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A CHAT WITH OUR VICE-CHANCELLOR

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I am delighted to share my reflections on the recent SEQUENCE 2024 graduation showcase, a remarkable event that highlighted the exceptional talents of our graduating students from the Faculty of Design & Built Environment. The showcase, held at the First City Hall, emphasised our commitment to fostering creativity, innovation, and excellence in design education.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all the students who participated in SEQUENCE 2024. Your projects were exemplary, demonstrating your technical skills, creativity, and vision. From the stunning visual presentations by our Graphic Design students to the innovative products and furniture designs, the captivating interior architecture projects, and the imaginative fashion marketing displays, each piece reflected your dedication and passion.

The event would not have been possible without the unwavering support and collaboration of our esteemed faculty members. I commend all faculty members of the Faculty of Design & Built Environment for consistently exceeding expectations and going the extra mile for our students. Their dedication to guiding students towards

excellence, coupled with their mentorship and commitment, has been instrumental in shaping our students' talents and preparing them for successful careers in the design industry.

SEQUENCE 2024 was further enriched by the presence of notable guests, including Prof. Ts Dr. Ruslan Abdul Rahim, former Rector of the National Academy of Arts, Culture & Heritage, and Simone Ridyard, International External Examiner from the Manchester School of Art, Metropolitan Manchester University. Their insights and encouragement were invaluable, providing our students with the motivation to continue striving for greatness.

I would like to extend my gratitude to our industry partners for their constant engagement with our students, which highlights the strong bonds between our Faculty of Design & Built Environment and the professional design community and industry. Their involvement at SEQUENCE 2024 has enhanced the prestige of this event and allowed our students to immerse themselves in real-world applications of their skills.

SEQUENCE 2024 was a brilliant success, a shining example of what can be achieved through teamwork, creativity, and a shared commitment to excellence. I am proud of our students, faculty, and the community at First City University College for making this event a memorable celebration of design innovation.



**Professor
Dr. Saw Sor Heoh**
Vice-Chancellor,
First City University College

FIRST CITY UNIVERSITY COLLEGE WELCOMES NEW DEAN FOR FACULTY OF COMPUTER SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY



David's academic qualifications are impressive, currently pursuing a Doctor of Education (EdD), alongside holding an M.Sc. in Technology Management from Staffordshire University, UK and a B.Sc. (Hons) in Computing and Information Systems from London Metropolitan University, UK.

His additional qualifications include Oxford Advanced Diploma in Computer Studies (University of Oxford, UK), Cambridge Diploma in Computer Studies (Cambridge University, UK) and Associate Diploma in Computing (University of Southern Queensland, Australia)

In his new role as Dean, David aspires to elevate the Faculty of Computer Science & Technology to unprecedented heights. He envisions integrating state-of-the-art technologies and industry-relevant skills into the curriculum, ensuring students are exceptionally prepared for the ever-evolving IT landscape. David is committed to fostering a culture of excellence, innovation, and professional integrity within the faculty. He aims to build robust partnerships with industry leaders to enhance the learning experience and career prospects for our students.

David's leadership will focus on academic excellence and the practical application of knowledge, promoting research and development activities, and ensuring the programmes meet the highest standards of quality and relevance. His vision includes expanding our academic offerings and creating more opportunities for students to engage in real-world projects and internships, bridging the gap between academia and industry.

First City University College is confident that David's visionary leadership and extensive expertise will significantly contribute to the growth and success of its faculty and students.



First City University College is delighted to pre-announce the appointment of David Foo Sek Kuan as the new Dean of the Faculty of Computer Science & Technology. David Foo will be coming on board on 4 June 2024.

With over 28 years of distinguished experience in the education and training sectors and having held prominent leadership positions across several esteemed private higher educational institutions in the country, David brings an exceptional depth of knowledge and leadership to the institution.

FACULTY OF DESIGN & BUILT ENVIRONMENT

DESIGN INNOVATION SHINES AT FIRST CITY UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

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First City University College has once again demonstrated its dominance in Design education with the much-anticipated unveiling of SEQUENCE 2024 at the First City Hall. This exceptional event, organized by the Faculty of Design, Built & Environment, featured outstanding projects by graduating students from various disciplines, including BA (Hons) in Graphic Design, BA (Hons) Furniture & Product Design, BA (Hons) Interior Architecture & Design, BA (Hons) in Fashion Marketing, as well as the Diploma in Interior Design and Diploma in Graphic Design programmes.



