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10TH CONVOCATION CEREMONY

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UCSI College graduates of 2024.

UCSI College's Convocation 2024 was a momentous occasion that marked the culmination of years of hard work, dedication and intellectual growth for its graduating students. Held on 20 September 2024, the convocation ceremony was a grand celebration of academic achievements and a testament to the promising future for 443 graduates.

Chan Ai Li from Diploma in Information Technology was selected as the Gold Medalist, while the Valedictorian Award for 2024 went to Alicia Tan Juin Chyi from Diploma in Early Childhood Education. Other notable graduates include Ong Ying Yi, selected as youth member of the Selangor State Legislative Assembly, representing DUN Bandar Baru Klang N45, and Yap Min Shun and Lim Yuan Yu for excelling at both sports and academia.

Overall, UCSI College Convocation 2024 was a memorable event that celebrated achievements, acknowledged potential and marked the start of a promising journey for its graduates. As they move forward, these individuals are not only ambassadors of their alma mater but also future leaders in the world.



Alicia Tan Juin Chyi - Valedictorian 2024.



Chan Ai Li - Gold Medalist 2024.



INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP

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On 28 September 2024, the UCSI College Student Council, in collaboration with Reef Check Malaysia, organised a successful International Coastal Clean-up at Pantai Cermin, Port Dickson. A total of 35 students from various programmes, along with four staff members, joined forces to remove litter and debris from the beach, contributing to the preservation of its natural beauty and the protection of marine life.

This beach clean-up was not only a hands-on environmental initiative but also an educational experience, aimed at raising awareness about the harmful effects of pollution on our oceans and coastlines. Participants gained valuable knowledge on responsible waste management and the importance of reducing single-use plastics, reinforcing a sense of environmental stewardship among all attendees.

Students used recycled paint buckets to collect debris from the mangrove area and along the beach, before transporting it to a segregation centre. Led by our College staff, the collected waste was categorised and placed in gunny sacks. The team also utilised the Clean Swell app to record every piece of trash collected, contributing to global efforts to tackle ocean pollution by providing data to

scientists and environmental advocates. In total, 1,032 items were collected, weighing 56.8 kg, with plastics being the most common type of trash.

This event serves as a testament to the dedication of UCSI College students and staff in taking proactive steps to protect the environment and promote sustainability.



Debris collected



Mr Zahin and Esther identifying the items in the Clean Swell app.



Ms Nabila collecting the debris stuck at the mangrove.

SESI PERKONGSIAN ANUGERAH "MYHERO 4.0" DAN MAJLIS PENYERAHAN SUMBANGAN SURAT KHABAR KEPADA IPT



Contributor: Zahin Jamaludin

The *Sekretariat Rukun Negara* of UCSI College, in collaboration with the *Jabatan Perpaduan Negara Kuala Lumpur (JPNIN)* and The Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Kuala Lumpur and Selangor (KLSCCI), held the *Sesi Perkongsian Anugerah MyHero 4.0 dan Majlis Penyerahan Sumbangan Surat Khabar Kepada IPT* on 30 May 2024.

The *Anugerah My Hero 4.0*, organised by KLSCCI, was designed to recognise unsung heroes who had served the community and contributed to promoting racial harmony and national unity, regardless of religious and ethnic differences. This event was beneficial to UCSI College students, encouraging them to learn and contribute to their communities.



KLSCCI handed over the newspapers to UCSI College.



Staff and students displaying the newspapers they had received.

EDUCATIONAL VISIT TO BURSA MALAYSIA

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On 10 July 2024, a group of students from Diploma in Accounting, Diploma in Business Administration and Diploma in Marketing programmes visited Bursa Malaysia for an educational site visit. During the visit, the students attended several talks that focus on trading and the stock exchange, where they gained valuable insights into market operations and the financial system. The visit also included a guided tour of Bursa Malaysia's facilities, providing a

closer look at the exchange's role in the economy. Additionally, the students participated in a quiz organised by Bursa Malaysia, allowing them to apply what they had learned in an engaging and interactive manner. This experience provided the students with a practical perspective, bridging the gap between their academic studies and real-world financial practices.



Asst Prof Dr Dhaarshini Balachandran and the students with Bursa Malaysia's iconic bull and bear sculpture.

