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Learning By Doing -  
Student Leaders Teambuilding



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## Message From The Editor

“Growth is never by mere chance; it is the result of forces working together” - James Cash Penney

A typical day in the College for me starts with a walk around the campus. I will usually take the lift to Level 3, where I like to peek into the classes. I then walk down to Level 2, do the same and chit chat with students along the way. Then it is off to the computer labs at Level 1. After saying hello to my colleagues at the Marketing Communications office, I will make my way down to our new Hospitality Training and Education Center at the ground floor. If I am lucky, there will be students cooking in the training kitchen who may offer me a taste of what is being prepared.

This walk takes about 45 minutes, depending on how many students I see along the way and it is something I really look forward to in the mornings. But it will not be long before my walk gets longer as we look forward to the opening of our new building, Block B. Block B will house a new hall, science labs and the Student Services Department, so I am sure it will be a hive of activity.

Just as how we put in so much effort in planning for the new block, a lot of thought was also put into our two new Diploma programmes; in Marketing and International Business. We are happy that they have received positive feedback, with an encouraging first cohort.

Indeed, Sunway College JB adopts a steady but well thought out approach to growth. This approach has helped us to be stable and yet progressive in the face of competition and the changing higher education arena. It allows us to focus on the academic excellence and learning experience of our students, without neglecting the other crucial areas of student support service, graduate placement and employability. Our hard work paid off when we were awarded the highest possible 6-Stars in the 2017 Malaysian Quality Evaluation System for Private Colleges (MyQUEST) exercise. It was a proud and motivating moment for all of us.

Do stay with us as it will be exciting times ahead for the College, with more programmes, more students and a spanking new building. In the meantime, I wish all of you joy and good health.

Ong Mei Mei



## Classroom 'X'perience

School leavers who visited the Campus Open Day last December had the opportunity to be college students for a day! They attended sample lectures on a range of subjects to experience college learning first-hand from our team of qualified and dedicated lecturers. The activity aimed to help them make better choices for their pre-university and undergraduate studies.



## Implementation Project – Technopreneurs in the Making

Students from the Diploma in Information Technology March 2016 intake held a mini exhibition, showcasing their assignments from the Implementation Project module. The different phases of development, ranging from Systems Planning, Systems Analysis, Systems Design, Systems Development and Implementation, Systems Maintenance and Review culminated in final presentations guided by their lecturers and a panel of industry advisors.



## 2017 Career Day

A Career Day was organised for final year students to support would-be graduates in their job search and to provide them with a platform to engage with employers for a better understanding about the demands of the job market. Students also benefitted from on-the-spot resume submission and interviews with prospective employers.



## Malaysia Day Celebration

Students undertaking the Malaysian Culture subject commemorated Malaysia Day with a week-long celebration. Highlights of the celebration included ethnic dance performances, traditional costume parade, a showcase on traditional games and the creation of our national flag, Jalur Gemilang out of *roti jala*.



## Relocation of HOSTEC

The Hospitality Training and Education Centre (HOSTEC), was recently relocated to the main building as part of expansion plans. Practical training facilities include the newly designed mock reception, bar and guestroom while students now enjoy a roomier preparatory kitchen and a training restaurant which opens into the courtyard for al fresco dining.





## Launch of new Diploma programmes

The College introduced two new programmes in March 2018 - Diploma in International Business and Diploma in Marketing. These new specialisations present choices for high school leavers who may be considering a career in business. International Business encourages students to develop a global mindset in order to manage the challenges of the international business environment and globalisation of the world economy whereas the Diploma in Marketing explores customer behaviour, marketing mix and the essential elements of brand management, service marketing, customer relationship management, digital marketing as well as international marketing.

## MUFY team scores at Monash Business Investment Challenge 2017

Tan Yi Hoong and Irfan Ilyeas Ismail from the Monash University Foundation Year (MUFY) programme emerged second runner up in the Team Category of the Monash Business Investment Challenge 2017 organised by Monash University Malaysia. The challenge provided a real world experience in business investment and trading. Participants benefitted from the exposure to the prudent processes of investment decision-making and risk management. Through team-based participation, participants learnt how to process and respond to new information; apply various types of financial instruments and learnt about bid-and-sell orders and the importance of speed decision-making.