Esteemed guests, including the former Rector of the National Academy of Arts, Culture & Heritage, Prof. Ts Dr. Ruslan Abdul Rahim, First City University College's Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr Saw Sor Heoh, Dean of the Faculty of Design & Built Environment Assistant Professor Chua Huwi Huwi, along with numerous industry partners, honoured the event with their presence at the launch.

In her welcome speech, Prof. Dr. Saw commended the Faculty of Design and Built Environment for successfully orchestrating the 22nd edition of the showcase. She commended the faculty's dedication to excellence, noting the numerous accolades and achievements earned by both students and faculty members.

A renowned figure in the design industry, Prof. Ts Dr. Ruslan Abdul Rahim inaugurated the showcase, extending his congratulations to the students for their inspiring projects and achievements. "I am thoroughly impressed by how SEQUENCE has successfully brought together projects from various design fields into a single showcase. The diversity on display is truly brilliant," he remarked.



The launch of SEQUENCE 2024 began with a mesmerizing opening gimmick depicting the theme "In Full Bloom", transitioning seamlessly into the SQ 2024 Showreel, which provided an insightful introduction to the graduates' impressive work. Highlights of the event included the presentation of the Best Student Awards and an exhilarating fashion show, where models showcased outstanding pieces created by the current and graduating Fashion Marketing students.

FACULTY OF DESIGN & BUILT ENVIRONMENT

ELEVATING DESIGN EXCELLENCE PERSPECTIVES FROM LEADING PROFESSIONALS



The Interior Architecture & Design (IAD) Club recently organised the BA (Hons) Interior Architecture & Design Final Design Review, held on 8 May and 9 May 2024. The purpose of the event was to foster collaboration between First City University College and industries to ensure that students' work quality meets the dynamic needs of the industrial landscape. By actively engaging with industry partners, First City University College can better prepare students for successful careers in their respective fields.

To provide valuable feedback and insights, panel of external assessors were invited, comprising industry experts such as Soo Mei Ling from Urban Catalyst Sdn Bhd, Ong Kian Kiat, Design Director at Bloom Design Sdn Bhd, and Ts. Mohd Azrol Bin Baharudin, a respected lecturer from the School of Architecture & Interior Architecture at UiTM, among others.

One of the external assessors, Idzwan Sawal from Studio MVH noted "The students' presentation were excellently crafted, but what truly set it apart was their delivery. Their ability to convey the project's essence through storytelling was exceptional. The animations added a visually engaging layer, but the highlight was undoubtedly the meticulous attention to detail in the dubbing voiceovers, which made complex concepts crystal clear. Overall, their presentations were not just informative but also captivating"



By honing necessary skills and actively engaging with industry partners, First City University College is equipping its students with the tools they need to succeed in the competitive landscape of the industry. With continued collaboration from industry experts, these aspiring interior architects and designers continue to embark on their professional journeys.

FACULTY OF DESIGN & BUILT ENVIRONMENT

ELEVATING EXCELLENCE - SIMONE RIDYARD'S INSPIRING VISIT TO FACULTY OF DESIGN & BUILT ENVIRONMENT



Simone Ridyard, an esteemed figure in interior architecture and design from Manchester School of Art at Manchester Metropolitan University, made a highly anticipated visit to the Faculty of Design & Built Environment (FDBE) from 22-24 May 2024. Her role as the International External Examiner for the BA (Hons) Interior Architecture & Design programme was pivotal, as she brought a wealth of expertise and insight that greatly enriched the academic environment and elevated the standards of the students' work.

During her visit, Simone Ridyard rigorously evaluated the academic programme, ensuring that it adhered to international standards. Her detailed assessments and

constructive feedback were invaluable in maintaining and enhancing the quality of the curriculum. Simone's deep understanding of the field allowed her to provide guidance that not only upheld but also advanced the programme's excellence. She emphasized the importance of maintaining global standards and integrating innovative design practices to prepare students for the dynamic landscape of interior architecture.

Beyond her formal duties, Simone engaged deeply with both faculty members and students. She conducted a series of interactive sessions that were both inspiring and educational. These sessions provided a platform for students to showcase their projects and receive direct feedback from a leading professional in the field. Faculty members also benefited from her expertise, gaining new perspectives on curriculum development and pedagogical strategies.