SIRI 1: JALINAN MESRA UCSI COLLEGE

Contributor: Mohd Nazmi Ahmad



The Siri 1: Jalinan Mesra UCSI College event, held on 31 July 2024, at SMK Seksyen 8, Kota Damansara, was a successful initiative. The event was officiated by Dr Megat Mohd Faisal - the principal of the school - and was led by the Heads of Programme from the Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Pre-U Studies (Foundation and ADTP Science). The organising committee was led by Wan Mohd Hafiz Wan Mohd Daud and Asst Prof Nur Azliyana Zainal. The committee also included Nur Asyiqin Abas, Zafrah Mohd Yusof and Mohd Nazmi Ahmad as well as students from the Diploma in Early Childhood Education.



Head of Programme from Diploma in Early Childhood Education, Wan Mohd Hafiz introducing UCSI College's programme.



Group activity led by Head of Programme from Pre-U Studies, Asst Prof Nur Azliyana together with Social Media Influencer, Syafiq Ahmad.

A highlight of the event was the special guest appearance by renowned social media influencer Syafiq Ahmad from ASA Production. Syafiq, who holds a Bachelor's Degree in Finance and a Master's Degree from University of Leicester, UK, shared his personal journey and academic achievements, in hopes to inspire students to strive for excellence in all things they pursue.

The event not only promoted unity and inspiration among students but also aligned with several Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). By building a stronger community within UCSI College and encouraging students to pursue higher education, the event contributed to goals such as Quality Education, Reduced Inequalities and Decent Work and Economic Growth. The programme achieved its objectives of building a stronger community within UCSI College, inspiring students to reach their full potential and emphasising the importance of higher education as a pathway to personal and professional growth.



Group activity briefing.

EXPLORING GLOBAL FINANCE: WORLD CURRENCY EXHIBITION BY FINANCE STUDENTS



Contributor: Asst Prof Dr Dhaarshini Balachandran



Introduction to Finance students with their lecturer Asst Prof Dr Dhaarshini Balachandran after the World Currency Exhibition.

The students' presentations covered a diverse range of topics, including the economic significance of each currency, its role in global trade and the cultural aspects that influence its design. This event not only enhanced the students' knowledge of world currencies but also allowed them to share their insights with the broader college community. The exhibition was a successful educational initiative, fostering an appreciation for the complexities of global finance and the importance of understanding currency dynamics in today's interconnected world.

In collaboration with UCSI College, students from Introduction to Finance course organised a World Currency Exhibition on 17 July 2024. The event featured 33 posters, each highlighting different currencies from around the globe. The exhibition aimed to provide an in-depth look at the history, value and unique features of various global currencies, offering attendees a broader understanding of international finance.

HANSEL AND GRETEL PLAY

Contributor: Jayden Lean Jien Hong



On 13 September 2024, the Drama and Theater Club performed a Hansel and Gretel play with a modern spin-off. The audience included students and staff of UCSI as well as Guests of Honour. After the play ended, we found that the audience were surprised at the endless possibilities that could emerge from classical tales.

Overall, this play inspired guests from visiting schools to organise plays and performances within their schools as it creates a lively atmosphere for students to socialise and befriend with one another.



Hansel and Gretel cast and committee members

IT WORKSHOP WITH STUDENTS FROM SMK METHODIST SETIAWAN, PERAK

Contributor: Ts Soo Weng Jyh



On 16 July 2024, UCSI College was abuzz with excitement as 80 students and eight teachers from SMK Methodist Setiawan, Perak, visited our campus. It was a privilege to host them and share insights into the dynamic world of Information Technology (IT).



A wonderful Cybersecurity/IT talk session by Ms Sunita and Ts Soo Weng Jyh

Following an engaging campus tour at UCSI University, the event continued with a warm welcome and an inspiring introduction by Ms Sunita, Head of Programme of IT School from UCSI College. She captivated the audience with her presentation on 10 promising areas within Information Technology, Information Systems and Cyber Security. Ms Sunita emphasised the importance of these fields in the job market, preparing the students for a future filled with potential and opportunities.

Next, Ts Soo Weng Jyh took the stage, delivering an engaging and enlightening session on cyber security. His expertise and passion for the subject significantly enhanced the students' awareness and understanding of cyber security's critical role in our digital age. The highlight of his session was an interactive online game, Google Interland, developed by Google. The students enthusiastically participated, enjoying the game's fun and educational aspects.

As the day progressed, the students were divided into smaller groups to participate in various workshops, including Biology, Chemistry, Physics and IT. Twenty students expressed a keen interest in the IT Workshop. Under the guidance of Ts Soo Weng Jyh, these students began creating their first website using an online builder powered by Generative AI. The hands-on experience was both informative and exhilarating. The students were attentive, engaged and eager to learn, reflecting positively on the workshop.

