

# UCSI WINGS

## THE COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

### REMEMBERING MR PATRICK ALBERT BELALANG

Contributor: Reneeta Seger-Kerk (DELT Alumni)

On 11 February 2022, the students and lecturers of the Diploma in English Language Teaching came together to commemorate the memory of a man who touched the lives of many. The memorial was held at UCSI College and was also conducted online for students who could not make it due to transportation issues. Bitter-sweet tears were shed, laughter was shared, and memories cherished. Some students and lecturers shared their own eulogies for Mr Patrick. Many could not believe it when they heard the news about his passing, as he was not only a good man and a friend, but a good lecturer who helped in the best way he could. We all saw something unique in him because he made us feel as if he saw something unique in each of us. He reached out to everyone he met with unmatched kindness and consideration, and he left a lasting impression on all of us in a variety of ways. Mr Patrick embodied patience, and he infused every setting with class, charisma, and an aura of incomparable excellence. It was very nice to



Students and lecturers of Diploma in English Language Teaching.

see everyone back in college, especially the lecturers, after we had all graduated. I would like to thank those who joined online and those who came physically to the memorial.

### CUPID'S VALENTINE

Contributor:  
Snehka Buvanewaran



On the 14 of February, the Drama and Theatre Club of UCSI College held a Valentine's Day event for the students and lecturers at the college. The team had decorated the booth with colourful and eye-catching decorations to create the Valentine's Day atmosphere. That morning, a couple of us assisted in packing and transporting the chocolate and cupcake boxes to the event location, which was on Level 2. There were about 70 chocolate boxes and 20 cupcake boxes for sale. Some of our buyers had pre-ordered via the Google form.

We started our sales around 9.30am and the sales picked up at around 12.30pm. Students swarmed to our table to purchase the chocolates and cupcake boxes. We enjoyed the time interacting with the student body of UCSI College and even got



Students involved in the preparation and delivering the surprise boxes.

some people interested in joining our club. At the end of the day, we managed to sell almost all our boxes and had a few more for pick up the next day. The next day, we sold out of all our boxes and closed up our booth by 3:30pm. We had managed to raise a profit of RM641.75 for our future drama club activities. This event was a great success and the student body, lecturers, and the whole club enjoyed it each in their own way. We are looking forward to planning our next event.



## REAL ESTATE AND ITS PATHWAY



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Sea Wei Liang (Jason) –  
President of Real Estate Club, UCSI College

On May 23, UCSI College, with the UCSI Real Estate Club, has organised a real estate and its pathway workshop. We have invited our dearest lecturer, Sr Dr Shubashini Ganisen, as a speaker to share her experience with the students, invited guests, and alumni of UCSI College on the real estate industry of Malaysia and the pathway to becoming a registered real estate agent/valuer. The talk was more than an hour long and was held virtually on the Microsoft team's platform, and there were about 40 students registered and attending the talk.

The talk was very interesting as Dr Shuba explained to us very thoroughly about real estate, the Malaysian Real Estate Industry, and the opportunities that we have in the real estate industry. Basically, real estate is not only about buildings or properties, but it covers a broader scope. Real estate is about land, buildings and their facilities, air space right above the land and underground right below the land. Real estate is also referred to as the most finite and most valuable resource.

Working in the real estate industry seems like a dream job for most of us. Why? Because working in the real estate industry allows you to break free from the office cubicle, meet and deal with different personalities, and provide a platform where you can keep learning—not easily getting bored or doing the same job—and the most interesting part is that you are not limited on how much you

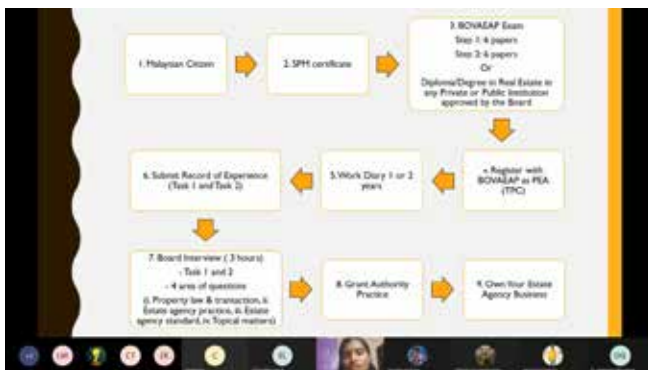


The attendees during the talk.

can earn hourly, because you can earn based on the amount of hard work you put in. As a result, studying real estate and working in the real estate industry is regarded as one of the best options because you will be working in a multi-trillion-dollar industry.