Simone Ridyard's visit left a profound impact on the FDBE community. Her passion and dedication to interior architecture and design were evident in every interaction. Reflecting on her experience, Simone remarked, "I am impressed with the level of creativity and commitment to excellence I have seen at FDBE. The students' work is of an outstanding quality, and the faculty's dedication to fostering an environment of innovation and critical thinking is commendable."

The faculty and students are deeply grateful for Simone Ridyard's contributions. Her visit not only validated the programme's strengths but also provided a clear roadmap for future improvements. The insights and recommendations she shared will undoubtedly shape the direction of the Interior Architecture & Design programme, ensuring that it continues to meet and exceed international standards.

FACULTY OF DESIGN & BUILT ENVIRONMENT

DESIGN STUDENTS DAZZLE AT SEQUENCE 2024 GRADUATION SHOWCASE

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The SEQUENCE 2024 graduation showcase, organized by the Faculty of Design, Built & Environment, was a spectacular event, spotlighting the exceptional talents of graduating students from various disciplines. The showcase featured brilliant projects from BA (Hons) Graphic Design, BA (Hons) Furniture & Product Design, BA (Hons) Interior Architecture & Design, BA (Hons) Fashion Marketing, as well as the Diploma in Interior Design and Diploma in Graphic Design programmes.

What set SEQUENCE 2024 apart from traditional graduation showcases was its dynamic and engaging platform, which highlighted the professionally crafted projects of these aspiring designers and fashion enthusiasts. The event was a feast for the eyes, celebrating creativity and innovation at every turn.

One of the highlights of the event was the recognition of seven outstanding students who were named Best Students for their respective academic programmes. Their hard work and dedication were honoured by First City University College Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr. Saw Sor Heoh during a glittering launch ceremony at First City Hall on 24 May 2024.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to these stellar students for their well-deserved accolades and contributions to making SEQUENCE 2024 an unforgettable celebration of design excellence!

BA (Hons) in Interior Architecture and Design:
Cheah Jing Yu

BA (Hons) in Fashion Marketing:
Chan Jia Yan

BA (Honours) in Graphic Design:
Ang Wei Chun

BA (Honours) in Furniture & Product Design:
Yap Kai Ming

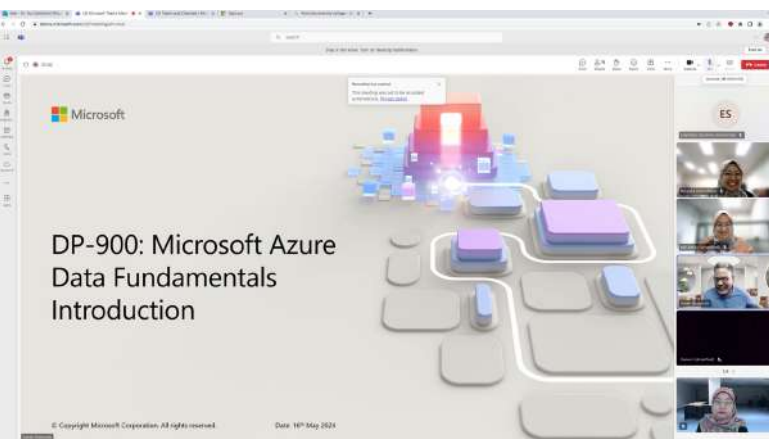
Diploma in Interior Design:
Alice Lee Kim Lan & Ng Qi Wen

Diploma in Graphic Design:
Pheobe New Shin Hee



FACULTY OF COMPUTER SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

BUILDING FOUNDATIONS - MASTERING MICROSOFT AZURE DATA FUNDAMENTALS



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On 16 May 2024, two lecturers from the Faculty of Computer Science and Technology; Dr. Nur Dalila binti Rizuan and Mr. Mohammad Hafizuddin bin Ameruddin, joined an online training session on Microsoft Azure Data Fundamentals organised by Emphatta Malaysia Sdn. Bhd. The objective of the training was to provide participants with foundational knowledge of core data concepts and related Microsoft Azure data services.

