses in Malaysia regularly visit and conduct engagement activities with students. These include briefings, admission talks and workshops scheduled throughout the year to introduce students to the many options available at tertiary level.

The College also provides graduates with internship and job placement assistance through its network of local and multinational industry partners primarily in the hospitality, IT and accounting fields.

A series of preparatory workshops are conducted to assist would-be graduates with their job applications. These include guidance with resume writing, interview skills, personal grooming as well as a general awareness of the current job market and average wage scales for fresh graduates.





## Counselling and Guidance Services take on an expanded role

The Counselling and Guidance unit which is under the purview of Student Services was established with the aim to provide easily accessible support for students who face challenges associated with adjusting to college life, managing stress, resolving conflicts and dealing with personal problems in addition to career choices and planning for the future.

Managed by qualified, registered and licensed counsellors, the services provided include individual and group counselling, mentor-mentee and peer helping programmes as well as organising activities and campaigns intended to promote mental and emotional wellness among the campus community.

In 2017, our able and passionate counsellors stepped out of their traditional role to take on a wider range of tasks which included the challenge of organising a public seminar in April. The seminar, which was a joint effort with Befrienders Johor Bahru was initiated with the aim to give participants an understanding of the concepts and dynamics of coping with depression, self-harm, suicide awareness and prevention among youth. Themed 'Depression, Suicide Awareness and Prevention among Teenagers', it addressed the growing concerns of teenage suicidal tendencies among adolescents. The attendees mainly comprised members of local NGOs, teachers and guidance counsellors from national, private and international schools and parents with teenage children.

Attendees benefitted from presentations by experts in the field of psychology and psychiatric medicine while the Befrienders conducted workshops on techniques in dealing with the topic when confronted, timely intervention and referral resources for help and support.

Our friendly and knowledgeable guidance counsellors are also a favourite with visitors during campus Open Days where they conduct personality tests and career profiling activities for school leavers.





Community Outreach Project

# 'Merdeka' Fun Run in aid of Locks of Hope

Community outreach activities are a regular fixture on the College's yearly calendar of events and last year, students from the various Clubs and Societies led by the Student Relations Department decided to raise funds through a charity run, which was held on National Day.

It was bright and sunny and the run proceeded as planned. The event attracted close to 400 runners comprising staff and students of the College, residents from the neighbouring areas as well as some very enthusiastic run veterans.

Proceeds from the run were then channeled to the chosen beneficiary, Locks of Hope Association, a movement which actively advocates hair donation and fund raising to make wigs for cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy. It takes 8-15 hair ponytails and costs over RM800 to make one wig, so the College called on the campus community to pledge their lovely hair for this meaningful cause.

Starting with an initial 170 pledges for hair donation, members of the public started pouring in to have their hair cut at the live event supported by professional hair stylists. At the end of the day, over 200 ponytails of beautiful and healthy hair were received and presented to the association together with the cash proceeds from the run held earlier.

**LOCKS OF**  
**HOPE** Association  
Hair Donation Campaign







# GRADUATIONS, COMPLETIONS AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS



ACCA & Diploma Programmes  
Graduation Ceremony 2016



Victoria University  
Graduation Ceremony 2017 (Malaysia)



Oxford Brookes University  
Graduation Ceremony 2016 (Malaysia)



Certified Accounting Technician  
Class of 2016



Australian Matriculation  
Class of January & March 2016



Monash University Foundation Year  
Class of July 2016



Cambridge A-Levels  
Class of January & March 2016

# AWARD WINNERS

## Chia Cheow Hao

Cambridge A-Levels  
Outstanding Cambridge Learner Award  
A-Level Accounting  
A-Level Computer Science

## Tharshinni Shanmugam

Cambridge A-Levels  
Outstanding Cambridge Learner Award  
AS Computer Science

## Chong Hong Hong

Cambridge A-Levels  
Outstanding Cambridge Learner Award  
Best Across Four Cambridge  
International AS Levels

## Lee Zhi Qi

Cambridge A-Levels  
Outstanding Cambridge Learner Award  
High Achievement  
AS Computer Science

## Tan Ying Fei

Cambridge A-Levels  
Outstanding Cambridge Learner Award  
High Achievement  
A-Level Computer Science

## Chay Gao Peng

Australian Matriculation  
Special Subject Certificate of Excellence  
Mathematics Applications

## Lee Qi Cheng

ACCA Qualification  
Malaysian Prize  
F7 – Financial Reporting

## Dinisha Mohan

Monash University Foundation Year  
Monash Excellence Award  
Fundamental Mathematics Unit 2

## Soh Yong Jie

Certified Accounting Technician  
Malaysian Prize  
FA1 – Recording Financial Transactions

## Chong Mei Ling

Certified Accounting Technician  
Malaysian Prize  
FFM – Foundations in Financial  
Management

## Chung Siew Yee

Certified Accounting Technician  
Malaysian Prize  
FA1 – Recording Financial Transactions  
MA1 – Management Information

## Tee Li Ting

Certified Accounting Technician  
Malaysian Prize  
FA1 – Recording Financial Transactions

## Johnevan Yeo En-Xiang

Certified Accounting Technician  
Malaysian Prize  
FFM-Foundations in Financial  
Management

## Wong Jia Yi

Certified Accounting Technician  
Malaysian Prize  
FFM – Foundations in Financial  
Management

## Ng Chia Fang

Certified Accounting Technician  
Malaysian Prize  
FA2 – Maintaining Financial Records



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