However, the question is, are there really opportunities for newcomers to the real estate industry? The answer is obviously yes! Dr Shuba explained that there are 32.4 million people in Malaysia, with approximately 8 million properties. However, there are only 1008 registered valuers, 2151 registered estate agents and 2776 registered property managers available in Malaysia. The numbers clearly show that our country needs more real estate practitioners to meet the demand of the Malaysian real estate industry. Therefore, as a newcomer, we can choose the real estate area of practise that we are capable of exploring.

Dr Shuba also explained the process on becoming a registered estate agent/valuer/property manager. The talk was ended with question & answer session. For those interested joining real estate industry can enroll in UCIS College real estate programme which will enable you to achieve your dream job of working in real estate industry. On behalf of the UCSI Real Estate Club, we would like to thank Sr Dr Shuba for the insightful sharing session. We are proud to be your student.



Pathway for Real Estate.

## WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PROJECT (REUSABLE SANITARY PADS WORKSHOP)



Contributor:  
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Heba Abdelhafiz Mohamed Adam

UCSI College's Spice Girls collaborated with "Women of Will" on a workshop about women's empowerment. The "Women of Will" organisation also known as "Pertubuhan Wanita Berdaya" works to provide a foundation for women in need of help in order to survive. Our group's mission is to offer assistance to the feminism community by hosting a workshop on how to create their own sanitary pads with reusable materials.

Some of the few of our objectives for conducting this workshop include:

- To promote the use of environmentally friendly products.
- To promote hygiene knowledge in the prevention of serious disease and illness.
- To educate women who are socially deprived.
- To provide another way for women to increase their income.
- To raise awareness about issues





Students with the Women of Will organisation staff.

The project's idea arose from a goal to educate socially deprived women, ranging from single young mothers to women from low-income households. We want to educate these women about an alternative way to save money. They will also be able to make an income from this practice since reusable pads are becoming increasingly popular. We believed that by participating in this programme, we would be able to support the ladies and provide them with new ways to aid in financial aspects in collaboration with the "Women of Will organisation".

We targeted socially deprived women including single mothers, widows, abandoned or mistreated women, and women with disabled partners who live in poverty and insecurity. Providing them

with basic education on helpful alternatives to replace expensive sanitary products is the least we can do to lessen their burden. We do believe that by teaching this, we can provide a useful piece of knowledge that many women or young girls will find very handy in their daily lives.

Our group has thought long and hard about achieving these goals during our project so as to ensure our project has sustainable motives. We have contributed time, effort, and the necessary materials for the workshop to succeed. In accordance with achieving the following SDG goals, we are proud to conclude the project as a success.

## PET HERO



Contributor:  
Solomon Yap



After finished cleaning the 2nd and 3rd floor.

Pet Hero was joined by 10 students of UCSI College on the 6 March 2022 to help provide animal shelter to abandoned pets. This is one of our group's Sustainable Development Goals initiatives under SGD Goal number 15- Life on Land for the Community Service's subject assignment. Most of our Pet Hero members owned pets and we wanted to understand how animal shelters operate and how the abandoned pets are treated in these shelters. Hence, we selected S.I. Home Shelter for this initiative. S.I Home Shelter is an animal shelter that rescues pets that have been abandoned or nurtures

animals that have survived horrible trauma. Pets are the closest companions in human society, but they are often abused and abandoned. While volunteering, we witnessed most of the difficulties that animal shelters face, as well as the compassion required to care for animals. After volunteering at the S.I. Home Shelter, we learned that animals could alter our emotional state and the emotional connection between humans and animals. Animals play a significant role in human society, and it is as essential as nature's conservation. We learned to be patient, nurturing, and, most importantly, soft skills while volunteering at S.I. Home Shelter.



