

UCSI WINGS

THE COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



A proud moment for Associate Professor Dr Mabel Tan Hwee Joo.

ONE STEP AHEAD



The Private Education Excellence Awards 2019 was certainly a memorable event; not only did UCSI University receive Malaysia's Best Private University Award, staff from both the University and College received recognition for excelling in their respective

fields. The awards ceremony was held in conjunction with the National Teachers Day celebration and winners were awarded by the Private Education Cooperation of Malaysia.

President and CEO of UCSI College, Associate Professor Dr Mabel Tan Hwee Joo was one of the recipients of the Finalist Certificate for the National Outstanding Educator Award. Recipients were selected under different categories including Teaching, Science, Arts and Design, Engineering, Research and Innovation as well as Humanities among others.

In celebration of the contribution of teachers, UCSI Group founder and CEO, Dato' Peter Ng emphasised that teachers are like 'candles' where it seems as though they burn themselves, going that extra mile to give light to others. However, when their students excel in exams, their career and most importantly life, there is no greater reward. The awards ceremony, held for the fifth year, had around 350 educationists from 70 private institutions attending. It was truly a testament of the accomplishment and achievements of private educators from the preschool to the university level.

GREEN-TECH VISIT



Contributor:
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On 19th July 2019, 14 students from the Foundation in Science and Foundation in Business programmes visited Scrap Computer Trading (SCT) in Shah Alam. The objective of the visit was to prevent identity theft where recycling through appropriate channels ensures your personal information is wiped out safely from the machine. It was also to expose how to keep toxic substances found in electronics out of landfills.

Students were able to learn about computer processes and digital devices being segregated and dismantled for recycling. Old PCs still have a huge amount of reusable materials such as glass, steel, plastic and precious metals. As these materials are reused, they could help to minimise the construction cost for the new systems. As you recycle, there is lesser need to drain resources for manufacturing new things which in turn signifies less energy required for manufacturing.



Group photo at the site.

THE PERMACULTURE DESIGN COURSE



All participants including trainers and trainees during their last day at the PDC.

Contributor: Associate Professor Dr Mabel Tan

The Permaculture Design Course (PDC) held at the UCSI Alumni House was the brainchild of UCSI SDG Secretariat executive director, Norani Abu Bakar who worked together with The Blue Ribbon Global in championing the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Also supported by UCSI College, the PDC was organised to connect and contribute towards sustainability through environmental conservation. Permaculture is a method of sustainable farming and living that centres on meeting human needs using the natural ecosystem.

In this course, trainers Rosemary Morrow, Narsanna Kopulla, Kat Lavers and Greta Carroll taught basic and practical skills required to achieve sustainability through urban farming. 15 trainees and 8 refugees successfully completed the course.

"I come from a small village in Myanmar of around 700 people. If I ever get a chance to return to my village, I will use all the Permaculture knowledge I have gained to build a sustainable system." said Wonna, one of the refugees. "The mix of participants in the class brings a rich experi-



ence. Thanks for all the sharing. I have been enriched by all of you," said Malaysian IBM executive, Nurul, who was also a participant. "The earth is your client. It

needs to regenerate. It is not about sustainability any more. It is about regeneration and repair. I'm deeply moved by what your next steps are. My next step is to offer my services to others who request for it," said Kat Lavers, one of the trainers.



(left to right) Greta Carroll, Kat Lavers, Narsanna Kopulla, Associate Professor Dr Mabel Tan and Norani.



Trainees creating beautiful paths with fruit plants using only sustainable materials like coconut husks and wood shavings.

RAYA BERSAMA UCSI

Contributors: Abdul Jalil and Siti Sara

In conjunction with Hari Raya Aidilfitri, UCSI organised its Raya Open House on July 3rd 2019 with the theme "Raya Bersama UCSI - Muhibah Malaysia".

In celebrating the different cultures of the UCSI community, the staff came to the event all dressed up in their traditional clothes. It was truly a joyous event; one that celebrated unity in the face of diversity.



The Raya Video Clip winning prize was presented to UCSI College.



The most exquisite of Raya delicacies were served including Indian, Chinese and Nyonya food for the guests.

The ceremony was officiated by UCSI University Chancellor, Tan Sri Datuk Seri Panglima Dr Abdul Rahman Arshad and was attended by Dato' Peter Ng, Dato' (Dr) Hj Mohammad Karim Bin Hj Abdullah Omar, Academician Senior Professor Dato' Dr Khalid Yusoff and as well as Tan Sri Dato' Seri Musa Mohamad.

