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A CHAT WITH OUR VICE-CHANCELLOR

As we reflect on the past month, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the remarkable events and milestones that we have achieved together. July was a month of celebration, marking significant accomplishments, unforgettable moments, and the forging of significant partnerships and collaborations that will shape the future of our institution.

We had a series of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signing ceremonies with industry leaders. These collaborations represent our commitment to delivering holistic and industry-driven education, providing our students with unique opportunities for research, innovation, and professional development. Through these partnerships, our students will be well-equipped with the necessary skills, knowledge, and experience needed to thrive and achieve success in their careers.

The highlight of the month was of course our graduation ceremony, a momentous occasion where we celebrated the achievements of our graduates. It was truly inspiring to witness the joy and pride on the faces of the graduates as they received their diplomas and degrees, signifying years of effort, dedication and perseverance. It was a day filled with joy, excitement, and happiness and we are deeply proud and privileged to celebrate this special day with them. We are confident that our graduates will achieve great success in their careers and make signification contributions to their fields.

At the graduation ceremony, we presented the Industry Excellence Awards for the very first time. The Industry Excellence Awards were awarded to bachelor's degree graduates who have demonstrated exceptional leadership, innovation, and excellence in their studies and industry projects. Presented by our esteemed industry partners, Zchwantech Sdn Bhd and Esecretary Sdn Bhd, these awards highlight the important role that industry plays in driving progress and inspiring future generations. The recipients of these awards will have the opportunity to connect with industry leaders and professionals, fostering valuable opportunities to advance their careers.

As we move forward, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to making these events a success. Your dedication and support are the pillars of our continued success. Let us carry the momentum from this month of celebration into the future, striving for excellence and fostering a community of collaboration and innovation.

Thank you for being a part of this incredible journey.



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

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FIRST CITY UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CELEBRATES 266 GRADUATES AT GRADUATION CEREMONY



First City University College celebrated a momentous graduation ceremony, honouring 266 students from various programmes. Held at One World Hotel, the event was marked by a grand procession of graduates in academic array to celebrate their accomplishments.

The event was graced by YgBhg Tan Sri Dato' IR (Dr) Teo Chiang Kok, Chairman of the Board of Governors; YgBhg Tan Sri Dato' (Dr) Teo Chiang Liang, Director and Member of the Board of Governors; Datuk Yaacob Bin Wan Ibrahim, Chancellor of First City University College; Professor Dr. Saw Sor Heoh, Vice-Chancellor of First City University College; Dr Hing Hiang Lian, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of First City University College; Members of the Board of Governors; and staff of First City University College. In her address, Professor Dr. Saw Sor Heoh, Vice-Chancellor of First City University College, remarked, "Your education has equipped and prepared you for a lifetime of accomplishments. The knowledge and skills you possess are powerful, and with them, you will continue to bring honour to our institution and make a positive impact wherever your journey leads you."





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This year marks First City University College's inaugural Industry Excellence Awards. These awards celebrate bachelor's degree graduates who have demonstrated outstanding performance in overall aspects. These awards are sponsored by Zchwantech Sdn Bhd and E-secretary Sdn Bhd.



Jacqielynn Saw Sze Wye, a BCS (Intelligent Systems) (Honours) graduate received both the Excellence Awards – Distinction and the Industry Excellence Awards.





International student Gong Hong Shen, who graduated in Bachelor of Computer Science (Intelligent Systems) (Honours), expressed gratitude to the professors, staff, and classmates for their support. Hong Sheng's family member remarked, "I am delighted to attend my younger brother's graduation. Congratulations to First City University College for nurturing remarkable talents."





This year's graduation ceremony highlights First City University College's commitment to celebrating academic achievements and industry readiness.

FIRST CITY UNIVERSITY COLLEGE & UTOSS MALAYSIA SDN. BHD. SIGN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO PROMOTE CULTURAL EXCHANGE AND EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT



On 17 July 2024, First City University College and UTOSS Malaysia Sdn. Bhd. commemorated the signing of a significant Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). at the **Chancellery.** This collaboration is designed to foster cultural exchange and broaden educational horizons through a specially crafted enrichment programme for Year 12 students from high schools in the Republic of Korea, recruited by UTOSS. The signing ceremony saw both representatives from UTOSS Malaysia Sdn. Bhd. and staff from First City University College.

The primary objective of this MOU is to equip students with the necessary skills to succeed in the hospitality sector. The enrichment programme will focus on enhancing students' English language proficiency, empowering them to communicate effectively in the workplace. By improving their writing and speaking skills, students will gain confidence in presenting their ideas clearly and engaging in meaningful conversations.

> The benefits of this collaboration extend beyond individual growth. By working together, First City University College and UTOSS Malaysia Sdn. Bhd. are building a stronger educational framework, enhancing First City University College's reputation as a provider of international education, and positioning both institutions for continued growth and sustainability in an evolving educational landscape. This partnership will have a lasting impact on supporting the overall development of students, preparing them for personal and professional challenges ahead.



FIRST CITY UNIVERSITY COLLEGE & ESECRETARY SDN. BHD. SIGN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO ENHANCE INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT AND STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

On 18 July 2024, First City University College and ESECRETARY Sdn. Bhd. marked a significant milestone with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). This agreement reflects a strengthened commitment to enhancing industry engagement and providing valuable educational and career opportunities for students.



The ceremony was honoured by the presence of Professor Dr. Saw Soh Heoh, Vice-Chancellor of First City University College; Mr. Weladavi Acharige Rahula, Head of the Student Services Department of First City University College; Professor Dato Dr. Chan Khin Thiam, Founder of ESECRETARY Sdn. Bhd.; and Mr. Kee Chun Ooi, Admin Manager of ESECRETARY Sdn. Bhd. The MOU with ESECRETARY Sdn. Bhd. reinforces First City University College's commitment to providing comprehensive and industry-relevant education. This partnership will offer students essential educational opportunities and industry connections, helping them develop the skills, knowledge, and experience required to excel in their chosen fields.

