

# UCSIWINGS

## THE COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

#### PEACE AND UNITY IN DIVERSITY

Contributor: Dr Lian Ming Huei





The Peace and Unity in Diversity online programmes held on 3 and 10 April, 2020 aimed to close the gaps in diverse communities and to

connect citizens irrespective of culture, religion and nationality.

Coming together is the first step. Conversing and understanding each other makes our relationships stronger. Contributing together towards sustainable community development and common goals are how we ensure that peace and harmony remains an ongoing priority.

These programme were organised by the UCSI SDG Office and the Sekretariat Rukun Negara (SRN) teams of UCSI College and UCSI University. Participants were given videos to watch which related to a specific issue. One of the topics was "How Can We Build Peace and Harmony Locally Amidst The Covid-19 Pandemic?"

Speakers were then invited to share their knowledge and experience while participants also shared their views. Four members from the UCSI College Sekretariat Rukun Negara took part in these programmes. They were Kheshavar A/L Gopalan, Anne Marie Koh Li Chen, Tasfia Yusuf and Yong Thong Sim.



#### SEKRETARIAT RUKUN NEGARA ADVISORY MEETING

Contributor: Fadillah binti Muhamad

The UCSI College Sekretariat Rukun Negara (SRN) was formed for the following purposes: To improve students' understanding and appreciation for the National Principles (Rukun Negara) and to strengthen the spirit of patriotism among students.



SRN advisory representatives from various states including executive director of UCSI Group's SDG Secretariat, Norani Abu Bakar (fourth from left).

The SRN Advisory Meeting that was held on July 24 at the Ministry of National Unity, Putrajaya was attended by almost 50 SRN advisory representatives from all over Malaysia. UCSI College proposed two things for the improvement and rebranding of the Sekretariat Rukun Negara (SRN) which were to gather the SRN members throughout Malaysia in an annual event where it's not only to get to know every SRN member, but also to train them to be more active and innovative in the future planning of activities. The second suggestion was to let the Jabatan Perpaduan Negara dan Integrasi Nasional (JPNIN) under the Ministry of National Unity Malaysia to strengthen SRN-related websites and resources for comprehensive exposure to the public.





UCSI College SRN Advisors with the CEO of UCSI College, Associate Professor Dr Mabel Tan Hwee Joo (third from left).



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#### SPECIAL PRACTICUM SESSION





Contributors: Riana A/P Allakesan and Reneeta Seger-Kerk

In March 2020, our beloved country was shaken by the Movement Control Order (MCO). It is not easy to stay focused during these cataclysms, but we must move forward as a nation. Our parents were proud that the College made the effort to substitute our regular practicum with this special practicum for us to finish our diploma according to plan.

The special practicum made us realise that whether or not we are teaching in a real school setting, we are still able to gain experiences and knowledge after completing our micro-teachings in which we teach lecturers instead. The special practicum allowed us to learn from our mistakes by hearing the different perspectives of lecturers.

It's always better to have all six lecturers communicate with you rather than just the external observer. After all, they may know your capabilities better than you do.



(l to r) Teacher trainees with Diploma in English Language Teaching (DELT) lecturers and external observer: Haiqal, Riana, Dr Yasir, Reneeta, AJ and Patrick.

#### LIVE TALK BY UCSI COLLEGE STUDENT









UCSI College Diploma in Mass Communication student Chitradevi Ramachandran recently conducted a live talk to create awareness on how to stop domestic violence against women as part of her college project. The speaker of the talk was Yeap Yen Ying From Women's Centre For Change (WCC). Yeap has worked as a project officer at WCC for three years providing counselling services for victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse and even accompanies victims to court for cases involving these crimes.

The audience of the talk was mainly from the UCSI College event management team, students and lecturers. "I felt honoured seeing many join the live talk in support of my project. I gained more confidence while moderating the talk. I owe the success of this project to my lecturers, specifically Ms Thiruselvi and Ms Azlin, for never giving up on me and guiding me," said Chitradevi.



# GUEST LECTURE WITH DR CHIAH

Contributor: Alvina Tee Shi Yi (Student, Diploma in Early Childhood Education)





Group photo with DECE students.