Prior to the event, all faculties, departments, divisions and group subsidiaries were invited to create a short video clip to convey their Hari Raya wishes. UCSI College was chosen as the winner for the best Raya Clip Video. The winning clip creatively represented the multi-culturalism in both UCSI, and Malaysia as a whole.

You may view the video at this link: <https://www.ucsicollege.edu.my/ucsi-college-hari-raya-video>



CHAMPIONING EARLY CHILDHOOD WITH SENSORY PLAY ACTIVITIES!

Contributor: Siti Sara Mohd Ariff

The encouragement of sensory play activities can stimulate a child's cognitive and physical development plus literacy skills. Siti Sara Mohd Ariff, Early Childhood Education lecturer noted that many children were more interested in playing with their electronic gadgets rather than learning motor skills. The Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) and Federal Territories Ministry Puspanita division helped organise the Mega Sensory Play 1.0 programme at Taman Pudu Ulu, Kuala Lumpur on the July 21, 2019.

The animal-themed programme had five different stations focusing on children's fine motor skills. Station one – decorating of animal cookies to promote fine motors skills. Station two focused on using cocoa powder as mud and cinnamon sticks for the special scent together with all sorts of toys for mud play. Station three featured animals that live in the environment using green edible sago as the green forest accompanied with toy animals of the forest.

Station four's theme related to animals on land and in the ocean; using brown sugar for land and drinking water for the ocean with toy dolphins and other sea creatures for children to experience this particular environment. Station five had a huge animal mural for the children to demonstrate their painting skills. Sara stated that these activities would definitely increase self-confidence and self-esteem as well as facilitate children's problem-solving skills. These would also develop their social and communication skills.



The crowd during the event.



UCSI College students from the Early Childhood Education Programme.

ALUMNI SUCCESS STORIES

A Future With the Best - Kevin Yapp



Kevin's academic career, after finishing his A-levels at UCSI, has indeed been a remarkable one culminating in him obtaining a MEng (Hons) Chemical Engineering with Industrial Experience

at The University of Manchester. His industrial experiences include a one-year placement with GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) where he was involved in several projects to optimise and improve existing manufacturing processes which lead to reduction of downtime and production costs on-site. In terms of extra-curricular activities, he was part of the Golden Honey project team with Enactus Manchester. He spent a month in San Ignacio, Peru and supported the founding of a honey farmers' union and a local greenhouse production business. He was a finalist at the UK-wide 'Innovation in Engineering' competition organised by Cargill where he submitted and presented a group proposal on methods to reduce effect of acetic bacteria in the fermentation process and solutions around infection growth and control in ethanol production. He led the team that was crowned champion of the CEO challenge in the 4th Axiata University Leadership Development Programme (ULDP). He was offered a graduate role with ExxonMobil before graduation and is working in one of the largest and most complex refining and petrochemical facilities in the UK.

The Fuel of Ambition - Chew Yen Peng

After finishing her A-levels at UCSI, Chew Yen Peng pursued a Master of Biology in Biotechnology and Microbiology in the University of York, UK and graduated with First Class Honours. She was also awarded a Head of Department prize for all-round contribution to the Biology Department. Her next step is to pursue a PhD in Molecular Plant Sciences at the University of Edinburgh, funded by the Darwin Trust of Edinburgh.

In her opinion, STEM subjects are important because the transferable skills that one gains can be applied to a huge number of careers. "Most STEM roles are about coming up with solutions to problems. Problem-solving often requires creativity, thinking 'outside the box' and also critical analysis. These skills are what make STEM subjects fun to pursue and I have clearly enjoyed every bit of it," she said.



Kevin Yapp on his special day.



Chew Yen Peng: Finally there!

BIZTRAK ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE TRAINING

Contributor: Umaimah Kamalludin



The Biztrak Accounting Software Training saw a total of 20 students attending in which the main system used was the Biztrak online cloud accounting

system. The training was conducted by Biztrak trainers, Gangeswari and Jessica See. Jessica gave a short introduction on the Biztrak Online Accounting System. Then, Gangeswari continued with an explanation on the course introduction and learning objectives. Students learned about the general setups and keyed in the historical data based on the practical handouts prepared by Biztrak. Students learned about setting up the Sales and Service Tax (SST) from beginning till the end. They were asked to identify related products with the SST rate. It was challenging and at the end of the course, students were able to generate SST reports. This knowledge is very important in the real world as SST is currently the practised tax system in Malaysia.