A notable aspect of this collaboration is ESECRETARY's pledge to present Industry Excellence Awards to outstanding Bachelor's Degree graduates from the Faculty of Business, Hospitality, and Communication. These awards, to be presented at the upcoming graduation ceremony, aim to connect graduates with industry leaders, strengthen the relationship between educational institutions and the industry, and showcase the diverse talents and perspectives of FCUC graduates.

As First City University College and ESECRETARY Sdn. Bhd. embark on this collaborative journey, there is a strong belief that the partnership will inspire and create numerous opportunities for students, faculty, and the broader community. Together, they are poised to attain excellence and foster innovation, paving the way for a brighter and more prosperous future for all involved.



FIRST CITY UNIVERSITY COLLEGE & ZCHWANTECH SDN. BHD. ESTABLISH PARTNERSHIP TO ADVANCE INDUSTRY COLLABORATION AND STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

On 19 July 2024, First City University College and ZCHWANTECH Sdn. Bhd. marked a significant milestone with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). This event emphasizes the deepening of their industry engagement and commitment to providing students with enhanced educational and career opportunities.



The ceremony was attended by prominent figures including Professor Dr. Saw Sor Heoh, Vice-Chancellor of First City University College Mr. Weladavi Acharige Rahula, Head of the Student Services Department of First City University College; Mr. Chay Weei Jye, Chief Technology Officer of ZCHWANTECH Sdn. Bhd.; and Mr. Yap Kok San, Senior Talent Acquisition Executive of ZCHWANTECH Sdn. Bhd. Deans of the Faculty, Heads of Departments, and staff members of FCUC were also present.



The signing of this MOU further reinforces First City University College's commitment to providing holistic and industry-driven education that prepares students to face future challenges. The partnership with ZCHWANTECH Sdn. Bhd. will offer students the educational opportunities and industry connections necessary to develop the skills, knowledge, and experience needed to thrive in relevant positions.

A highlight of this partnership is ZCHWANTECH's generous commitment to granting Industry Excellence Awards to outstanding Bachelor's Degree graduates from the Faculty of Computer Science and Technology and the Faculty of Design and Built Environment. These awards, which will be presented at the graduation ceremony at the end of this month, aim to connect graduates with industry leaders and professionals, strengthen ties between educational institutions and the industry, and highlight the diverse talents and perspectives of First City University College graduates.

As First City University College and ZCHWANTECH Sdn. Bhd. embark on this collaborative journey, there is a shared confidence that this partnership will inspire and create numerous opportunities for students, faculty, and the wider community.

FIRST CITY UNIVERSITY COLLEGE & ADASTANETWORK SDN. BHD. SIGN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO ADVANCE INDUSTRY 4.0 EDUCATION



On 19 July 2024, First City University College and ADASTANETWORK Sdn. Bhd. marked a momentous occasion with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). This collaboration aims to foster knowledge exchange, promote technological innovation, and advance Industry 4.0 education through a detailed and structured programme.

The ceremony featured key representatives including Professor Dr. Saw Sor Heoh, Vice-Chancellor of First City University College; Asst. Prof Foo Sek Kuan David, Dean, Faculty of Computer Science and Technology of First City University College; Ms. Bhaawaani Visunathan, Chief Executive Officer of ADASTANETWORK Sdn. Bhd.; Mr. Naresh Visunathan, Marketing & Development Manager of ADASTANETWORK Sdn. Bhd.; and Mr. Cletus De Rozario, Education & IR4.0 Consultant of ADASTANETWORK Sdn. Bhd. The main objective of this MOU is to enhance awareness of Industry 4.0, an influential force that is revolutionizing global industries. First City University College is committed to equipping its students for this evolving industrial landscape by providing an industry-aligned curriculum. The modules are specifically crafted to meet industry certification standards, enabling students to pursue certifications in IR 4.0 from the London College of Corporate Learning, IPV6 (Network and Security) from IPv6 Global Forum, Cybersecurity from Certnexus, and Supply Chain & Logistics from ISCEA.

The collaboration between First City University College and ADASTANETWORK Sdn. Bhd. indicates a crucial step towards creating a robust educational framework that integrates modern industry practices. This partnership strengthens First City University College's reputation as a leader in Industry 4.0 education, ensuring that students acquire the skills and experiences essential for thriving in a dynamic job market.

Together, First City University College and ADASTANETWORK Sdn. Bhd. are setting a new benchmark in educational excellence, driven by innovation and relevance. This partnership is poised to make a lasting impact, shaping the future of students and the broader educational sector.



ARCHIDEX 2024 - DATUM GREEN CONFERENCE - A DAY OF INSPIRATION AND INNOVATION



On 4 July 2024, the Kuala Lumpur Convention Center was a hub of creativity and learning as it hosted the DATUM: Green Conference and the ARCHIDEX 2024 Trade Exhibition. The event included six students and three lecturers from the Faculty of Design & Build Environment -Building and Interior Architecture Department (BIAD).

The day began with the DATUM: Green Conference, where the lecturers IDr. Fakhul Zaman and Ms. Izzatul Hidayah were in attendance. The conference focused on innovative pathways to achieving recognition and success in architectural and interior design professions. Esteemed architects and designers shared their insights, exploring new trends and future directions in the field. Following the conference, the focus shifted to the ARCHIDEX 2024 Trade Exhibition. Ahmad Tamimi Bin Mohammad, another lecturer, joined the six Semester 4, 2nd-year BIAD students for this part of the event. The exhibition showcased the latest trends, materials, and finishes, offering attendees with an opportunity to explore new products and technologies shaping the industry.





