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UCSI COLLEGE IT DEPARTMENT VISITS CYBERSECURITY MALAYSIA (CSM)

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This enriching visit to CyberSecurity Malaysia (CSM) sparked students' interest in cybersecurity and digital forensics.

On March 14, 2025, led by Ts Soo Weng Jyh, a group of 33 IT students and IT lecturers from UCSI College visited CyberSecurity Malaysia (CSM) in Cyberjaya. The visit was aimed at exposing students to real-world digital forensics and cybersecurity operations, bridging theoretical knowledge with industry practices. Upon arrival, students were welcomed by CSM representatives before attending a presentation by a digital forensics specialist, covering investigative methodologies, emerging cyber threats and countermeasures used by cybersecurity experts.

Students were allowed to ask their burning questions during a Q and A session. The session allowed students to engage directly with industry professionals, deepening their understanding of forensic investigations and the latest cybercrime trends. They also participated in a guided tour of the CyberSAFE L.I.V.E Galeri,

where they explored interactive exhibits, learned about cyber threats and tested their skills in cryptography through quiz games. Although an emergency case prevented access to the Digital Forensics Lab, students were introduced to forensic tools such as the Tableau Digital Forensics toolkit and CamMuka facial recognition system.

This educational visit aligned with SDG 4 (Quality Education) and SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure), offering students exposure to cybersecurity operations. The experience inspired students to further explore opportunities in cybersecurity and digital forensics, equipping them with knowledge that enhanced their academic and professional journeys.



SPREAD KINDNESS WITH UNCLE KENTANG'S TEAM

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As part of the Spread Kindness initiative on Feb 15, 2025 a group of students from the Faculty of Business and Management came together alongside Uncle Kentang's Team to contribute to charitable efforts. This was done following their MPU2432 Community Service and SDGs assignment. These students assisted at a flea market in Taman Perindustrian Puchong, where they sold donated clothes, food and essential household items at affordable prices.

Three groups were made to manage different stalls and perform different tasks. One sold clothes at RM1 per item with a limit of three pieces per customer, another offered food such as nasi lemak and curry puffs at RM1.50 per pack, while the third operated a shop that sold necessities, including baby products and kitchenware.



Group photo with Kuan Chee Heng (Uncle Kentang).



Arriving at the patient's house.

In addition to their market duties, students supported Uncle Kentang's ambulance service by helping to transport discharged patients home. Two groups accompanied the patients, while one group remained on standby at the centre for emergency needs. Although the students lacked medical training, their presence and support made a meaningful difference to both patients and their families.

A special thanks is given to Kuan Chee Heng (Uncle Kentang) himself for giving the students the unforgettable opportunity to work alongside the medical team, an experience that challenged their assumptions about the demands of such a role. Throughout the initiative, students gained valuable insight in teamwork, leadership and community engagement. They also identified areas for future improvement, including more comprehensive volunteer training and the encouragement of a proactive mindset among participants to further enhance the impact of community service initiatives.

GREENER FUTURE INITIATIVE: PLANT ADOPTION DRIVE AND WASTE MANAGEMENT TALK

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Diploma in Accounting students with the plants for adoption.

In a meaningful effort to foster environmental consciousness, the UCSI College Accounting Society, in collaboration with the Department of General Studies, organised a Plant Adoption Drive and Waste Management Talk to encourage sustainable practices within the college community.

The initiative began with a Plant Adoption Drive on March 3, 2025 where students and staff were invited to adopt plants provided by Free Tree Society, Bangsar, which were distributed in black poly bags. The activity served to promote the idea of nurturing greenery in personal and shared spaces, serving as a reminder that even small actions, like caring for a plant, can contribute to a healthier environment.

Following the drive, a Waste Management Talk was held on March 12, 2025 also conducted by Free Tree Society, Bangsar. The session focused on raising awareness about responsible



Group photo with speaker Rina Omar, lecturers and the accounting students after the informative Waste Management Talk.

waste disposal and recycling habits, highlighting how simple, everyday choices can significantly reduce environmental impact and support long-term sustainability goals.

This initiative exemplified the importance of holistic education, as it emphasised not only academic development but also the values of environmental stewardship and community engagement. The students and guests gained much insight into the importance of personal responsibility in environmental conservation and left the event with practical knowledge and a renewed motivation to implement sustainable habits in their daily lives.

FIELD TRIP TO RTM ANGKASAPURI

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On Thursday, March 20, 2025, students of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Liberal Arts (FOSSLA), specifically those from the May and September 2024 and January 2025 intakes in the mass communication courses went on a field trip to Radio Televisyen Malaysia (RTM). This initiative was part of an immersive learning experience designed to allow students to gain connections to media professionals and offer first-hand insight into the broadcasting process for the subject Introduction to Journalism.