The entire members of Pet Hero held the certification of completion that S.I Home Shelter awarded, together with S.I Home shelter staff.

## VIRTUAL WORKSHOP ON PREPARATION FOR PROBATIONARY ESTATE AGENT (PEA) APPLICATION



Contributor:  
Sea Wei Liang (Jason)-President  
of Real estate Club UCSI College

On 7 March 2022, UCSI College, together with UCSI Real Estate Club, has organised a virtual workshop on preparation for the Probationary Estate Agent (PEA) application. Our honoured guest speaker was KK Wong, who is a Registered Real Estate Agent and the Principal of KKland Properties E(3)1749, a Real Estate Agency Firm that provides buying, selling, and letting services for all types of local and foreign properties. He has obtained a Bachelor's degree in Accounting & Finance from Middlesex University, England and a Master of Science in Management Accounting & Planning from University Utara Malaysia. He has furthered his studies in real estate and has obtained a Master of Real Estate from Universiti Malaya in 2008. He has more than 18 years of working experience in the real estate industry. Before entering the real estate industry, Mr KK Wong worked as a branch manager and in various senior positions. Mr KK Wong has frequently lectured on subjects such as property taxation, building technology, investment and valuation, real estate agency practises and agency laws in Estate Agency Examinations conducted by the Board of Valuers, Appraisers, Estate Agents, and Property Managers at local universities and colleges since 2004.

First, Mr KK Wong gave an overview of the Malaysian real estate industry and explained the difference between a Probationary Estate Agent (PEA) and a Registered Estate Agent (REA). According to Mr KK Wong, a Registered Estate Agent (REA) is a person



The attendees during the talk.

whose name has been entered in a register and to whom an Authority of Practice has been issued by the Board of Valuers, Appraisers, Estate Agents, and Property Managers (BOVEAP) under Section 16 of the Act. In order to be an estate agent, one must register him/herself as a Probationary Estate Agent (PEA) and undergo a two-year post-practical training with a registered estate agent and maintain a work diary. Having fulfilled the above, he/she must submit two practical tasks and be interviewed (called a Test of Professional Competence) by a board panel. After passing the TPC, he/she shall then apply to register him/herself with the Board where an "Authority to Practice" will be issued. He/She is then referred to as a registrant, or registered person, or a real estate agent (REA). A registered estate agent will be issued with a blue REA authority card.

Mr KK Wong also explained thoroughly the process of becoming a PEA and REA. He also explained how the practical task works and the procedure of writing a logbook. Besides this, he also shared an area covered during the interview session, which was deemed very useful for those intending to become registered estate agents. Mr KK Wong ended the talk with a question-and-answer session. It was a very informative and insightful talk. We would like to thank Mr KK Wong for his time and efforts.

## MARINE PURIFYING



Contributor:  
Chan Ai Li

This "Marine Purifying" beach cleaning project was joined by 13 participants on 13 March 2022 (started at 10.35am and ended at 3.00pm) at Pantai Kelanang. This beach cleaning project aimed to educate volunteers about the dangers of single-use plastic. Thus, during the execution of the project, we did not produce any sort of plastic waste.

Instead, we used fabric gloves, gunny sacks, reusable water bottles, and reusable utensils during the execution of the project. In addition, we also separated the debris into non-recyclable debris and recyclable debris. The recyclable debris included beverage cans, glass bottles, plastic containers, and plastic bottles.



Group briefing before executing the project.

On the other hand, the non-recyclable plastics that we collected were the plastic fragments, clear food packaging, and disposable plates and utensils. The total weight of the trash that we collected was 15 kg (5 gunny sacks). After this project, the volunteers learned that it was critical for everyone to reduce the use of single-use plastic, the different symbols of plastic, and the importance of throwing away the non-recyclable trash into the trash bin properly.