In summary, ARCHIDEX 2024 and the DATUM: Green Conference were highly enriching experiences for both the lecturers and students. They offered profound insights into architectural design advancements and fuelled a passion for pushing the boundaries of creativity and innovation in the field.

CAPTURING FASHION - AN IMMERSIVE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP AT THE LOFT STUDIO



On 12 July 2024, the BA (Hons) Fashion Marketing programme organized a Fashion Photography Workshop at The Loft Studio in Shah Alam. Led by lecturer Nazima Abdullah, the workshop provided students Edmond Liew Chi Hin, Chong Way Son, and Goh Chia Zhi with a unique opportunity to gain hands-on experience in a professional photography setting. The workshop covered essential elements of fashion photography, starting with the basics. Students were introduced to the ways of handling DSLR cameras, including the proper techniques for operating various camera settings. They also discovered the art of photography lighting setups, learning how to manipulate light to enhance the visual appeal of their fashion photographs. In addition to the photography sessions, the workshop also included post-editing techniques.

The Fashion Photography Workshop at The Loft Studio was a success, providing students with a solid foundation in fashion photography. The experience enriched their understanding of the field, preparing them for future challenges and opportunities in the world of fashion marketing.



CREATIVE CRAFT STUDIO -BATIK MAKING WORKSHOP 2024

> On 9 July 2024, the Faculty of Design and Built Environment (FDBE) in collaboration with the National Craft Institute, hosted the Creative Craft Studio: Batik Making Workshop 2024. The event took place at Taman Rekreasi Templer in Rawang, Selangor. 10 students from BA (Hons) in Fashion Marketing accompanied by two lecturers, Sharifah Mazwari and Hosny Hassim participated in this immersive craft experience.



Participants were guided through the entire batik-making process, starting with an introduction to the materials and equipment used. They learned to trace batik patterns onto fabric, mount the fabric on frames, and use wax heaters. Applying wax with a canting, colouring the waxed patterns, drying the fabric, fixing colours with sodium silicate, and finally washing and boiling the fabric to remove the wax were all part of the



comprehensive workshop. This hands-on experience provided the students with a thorough understanding of each step involved in batik making, ensuring they gained practical skills alongside theoretical knowledge.

Elia Grace Ng, a student from BA (Hons) in Fashion Marketing, noted "Learning batik making has opened my eyes to the rich history and artistry behind each pattern and colour combination. I'm thrilled to create a skirt using the batik I've crafted." Another student from the same programme, Leong Luo Suen, shared "The process of applying wax and dyeing the fabric is both challenging and immensely satisfying. Exploring different motifs and experimenting with colours have sparked my passion for textile arts."

The batik pieces created during the workshop will be used to make clothes and showcased at the Sequence Showcase in September 2024, highlighting the students' newfound skills and creativity.

EXPLORING INNOVATION -A VISIT TO MIMOS BERHAD



On 3 July 2024, postgraduate students and staff from the Faculty of Design & Build Environment had the unique opportunity to visit Mimos Berhad's Big Data Analytic, Digital Government Lab. This visit aimed to deepen their understanding of industrial design and digital technology.

The event featured presentations from three distinguished designers. Saharudin Busri, the Head of Industrial Design at Mimos Berhad, and Mohd Nizam Najmuddin, a Senior Industrial Designer at the company, shared their expertise on the general concept of industrial design. They also provided a demonstration and discussion on user-experience in digital design technology. Hazmi Zaki, the UI/UX Manager at Mimos, gave insights into Mimos UI/UX practices. During the visit, participants obtained knowledge about Mimos Berhad's significant contributions to Malaysia's socio-economic growth. The company's patentable technology platforms, products, and solutions play a crucial role in advancing government services, business operations, healthcare, public safety, and environmental initiatives. Mimos Berhad is also recognized for empowering local industries to thrive in the digital economy through its innovative technologies.

Mr. Muhammad Sayyiddin Bin Maasah, a lecturer, reflected on the event, saying, "The technology is coming our way; we just need to utilize it."

Overall, the event provided valuable insights into the future of industrial design and digital technology, emphasizing how Mimos Berhad's innovations are shaping Malaysia's technological landscape.



FACULTY OF DESIGN AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT COMMEMORATES WORLD INTERIOR DAY 2024



On 10 July 2024, the Faculty of Design and Built Environment at First City University College celebrated World Interior Day 2024 by bringing together Diploma in Interior Design and BA (Hons) Interior Architecture and Design students along with their lecturers for a day dedicated to exploration and learning. The event took place at the Student Services Department.

The day began with an engaging talk by Ria KL, who provided a detailed exploration of the design dialogue, from concept to creation. Following the talk, participants took part in a Q&A session that allowed them to delve deeper into the topics discussed. The day continued with a workshop where attendees applied their knowledge in practical scenarios. The workshop featured a spirited competition, with Group 8 emerging as the Champion. Members of the group included, Joey Tee Jie Ying, Lai Zhi Qing, Goh Ming Ngo, Teh Ying Xuan, Nicholas Loh Jie Kit, Lee Wei Yan, Ting Teng Yung, Lai Choong Yan, and Sam Kian Mun.

Chin Wei Qi, President of the IAD Club, expressed his enthusiasm about the event, stating, "The event was truly inspiring and fruitful. It highlighted the strong connections between alumni, seniors, juniors, and lecturers, and effectively bridged the gap between professionals and students through shared experiences, hands-on workshops, and insightful feedback sessions."

