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A CHAT WITH OUR VICE-CHANCELLOR

It has been a truly inspiring month for First City University College, marked by exciting events and achievements that reflect our dedication to academic excellence, enriching students' learning experiences, and fostering community engagement.

We are very proud to have hosted our annual Research Seminar, themed *"Building Resilience – Sustainable Solutions for a Changing World,"* featuring distinguished keynote speakers who shared their insights on sustainability and sustainable solutions across diverse fields.

We continue to enhance our students' learning experience by organising innovative learning activities and events that foster critical thinking, encourage creativity, and provide opportunities for real-world applications, empowering them to become leaders and change-makers in their respective fields. These initiatives combine academic knowledge with practical application, preparing students for success in real-world scenarios and evolving industries. Through workshops on communication, media, and social media, hands-on activities in robotics and data science, and visits to exhibitions and cultural sites, students gain valuable insights into industry-standard practices and skills, broadening their perspectives, preparing them to excel in a rapidly evolving global environment.

November was a month of meaningful community engagement, promoting the SDGs of Life on Land, Life Below Water, and Quality Education. Our students successfully organised and carried out projects such as the Children Advocacy Initiative, volunteering at animal shelters, and a beach clean-up. These initiatives enhanced the well-being of our students, fostered teamwork and social responsibility, enriched their educational journeys, and created a positive impact on the community.

Our students have made this month memorable through their outstanding academic achievements and meaningful contributions to society. From the innovative learning experiences to the meaningful community initiatives, our students have demonstrated their dedication and commitment to excellence and fostering positive change. As we look ahead, we continue to provide opportunities that will empower our students to grow academically, socially, and ethically, providing opportunities for them to realise their full potential and ensuring they are ready to lead with purpose and drive meaningful change in the future.

Thank you.

**Professor
Dr. Saw Sor Heoh**

Vice-Chancellor,
First City University College



RESEARCH SEMINAR 2024: BUILDING RESILIENCE - SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS FOR A CHANGING WORLD



Our annual Research Seminar, held on 27 November 2024 at First City Hall, celebrated our advancement and growth in research and highlighted the outstanding contributions of our academic community in driving innovation and expanding expertise. Featuring distinguished keynote speakers who shared their insights on sustainability across diverse fields, this year's seminar inspired new ideas and deepen our commitment to sustainable solutions, reinforcing our dedication to excellence and research.



The keynote speakers delivered thought-provoking insights, emphasising the transformative power of innovation, sustainability, and collaboration. Professor Dr. Shahriman Bin Zainal Abidin illustrated how Design Thinking fosters creativity and user-centric problem-solving through cross-disciplinary approaches, while Mr. Nyou Wei Fung highlighted Malaysia's potential to lead the global EV market by embracing



sustainability and sector collaboration. Dr. Anusuiya A/P Subramaniam reinforced the critical role of sustainability research in tackling global challenges and achieving the UN SDGs. Together, their perspectives offered a compelling vision for advancing innovation and driving meaningful change in a rapidly evolving world.

The afternoon parallel sessions brought together experts from diverse fields, offering profound insights into innovation and sustainability. Associate Professor Dr. Pek Chuen Khee shared the potential of circular economy models in fostering sustainability, while Associate Professor Azali Bin Rahim illustrated how aesthetic innovation can enhance product commercialization. Ir Woon Tin Kek, CEO of TMAS Technologies Sdn Bhd, shed light on leveraging IoT, Cloud, AI, and Big Data to create integrated digital ecosystems. Enriched further by research presentations from faculty members, postgraduates, and final-year students, these sessions showcased the dynamic exchange of expertise and forward-thinking strategies across disciplines.



The seminar concluded with the Best Session Presentation Awards, recognizing outstanding contributions from researchers and students. Dr. Hing Hiang Lian, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of First City University College, delivered the closing address, highlighting on the importance of resilience and sustainability in building a better future.



The event highlighted First City University College's dedication to advancing research and promoting sustainable solutions. It provided a platform for meaningful discussions and knowledge-sharing, paving the way for future collaborations and innovations.

TRANSFORMING THE FUTURE - FIRST CITY UNIVERSITY COLLEGE AND ALIBABA CLOUD PAVE THE WAY FOR IT INNOVATION



On 12 November 2024, First City University College and Alibaba Cloud Malaysia celebrated a significant milestone with the exchange of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

This partnership highlights the shared commitment to developing technological capabilities and fostering entrepreneurial spirit among students in the Faculty of Computer Science and Technology.