On 14 July 2020, 16 students from the Diploma in Early Childhood Education (DECE) programme, including myself, attended our first-ever guest lecture on the subject of Socio and Emotional Development of Young Children (DCE 2053).

We were pleased to invite Assistant Professor Dr Chiah Wan Yeng from UCSI Child Development Centre -who is a child psychologist-to share with us her rich knowledge and experience when it comes to working with young children focusing on the aspect of socio and emotional development. We began with an interesting ice-breaking session and proceeded to address the primary and secondary emotions in young children; the appropriate and effective way to deal with crying children.

An MoU signing between UCSI College and UCSI CDC also took place and a token of appreciation was given to Dr Chiah by UCSI College. Together, let us look forward to more guest lectures conducted by UCSI College! It was an interesting journey after a long duration of online classes!



Group photo of the representatives from UCSI College and UCSI CDC at the MoU signing: (I to r) Associate Professor Dr Chong Aik Lee, Dr Chiah, Dr Mabel Tan, Siti Sara.

The team behind the live talk: (top l to r) Yeap Yen Ying, Ong Kent Lun and Chitradevi; (bottom l to r) Salma Farhanah and Asmar Bakhari.

#### A GENEROUS DONATION



UCSI College thanks

#### YB Ramli Bin Dato' Mohd Nor

(MP of Cameron Highlands)

for his generous donation of RM10,000 to help students facing financial woes.

UCSI COLLEGE LIVE FORUMS (APRIL – AUGUST 2020)



#### April

- Real Estate Guest Lecture Series: Why Become A Real Estate Agent? | 7 April 2020
- Real Estate Guest Lecture Series: Are There Opportunities In Malaysia's Real Estate Industry? | 8 April 2020
- International Collaboration Centre Which Country Should I Go To Further My Studies? | 27 April 2020
- Study Early Childhood Education: Leading Education for Tomorrow's Leader! | 28 April 2020
- Study Business: Go Deep And Broad -How To Develop Your Career. | 29 April 2020
- Study English Language Teaching: Mind Your Language! | 30 April 2020

#### May

- Blended Learning Approach At UCSI College: The Way Forward. | 4 May 2020
- Study Mass Communication: Expand Your Creativity And Imagination! | 5 May 2020
- Study Business: The FAME Group-Finance, Accounting, Management And Economics. | 6 May 2020
- Study Information Technology: Today Everything's About Technology! | 7 May 2020
- Study Accounting: It's (almost) Recession-proof. | 8 May 2020
- International Collaboration Centre Let's Study In The UK And The USA! | 11 May 2020
- Study Real Estate Management: Learn How To Manage Land, Our Most Finite And Scarcest Resource. | 12 May 2020
- Study Marketing: Know Your Audience! | 13 May 2020
- Which Pre-University Programmes Should You Choose At UCSI? | 20 May 2020

#### June

- How To Become A Confident Public Speaker. | 3 June 2020
- Real Estate Guest Lecture Series: Property Market Post MCO. | 19 June 2020
- Real Estate Guest Lecture Series: How to Build A Successful Real Estate Career. | 30 June 2020

#### July

- Why You Should Choose Oxford Brookes University 3+0 Degree Programmes. | 11 July 2020
- Facebook Live Guest Lecture Series: Earning A Full Arizona Degree Online. | 14 July 2020
- Succeeding in Computer Science And Why It Should Be In Limerick. | 29 July 2020

#### August

- Malaysian Graduate Employability And Oxford Brookes University 3+0 Degree Programmes. | 6 August 2020
- UK Degree Transfer Programme At UCSI College Northumbria University and University of Essex. | 14 August 2020

#### **BRDB ROTARY CHILDREN'S RESIDENCE**



Learning together.



Children get involved in one of the writing activities.

Contributor: Wan Poh Yee (Student, Diploma in Information Technology)

Before we decided that we wanted to carry out our project in Rotary Club Charity House, we had our eyes on soup kitchens all across Kuala Lumpur. After much consideration however, we believed that spending our time with kids who weren't as fortunate as we were would be the best project for us. We believe that the children of today will be the leaders of tomorrow, and how we treat them has an effect on how they will behave as they grow older.