Teh Ying Xuan echoed this sentiment, adding, "The session with Mr. Rex was incredibly insightful and beneficial for my design skills and current assignment. His innovative use of materials and striking contrasts between bright and dark colours were particularly inspiring."

Overall, the World Interior Day 2024 was a remarkable event that highlighted the talent and creativity of the Interior Design students, setting a high standard for future events.



GRAPHIC DESIGN STUDENTS DIVE INTO ILLUSTRATION WITH NELSON LIP

On 17 July 2024, the Faculty of Design & Built Environment welcomed renowned Malaysian illustrator Nelson Lip for a captivating session titled "My Illustration Journey." The event brought together students from three programmes; BA (Honours) in Graphic Design, Diploma in Graphic Design and Foundation in Art & Design.



Nelson Lip, a freelance illustrator from Tawau, Sabah, shared his rich experience and artistic journey, drawing inspiration from the lush forests of Sabah. His work includes collaborations with prominent organizations such as UNICEF Malaysia, World Vision



Malaysia, Doctors Without Borders (MSF), Harvard School of Public Health, and The Wizarding World. The session provided students with insights into his illustration style, storytelling techniques, and intriguing experiences with international clients.

The presentation was particularly engaging as Nelson Lip conducted a live demonstration, showcasing his illustration techniques and skills. Teng Jin Hoong, a BA (Honours) in Graphic Design student, remarked, "After Nelson's sharing session, I found it fascinating and intriguing to see how his illustrations are drawn and presented." Wong Jee Teng, also a BA (Honours) in Graphic Design student, added, "Nelson's journey as a children's book illustrator is highly motivating. He inspired me to paint my life with my own colours."

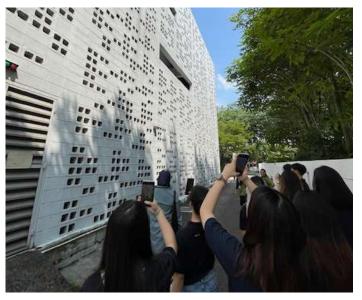
The event was an enriching experience for the students, offering them valuable perspectives and inspiration from a seasoned professional in the field of illustration.

STUDY VISIT TO WISMA REHDA -GAINING INSIGHTS INTO SUSTAINABLE DESIGN

On 15 July 2024, 44 students from the Bachelor of Interior Architecture and Design (BIAD) programme, along with four lecturers, visited Wisma REHDA in Selangor. The study visit aimed to expose students to practical, eco-friendly building practices and sustainable design strategies.







During the visit, students explored various aspects of sustainable design, including passive cooling techniques like natural ventilation and shading, which minimize reliance on artificial cooling. They learned about efficient energy consumption through smart lighting, appliances, and HVAC systems, and observed the application of Photo Voltaic (PV) panels, highlighting how solar energy can reduce the use of non-renewable resources.

The students also explored water conservation methods, such as rainwater harvesting and greywater recycling. The visit provided valuable insights into implementing these strategies in future design projects.

The visit was a significant learning experience for the students, offering them a deeper understanding of sustainable design and its application in the industry.

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FACULTY OF COMPUTER SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

ENHANCING CYBERSECURITY EDUCATION -FCST HOSTS PROGRAMME REVIEW AND INDUSTRY ADVISORY PANEL MEETING



On 12 July 2024, the Faculty of **Computer Science and** Technology hosted a **Programme Review Development Committee Meeting and Industry Advisory Panel Meeting for the Bachelor** of Information Technology (Networking and Security) (Hons) programme. The event, organised by Siti Azirah Binti Azhari; programme coordinator, included 15 staff members and two industry experts from LGMS **Berhad: Jeffery Low, Senior** Cyber Security Consultant, and Issabell Tang, Training Manager.

This collaborative effort aimed to ensure the curriculum remains relevant to current industry needs and trends. Following the main meeting, a separate detailed discussion was held between the Dean, Asst. Prof. Foo Sek Kuan, David, and the representatives from LGMS Berhad. This session focused on further strengthening the partnership and exploring potential collaborative initiatives.

Jeffery Low, Senior Cyber Security Consultant of LGMS Berhad, remarked, "The program structure and academic syllabus fulfill the industry needs in cybersecurity,". Issabell Tang added, "Professional certification will add value to the student's learning experience and prepare them for a career in cybersecurity."

This collaboration sets a high standard for integrating academic excellence with practical industry insights, ultimately benefiting both students and the broader cybersecurity field.

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FACULTY OF COMPUTER SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

EXPLORING CYBERSECURITY -INDUSTRIAL VISIT TO CYBERSECURITY MALAYSIA

On 10 July, 2024, the Faculty of Computer Science and Technology organised an insightful industrial visit to Cybersecurity Malaysia. 17 students and 7 academic staff members across various programmes from the faculty were involved in the industrial visit.







The event began with a comprehensive briefing by a team of experts from Cybersecurity Malaysia. Presentations were led by Nur Arafah binti Atan, Mohamad Hafiz Bin Rahman, Ahmad Dahari bin Jarno, Shaikh Abdul Fikri Bin Shaikh Abdul Hamid, Ahmad Ridzwan bin Mohd Fathil, and Syahmi Bin Kamarul Baharin. They provided an overview of the organization's history, its roles in digital forensics, cybersecurity professional development, and various security evaluation activities. The session also highlighted key issues related to online safety and security.

The visit included a tour of Cybersecurity Malaysia's facilities, where participants gained practical insights into the daily operations and challenges faced by cybersecurity professionals. Students had an opportunity to learn about the importance of protecting personal and organizational data from cyber threats.