The ceremony was attended by Mr. Lye Boon Han, Senior Registrar, First City University College, Assistant Professor Foo Sek Kuan, David, Dean, Faculty of

Computer Science & Technology, First City University College, Mr Dennis Tan, Business Development Manager, Alibaba Cloud Malaysia and Dr Jawad Ali Shah, Senior Training Advisor, Alibaba Cloud Intelligence.

Assistant Professor Foo Sek Kuan, David emphasised the transformative partnership between First City University College and Alibaba Cloud Malaysia, highlighting its shared commitment to nurturing talent, fostering innovation, and driving global impact. He further explained that the collaboration will empower students with access to Alibaba Cloud's resources and expertise in cloud computing, AI, and other technologies, along with specialised programmes, workshops, and industry visits to develop in-demand skills. This marks a significant step towards equipping students with the tools and knowledge needed to excel in an increasingly digital and interconnected world.



This MoU strengthens First City University College's role in fostering innovation and equipping students with industry-ready skills, creating new opportunities for graduates to excel in the digital economy and contribute to the dynamic global workforce.

FACULTY OF DESIGN & BUILT ENVIRONMENT

VISIT TO RIX EXHIBITION 2024 - EXPLORING DESIGN INNOVATION AND MATERIALS



During the visit, students were introduced to a wide range of interior design materials, with a special focus on solid timber and laminate, allowing them to feel and understand their applications. The exhibition also featured suppliers offering these materials, providing valuable insights into their usage, durability, and availability in the industry.



The Visit to RIX Exhibition 2024 took place on 1 November 2024 at the KLCC Convention Centre, offering a hands-on learning experience for students from the Interior Architecture Design (IAD) Club. The visit, led by lecturers Ms. Nur Hafisah Bt Fadzil and Ms. Wong Jie Yin, provided students with the opportunity to explore various design elements, materials, and joinery used in temporary structures.



This visit enriched students' knowledge of material selection and design applications, contributing to their academic and professional growth in interior design.

FACULTY OF DESIGN & BUILT ENVIRONMENT

HERITAGE FASHION WEEK - PERTANDINGAN MENJAHIT BAJU KURUNG



On 2 November 2024, students from the Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Fashion Marketing programme participated in the Heritage Fashion Week's Pertandingan Menjahit Baju Kurung (PBMK) event, held at Menara Shaftsbury Putrajaya.



The event, which focused on promoting traditional Malaysian attire through a sewing competition for the Baju Kurung, allowed the students to engage with the fashion industry and culture while learning the

particulars of event management. Some students took on roles such as photographers, videographers, PA system assistants, models for the fashion runway, and floor assistants. Each student received a token of appreciation, including RM30.00 and a certificate of participation.

Kong Sue Ann remarked, "Participating in Heritage Fashion Week was truly inspiring! The chance to be part of the PMBK 2024 event allowed us to see the hard work and creativity that goes into each piece of clothing. We gained invaluable skills and connections that will undoubtedly help us in our career journey."



This enriching experience at Heritage Fashion Week marks an important moment for the fashion marketing students, equipping them with the practical skills and industry insights that will serve them in their future careers in the fashion world.

FACULTY OF DESIGN & BUILT ENVIRONMENT

BRIEFING OF MYFDC 2025 - GEARING UP FOR INTERNATIONAL FOOTWEAR DESIGN COMPETITION



On 6 November 2024, students from various programmes from the Faculty of Design and Built Environment participated in a briefing for MyFDC 2025, the Malaysia Footwear Design Competition.



Organised in collaboration with the Malaysia Footwear Manufacturers Association (MFMA), this session offered students an in-depth understanding of the competition's rules, criteria, and judging process. Ms. Maggie Chan, Director of MFMA, and Mr. Bill Keith, MyFDC Advisor,

delivered a comprehensive presentation, showcasing prototypes from past winners and finalists, including those who represented Malaysia internationally in the 2024 competition in Guangzhou, China. The briefing also introduced the rare opportunity for First City University College students to enter the kids' category for international competition.

This briefing encouraged and provided students with valuable insights into the world of footwear design and the competition's international prestige.