On-set news studio with the demonstration of equipment.

During the field trip, students familiarised themselves with the workings of a newsroom in a real-world setting. They were given a tour of the news broadcast station, studio, master control room and production room and were also able to observe a live talk show in progress. Students also attended an industry briefing on career development, exploring the various roles and pathways available to them upon graduation within the field.

A key highlight was a sharing session by television news anchor Ivan Tai, who spoke about the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in modern news production. Students also learnt about the



Sharing session on news voice-over by Ivan Tai.



Head of Department, Social Sciences Thiruselvi Murugesan giving a token of appreciation to Arnie Arpa, Asst Director from the Current Affairs news department

latest technological advancements being implemented at RTM, including its six television stations (TV1, TV2, TV Okey, RTM News, RTM Sports, and TV6) and 34 radio stations, all of which are accessible online and through the RTMKLIK application.

This field trip provided students with valuable exposure to the ins and outs of the media industry. The experience proved to be educational and eye-opening and for many, it expanded on their views of the industry. It also gave them a clearer understanding of how their education at UCSI translates into real-world applications, equipping them with the skills and perspective needed to navigate and contribute meaningfully to the evolving media landscape.

Overall, the visit to RTM served as an inspiring reminder of the dynamic and rapidly evolving nature of journalism and broadcasting, reinforcing the importance of adaptability, creativity and continuous learning as students prepare to take their place in the media industry.



Students on set behind the stage of news production.



Students exploring the news broadcast studio (from the left Iskandar Al Haziq, Malay news anchor with Rasyidah Abu Johan, Mandarin news anchor).

ECO PAWS X TZU CHI: NURTURING COMMUNITIES THROUGH SDG ACTION

Contributor: Anabelle Leong



On Feb 23, 2025, a team of nine students from the DIM and DBA programmes successfully carried out the Eco Paws volunteer initiative in collaboration with Tzu Chi Sg Tua Kuala Kubu. The project centred around three main activities: waste sorting, gardening for sustainability and cleaning a cat shelter.

These efforts aligned with several Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), specifically SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), SDG 15 (Life on Land), SDG 16 (Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions) and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals). Recyclable waste was sorted and sold, with the proceeds used to support underprivileged individuals.

During the project, the team encountered numerous challenges, including time constraints, difficulties in coordinating waste



The students helped clean up dead leaves and harvested fresh produce for lunch.



Enjoying lunch with the retired teachers and current Tzu Chi volunteers.

and current Tzu Chi volunteers, Yap Siaw Ngo and Hoe Sew Chau.

The experience had instilled in the team a deeper appreciation for patience, dedication and meaningful community engagement. For the team, it taught them that even small efforts can create a difference. The team also recommended improvements in planning, waste sorting processes, community involvement and long-term sustainability to enhance future projects.

EMPOWERING SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS

Contributor: Apple Abdul Rahman



The "Empowering Special Needs Students" talk, held on Feb 6, 2025 at UCSI College, aimed to raise awareness about special needs students. The talk was targeted toward students from teaching courses and adults interested in learning how to manage students with special needs and shed light on a niche topic. To provide the best insight, a special education teacher was invited from Sekolah Kebangsaan Taming Jaya as the speaker. Her insights were invaluable towards the attendees. During the talk,

she reminded the students that while special needs students may need more accommodations than the average person, their creativity, passion and intellectual ability should never be discounted by those teaching them. It offered an empathetic view of what is often seen as a limitation or burden. She also brought along engaging materials such as hand puppets, clay and kinetic sand and demonstrated how special needs students often used them as learning tools. This gave the participants a further understanding and made the session interactive and enjoyable. The event proved to be a great success, with participants leaving with a deeper understanding of the needs and challenges faced by special needs students.



Students enjoying the materials brought by Nur Izzati Mohd Idrus.



SST BAZAAR CUM CHARITY SALE: A BLEND OF LEARNING AND GIVING BACK

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In collaboration with the UCSI College Accounting Society, the Malaysian Corporate Taxation students of the January 2025 semester successfully organised the SST Bazaar cum Charity Sale. This event was held on March 11, 2025 and served as a practical platform for them to apply taxation concepts, particularly related to Sales and Service Tax (SST), in a real business setting. It also served purposes beyond its academic value, as it reflected the students' commitment to social responsibility. Ten per cent (10%) of the revenue generated from the event was donated to Rainbow Orphanage Home in Cheras and was used to purchase a month's worth of groceries, offering meaningful support to the children and caretakers at the home. Ultimately, the event nurtured a sense of empathy and community awareness. It reminded students that while accounting is often used in daily life and most companies, it can also be used to serve those in need, further spurring their empathy and community awareness. This event stands as a further demonstration of the power of education towards inspiring compassion, teamwork and responsible citizenship.