## Rat Race 2018

The 2018 edition of Rat Race was held at Sunway Iskandar. This inter-programme competition involves students from the diploma programmes and is held yearly to induct freshmen into college life as well as encourage teamwork and problem solving, foster goodwill and interaction and most importantly, encourage active learning and usage of the English Language.



## Student Leaders' Teambuilding

Our student leaders spent a weekend off-campus at the Kulim Eco-Trail Retreat where they experienced working in teams through hands-on tasks to discover the meaning of leadership by example. The young leaders enjoyed the great outdoors with activities such as tree climbing, raft building and trekking up a hill to catch the sunrise.



## Red-Red Tuesday

The Chinese New Year (CNY) festivities hit a high when staff and students rocked the campus in red hot fashion for Red-Red Tuesday. Students also took the opportunity to capture selfies and wefies to participate in an Instagram photo contest where three lucky winners walked away with shopping vouchers each in the Angpow Lucky Draw.



## Physics Magic Competition

The competition showcased our pre-university students' ability to apply principles, concepts and the laws of Physics in things we see all around us. Participating teams first uploaded videos of their experiments on Facebook to garner online votes and thereafter presented their "magic" at an on-campus exhibition which awed the crowds.





# Sunway College JB gets 6 Stars for MyQUEST



The Ministry of Higher Education announced the results of the 2017 Malaysian Quality Evaluation System (MyQUEST) for Private Colleges on 18 December at a ceremony held in Kuala Lumpur. Sunway College Johor Bahru received a 6-star rating (Outstanding), the highest level of achievement awarded to a college for its performance in three evaluation categories – college based, cluster based and international student services. Only 15 colleges out of 276 nationwide which qualified to be audited received 6 Stars.

“This is a wonderful way to wrap-up the year,” said College Principal, Mrs Hor Poh Choo. She dedicated the achievement to all staff and students who had each played their part in delivering the required outcomes, enabling the College to achieve the outstanding rating.

Elaborating on the evaluation process and criteria, Mrs Hor explained that the entire exercise was extremely rigorous as data, records and supporting evidences were very thoroughly examined by auditors who were appointed by the Ministry.



MyQUEST 6 Stars list (Sunway College Johor Bahru is listed on top row, 3rd from left)

“This is an assurance to our stakeholders and the public at large about the performance of Sunway College JB as a reliable and responsible educational institution and that we are serious about what we do,” Mrs Hor concluded.



## Bring Your Own Device



How Pei Lin

# Initiative Developing Learners for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

In 2015, the Monash University Foundation Year (MUFY) programme piloted the iPad project to support students develop their capacities and skills as a more confident, creative and productive user of information and communication technologies. This innovative approach to teaching was aimed at preparing students for the 21<sup>st</sup> century to participate safely, intelligently, productively and responsibly in the digital world.

“Today’s students live in an innovation and creativity-driven economy where graduates will enter a job market that recognises and rewards creativity, flexible thinking, on-the-job learning and comfort with technology. As such, students need to be more globally aware, better able to navigate the digital world and more engaged as 21<sup>st</sup> century learners,” explained Ms How Pei Lin, Head of Pre-University Programmes and founding member of the BYOD team.

“Preparing students for 21<sup>st</sup> century learning and citizenship is a team effort. This approach is now adopted by all of our pre-university programmes and is gaining momentum across other programmes as well,” added Ms How.

This has led to the college-wide BYOD initiative which provides students with the flexibility to access digital learning on their preferred choice of device. From laptops to tablets and smartphones, the College is encouraging a more dynamic learning environment, where students bring and use their choice of technologically assistive devices in the classroom for learning, assessments and assignment submission.

Special BYOD areas have been designated in the Library and Learning Commons to facilitate this initiative and we can look forward to more of such spaces in the future.



# Alumni Success Stories: Diploma in Hotel Management

Since its inaugural intake in March 2009, the Diploma in Hotel Management has produced many graduates who have built successful careers for themselves. We caught up with some of them to reminisce about college years and asked that they share some sound advice for budding hoteliers...