FACULTY OF DESIGN & BUILT ENVIRONMENT

TIMBER JOINERY TALK - INSPIRING THE FUTURE OF TIMBER CONSTRUCTION



design projects. Rose Lim Yi Jing from Diploma In Interior Design shared, "I learned many new classifications of the Tanggam timber joinery and how to utilize them in the future when I have the chance to design and construct a real pavilion."

The Timber Joinery Talk took place on 8 November involving students from the Faculty of Design and Built Environment. Organised by the IAD Club, the talk served as a platform for students to delve into the complex art of timber joinery.

The session provided valuable insights into Tanggam timber joinery classifications, their historical significance, and practical uses. The interactive nature of the talk allowed students to explore how traditional techniques could be reimagined for contemporary



By bridging traditional craftsmanship with modern design concepts, the Timber Joinery Talk inspired students to embrace creative approaches in their architectural pursuits.

FACULTY OF DESIGN & BUILT ENVIRONMENT

FOUNDATION IN ART AND DESIGN TRIP - EXPLORING CULTURAL HERITAGE AND MODERN CREATIVITY

The Foundation in Art & Design Trip took place on 20 November 2024, providing Semester 1 students with an enriching exploration of cultural heritage and contemporary design. The trip included visits to the National Textile Museum and the Indonesian Architects Week Kuala Lumpur (IAWKL) Exhibition at the Godown Gallery in Kuala Lumpur.



Led by Ms. Teh Chun Boey, lecturer, the field trip offered students valuable insights into Malaysian textile traditions and modern design innovations. At the National Textile Museum, students admired intricate patterns and vibrant colours, gaining a deeper understanding of the rich cultural narratives behind each textile piece. The IAWKL Exhibition showcased cutting-edge works by local designers, inspiring students to blend heritage and innovation in their own creative projects.

The trip concluded with the Foundation in Art and Design students feeling fully equipped and inspired by Malaysia's diverse design landscape. It reinforced the importance of cultural heritage in design and highlighted the potential for innovation when traditional techniques meet contemporary creativity.

FACULTY OF DESIGN & BUILT ENVIRONMENT

NIRO GRANITE SHOWROOM STUDY TRIP - EXPLORING TILE INNOVATIONS AND APPLICATIONS



The Niro Granite Showroom Study Trip took place on 20 November 2024, offering a practical learning experience for Semester 2 and 3 Diploma in Interior Design students. The trip to the Niro Ceramic Group HQ in Shah Alam was led by lecturers Ms. Nur Hafisah Bt Fadzil, Ms. Izzatul Hidayah Bt Abdul Hamid, and Ms. Wong Jie Yin.

The study trip featured engaging sessions, starting with a presentation by Ms. Cheryl on Niro Granite's brand history and Mr. Darren Loo's talk on the types of tiles and their applications. Students explored the showroom, experiencing a hands-on demo of the Niro Creative Lab

software and an informative demonstration on anti-slip tiles. These activities provided invaluable insights into tile design, functionality, and installation techniques.

Toh Yee Her from Diploma In Interior Design commented, "Learning about different types of tile finishes and being able to touch and feel them helped improve my colour and material selection according to different design styles."



The trip concluded with students gaining a deeper appreciation for the craftsmanship and innovation in the tile industry. It equipped the Diploma in Interior Design students with practical skills and knowledge to enhance their design projects and future careers.

FACULTY OF BUSINESS, HOSPITALITY & COMMUNICATION

ENHANCING COMMUNICATION SKILLS THROUGH PEER LEARNING



On 11 November 2024, a learning teaching session for Business Communication students was conducted by Mr. Navin Kumar, lecturer. The interactive session focused on improving communication skills and boosting professional confidence through active participation and shared learning experiences.

Students explored various aspects of effective verbal and non-verbal communication, presentation techniques, and strategies for collaborative teamwork.

Through role-playing activities and group discussions, they gained practical insights and received constructive feedback, fostering a supportive and engaging learning environment.



The session was an enriching experience for both students and instructor, highlighting the power of collaboration and knowledge sharing in shaping confident communicators.

FACULTY OF BUSINESS, HOSPITALITY & COMMUNICATION

MASTERING MEDIA MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP



On 11 November 2024, students from the Media Management module participated in an insightful workshop led by Mr. Alvin Chang, lecturer. The session provided a comprehensive overview of media operations, emphasizing strategic planning, content curation, and distribution across various platforms.