For the students, the training provided an added value to their portfolio and curriculum activity points. Students will be able to use the knowledge gained from this training in their future undertakings and careers.



All smiles: Participant receiving certificate.



Presentation on SST.



Well done! Participants with their certificates of attendance.

INDUSTRY INSIGHTS

Contributor: Lee Sen Wei



First runner up at Industry Insights.



At Industry Insights 2019.

The seventh instalment of Industry Insights took place recently at the Sunway Resort Hotel & Spa. Organised annually by the International Council of Malaysian Scholars and Associates (ICMS), Industry Insights 2019 was themed "Advocates of Society 5.0" and delved into the sub-themes of technology, environment and empowerment.

Eighty participants, including a UCSI College student, took part in workshops where they got to discuss case studies presented by this year's participating firms - the Sunway Group, Maybank, EY, Axiata, and Samsung. To maintain coherence, all content focused on the Olympic Games. Participants then had to pitch their ideas on the case studies to these firms.

Industry Insights is an annual flagship event hosted by the ICMS. It provides insights on various industries to Malaysian youth and gives opportunity for these bright young minds to engage and learn from professionals of leading firms and various industries.

SST AMAZING RACE



A group photo of the participants.

Contributor: Umaimah Kamalludin

The Goods and Services Tax (GST) was replaced with Sales and Service Tax (SST) on 1st September 2018. To educate the students about this new tax regulation, the SST Amazing Race was conducted in Bandar Hilir, Melaka which involved UCSI College Diploma in Accounting students. The purpose of this assignment was to expose students to the basic concepts of Malaysia taxation and its applications.

10 students participated in this race. Three groups were formed and they were required to perform various tasks such as take a picture with an ancient tombstone at St. Paul's Hill and find five items in different places and compare the prices. At the end of the race, they found out that some shops did not register SST as their business income level was less than RM500,000. In addition, some items did not have barcodes which indicated their business did not have a systematic inventory record. Students learnt a fun and creative way to complete their assignment through teamwork and effective communication skills.

OVER 280 UCSI COLLEGE STUDENTS AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS



To date, UCSI College has awarded over RM2.835 million in scholarships and bursaries to over 280 students to pursue their

educational goals at the College. Deputy Education Minister Teo Nie Ching, who graced the UCSI Scholarship and Awards Presentation event held in early May this year, lauded UCSI's initiative in providing scholarships for the purpose of educa-

tion. "To accelerate growth and bring the nation to greater heights, one cannot do without emphasising on education. For this, UCSI is virtuously playing its part in the agenda to provide quality education," she said in her speech. "UCSI is truly committed to any endeavour that is in the direction to attain a world-class education," said UCSI University Trust chairman Dato (Dr) Haji Mohd Karim Bin Haji Abdullah Omar in his speech. UCSI College allocates RM6 million each year for this initiative.

COMMITTED TO QUALITY EDUCATION VIA INTERNATIONALISATION



In this new era of digital globalisation where information can reach one in a matter of seconds, UCSI College is committed to becoming a launchpad for students to experience international education at their fingertips.

For over 20 years, UCSI's A-Level programme has placed its precocious students at some of the best universities in the world like Harvard, Cambridge, Imperial and many other universities in countries like Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Ireland, Singapore, South Korea among others.

Our sister institution, UCSI University stands out at Malaysia's best private university in the QS World University Rankings 2019

and 2020. Students can experience Australian high school syllabus with our South Australian Certificate of Education International (SACEi) programme. Our newly launched UK and American degree transfer programmes are now more affordable and desirable. It is not an impossible mission anymore.

In January 2020, UCSI College is expected to launch a one of its kind 3+0 BSc (Hons) Business and Management programme (pending MOE approval) in collaboration with Oxford Brookes University (OBU) where students can obtain an OBU degree by completing their studies locally.

For more information, please contact the UCSI's Student Enrolment Centre at 03-9132 6688 or enquiry@ucsicollege.edu.my or log on to our website at www.ucsicollege.edu.my.

WHAT'S NEW IN UCSI COLLEGE

FUTURE EVENT

Beach CLEAN UP 2019 | In conjunction with International Coastal Clean Up Day and UN International Day of Peace 2019, UCSI College, UCSI International School Spring Hill and Reef Check Malaysia will be organising a beach clean-up event.

Date: 21 September 2019 • Time: 9am - 1pm • Venue: Pantai Saujana, Port Dickson, Negeri Sembilan

FUTURE PROGRAMME

• Oxford Brookes University 3+0 BA (Hons) Business and Management (MQA/PA 11801) • First intake: January 2020

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