## ROXY NGO YONG YONG

Human Resources Executive, Renaissance Johor Bahru Hotel

I am grateful for the exposure, curriculum and knowledge acquired during my years in Sunway College JB. The assignments, projects and assessments helped me to develop better critical thinking skills which I can now apply at my workplace.



March  
2010  
cohort



## TAN ZAI QI

Sales Manager, Avillion Hotel Group

The hospitality industry presents many opportunities to take charge of your future. I graduated knowing exactly what my area of interest was and that spurred me on to achieve my goals.

I dedicate this to my lecturer, Ms Linda Lim – she was my mentor during my college years. She encouraged us to be persistent and to chase our dreams.

## NAVIN S NAPOLEAN

Duty Manager, KSL Hotel & Resort

To me, working in the hospitality industry is like being in an action movie – things are never the same at the workplace and I have never experienced a dull moment. I find this career very rewarding as I enjoy building relationships and working with people.



August  
2009  
cohort



## LEE XIANG SHAN

Residence Manager, Ascott Harmony City Nantong China

I faced many challenges during the initial years but the satisfaction, recognition and opportunities are definitely much more rewarding than any other job out there! The knowledge in front office operations gained during my years in Sunway College JB was very relevant and helped me catch up with actual industry practices effortlessly."

## TEOH CHUN HONG

Chef Owner, The Cake Hunter

Find work you are really passionate about, work hard and never give up. I persevered and learned the trade before venturing out on my own. Now, as owner of two Cake Hunter outlets, I can say that I am certainly blessed as it is the best job for me!





# Graduation and Completion Ceremonies



Graduation Ceremony 2017 (ACCA, Diploma Programmes and Certificate in Hotel Operations)



Victoria University Graduation Ceremony 2018 (Malaysia)



Oxford Brookes University Graduation Ceremony 2017 (Malaysia)



Certified Accounting Technician Class of 2017



Monash University Foundation Year Class of July 2017



Cambridge A-Levels Class of January and March 2017



Australian Matriculation Class of January and March 2017



# ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS



**Kok Jia Xin**

**Cambridge A-Levels**  
*Outstanding Cambridge  
Learner Award*

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AS Mathematics



**Heng Yi Peng**

**Cambridge A-Levels**  
*Outstanding Cambridge  
Learner Award*

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AS Mathematics



**Tong Siew Wen**

**Monash University  
Foundation Year**  
*Award of Excellence*

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Physics Unit 1



**Lee Yi Hong**

**Cambridge A-Levels**  
*Outstanding Cambridge  
Learner Award*

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AS Computer Science



**Lim Yu Hang**

**Monash University  
Foundation Year**  
*Award of Excellence*

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Chemistry Unit 2  
Physics Unit 2



**Wong Jia Ying**

**Cambridge A-Levels**  
*Outstanding Cambridge  
Learner Award*

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A-Level Biology



**Loo Rong Jie**

**Cambridge A-Levels**  
*Outstanding Cambridge  
Learner Award*

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A-Level Computer  
Science



**Lim Jing Wen**

**Certified Accounting  
Technician**  
*Malaysian Prize*

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Maintaining Financial  
Records



**Chan Jun Wen**

**Certified Accounting  
Technician**  
*Malaysian Prize*

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Management  
Information





**Tan Ying Ying**

**Certified Accounting Technician**

*Malaysian Prize*

Managing Costs & Finance



**Chloe Lim Ming Yan**

**Certified Accounting Technician**

*Malaysian Prize*

Foundations in Financial Management



**Chua Xi Qing**

**Certified Accounting Technician**

*Malaysian Prize*

Management Information



**Cheng Wei Jing**

**Certified Accounting Technician**

*Malaysian Prize*

Maintaining Financial Records



**Lim Cwei Sheng**

**ACCA Qualification**

*World Prize*

Advanced Financial Management



**Lew Hao Fan**

**Certified Accounting Technician**

*Malaysian Prize*

Foundations in Financial Management



**Chen Su Rong**

**Bachelor of Business  
Victoria University  
Melbourne Australia**

*Top Scorer*

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