Lecturers and students are enjoying the vibrant atmosphere of the SST Bazaar and supporting the charity sale.



Heartwarming moment with the children from Rainbow Orphanage Home.

PHILMAT 3.0 SERIES: RETHINKING THE FUTURE OF WORK THROUGH A PHILOSOPHICAL LENS

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The third and final instalment of the Philosophy Matters series, PHILMAT 3.0, brought the curtain down on an intellectually enriching initiative by the General Studies Department of UCSI College. This was done in collaboration with the Malaysian Philosophy Society (MyPhilSoc). With the theme "The Future of Work", this thought-provoking session invited students and guests alike to explore one of the most urgent and complex issues of our time.

As automation, artificial intelligence and shifting economic paradigms reshape the global workforce, participants were prompted to consider critical questions: Will machines replace human labour? Do monotonous jobs diminish our sense of purpose? How can we address burnout in an era of relentless productivity?

Guided by Chew Zhun Yee, co-founder of MyPhilSoc, the session examined these concerns through a philosophical lens, offering participants a deeper understanding of how work influences human identity, societal values and ethical responsibility. The discussion not only challenged conventional assumptions but also encouraged attendees to reflect on their aspirations and contributions to a rapidly evolving world.

PHILMAT 3.0 served as a fitting finale to a series that successfully bridged abstract thought with real-world relevance, leaving its audience inspired to think critically, act meaningfully and engage more thoughtfully with the world around them.



A token of appreciation for Chew Zhun Yee.



Group shot from Philmat 3.0.

CAREER TALK BY ACCA MALAYSIA AND BDO MALAYSIA: GUIDING THE NEXT GENERATION OF ACCOUNTANTS

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A career talk featuring ACCA Malaysia and BDO Malaysia was organised by the UCSI College Accounting Society, in collaboration with the UCSI University Accounting and Finance Student Association. It took place on March 12, 2025 and brought together accounting students from both the Diploma and Degree programmes. The session featured two esteemed speakers: Ryan Ng from ACCA Malaysia and Thong Siew Fong from BDO Malaysia. The speakers brought their wealth of knowledge to the students, offering them valuable insights into the professional world of accounting. From the talk, students discovered the struggles that they had faced while building their careers, as well as the importance of having connections in the industry and obtaining their ACCA certification and its global relevance towards accounting. It was also vital for the students to understand what their lives would look like following their graduation, should they be chosen to work under big firms such as BDO. Students were excited and asking many questions to equip themselves for a successful professional journey. Naturally, the professionals were happy to answer any burning questions and offer their insights. This event shows the value of industry engagement in bridging the gap between academic learning and professional readiness.



UCSI College and University accounting students, heads, lecturers, and speakers, Ryan Ng from ACCA and Thong Siew Fong from BDO after the insightful career talk.



THE SEEDLINGS SQUAD

Contributor: Chong Yung Xuan

The Seedlings Squad completed a community service project in collaboration with UCSI College Kuala Lumpur, Free Tree Society Bangsar and Kebun-Kebun Bangsar. Carried out as part of the MPU2432 Community Service and SDGs assignment, the initiative aimed to promote environmental awareness, sustainability and active community participation among students through a series of meaningful, hands-on experiences.



Adopt A Plant Campaign.

The project featured two energetic community planting sessions: one at Kebun-Kebun Bangsar, which attracted over 13 participants, and another at the Free Tree Society Bangsar, which hosted a more intimate group of five due to limited space. These sessions provided students with the opportunity to reconnect with nature and experience the importance of preserving green urban spaces.

Another highlight was the "Adopt a Plant" campaign, in which UCSI students and staff adopted 20 plants. Donated by Free Tree Society Bangsar, the plants helped brighten up the campus and fostered a stronger sense of environmental responsibility. The campaign also raised funds that were donated back to the Free Tree Society in support of their ongoing work.

In addition, the team organised a sustainability talk by Rina Harun from Free Tree Society. Her session shed light on Malaysia's waste management challenges and the impact of plastic pollution, while



Volunteering efforts at FTS Bangsar.

offering practical tips on waste reduction. A live composting demonstration sparked engaging discussions and encouraged participants to reflect on their habits.

Despite facing challenges such as transportation issues, time constraints and occasional communication gaps, the team adapted quickly and supported one another throughout the process. These obstacles became valuable learning experiences that strengthened their problem-solving, collaboration and organisational skills.

Looking ahead, the team recommended earlier planning, clearer task delegation and better coordination with partners. They also emphasised the importance of using digital tools for communication and having contingency plans for logistics. The Seedlings Squad hoped that future student groups would continue championing sustainability, as such efforts help foster environmentally conscious mindsets and long-term social responsibility.