The workshop introduced students to key topics, including audience analysis, brand storytelling, content scheduling, and the integration of emerging technologies in media management.

Kingsway Lau from Diploma In Mass Communication commented, "The workshop was engaging and insightful. Mr. Alvin's real-world examples and tips on managing media effectively gave me a fresh perspective and boosted my confidence in handling future challenges."



This workshop enhanced students' understanding of balancing creativity and strategy and empowered them with the skills required to excel in the evolving media landscape.

FACULTY OF BUSINESS, HOSPITALITY & COMMUNICATION

CONTENT THAT CLICKS - DECODING GEN Z'S SOCIAL MEDIA MINDSET WORKSHOP



On 21 November 2024, students from the Faculty of Business, Hospitality, and Communication attended an insightful workshop, "Content That Clicks: Decoding Gen Z's Social Media Mindset," conducted by Mr. Navin Kumar, lecturer.

The session explored the psychological factors behind Gen Z's engagement with social media and strategies for crafting effective content.

The interactive workshop combined discussions and practical exercises, focusing on creativity, authenticity, and cultural relevance in digital communication. Participants gained valuable insights into storytelling, audience targeting, and leveraging trends to create impactful content.

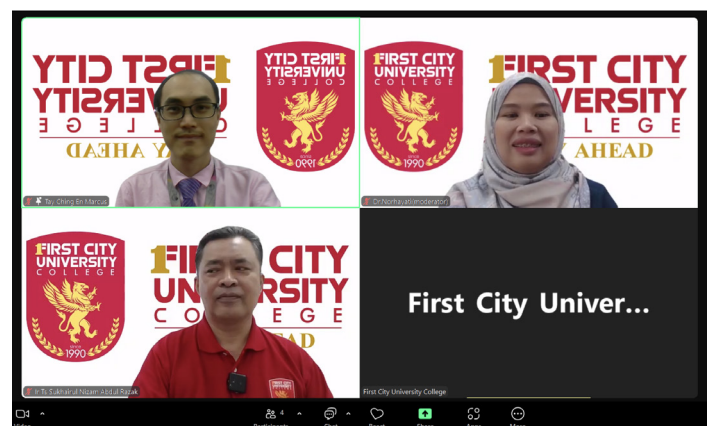
Raufa Majid from Diploma In Mass Communication noted "The session was both insightful and practical. Mr. Navin simplified content creation into actionable steps, and I now feel more confident in creating impactful content for digital platforms."



The workshop provided students with a comprehensive understanding of the aspects of content creation, equipping them with the tools to navigate the dynamic world of social media effectively.

FACULTY OF COMPUTER SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

BYTES BUZZ LIVE! EPISODE 2 - ROBOTICS AND DATA SCIENCE



On 6 November 2024, the Faculty of Computer Science and Technology hosted Bytes Buzz Live! Episode 2 via Facebook Live and Zoom. The event aimed to engage the public with discussions on robotics and data science, featuring insights from distinguished faculty members.

Ir. Ts. Sukhairul Nizam bin Abdul Razak, Senior Lecturer, kicked off the session with his talk on "Robotics: Pioneering the Future of Industry". He discussed the pivotal role of robotics in transforming industries, particularly in the automotive sector. Following that, Asst. Prof. Ir. Dr. Tay Ching En Marcus, Head of Academic Quality Assurance, delivered a presentation on "Elevating the Science of Data Collection", showcasing the innovative data collection techniques used in student projects.



The event provided a dynamic platform for the audience to learn about the integration of robotics in industry and the evolving field of data science. It was a valuable opportunity for students and the public to gain a deeper understanding of how robotics and data science are revolutionising industries and shaping the future.

FACULTY OF COMPUTER SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

DEAN'S LIST RECEPTION FOR FACULTY OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: CELEBRATING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



On 13 November 2024, the Faculty of Computer Science and Technology hosted the Dean's List Reception to celebrate the achievements of exceptional students. The event recognised those who excelled in their respective programmes.

Venice Tam Yu Han, a recipient from the Bachelor of Electronic Engineering with Honours programme, said, "Understanding is more important than memorising. I highly recommend meeting lecturers for consultations and creating personal space for study."



Another recipient, Wong Shan Kang, from the Diploma in Information Technology programme, shared, "Study smart, not hard. Respect your lecturers, and the results will come. Sleep well to stay energised."