Overall, the industrial visit to Cybersecurity Malaysia provided valuable exposure to real-world cybersecurity practices, enhancing the students' understanding of the field and preparing them for future challenges in the industry.

FACULTY OF COMPUTER SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

EXPLORING INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATION -PLC PROGRAMMING ESSENTIALS

On 3 July 2024, the Faculty of **Computer Science and** Technology organised a workshop titled "Introduction to PLC Programming using Ladder Diagram." The workshop was attended by six students from the Bachelor of **Electronic Engineering, Bachelor** of Mechanical Engineering, and **Diploma in Mechatronics** programs, one alumnus from the 2023 Diploma in Electronic Engineering program, and six academic staff members, totalling 13 participants.



The workshop began with an overview of the importance of PLCs in industrial applications. The primary purpose of a PLC is to control system behaviour using programmable logic. Following this introduction, an industrial application of PLCs was demonstrated through a student project designed to reject food containing metal contaminants.

Next, the theoretical aspects of programmable logic controllers were introduced, providing participants with a solid foundation in PLC programming. The attendees then engaged in simulation exercises using the TLP LogixPro Simulator, allowing them to apply their newfound knowledge in a controlled, virtual environment. The workshop concluded with a demonstration of a PLC application to control a garage door, highlighting the concept of interlocking programming.

Foo Cheong Jun, a third-year Bachelor of Electronic Engineering with Honours student, noted "The PLC training workshop was incredibly informative and practical. Learning how PLCs work and applying that knowledge through simulations like box filling with fill sensors was invaluable. The instructor is knowledgeable. This training has greatly enhanced my understanding of automation and will be instrumental in future projects."

The workshop provided participants with a comprehensive understanding of PLC programming and practical knowledge that they can apply in their future careers in the industry.

FACULTY OF COMPUTER SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

FACULTY OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY HOSTS DEAN'S LIST RECEPTION



On 17 July 2024, the Faculty of **Computer Science and Technology** hosted its Dean's List Reception, recognising the outstanding academic achievements of 27 students. The ceremony honoured exceptional students from various programs, including the Diploma in Information Technology, **Diploma in Mechatronics, Bachelor** of Software Engineering (Honours), Bachelor of Information **Systems (Honours) in Business** Management, Bachelor of **Computer Science (Intelligent** Systems) (Hons), Bachelor of **Information Technology** (Networking and Security) (Hons), and Bachelor of Electronic **Engineering with Honours.**

Asst. Prof. Ir. Dr. Tay Ching En Marcus highlighted the importance of balancing academic excellence with active participation in co-curricular activities, emphasizing that this holistic approach is essential for preparing students for successful careers. Senior Registrar Lye Boon Han and Dean Asst. Prof. David Foo Sek Kuan extended their heartfelt congratulations to the award recipients, acknowledging their hard work and dedication.

Chin Zhi Kuang, a recipient of the Dean's List award from the Bachelor of Electronic Engineering with Honours, shared "Being recognized on the Dean's List is a tremendous honour. It reflects the hard work and dedication I've put into my studies." He added, "Balancing work and study was challenging, but the effort has truly paid off."



The event concluded with a group photography session, where students, faculty, and staff captured memories of this significant occasion. The Dean's List Reception was an inspiring event that celebrated the academic accomplishments of the students and highlighted their potential for future success.

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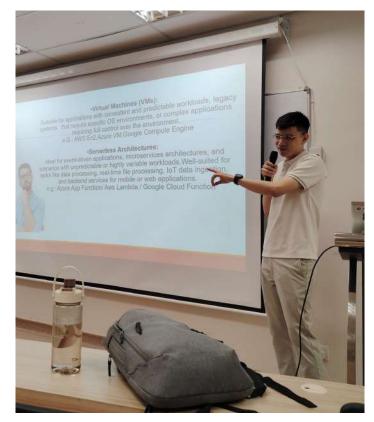
CLOUD COMPUTING - A WORKSHOP ON VIRTUAL MACHINES AND SERVERLESS ARCHITECTURES



On 31 July 2024, the Centre of Postgraduate Studies hosted a training session titled "Exploring the Distinctions: Virtual Machines vs. Serverless Architectures in Cloud Computing Platforms." The event, led by Hernando Ivan Teddy, a Senior Software Engineer at Ørsted Malaysia, was attended by 14 staff members and 28 students.

The session provided valuable insights for both staff members and students interested in IT careers. Participants learned about the practical applications of virtual machines and serverless architectures in professional settings. The training included demonstrations of popular cloud computing platforms such as Microsoft Azure, Google Cloud, AWS, and Postman. Venice Tam Yu Han, a student from the Bachelor of Electronic Engineering with Honours programme noted that the talk was beneficial for all students, given the popularity and importance of IT careers in today's world.

By the end of the workshop, attendees were equipped with the knowledge to compare and contrast these technologies across various cloud computing platforms, enhancing their understanding of how to leverage them effectively in the industry.



FACULTY OF BUSINESS, HOSPITALITY & COMMUNICATION

ENHANCING JOB SUCCESS WITH 21ST CENTURY SKILLS

On 3 July 2024, 27 students from various programmes under the Faculty of Business, Hospitality and Communication participated in the "21st Century Skills for Job Success" event. The event focused on equipping students with the essential skills needed to thrive in today's rapidly evolving job market.



Through a series of workshops, activities, and interactive sessions, students had the opportunity to develop and enhance skills such as critical thinking, communication, and adaptability. Networking and collaboration were key components of the event, providing students with the opportunity to connect with employers, educators, and industry professionals. These interactions fostered collaboration and the exchange of ideas, enriching the learning experience for all involved.