We also found that beach cleaning was a fun activity to do during our free time and was the best starting point for everyone to love the ocean and protect the ocean with the will that we have!



Group picture. there were a total of 13 volunteers participated in this beach cleaning project.



## HOW COUNSELLING COULD REACH OUT TO THE COMMUNITY?



Contributor:  
Evelyn Koay Yan Yi

Ms Tay San San was invited as a guest speaker to deliver a talk on "how counselling may reach out to the community" at a recent event hosted by the UCSI College Diploma in Psychology. Ms Tay is a certified and licensed therapist with years of experience in Malaysia and abroad, including China, Taiwan, and India. Students benefited from the talk's counselling knowledge. Several issues concerning counselling services and the various methods in which counselling may reach out to the community were addressed. Ms Tay also discussed the many avenues via which students may seek assistance if they are experiencing personal or mental health concerns that they are unable to resolve on their own. "I've learned



Final photo session with all attendees.

about the counselling field and industry in other countries and Malaysia and also ways to seek counselling help" and "It's okay and a good call sometimes to go for counselling sessions, no matter how big or small the problem is." Fear of sharing is inevitable, but it is necessary to get over our problems and improve mental health. " These were some of the feedback received from students of the Diploma in Psychology.

## RIVER CLEANUP 2022 AT KG. SG. PENCHALA



Contributor:  
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On 17 March 2022, the Department of General Studies organised the first UCSI College River Cleanup 2022 at Kg Sg Penchala. This effort is a part of our battle against environmental deficit which includes marine debris and plastic waste. River cleanup involves removal of the solid waste dumped into the water and purification of the already dissolved materials. This is the first collaboration with Fuze Ecoteer, a non-governmental organization who manages and supports conservation projects in Malaysia. One of the objectives of the River Cleanup is to encourage students to volunteer for an activity with a direct and positive impact on their environment.



Picture of students, lecturers, and Fuze Ecoteer with 144kg of trash collected.

Participants assemble outside of UCSI College at 7.00am to carpool to the destination. Upon arrival, they were briefed by the Fuze Ecoteer team and lecturers and given task accordingly. Two students were chosen to record the amount and type of waste discovered. The participants worked hard to collect and separate the waste. A total of 144kg of trash was placed in 22 recyclable garbage bags and placed near a garbage disposal location, where they were picked up by a garbage truck at 12.00noon.

## WEBINAR ON CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT SKILLS



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On the 18 March, Classroom Management Skills webinar was conducted for the students from the Diploma in English Language Teaching by Miss Kala Murugaiyan. The topic of the webinar was proven to be an interesting one as there were a couple of students from various different courses who attended the webinar as well. Miss Kala began her presentation which was filled with extensive information on how we as future teachers need to be aware of the various classroom settings that we may encounter in the future. She even provided us with examples of situations, some of which were based on her own experiences! She supplied us with advice on how to be attentive teachers when it comes to managing our future classes. The presentation by Miss Kala was further discussed through various interesting questions by fellow students. After the question-and-answer session wrapped up, Rashwini Thiyagu, an alumna of Diploma



The attendees during the webinar.

in English Language Teaching 2019 was invited to give a speech. Rashwini, who is currently studying for her Bachelor's Degree in English Language Communication at UCSI University, first talked about her experience conducting her diploma at UCSI College and related the information she attained from her past classes and Miss Kala's presentation to her own time as a teacher. Everyone who attended the webinar left with a memorable piece of information that they will keep in mind and, hopefully, possibly use in their future classes. Overall, the webinar was a clear success.

## DELT CLASSROOM EXHIBITION



Contributors:  
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On the 24 March, DELT students from the Classroom Planning and Organisation class conducted an exhibition for their assignment. Their task was to create and design their ideal classroom to be showcased at their exhibition. The students came up with a multitude of interesting and creative ideas that they implemented in their classroom design. They also have to present their ideas to other students and lecturers who came to the exhibition.



DELT students who were involved in the classroom exhibition.



Lecturer looking and observing a classroom model made by Pravin Raj.