Sustainability talk by Rina Harun from FTS.



QUANTUM COMPUTING SHARING SESSION

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In conjunction with the International Year of Quantum Science and Technology 2025 (IYQ 2025) and World Quantum Day (WQD), the Department of Information Technology at UCSI College held an engaging session titled "IYQ 2025 × WQD: What is Quantum Computing?" on April 14, 2025. The event aimed to raise awareness by introducing IT and science students to the fundamentals of quantum computing through interactive discussions and hands-on activities.



Group photo from the IYQ 2025 × WQD: What is Quantum Computing? session at UCSI College on 14 April 2025. Special thanks to our guest speaker, Dr Choong Pak Shen, a theoretical physicist in quantum information and computation.

A special thanks is given to the inspiring guest speaker, Dr Choong Pak Shen, a theoretical physicist in quantum information and computation. During the session, he shared his expertise, sparking much curiosity amongst the participants who were excited to take in every bit of his knowledge. Amongst the event highlights was the CHSH Game, where students role-played as spies and solved problems using quantum

strategies. While tough, it proved to be a fun and creative way to explore complex concepts like entanglement and probabilistic logic. The session also offered a sneak preview of SEA Quantathon 2025, a hackathon aimed at applying quantum computing to address real-world problems and SDG in Southeast Asia.

UCSI UNIVERSITY DATA CENTRE VISIT

Contributor: Ts Soo Weng Jyh



Students engaged enthusiastically, asking insightful questions and deepening their understanding of server and network administration.

On March 10, 2025 six Bachelor of Information Technology (BIT) students, accompanied by a lecturer, Ts Soo Weng Jyh visited UCSI University's Data Centre at Level 1, Block G of the Kuala Lumpur Campus. The visit aimed to enhance students' understanding of data center infrastructure, server equipment and IT operations through hands-on learning. With guidance from Kelvin Chow, Manager of the Computer Services Department (CSD), students explored key aspects such as server hardware, networking components and data backup strategies.

The visit provided insights into regulatory compliance, security measures, and sustainability considerations in data centre management. Students observed how fiber optics and Cat6 cables are used for stable connections, learned about fire safety standards and understood the role of environmental monitoring in preventing system failures. Additionally, they gained awareness of cost factors influencing the shift from on-premise setups to cloud solutions.

This experiential learning activity aligned with Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 4 (Quality Education) and SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure). Students actively engaged in discussions, asked insightful questions, and gained a deeper understanding of server and network administration. The visit concluded with positive feedback and students expressed interest in future industry visits for further hands-on exposure.

LEARNING BY TEACHING: PROMOTING TAX LITERACY THROUGH PRACTICAL INSIGHTS

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A longstanding tradition of promoting tax literacy was led by the members of the Accounting Society, with the "Annual Tax Relief Talk" held on March 19, 2025. Valuable insights on personal tax reliefs available in Malaysia for the Year of Assessment (YA) 2024 were shared with the college community. Designed to raise awareness about various tax reliefs that individuals can claim to reduce their chargeable income, it helped students to prepare themselves for their working lives, as everyone is required to pay taxes upon entering the workforce, regardless of income. Learning about such tax initiatives helps students lower their overall tax burdens and optimise their financial planning. The student presenters covered a wide range of topics in an informative yet accessible manner, simplifying what is often a difficult topic into practical, easy-to-understand insights that students could immediately apply to real-life scenarios. It also provided an excellent opportunity for the accounting students to apply what they've learned in their Taxation class through public speaking and knowledge-sharing, enhancing both their confidence and communication skills. The event stood as a reflection of the



Dr Dhaarshini with the Accounting Society members who presented the insightful tax reliefs during the annual tax talk.

students' growing expertise and their commitment to contributing positively to the college community through educational outreach.

TEAM BUILDING

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On Dec 9, 2024 a team building event was held by the Diploma in English Language Teaching (DELT) students at Pantai Cermin. This event was held at the end of the semester with the sole purpose of rejuvenating and strengthening bonds between students and lecturers and prepare them for the new semester that was soon to come. The event started at 7 AM and ended at 5 PM, during which participants engaged in activities that focused on teamwork, trust and thinking outside the box. The students actively participated in them, with all students working together to make the most out of their mini-vacation.

Amongst the activities was an ice-breaking session featuring lecturer, Miss Vasuki. There were also eight games in total, which included "Balloon pop", "Cup Ball Relay", "Fill the Bottle" and much more. It was fun for the students to see each other struggling and trying their best to win the games. Overall, everyone ended the day having formed new friendships, and many expressed interest in doing this again.



Playing Reach and Rescue.



Arrival at Pantai Cermin, Port Dickson.



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