Participants also learned how developing 21 st-century skills can enhance their career prospects, increase employability, and help them adapt to future job market trends. The event highlighted the importance of continuous learning, innovation, and personal development as essential components of professional success.

> The "21st Century Skills for Job Success" event was a valuable experience, equipping students with the tools needed to thrive in the ever-evolving working world.

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FACULTY OF BUSINESS, HOSPITALITY & COMMUNICATION

EXPLORING INDUSTRY TRENDS AT MALAYSIA INTERNATIONAL FOOD & BEVERAGE TRADE SHOW

On 17 July 2024, students from the Faculty of Business, Hospitality & Communication at First City University College attended the Malaysia International Food & Beverage Trade Show at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre. The event, organised by Constellar Exhibitions Malaysia Sdn Bhd, provided a valuable platform for students to engage with the latest trends and innovations in the food and beverage industry.





The trade show featured dynamic discussions on coffee market trends led by Associate Prof Dr Daniel Chong Ka Leong from Sunway University. Another highlight was "The Future Chefs Table," which showcased live cooking demonstrations by award-winning chefs, including Chef John from Roots, in collaboration with Graze Market and the Embassy of Ukraine. Students also explored various exhibition booths from international vendors representing countries such as China, Vietnam, Greece, and Latvia, offering insights into unique food ingredients and products.

Lee Jia Qian, a Bachelor of Business Administration (Honours) (Hospitality Management) student, remarked, "Networking with vendors and exhibitors was a highlight. It gave me insights into the practical aspects of running food and beverage operations." Guat Vichy, a Diploma in Hotel Management student, added, "Seeing the latest trends in the food and beverage industry was inspiring. It gave me new ideas for future projects and assignments."

The event provided a wealth of knowledge and inspiration, enhancing students' understanding of industry developments and preparing them for future careers in the hospitality and food and beverage sectors.

EMPOWERING MENTAL HEALTH -A DAY AT THE URBAN ORCHARD KUALA LUMPUR



On 24 July 2024, six students volunteered at the Urban Orchard Kuala Lumpur (UOKL). The project aimed to support UOKL's vision of creating a sanctuary for individuals struggling with mental health issues and sharing the orchard's fruits and flowers with the public. This aligns with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3 -Good Health and Well-Being. Their activities included visiting the orchard, learning about its history, assisting with orchard tasks, and donating funds raised through their fundraising efforts. The students gained insights into the orchard's role in promoting mental well-being. Their donation further supported this mission, helping to foster a connection between urban residents and nature for improved mental health.

One of the students, Mahmoud Abdelraouf, commented, "Visiting the Urban Community Orchard and Uncle Yen with my team-building group was a wonderful experience. We got our hands dirty picking fruits, which made us appreciate nature and teamwork more." Another student, Leong Wen Jie, shared, "The visit to the orchard has given me an unforgettable experience. From the visit, I have learned various new things and widened my sea of knowledge."

The students' efforts highlighted the importance of teamwork, compassion, and community service in supporting mental health and well-being through engagement with nature.



ENHANCING TEACHING PRACTICES -EFFECTIVE CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

> On 19 and 26 July 2024, the Centre for Excellence in Learning and Teaching hosted a two-part training session on "Effective Classroom Management and Communication." The programme brought together 25 academic staff members from various faculties and centres. The aim was to help educators identify different learning styles and develop effective classroom management strategies.



The training covered a range of topics over two days, including teaching methodology, effective classroom management, and communication techniques tailored for Gen Z and Gen Alpha. Participants explored various teaching methods, addressed classroom management problems, and engaged in strategies for effective communication. The programme also included sessions on adapting teaching methods to engage with diverse student groups and embracing continuous learning and emerging trends in education.



Dr. Ahmad Faris Naqiyuddin from the Centre for General Studies remarked, "Attending the workshop provided substantial benefits. It significantly enhanced my classroom management skills, equipping me with effective strategies to handle disruptive behaviours and foster positive student engagement." Yap Min Chen from the Centre for Language and Extension Service added, "The speaker demonstrated exceptional knowledge, and the methods I learned during the training have proven to be incredibly useful."

The training emphasized the importance of equipping educators with the skills necessary to adapt to the diverse needs of today's learners. The insights gained from the sessions will help staff implement effective teaching practices and contribute to a more engaging and supportive educational environment.

FOSTERING COMPASSION -A DAY OF VOLUNTEERING AT THE SECOND CHANCE ANIMAL SOCIETY

> On 20 July 2024, six students, accompanied by their module leader, Dr. Ahmad Faris Naqiyuddin, visited the Second Chance Animal Society, an organisation dedicated to rescuing, rehabilitating, and finding homes for abandoned and abused animals. The initiative aimed to enhance teamwork, collaboration, and compassion through volunteer efforts, supporting Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 15 -Life on Land.





The students contributed to animal care by assisting with grooming tasks such as bathing and brushing, cleaning the shelter, and feeding both dogs and cats. Fundraising was also a crucial part of their project, as they collaborated to create arts and crafts to raise funds. These funds supported the Second Chance Animal Society's ongoing efforts in providing veterinary care, vaccinations, spaying/neutering, and adoption services. Additionally, they donated RM400 worth of dog food to the shelter.

Yew Jing Wei shared, "Volunteering at the animal shelter was a heartwarming experience. Rehoming abandoned dogs and cats is not easy, and I deeply respect the hard work and passion of those dedicated to reducing stray populations." Vanness Tey Zhe Kai remarked, "Far from the city, down a rugged road, I found heroes quietly working at the animal shelter, giving countless animals a chance at love and a home."

By the end of the day, the students reflected on their volunteer experience with gratitude and a sense of fulfilment.