There was a total of 62 children within the age range of 3 to 17, and each and every one of them had a different background. We have learnt various life lessons including the art of gratitude. Everything that we did with these children, whether big or small, they were very grateful. Besides, we also







learnt patience. All in all, executing our community project in Rotary Club Charity Home has taught us various invaluable lessons, as well as opened our hearts towards the troubled kids of our nation. We hope that we have touched the lives of these children even half the way they touched ours.

#### PERTIWI SOUP KITCHEN VISIT

Contributor: Sherman Chan Chi Man (Student, Diploma In Accounting)

The launching of our community service event at Pertiwi Soup Kitchen on 26 February 2020 was a success! Firstly, we held team meetings to share our opinions, our hardships, and to create the best alternative for every problem we encountered. Furthermore, we held a fundraising activity on 10 February to 14 February 2020 raising a total of RM193 in 2 days. The final activity before the launch was the purchase of treats. We were requested to prepare a treat for a proportion of 400 people.

Last but not least, our visit to Pertiwi Soup Kitchen was a great experience, with the number of volunteers estimated at 80 from UCSI College, Universiti Teknologi Petronas and another company. The food



Team photo.

giving process was well-organised; food and beverages were given effectively with no cases of fighting over the food. In the end, we enjoyed the visit. It was indeed fulfilling for all of us.





Group photo of the visit.

#### **OLD IS GOLD**

Contributor: Chia Min Wei (Student, Diploma in Marketing)



In good company with some of the residents.





In the month of February, a group of 12 students visited the 'Rumah Orang Tua Ampang'. The objective of this community service visit was to show care and support to the

elderly and impart knowledge to them while organising fun activities. Fundraising was done before visiting the place. During

the visit, we faced many challenges such as getting the elderly to participate in activities as well as difficulty in communicating. We made last minute changes to our plans incorporating dancing and karaoke in which the elderly could participate in and have fun. This visit taught us a very valuable lesson. We hope that society can do more to help these elderly people so that they will not always feel lonely and they can really enjoy their lives as well as they can.



Group photo before the start of the activities

#### BEACH CLEAN-UP AT PANTAI KELANANG















Contributor: Azeem Syazani Bin Roslan (Student, Diploma In Real Estate Management)

On 29 February 2020, a group of 33 UCSI College students departed to Pantai Kelanang in a rented bus. As the destination approached, the road started to get narrower and more rural towns were passed. As we reached, we caught a glimpse of the beach; it was very vast. Firstly, we participated in the briefing given by one of the MERCY Malaysia volunteers about the precautions as this activity was hosted by them.

There were many different types of plastic and glass bottles littered in the past and the evidence was clearly seen if one were to look in between the rocks on the shore. There were also wire fishnets that were left on the beach. After one hour of cleaning up, the collected litter was sent to the segregation area where glass, plastic and paper waste were separated.

The journey back home took less time since the roads were not congested; the ride back was quite enjoyable. As we reached the college in an hour, we said our goodbyes to each other, happy that we got the chance to do our part in saving the environment.



Group photo with MERCY Malaysia.



Photo taken after picking up rubbish in the mangrove area.

Visit UCSI College Kuala Lumpur campus to learn about the programmes available. To find out more, log on to www.ucsicollege.edu.my, email to enquiry@ucsicollege.edu.my or call 03-91326688.

#### WHAT'S NEW IN UCSI COLLEGE

- NOVEMBER 2020 INTAKE
   OPEN FOR ENROLMENT!
- NOVEMBER 2020 INTAKE UK Degree Transfer Programmes (Business)
  - UK Degree Transfer Programmes (Science)
- American Degree Transfer Programmes
- WhatsApp us now at +6011-3512 7264 for more info.
- · We will be MOVING next door to UCSI University! Stay updated through our website and social media platforms.



## **LOCATION MAP**



UCSI SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE

**MONDAY - FRIDAY** 

6.45am – 8.20pm

**SATURDAY** 

7.20am – 1.20pm

#### **ROUTE**

(EMBARKS FROM UCSI UNIVERSITY)

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BANDAR TASIK SELATAN LRT STATION >

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#### **MOBILE APP**



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