Students asking questions and listening to the explanation by Snekha.

## ACADEMIC STAFF PARTICIPATION IN COLLEGE BRANDING



Contributor:  
Ong Kent Lun

UCSI College's academicians have engaged in a variety of promotional activities and visits both nationally and internationally to increase the college and universities' brand awareness. Associate Professor Dr Mabel Tan, President and CEO of UCSI College, has visited numerous educational establishments and participated in public education exhibits in three distinct countries, namely Mauritius, Seychelles, and Dubai, to promote UCSI University and College.

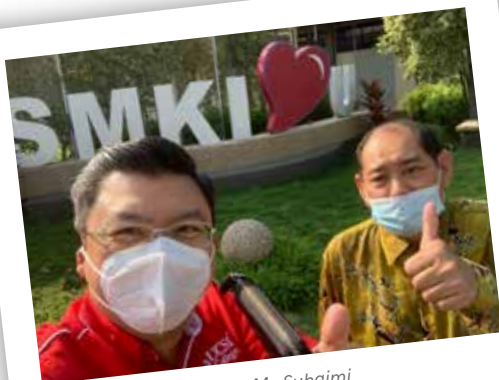
One of the highlights of the 14-day trip is the meeting with Seychellois Minister of Education, Dr Justin Valentin, to explore possible collaborations with UCSI University and UCSI College. We also visited some schools and institutes in Seychelles to share with the students the UCSI tertiary educational pathway. The institutes we visited include the Institute of Teacher Education, Independent School Seychelles, School of Advanced Level Studies, and the Institute of Agriculture and Horticulture. The trip concluded with a participation in the education exhibition event at the Malaysia Education Centre in Seychelles.



Dr. Mabel Tan during one of her visit to Mauritius and Seychelles.



Dr. Chong Aik Lee with Ms Chai from Keat Hwa High School.



Dr. Chong Aik Lee with Mr Suhaimi from SMK Ibrahim.

Meanwhile, Associate Professor Dr Chong Aik Lee, UCSI College's Vice-President, Academic Affairs, has also participated in another marketing event in Kedah. Dr Chong paid a courtesy visit to Mr Suhaimi and Ms Chai from SMK Ibrahim and Keat Hwa High School and discussed how UCSI can educate high school students about tertiary education prospects in Malaysia. In addition, he took part in educational roadshows in Sungai Petani and Alor Setar. Finally, Ms Prabaawathi Mathialagan and Dr Lian Ming Huei have both supported educational roadshows in Ipoh and Penang.



## UCSI COLLEGE MAY 2022 ORIENTATION



*New students during the orientation day.*

The transition to college life can be disorienting. Students move from the familiar routine of high school into a new and unfamiliar world. Therefore, UCSI College offered orientation session before the official start of the Pre-University / Diploma studies. UCSI College had its Orientation Day for the May 2022 intake on 10 May 2022. It is one of the most exciting events at the college since they not just get to meet their fellow classmates, but also explored and discovered what the UCSI College has to offer during the campus tour,



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Nurliyana Binti Salikin

led by the Student Council. All relevant departments and key person briefed about college policies and an overview of what to expect as a new student to ease the transition into the College. Undoubtedly, the new students were eager to know what to expect in the next few years and were, thus, introduced to life at UCSI.



*Student Council members introduced themselves to the new students and brought them for a campus tour.*