WORKSHOP ON PEER COUNSELLOR PROGRAM – SESSION 2 COUNSELLING SKILLS AND TECHNIQUES

A total of 13 students from various programmes participated in the "Peer Counsellor Program – Session 2: Counselling Skills and Techniques" workshop which was held in the Lecture Hall at the Centre for Postgraduate Studies on 3 July 2024. Organized by the Student Services Department, the session was facilitated by Teh Chia Li, a registered and licensed counsellor.



The workshop covered the "five counselling stages," beginning with building a relationship with the client and ending with termination and referral. Ms. Chia Li demonstrated how to conduct an initial counselling session and invited students to pair up and role-play this introductory meeting. This exercise allowed them to practice important aspects such as maintaining confidentiality and defining counselling roles. Additionally, students were introduced to counselling skills necessary for a peer counsellor.



Julia Low Zi Ni, a student from the Foundation in Art and Design programme commented, "The sessions were both super fun and helpful. I managed to make new friends and learn more about peer-to-peer counselling, which can improve my (and everyone's) social skills. My favourite part was the role-play sessions because they were very entertaining and helpful."

The workshop concluded with a summary of valuable tips for conducting effective counselling sessions, which the students could adopt in their roles as peer counsellors. This workshop provided the students with valuable skills and techniques in counselling, enhancing their ability to support their peers effectively.

UNDERSTANDING COUNSELING ETHICS - INSIGHTS FROM PEER COUNSELLOR PROGRAM SESSION 3



On 17 July 2024, the Student Services Department hosted the third session of the Peer Counsellor Programme, titled "Counselling Ethics and Ethical Decision Making." Held at the Centre for Postgraduate Studies. The session which was facilitated by Teh Chia Li, a registered and licensed student counsellor, welcomed 15 students from various faculties. The session was divided into five sections, each covering a different aspect of counselling ethics. In the first section, Ms. Chia Li introduced the Code of Ethics of Lembaga Kaunselor Malaysia (LKM), explaining its purpose in guiding counsellors to perform their duties professionally. The second section involved group activities, where participants discuss assigned topics related to LKM's ethical codes, followed by presentations.

In the third section, Ms. Chia Li educated participants about common ethical dilemmas, such as cases involving suicide, drug addiction, and domestic abuse. She shared practical advice on handling these situations and emphasized the importance of respecting clients' dignity and promoting their welfare. The session concluded with a group photograph to commemorate the day.



Participants left with a deeper understanding of ethical decision-making, which will benefit them in both their personal and professional lives as they navigate various interpersonal and community situations.

STUDENTS ENGAGE IN SUSTAINABILITY AT MIM CRUCIAL CONVERSATIONS EVENT



On 10 July 2024, six students attended the "MIM Crucial **Conversations**" event themed "Shared Responsibility, Shared **Future: Uniting Stakeholders to** Co-Create a Greener Malaysia," organised by the Malaysian Institute of Management (MIM) at the Hilton PJ Hotel. These students, Paul Carlos Kerk Barot, Saahil Wasim Mollah, Jayaganesh A/L Palanisamy, Shah Putera Haikal Bin Khairul Anuar, Ajai Viyash A/L Kumaran, and Raajpriyaan A/L Gobi, gained valuable insights into sustainability practices.

The event began with a keynote address by YB Nik Nazmi Bin Nik Ahmad, Minister of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability, titled "Small Steps, Big Impact, Greening the Grassroots: Empowering SMEs For Sustainable Transformation." This session provided practical advice on sustainable practices for SMEs and included an interactive Q&A session. Subsequent sessions included "Resilient Cities, Resilient Futures -Building Climate-Resilient Communities" and "Corporate Leadership in ESG - Setting the Standard for Responsible Business Practices." These discussions emphasized the importance of climate resilience and responsible business practices.

Ajai Viyash A/L Kumaran, a Foundation in Business Administration student, reflected on his experience, noting the importance of conservation efforts for the Malayan tiger and the promotion of sustainable practices like adopting electric vehicles. He highlighted the event's impact on his understanding of environmental issues and the urgency of addressing them.



Overall, the event was a success, providing participants with the opportunity to engage with thought leaders, expand their knowledge on sustainability, and contribute towards a greener Malaysia.

ENHANCING CIVIC ENGAGEMENT - VOTER EDUCATION PROGRAMME



On 30 July 2024, the Student Services Department and Centre for General Studies hosted the Voter Education Programme (Program Pendidikan Pengundi). Presented by the Akademi Pilihan Raya (APR) through the Suruhanjaya Pilihan Raya Malaysia (SPR), the event saw participation from 57 attendees across various centres and faculties.

The programme featured engaging sessions by guest speakers Mr. Mohd Rizuan bin Md Drus, Head of the Voter Education Programme, and Ms. Siti Naziha binti Azman, Assistant Programme of Voter Education (Assistant Head of the Voter Education Programme?) They provided valuable insights into Malaysia's electoral process, covering the system of government, the history and principles of elections, and the essential role of voting in a democratic society. Participants took part in a hands-on simulation of the voting and vote counting process. This included role-playing as election staff and voters, which highlighted the challenges of assisting voters with disabilities and managing uncooperative individuals. The event also featured a competitive online quiz using Kahoot, where students enjoyed testing their knowledge, and the top three performers were awarded prizes.

By the end of the workshop, attendees had developed a deeper appreciation for the significance of their votes and the democratic process. The Voter Education Programme effectively equipped students with crucial knowledge and skills, fostering a heightened sense of civic responsibility and active citizenship.



ALUMNI REUNION 2024 -RECONNECTING AND CELEBRATING AT FIRST CITY HALL

The Alumni Reunion 2024 was a momentous event held at First City Hall on 27 July 2024. Organized by the Student Services Department, the event featured an afternoon filled with engaging activities, insightful updates, and ample opportunities for alumni to reconnect with friends and faculty.