By the end of the session, the students had gained valuable new skills and knowledge. Their feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing newfound interests and aspirations in IT. The day's activities concluded happily, leaving everyone with a sense of accomplishment and excitement for the future.



A joyful group photo at the UCSI College entrance with students from SMK Methodist Setiawan, Perak.

CHEN JINGRUN'S CUP MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

Contributor: Tee You Ming



UCSI College recently celebrated the achievements of its A-level students at the Chen Jingrun's Cup Mathematics Competition held on 12 June 2024. The award ceremony aimed to recognise and appreciate the outstanding efforts and dedication of students who participated in this challenging competition. During the ceremony, students were presented with certificates to honour their exceptional performance.



Solving problems and celebrating success! Congrats to our math whizzes!

Special distinctions were awarded to Huang Hoong Ken, Phua Cheng Jun and Tee You Ming for their outstanding results. Additionally, credits were given to Kua Sue Wern, Liew Jia Jet, Qin Rui, Soo Xin Jie and Tee Ming Shun for their commendable achievements.

Distinguished guests, including Dr Mabel (president and CEO of UCSI College), Dr Chong (vice-president Academic Affairs of UCSI College), Dr Nalina (head of department of Pre-U Studies) and Ms Adeline (Mathematics lecturer) were also present in the event.

The award ceremony not only celebrated the students' success but also served as an inspiration for their peers, encouraging them to strive for excellence in their academic pursuits and highlighted the significance of Mathematics in developing critical thinking and problem-solving skills, which are essential for success in various STEM fields and beyond.

YOUR FIRST STEPS IN CYBERSECURITY WORKSHOP

Contributor: Ts Soo Weng Jyh



On May 11 2024, our IT school was thrilled to be part of the Faculty Experiential Workshops alongside Kem Motivasi dan Bengkel Kecemerlangan SPM Sejarah 2024 event at Block C, UCSI University.

Guided by Ts Soo Weng Jyh, our sharing session, titled "Your First Steps in Cybersecurity," aimed to ignite a crucial understanding of cybersecurity among the attending SPM students. Their enthusiastic response reverberated throughout the session as they enthusiastically delved into discussions and immersive games, exploring fundamental cybersecurity concepts, safeguarding personal data and mastering effective online practices.

Adding to the knowledge shared during the event, Ms Sunita, our IT

School's head of programme, captivated the audience by introducing the top 10 Information Technology (IT) and Information Systems (IS) topics. This visionary initiative broadened the horizons of SPM students, offering them a compelling glimpse into the realm of IT-related tertiary studies.

The resounding success of this workshop stands as a testament to its profound impact on nurturing cybersecurity awareness among SPM students. As our nation strides into the digital era, the significance of understanding cybersecurity, IT and IS cannot be overstated. We take pride in our role in equipping these students with essential insights and preparing them for the challenges and opportunities of our increasingly digitalised society.



Group photo for the event.

WISDOM SPRING ACADEMY'S INSPIRING CAMPUS VISIT

Contributor: Ts Soo Weng Jyh



UCSI College had the pleasure of hosting a campus visit from Wisdom Spring Academy on 24 June 2024, welcoming around 40 enthusiastic students and their dedicated teachers. Wisdom Spring Academy, known for its US High School Diploma and General Educational Development (GED) programmes, brought potential candidates for our ADTP, UKDTP and 3+0 BIT programmes with Murdoch.



Enthusiastic students and teachers from Wisdom Spring Academy.

Representing the IT School, Ts Soo Weng Jyh delivered an engaging one-hour workshop titled *"Your First Steps into the World of Cyber Security and IT"*. The session was designed to elevate students' cybersecurity awareness, which features phishing awareness videos, an interactive online game related to cybersecurity and a live demonstration of attack maps to highlight the necessity of online vigilance. The interactive game - Google Interland - captivated the students, helping them understand the valuable insights on maintaining robust cybersecurity habits.

Ts Soo Weng Jyh also shared the top 10 promising career areas in information technology, shedding light on key fields for students to consider pursuing during their tertiary education. The visit not only introduced the students to UCSI College but also sparked their interest in our Bachelor of Information Technology with double majors in Cyber Security Forensics and Business Information Systems, along with our UKDTP and ADTP programmes.

This enriching experience aimed to ignite a passion for IT among the students as well as to encourage future enrolments, paving the way for the next generation of tech-savvy professionals.