The session was led by Mr. Jesu Arockia Xavier, a Microsoft Certified Trainer and AWS Authorized Instructor. The topics comprised of large-scale data warehousing, real-time analytics and data visualisation. Mr. Xavier began the session by explaining the different types of data. He also discussed how AI and machine learning can be used to manage unstructured data. The afternoon session featured a hands-on lab where participants explored Azure's Blob Storage, Azure Data Lake Storage Gen2, Azure Files, and Azure Tables. This practical segment allowed attendees to apply their newfound knowledge in a real-world context.

Dr. Nur Dalila binti Rizuan remarked, "The training is helpful for gaining foundational knowledge of core data concepts and related Microsoft Azure data services. Questions from participants were answered clearly, helping to clarify any doubts. The multiple-choice questions provided by the trainer were particularly useful."

Mr. Mohammad Hafizuddin bin Ameruddin added, "This training is quite helpful and interesting, even though I come from an electronic engineering background. I need to learn more in future sessions, as this complex subject requires more time for me to fully understand. Overall, the training was very interesting and enjoyable."

The online training session on Microsoft Azure Data Fundamentals was a valuable experience for the participants. Under expert guidance, they gained essential insights and practical skills in data management.

FACULTY OF BUSINESS, HOSPITALITY & COMMUNICATION

REPRESENTATIVES FROM FIRST CITY UNIVERSITY COLLEGE GAIN FINANCIAL INSIGHTS AT MIM EVENT

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On 28 May 2024, representatives from First City University College attended the Malaysian Institute of Management's (MIM) Crucial Conversations event, "Navigating Life's Financial Maze: Crafting Your Path to a Strong Financial Future," held at Hilton PJ.



The participation from First City University College, facilitated by the Student Services Department, saw the participation of two faculty members from the Faculty of Business, Hospitality & Communication and five students, including representatives from the Student Council.

The first plenary, focusing on the "Cost-to-Benefits of Higher Education," featured notable speakers such as Mr. Malcolm Wong Jun Xiang, Prof. Geoffrey Williams, and Mr. Chin Yi Jian.

Fow Seng Joe, President of the Student Council, found Prof. Williams' advice particularly inspiring, noting his encouragement for students to "think big, jump out of their comfort zones, and start their own businesses."

The second plenary session, "Transitioning from University to the Workforce: Long-Term Financial Management Strategies for Students," provided valuable insights from industry leaders like Mr. Azaddin Ngah Tasir, Mr. Alvin Tan Chin Cherg, and Mr. Malek Ali. This session emphasized practical strategies for financial planning post-graduation.

In the afternoon, participants explored the impact of technology on financial management during the third plenary, "Mastering Money Matters," with panelists Mr. Peter Yong, Mr. Desmond Teoh, and Mr. Wong Wai Ken. Additional sessions, including Dr. Sangeeta Kaur's "The Psychology of Wealth" and Ms. Balqais Yusoff's "Beyond the Paycheck," further enriched the attendees' understanding of financial well-being.

Overall, participants found the event highly rewarding, gaining substantial knowledge and motivation to navigate their financial futures successfully.

FACULTY OF BUSINESS, HOSPITALITY & COMMUNICATION

A MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE AT THE MARRIOTT CAREER FESTIVAL



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On 23 May 2024, the Marriott Career Festival hosted by Le Meridien KL Sentral saw enthusiastic participation from students of the various disciplines from the Faculty of Business, Hospitality & Communication.

The event, attended by students from Segi College Kuala Lumpur, Politeknik Metro Kuala Lumpur, and First City University College, was a remarkable blend of learning and fun.



The day began with a warm welcome from Micheal Delargy, the General Manager of Le Meridien Kuala Lumpur. Following the introduction, students were divided into six groups for an exciting Amazing Race activity, fostering camaraderie among participants from different institutions. The race took students through six key departments: Laundry, Pool Bar, Front Office, Banquet, Housekeeping, and Safety and Security.

Students had hands-on experiences, such as creating mocktails, folding towels into swans, assembling safety uniforms, and setting banquet tables. These activities provided invaluable practical insights into hotel operations, far beyond the traditional classroom learning.

Grace Gwee Shi Jie shared, "I had fun playing the amazing race with my friends. I met some interns here and I am thinking to have Le Meridien as my intern placement." Adrian Nathan Thomas added, "Experiencing different activities in different departments in a hotel is better than just learning in the classroom. It's more exciting and memorable."



The Marriott Career Festival proved to be an enriching and enjoyable experience, leaving students inspired and eager for their future careers in the hospitality industry.