The event was an inspiring celebration of the dedication and commitment of the students, encouraging them to continue striving for excellence in their academic and professional pursuits.

FACULTY OF COMPUTER SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

ROBOTICS COMPETITION - BUILDING EXCITEMENT FOR 2025



On 29 November 2024, the Faculty of Computer Science and Technology introduced the Zoom-Bit Competition through an engaging awareness session. The event showcased the upcoming competition designed to immerse students in robotics programming.

The Zoom-Bit Competition, scheduled for 22 January 2025, will feature training sessions and a competition phase. Participants will gain hands-on experience in programming and optimising robots for real-world tasks. Outreach initiatives, such as classroom visits and interactive booths, successfully attracted 30 enthusiastic students, ensuring an exciting and well-participated event.

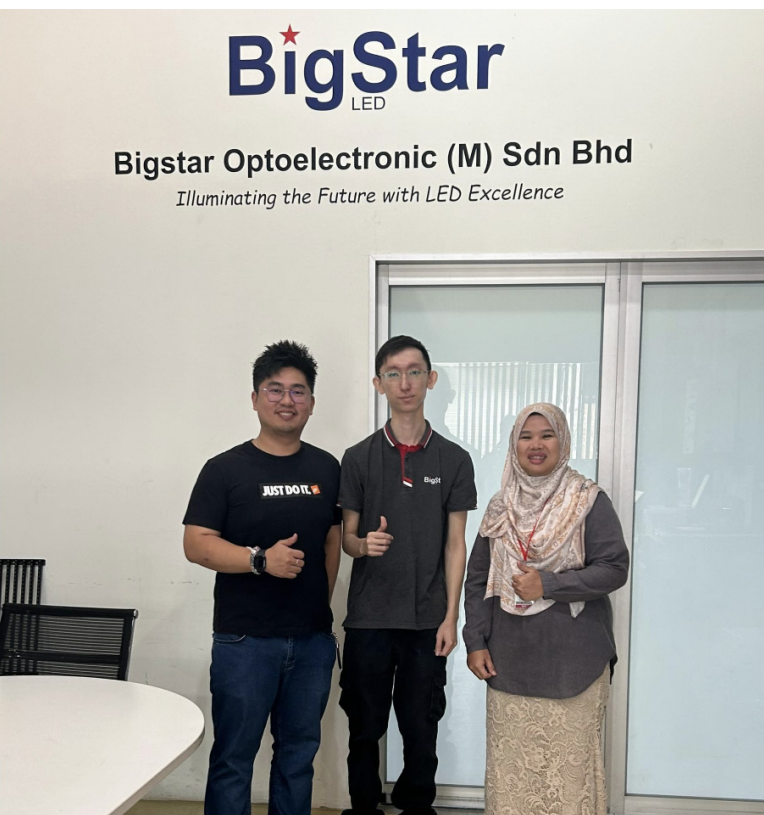


Mr. Cham Kah Loon emphasized the value of practical learning in robotics: "Hands-on experience is the best way to learn about all the interdisciplinary aspects of robotics."

This initiative aligns with the university's mission to provide students with innovative and practical educational experiences, inspiring them to excel in fields like robotics and programming.

FACULTY OF COMPUTER SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

INDUSTRIAL TRAINING AT BIGSTAR
OPTOELECTRONIC (M) SDN. BHD.
FOR ADAM TAN YUE HAO



Adam Tan Yue Hao completed his industrial training at Bigstar Optoelectronic (M) Sdn. Bhd., a key step in his academic journey. The industrial training was attended by his industry supervisor Mr. Joseph Yong, and the university's supervisor Dr. Norhayati binti Mohd Zainee.

The session provided insights into the valuable hands-on experience gained during Adam's internship.

Mr Joseph provided positive feedback, highlighting Adam's strengths, such as being a fast learner, hardworking, and willing to work beyond regular hours. During his training, Adam worked on LED display products, providing hands-on troubleshooting, training users on software applications, and repairing faulty displays.



This internship enhanced Adam's skills and boosted his confidence in applying theoretical knowledge in real-world scenarios, making it a highly beneficial experience for his future career.

EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

FUNDRAISING FOR ANIMALS IN NEED - EMPOWERING CHANGE THROUGH COMMUNITY EFFORTS



On 8 November 2024, students from the Team Building module visited Mypetshaven, an animal shelter in Klang, as part of a project aimed at tackling the issues faced by stray animals and promoting deeper community engagement. This initiative is rooted in SDG 15 – Life on Land, which advocates for the protection and restoration of ecosystems and biodiversity on land.

The project focused on providing essential resources, including food and enrichment items, to improve the welfare of the animals at the shelter. The students also organised a fundraising campaign to support the shelter's operations. Edmond Liew Chi Hin from Bachelor of Arts (Honours) In Fashion Marketing shared, "Volunteering at My Pets Haven gave us a new perspective on the challenges of running a shelter for

stray animals. We learned so much about caring for cats and dogs, and it opened our eyes to the hard work required to sustain a shelter."



The visit provided care for the animals and encouraged local residents to support the shelter by donating, volunteering, or spreading awareness. By strengthening community ties, the students hope to inspire ongoing efforts to protect and care for animals in need.

EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

HELPING PAW - VOLUNTEERING AT GALERI ANIMAL MALAYSIA



On 9 November 2024, students from the Team Building module participated in Helping Paw, a team-building initiative at Galeri Animal Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur. This non-profit shelter focuses on rescuing, rehabilitating, and rehoming stray animals, in line with the principles of SDG 15 – Life on Land.

This goal emphasizes the importance of safeguarding terrestrial ecosystems, which includes addressing the issues faced by stray animals and ensuring their well-being.

The students engaged in hands-on activities such as cleaning shelter spaces, feeding and grooming animals, and maintaining the facility. The experience supported the shelter's operations and strengthened participants' teamwork, communication, and empathy. Ng Ying Xuan

from Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Furniture And Product Design shared, "Working with Galeri Animal Malaysia was a meaningful experience. We improved conditions for stray animals while strengthening our teamwork and learning to cooperate more effectively."

The initiative highlighted the role of community engagement in fostering both personal growth and social responsibility, leaving a lasting impact on both the participants and the shelter.

EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

TIDES OF TRANSFORMATION - PROTECTING THE SHORE AT PANTAI REDANG SEKINCHAN



On 10 November 2024, students from the Team Building module organized a beach clean-up at Pantai Redang Sekinchan, an initiative aimed at conserving marine ecosystems and fostering community involvement in protecting Malaysia's coastal environments. This effort aligns with SDG 14 – Life Below Water, which emphasizes the importance of conserving and sustainably using the oceans, seas, and marine resources.

The event brought together students and local visitors, including children, who participated in the clean-up efforts. By removing waste and educating the community on the importance of environmental care, the project displayed how small actions could drive meaningful change.



Ahmed Fariz bin Azim from Bachelor Of Software Engineering (Honours) noted, "When the children joined in to help clean up, it was a powerful reminder that small efforts from each of us can create a ripple of change. Their enthusiasm highlighted how collective action, no matter how modest, can make a meaningful impact on our environment."

This project restored a portion of the coastline and ignited a sense of responsibility within the community, inspiring ongoing efforts to protect marine ecosystems for future generations.

EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

CHILDREN ADVOCACY INITIATIVE - EMPOWERING LIVES THROUGH EDUCATION

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EDUCATION

On 14 November 2024, students from the Team Building module visited the Trinity Community Children Home Society to address the critical issue of child abandonment and emphasize the transformative power of education, in line with SDG 4 – Quality Education. This goal focuses on ensuring inclusive, equitable, and quality education for all, empowering vulnerable children for a brighter future.

During their visit, the students actively engaged with the children and staff, gaining insights into the hardships faced by abandoned children and the vital role education plays in breaking cycles of poverty and vulnerability. Phitchapha Omkaew from Bachelor Of Computer Science (Intelligent Systems) reflected,

“Witnessing the dedication of the caregivers deepened my appreciation for kindness and the shared responsibility to nurture vulnerable children.”

The initiative fostered meaningful connections and highlighted the collective responsibility to advocate for better access to educational resources for vulnerable communities.

The visit served as a powerful reminder of the potential education holds in shaping a brighter future for all.

EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

MENTAL HEALTH TALK 2024 - EMPOWERING STUDENTS FOR EMOTIONAL WELLBEING



Through six engaging sections, Ms. Teh guided participants in recognising signs to seek counselling, managing depression and anxiety, and maintaining healthy mental habits. Activities included role-playing assertive communication styles, practicing belly breathing exercises, and discovering individual love languages via an online test.