TRANSFORMING LIVES 2.0: INSPIRING EDUCATIONAL JOURNEYS

Contributor: Sharmila Laksmi a/p Muniandy



On 31 July 2024, the Business and Accounting Department hosted an event called "Transforming Lives 2.0". This event was a testament on the profound impact of the Diploma in Business Administration (DBA) and Diploma in Marketing (DIM) programmes in empowering and shaping futures of UCSI students. This inspiring event featured compelling stories from esteemed alumni, celebrating their educational journeys and achievements.

We had the honour of welcoming Yap Min Shun, a KL state swimmer and university athlete, who shared his remarkable experience of balancing sports and academics. Min Shun, who completed his DBA at UCSI College and is now pursuing his degree in finance and investment at UCSI University, provided invaluable insights and motivated the attendees with his dedication and perseverance.

The event also saw the return of Kamini, a pastry chef turned scholar, who previously spoke at "Transforming Lives 1.0.". Kamini's journey from Certificate in Business Studies (CBS) to DBA at UCSI College, and her upcoming undergraduate studies in Korea, highlighted the transformative power of education.

The Q&A session, moderated by Ms Sharmila, head of programme for DBA and DIM programmes, featured both alumni sharing their experiences and advice. This interactive segment fostered meaningful conversations and provided attendees with practical guidance.

Ms Ernie, our manager from International Collaborations, shared information on international pathways for DBA and DIM students, while Mr Kent, senior manager from Student Enrolment Centre, discussed educational opportunities for CBS students at UCSI College. Both sharing sessions further enriched the event with valuable insights.



Group photo with guests of honour, staff, speakers and attendees.

A highlight of the event was the presentation of certificates to the speakers by Dr Mabel, president and CEO of UCSI College, accompanied by Dr Chong, vice-president of Academic Affairs, and Ms Praba, head of the Business and Accounting Department.

Transforming Lives 2.0 concluded with a sense of empowerment and inspiration, reaffirming UCSI College's commitment to transforming lives through education. As we look forward to future events, we remain dedicated in providing opportunities for our students to achieve their full potential and continue their educational journeys.

VISIT TO MALAYSIAN ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD(MASB)

Contributor: Jegan Jeyapalan



Group photo session among presenter and UCSI College Diploma in Accounting students.

UCSI College Diploma in Accounting students made an educational site visit to the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board (MASB), Kuala Lumpur on 20 May 2024. They were accompanied by their accounting lecturer, Mr Jegan Jeyapalan.

On account of MASB staff Ms Maisarah Mustapa, our accounting students of various batches learnt of the origin of MASB, how it was formed, MASB's current engagements and leadership committee. They also learnt about how accounting standards

are released and on what terms, for example Exposure Draft, Interpretation Committee and Working Groups.

The learning segment was also infused with quiz questions to maintain an effective two-way communication. The information shared will later be touched on during subsequent Financial Reporting lectures, thus providing a more hands on experience for students to relate to. Overall, it was an informative, fun and engaging experience for the students.

FROM CERTIFICATE TO BACHELOR'S DEGREE: CHING WEI SZE'S ACADEMIC RISE AT UCSI COLLEGE

Contributor: Prabaawathi a/p Mathialagan / Ching Wei Sze



"Let's start with the first two years when I was pursuing a Certificate in Business Studies (CBS). Initially, I wanted to join a music course, but my results were not ideal. After consulting with Miss Lilian from UCSI, who explained the course to me, I decided to enrol for the CBS programme. During my first semester in CBS, I realised how competitive it was and how important studies were to me, which motivated me to work hard. Fortunately, throughout my time in CBS, I met many good and patient lecturers who motivated my fellow coursemates and I to always work hard and do our best. Among them was Ms Prabaawathi, who provided valuable guidance on how to properly structure and complete assignments and reports.

After completing CBS, I chose to pursue a Diploma in Marketing (DIM). I would like to take this opportunity and thank Mr Wong, who always emphasised on the importance of education and knowledge and who constantly motivated us to further our studies. When I started DIM, I felt productive and genuinely enjoyed learning the subjects listed in the programme. During these two years, I worked hard to achieve good results and secured a scholarship for my degree.

The final two years of my degree were immensely fulfilling. The module at Oxford Brookes University was exceptional, offering in-depth coursework, research and a profound understanding of real-world business dynamics. Throughout my studies, I remained focused on graduating with first-class honours, and I am proud to have achieved this goal. However, I know that without the support and encouragement of my family, lecturers, and friends throughout my educational journey, this accomplishment would not have been possible."



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