FACULTY OF BUSINESS, HOSPITALITY & COMMUNICATION

VISIT TO INTERNATIONAL CAFÉ AND BEVERAGE SHOW - EXPLORING FOOD SERVICE TRENDS



Two lecturers from the Faculty of Business, Hospitality & Communication; Nur Afieqah Mamud and Nur Khairunnisa Murnisham, attended the International Café and Beverage Show held at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre on 23 May 2024. Organised by Montgomery Group Asia, the event aimed to provide participants with an opportunity to interact and network with over 350 top-quality brands from around the world.

The event featured various activities designed to improve the attendees' understanding of the café and beverage sector. Highlights included a Café Talk by 8055 Coffee on the origin of cafés and another on modern café layout and design. Additionally, Aaron Phua, the 2019 Malaysian Barista Champion, conducted demonstrations on unique coffee concoctions such as Laksa Latte and Mocha Blackforest Latte.

Nur Khairunnisa Murnisham remarked, "I saw new products and trends and received great input." Nur Afieqah Mamud added, "It's my first time attending an exhibition on coffee and cafés. There's a lot of innovative and creative products which I can't wait to share with my students."



The visit to the International Café and Beverage Show allowed the educators to stay updated with the latest trends in the food service industry. They gained valuable insights into the latest trends and innovations in the café and beverage industry, which they can now incorporate into their teaching to better prepare their students for the evolving food service landscape.

EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

ONE STEP FORWARD - A WINNING FORMULA FOR SUCCESS

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23 highly enthusiastic students and staff took part in a sharing session titled "One Step Forward: A Winning Formula for Success," on 3 May 2024. The session focused on hackathons and personal development. Ms. Sherryn Lim Wen-I; the Acting Dean of Faculty of Computer Science and Technology, and Ms. Sherylaidah binti Samsuddin joined the session to support the students and attentively listened to their presentations.



The event featured three student speakers; Cornileus Jasper, Lee Zhi Guan, and Ong Kai Jie who have participated and won numerous industry-based competitions to their merit. The speakers highlighted various elements of hackathons, stressing collaboration, creative problem-solving, prototype creation, and networking. They noted one of the benefits of joining hackathons includes the chance to explore new ideas and develop innovative solutions to real-world challenges. They also learned to prioritise tasks and breaking them down into manageable steps

Cornileus Jasper, Lee Zhi Guan, and Ong Kai Jie shared their insights and experiences from previous competitions. Cornileus Jasper emphasized the numerous networking opportunities that hackathons offer, particularly the chance to connect with high-achieving individuals skilled in leadership. Ong Kai Jie, the new president of the Tech Club, expressed his enjoyment in collaborating with Cornileus Jasper and Lee Zhi Guan during past competitions.

The event concluded with a group photograph featuring all participants and speakers. This event is hope to encourage more students to participate in competitions and hackathons with confidence and an eye toward success.



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FUTURE PATHWAYS - MOTIVATIONAL TALK AND ENGAGEMENT AT SMJK TSUNG WAH



Tee then transitioned into action, delivering his carefully planned sessions designed to resonate with the students. The programme was thoughtfully divided into two main segments to cater to the different academic streams present at the school i.e. the Arts and Science Streams.

Tee provided insights into the diverse opportunities available, emphasizing the importance of creativity, critical thinking, and the vast array of career paths that both education streams can lead to.

Throughout both sessions, Tee incorporated fun and interactive elements to keep the students engaged. These included quizzes, group discussions, and hands-on activities that allowed the students to explore their interests while having loads of fun.

The visit concluded on a high note, leaving the students of SMJK Tsung Wah feeling motivated and excited about their future educational and career prospects. The programme not only provided valuable information but also inspired the students to envision the possibilities that lie ahead.

On 13 May 2024, 169 Form 5 students of SMJK Tsung Wah in Kuala Kangsar, Perak, experienced a day filled with excitement and inspiration. The occasion was marked by the visit of Tee Poh Kuan, the Head of Student Recruitment from First City University College, who came to deliver talk on educational pathway and engage the students in a series of interactive sessions.

The day began with a warm welcome as Tee met with the School Principal, Chan Mee Lee, and the dedicated team of school counsellor and teachers. This initial meet and greet set a positive tone for the day's events, establishing a collaborative atmosphere between First City University College and the school's leadership.



EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

MYRA 2024 - A WORKSHOP FOR STRENGTHENING RESEARCH AUDITS



On 15 May 2024, a team of faculty members and staff from First City University College; Ms. Marsitee binti Endut, Asst. Prof. Ir. Dr. Tay Ching En Marcus, Asst. Prof. Saraswathy a/p Rengasamy, Dr. Ahmad Faris Naqiyuddin bin Mohd Ghazi, Ms. S Komlavathi A/P Subramaniam, Dr. Nur Dalila binti Rizuan and Assoc. and Prof. Azali Bin Abd Rahim virtually attended 'Bengkel Latihan Juruaudit Dalam MyRA 2024' organised by Malaysian Ministry of Higher Education at the Centre of Postgraduate Studies. The workshop also ran simultaneously at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia which were attended by Mr Lye Boon Han and Ms Yong Jing Yii.

The workshop was delivered by YBrS. Prof. Dr. Mohamad Hamiruce bin Marhaban (UPM), YBrS. Prof. Dr. Phua Kia Kien (USM), YBrS. Prof. Dr. Ismanizan Ismail (UKM) YBrS. Prof. Dr. Mohd Ambri bin Mohamed (UKM) Prof. Dr. Saiful Anuar Bin Karsani (UM) and YBrS. Prof. Lee Keat Teong (USM)

The workshop aimed to update participants on the latest MyRA internal audit procedures, define the MyRA glossary, maintain data and evidence for audits, and provide feedback on the glossary. Key topics included the importance of increasing PhD holders for national innovation, the vision, mission, and goals of research universities, and the ethics of internal auditors. Detailed discussions covered the use of the eMyRA system, interpreting audit reports, and common error messages.

Overall, the 'Bengkel Latihan Juruaudit Dalam MyRA 2024' was a success, providing participants with the knowledge and skills needed to enhance the quality and effectiveness of MyRA internal audits. The training emphasized the importance of continuous improvement and collaboration in fostering a good research ecosystem in Malaysia.

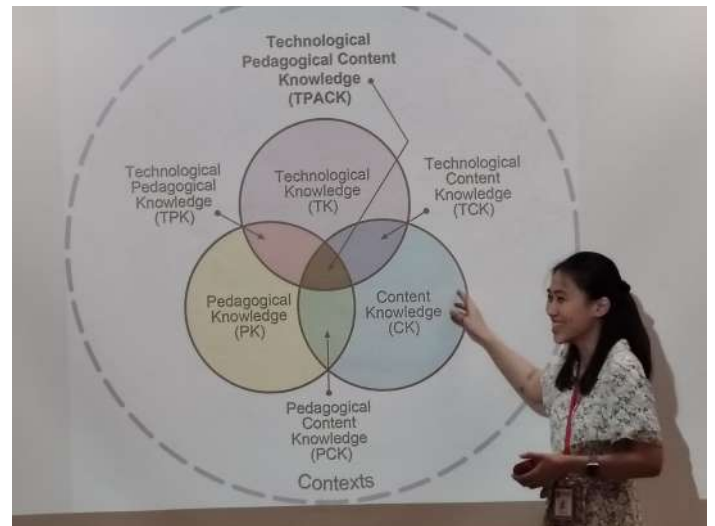


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ENHANCING TEACHING THROUGH TECHNOLOGY - A WORKSHOP ON THE TPACK MODEL

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On 16 May 2024, at the Centre for Postgraduate Studies, eight academic staff members from the Faculty of Business, Hospitality and Communication, and the Faculty of Computer Science and Technology, participated in a specialised training session on integrating technology into education. The session aimed to familiarise participants with the TPACK model and introduce them to various educational applications.



Dr. Mas Izzati Binti Fazin, Senior Lecturer from the Faculty of Computer Science and Technology, remarked, "The most interesting training I have ever had. The technology tools are helpful and very convenient to apply. The apps are updated and easy to use. I particularly enjoyed Kahoot!, Blooket, and Padlet."

Similarly, Nur Hamidah Binti Mamat, a lecturer from the Faculty of Business, Hospitality and Communication, stated, "Very interesting apps which are new and useful to me. The training is easy to understand and overall, it was very good. I especially liked using Kahoot and Padlet for student feedback, and Canva is quite interesting as well. The TPACK model can definitely be applied in our classes."