The day began with faculty updates from Asst. Prof. Ms. Komlavathi, Acting Dean of the Faculty of Business, Hospitality & Communications; Asst. Prof. Ms. Chua Huwi Huwi, Dean of the Faculty of Design & Built Environment; and Asst. Prof. David Foo Sek Kuan, Dean of the Faculty of Computer Science & Technology. Their presentations set the stage for a productive and enlightening afternoon.

Following these updates, a forum titled "How Technology is Reshaping Job Roles in Business, IT Industry, Art, and Design" provided valuable insights from alumni Jacky Loke, Chong Xian Lim, and Jacqielynn Saw Sze Wye. In addition, Mr. Leong Yit Han; Head of Marketing, Advertising and Promotion, shared exciting updates on postgraduate and microcredential programmes. The lucky draw session by Prof. Dr. Saw Sor Heoh added an extra spark of excitement to the unforgettable event.

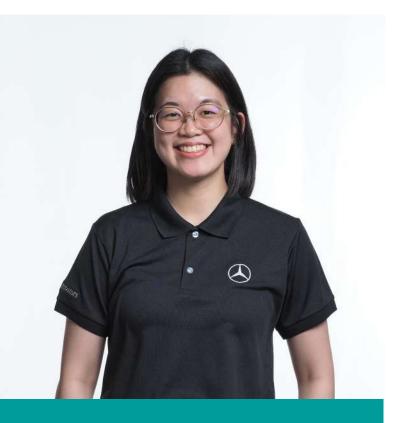
The afternoon continued with a lively spin-the-wheel game, giving all registered alumni the opportunity to participate. Nine prizes were presented, including a voucher for a one-night stay at One World Hotel, a buffet dining voucher at One World Hotel, 3 Chili's cash vouchers, and 4 meal vouchers at 1 Utama. Additionally, a Quizizz game tested everyone's knowledge about First City University College, with the top three finalists winning Parkson's vouchers amounting to RM50 each. The prizes were generously sponsored by One World Hotel and Radius Arts and Crafts.

To wrap up the event, attendees gathered for a group photo, capturing the memorable moments of the reunion. This was followed by a networking session and refreshments, allowing everyone to further strengthen their connections. We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to all who attended and contributed to the success of the Alumni Reunion 2024. We eagerly look forward to many more reunions in the future.



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MEET OUR ALUMNUS JACQIELYNN SAW SZE WYE



Jacqielynn Saw Sze Wye, a notable graduate of First City University College, has made significant strides in the field of data science and engineering. Her journey from a dedicated student to a successful professional, highlights the value of education and hard work. Jacqielynn completed her Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science (Intelligent Systems) with First-Class Honours at First City University College, graduating with a CGPA of 3.95. During her time at the university, she also served as President of the Computer Technology Club, demonstrating her leadership and commitment.

Jacqielynn's experience as a Data Engineer Intern at Setel Ventures Sdn. Bhd. refined her skills by focusing on optimizing data pipelines and enhancing data reliability and efficiency. Her work on various projects, including the development of a web-based leave management system and the RemindEx smart food expiration monitoring system, highlights her proficiency in data science, machine learning, and software development.

Following her graduation, Jacqielynn joined Mercedes-Benz Tech Malaysia as a Full Stack Developer specializing in Data Engineering. In this role, she is responsible for data provisioning and integration, using ETL processes and creating FastAPI endpoints. Her technical skills are complemented by her involvement in the GenAI Community as a core member, where she continues to contribute to advancements in the field.

First City University College is proud of Jacqielynn Saw Sze Wye's accomplishments and is pleased to have been part of her journey. Her story serves as a valuable example for current and future students, demonstrating how education and effort can lead to success.

INDUSTRY EXCELLENCE AWARDS – HONOURING OUTSTANDING GRADUATES

On 28 July 2024, First City University College celebrated its inaugural Industry Excellence Awards during a distinguished graduation ceremony at One World Hotel. This significant event, supported by sponsors Zchwantech Sdn Bhd and E-secretary Sdn Bhd, honoured graduates who have shown remarkable achievements and contributions in their respective fields.



The Industry Excellence Awards are designed to acknowledge bachelor's degree graduates who have excelled both academically and professionally. These awards underscore the college's commitment to aligning academic learning with real-world industry experience, ensuring that students are well-prepared for successful careers. Recipients of the Industry Excellence Awards are chosen through a rigorous evaluation process that considers:

- Endorsements from Faculty and Industry Experts Strong recommendations from faculty and industry mentors highlighting the graduates' exceptional performance.
- Industry Project Success Achievement and impact in executing significant industry-related projects.
- Internship Performance
 Outstanding feedback and performance during internships.
- Active Industry Engagement
 Participation in industry events, competitions, and other relevant activities.
- **Significant Contributions** Notable contributions to impactful industry projects.
- Previous Recognitions
 Awards or accolades from industry bodies and academic institutions.

The 2024 Industry Excellence Award recipients are:

- Jacqielynn Saw Sze Wye, a graduate from the Bachelor of Computer Science (Intelligent Systems) (Honours) programme.
- **Chong Xian Lim**, a graduate from the Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Business Management.
- Ang Wei Chun, a graduate from the Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Graphic Design.

The Industry Excellence Awards reflect First City University College's dedication to producing graduates who are not only academically accomplished but also industry-ready. By celebrating these distinguished individuals, the institution reaffirms its commitment to providing a comprehensive education that seamlessly integrates academic rigor with practical industry experience, equipping students to excel in their future careers.



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