*Welcome new students and all the best in your journey here!*

## APPRECIATION LUNCH IN LE QUADRI

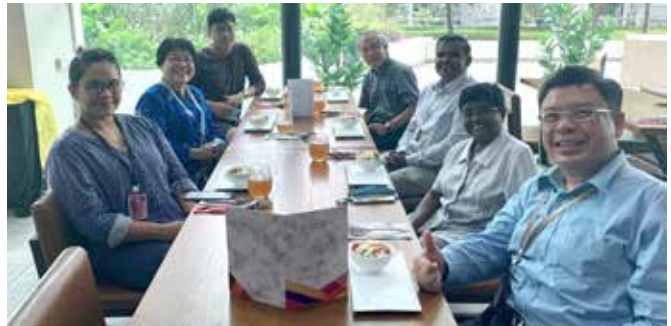
The UCSI Consulting team was feted to an appreciation lunch at Le Quadri Restaurant on 9 May 2022. The lunch was hosted by Dr Mabel, the CEO of UCSI College in appreciation to Dr Raj Kumar, Chief Executive Officer, UCSI Consulting, Ms Sivanesuvaray, senior consultant and Ms Nurul Nadia, consultant for their effort in supporting three students of our 3+0 Oxford Brooke's University programme. Indeed, the management of the college was impressed with the tremendous progress of the students after a period of two months' attachment with the team. We have witnessed the outstanding performance of the students when they did a presentation on case studies of real-live companies on 27 April 2022. We would like to express our appreciation and gratitude to the entire team for devoting time and effort to the training, including extensive and in-depth planning. In the words of Felix Frankfurter, the American Supreme Court Justice,

## FILMMAKING : THE USE OF LOCATION IN A POST-PANDEMIC WORLD

We were very pleased to have Dr Tasos Giapoutzis, a filmmaker in the UK as well as a lecturer in Film at the University of Essex, on campus to share the exciting topic with our Diploma in Mass Communication students. Dr Giapoutzis shared his interests as a researcher and filmmaker in the exploration of the filmmaking process, the aesthetics of film and its multifaceted spatiotemporal features which were very beneficial to the students. His films have participated in more than 100 film festivals worldwide, and the feature documentary *Quiet Life* (2019) premiered nationally at the 21st Thessaloniki Documentary Festival and interna-



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Wong Gon Khiong



*Appreciation Lunch with UCSI Group Consulting.*

gratitude is one of the least articulated of the emotions, especially when it is deep. Once again, thank you to the UCSI Consulting team.



*Contributors:*  
Ernie Chitra Dzureen



*From left to right: Ms Lee Piu Gan, Dr. Tasos Giapoutzis, Lecturer of University of Essex, Ms Chloe Lim, Senior Regional Manager SEA and Mr Ajai Kumar.*

tionally at the 18th DokuFest in Kosovo. It was a good sharing session with our DMC students particularly for those who were very passionate about filmmaking.

# Wall of Fame

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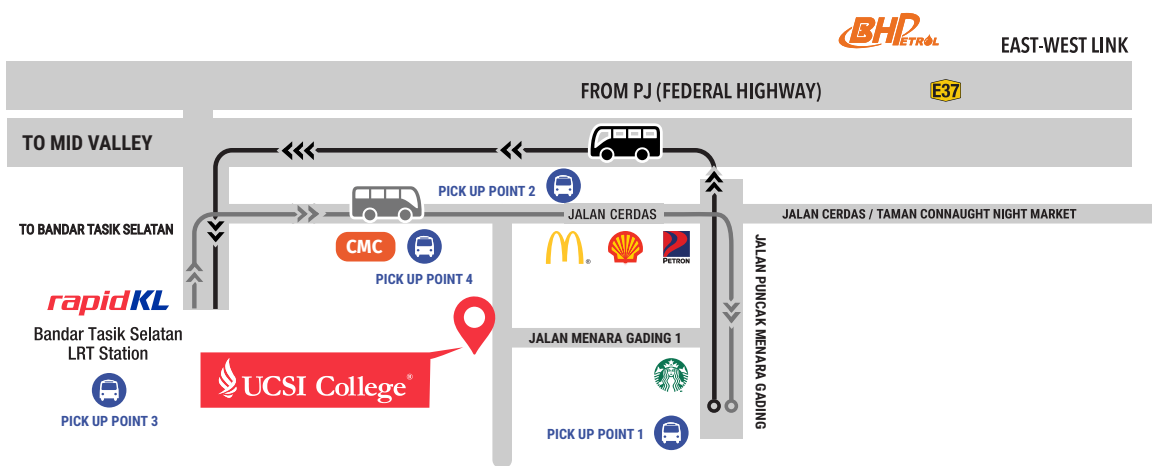
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