By the end of the session, the participants understood the usage of the TPACK model. They are expected to apply it in classroom activities, and utilised at least one educational application in their teaching and learning activities. This approach ensured that lecturers were well-equipped to integrate technology into their teaching practices, enhancing the learning experience for their students.

The TPACK (Technological Pedagogical Content Knowledge) model outlines the knowledge educators need for the effective integration of technology in teaching. The session included a practical segment where lecturers explored various educational

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FACULTY REPRESENTATIVES IMMERSSED IN THE LITERARY WORLD AT KLIBF 2024



Five faculty representatives from various faculties and centres at First City University College attended the Kuala Lumpur International Book Fair (KLIBF) at the World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur on 27 May 2024. The delegation included Dr. Nur Dalila Binti Rizuan, Dr. Norhayati Binti Mohd Zainee, Nursyamira Binti Syaid, Nur Khairunnisa Binti Murnisham, and Siti Hajar Binti Ariffin, and was led by Chief Librarian Ily Aliah Ismail. The purpose of the visit was to immerse participants in the vibrant atmosphere of the book fair and to search for the latest publications relevant to their respective faculties.

KLIBF, organized by the Ministry of Education Malaysia and the National Book Council of Malaysia, is a significant event in the global publishing calendar. Running from 24 May to 2 June 2024, the fair features book launches, seminars, and conventions, attracting book lovers from all walks of life.

The participants had a rewarding experience, engaging in various activities and exploring diverse literary works. They appreciated the opportunity to connect with publishers and fellow book enthusiasts during the visit. The enriching environment inspired them and deepened their passion for books and reading. The team eagerly anticipates future book fair visits, considering this event a highlight of their academic and professional journey.



EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

MASTERING ANNUAL PROGRAMME QUALITY REPORTS - A COMPREHENSIVE WORKSHOP FOR ACADEMIC STAFF

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12 staff members from the Faculty of Computer Science and Technology and the Faculty of Business, Hospitality and Tourism participated in a workshop on 'Good Practices for Annual Programme Quality Report (APQR)' on 27 May 2024 at the Centre for Postgraduate Studies. These staff members are namely, Asst. Prof. Ir. Dr. Tay Ching En Marcus, Ir. Ts. Sukhairul Nizam Bin Abdul Razak, Lee Shy Yun, Nur Izzah Rahmiah Binti Ab Llah, Sherryn Lim Wen-I, Sherylaidah Binti Samsuddin, Siti Azirah Binti Azhari, S Komlavathi Subramaniam, Asst. Prof. Wong Choon Fah, Jackie, Chang Guo Kuen Alvin, and Nur Afieqah Binti Mamud.

The APQR is a crucial element of the programme quality cycle, which includes planning, developing, implementing, and evaluating cycle of programmes. The workshop focused on the various sections of the APQR template, such as performance indicators, student enrolment analyses, student progress and retention analyses, internship attachment reports, and rolling action plans.



Asst. Prof. Wong Choon Fah, Jackie, remarked, "This training is beneficial to the Programme Coordinators in preparing the APQR document. Programme Coordinators learned the proper format of the APQR document and the relevant information needed to be included in the APQR document."

Siti Azirah Azhari added, "We learned good practices for creating the APQR report, including what outcomes need to be reported in each section. We can include photos or pictures as evidence in relevant sections of the report. The instructor also shared additional templates, such as the PO tracker."

By the end of the session, participants had gained the skills needed to write comprehensive annual programme quality reports, focusing on continuous quality improvement and outcome achievements. They also learned how to maintain evidence of these efforts and present their APQRs, sharing good practices with their peers. This training ensured that lecturers were well-prepared to contribute to the ongoing improvement of their programmes.

EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

OUTCOME-BASED EDUCATION PRACTICAL TRAINING FOR ACADEMIC ENHANCEMENT



Outcome-based education is a structured approach in curriculum delivery that emphasizes intended goals supporting the Malaysian Qualifications Framework (MQF) five clusters of learning outcomes. The workshop aimed to familiarise participants with programme educational objectives (PEO), programme learning outcomes (LO), and module learning outcomes (PO). The workshop also encouraged participants to measure module learning outcomes and programme learning outcomes directly and explicitly using suitable assessment rubrics, aligned with LO-PO-assessment mapping in the module framework.

Yap Min Chen from the Centre of Language and Extension Services remarked, "After attending the workshop, I have a better understanding of how to map Module Learning Outcomes with Programme Learning Outcomes."

Dr. Ahmad Faris Naqiyuddin bin Mohd Ghazi noted, "The demonstration of software tools for measuring and analysing Module Learning Outcomes with Programme Learning Outcomes added a practical dimension that enhanced my understanding of the theoretical concepts discussed."

On 28 May 2024, the Centre for Excellence in Learning and Teaching hosted a workshop titled 'Outcome-Based Education Planning, Development, Implementation, and Evaluation Cycle'. This informative session was led by Asst. Prof. Ir. Dr. Tay Ching En Marcus of Faculty of Computer Science and Technology, involving twelve academic staff members; Nur Izzah Rahmiah Binti Ab Llah, Ir. Jeewa Vengadasalam, Nik Nur Adlin Binti Nik Qausbee, Ir. Ts. Sukhairul Nizam Bin Abdul Razak, Sherylaidah Binti Samsuddin, Dr. Ahmad Faris Naqiyuddin bin Mohd Ghazi, Siti Hajar Bt Ariffin, Yap Min Chen, Nur Afieqah Binti Mamud, Nur Hamidah Binti Mamat, Hasry@Hosny Bin Hassim, and Soon Tet Suan Grace.

By the end of the session, participants had acquired the knowledge and skills necessary to implement outcome-based education effectively, ensuring continuous quality improvement in their academic programmes. This workshop provided the tools and insights needed to uphold educational standards

MEET OUR ALUMNUS

DANIEL CHUA, FOUNDER & DIRECTOR, UNTOLDSTR, SINGAPORE



Daniel Chua, an exemplary alumnus of First City University College, has certainly made his mark in the design industry. His journey from a passionate design student to a successful entrepreneur and director exemplifies the transformative power of education and ambition.

Daniel Chua's academic foundation was laid at First City University College, where he completed his Diploma in Interior Design. Building on this solid base, he pursued a BA (Honours) in Furniture & Product Design. He earned his First-Class Honours degree and subsequently named the Student of the Year for his programme. His time at First City was marked by a commitment to excellence and a drive to innovate. The comprehensive curriculum and hands-on learning

experiences provided Daniel with the skills set and creative vision essential for a career in product design.

Daniel Chua who hailed from Sarawak, took the bold step of venturing into the business world upon his graduation. He founded Untoldstr, an upscale hardware store in Singapore, which has quickly garnered a reputation for its exquisite hardware accessories. Under his leadership, Untoldstr has become synonymous with quality and aesthetic appeal, catering to discerning customers seeking unique and beautifully crafted hardware solutions.

Daniel's success as a product designer and entrepreneur is a testament to his dedication, creativity, and the robust education he received at First City University College. The institution's emphasis on practical skills, innovation, and industry-relevant knowledge equipped Daniel with the tools needed to excel in the competitive design industry.

As the Director of Untoldstr, Daniel continues to push boundaries, infusing his products with a blend of functionality and artistry. He has also taken an active role as the principal designer, designing his own products for this upscale store. His story is an inspiration to current and future students of First City University College, illustrating that with the right education and determination, remarkable success is within reach.

First City University College celebrates Daniel Chua's achievements and is proud to have played a role in his journey. His accomplishments reflect not only his personal talents but also the quality of education and support provided by the institution.

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Building upon its legacy of excellence, First City University College continues its journey towards even greater heights following the prestigious accolade of the Malaysian Education Excellence Award at the National Education and Learning Summit 2024 (NELS 2024).

Embracing this recognition as a reflection of its steadfast commitment to academic distinction and student success, the institution remains dedicated to excellence and innovation in education. With the gracious acceptance of the award presented by the Deputy Minister of Education YB Tuan Wong Kah Woh during the NELS 2024 on 23 April 2024, First City University College reaffirms its position as a trusted private higher education provider in Malaysia, with its legacy dated back to 1990.

First City University College is poised to expand its academic programmes, research initiatives, and community engagement projects even further. The institution remains dedicated to creating an inclusive and dynamic learning environment where students from diverse backgrounds can succeed and excel. This award not only celebrates the institution's achievements but also marks a significant milestone in its mission to nurture the next generation of leaders, innovators, and change-makers.





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