On 15 November 2024, the Student Services Department in collaboration with the Centre for General Studies hosted the Mental Health Talk 2024. This session gathered students from three faculties, offering a platform to learn about mental health management and coping strategies. Delivered by First City University College licensed and registered student counsellor Ms. Teh Chia Li, the talk highlighted critical aspects of mental well-being and equipped students with practical tools for self-care.

Reflecting the institution's dedication to holistic student development, the Mental Health Talk 2024 left a positive impact on students, empowering them to prioritise mental health and emotional resilience in their daily lives.

EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

AJINOMOTO MALAYSIA'S "SMART UMAMI WHEEL" CREATES A FLAVOURFUL EXPERIENCE



On 19 November 2024, Ajinomoto Malaysia hosted the Smart Umami Wheel event at First City University College. The event brought together students and staff for a day filled with interactive games, food sampling, and educational activities that highlighted the benefits of the Smart Salt Concept.

Participants were treated to engaging digital games where winners received exciting merchandise, including lanyards, fridge magnets, enamel pins, and oversized T-shirts. There was also food sampling of buttermilk chicken prepared with salt versus a blend of salt and Ajinomoto. Attendees overwhelmingly praised the enhanced umami flavour of the 50% salt and 50% Ajinomoto combination, showing the potential of smarter seasoning for healthier diets.



The event fostered a lively atmosphere as attendees embraced fun activities while learning about better health and nutrition practices. With knowledge on smarter dietary choices and memorable giveaways, participants left inspired to adopt healthier habits.

MEET OUR ALUMNUS

SARAVANAAGURU MANIVANNAN, DEVELOPMENT ENGINEER AT STANDARD CHARTERED BANK MALAYSIA BERHAD



Saravanaaguru Manivannan, a proud alumnus of First City University College, pursued his Bachelor of Information Technology with a focus on Networking and Security at First City University College.

During his academic journey, he demonstrated a strong commitment to mastering the complexities of IT systems, which laid the foundation for his career. His passion for technology, coupled with his problem-solving mindset, drove him to seek challenges that would enhance his skills.

As a Development Engineer at Standard Chartered Bank Malaysia Berhad, Saravanaaguru's journey from student to professional is an inspiring example of the possibilities that unfold when passion meets dedication. Saravanaaguru plays a pivotal role in the bank's technical operations. As part of the technical team, Saravanaaguru contributes to the development and maintenance of complex systems that support the bank's diverse range of services, from personal banking to wealth management.

A crucial aspect of Saravanaaguru's role involves debugging and issue resolution. When system failures or bugs occur, he investigates the root cause by analysing logs, code, and configurations. With precision and expertise, he pinpoints the source of issues, providing efficient solutions to ensure smooth system performance.

Saravanaaguru is also involved in backend development, where he helps design and implement new features that elevate the bank's digital platforms. Collaborating with various stakeholders, he translates feature requirements into technical solutions, optimising backend code to create new functionalities that support business growth. His work in developing APIs and integrations enables the seamless communication between systems, ensuring that customers have access to innovative banking solutions at their fingertips.

Saravanaaguru's journey is a testament to the power of education, passion, and perseverance. From his days at First City University College, where he laid the groundwork for his career, to his current role in a global financial institution, Saravanaaguru has proven that hard work, combined with a willingness to embrace new challenges, can lead to extraordinary achievements.

His story inspires current and future students at First City University College to aim high, pursue their dreams, and embrace the ever-evolving world of technology with confidence and innovation.

Saravanaaguru Manivannan is proof that the path to success is not only about knowledge, but about applying that knowledge to make a real impact in the world.

FIRST CITY UNIVERSITY COLLEGE - LEADING IN EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION



With 35 years of excellence in higher education, First City University College ensures that its students are equipped with the relevant knowledge and skills to thrive in a dynamic world. By focusing on academic quality and practical learning, the institution aims to produce graduates who are prepared to meet industry demands and contribute meaningfully to their respective fields.



This commitment to excellence is reflected in the significant milestones achieved by the university. First City University College is proud to be among the top universities in Malaysia to be awarded a “Competitive” Rating under the Integrated Rating of Malaysian Higher Education Institutions – SETARA by the Ministry of Higher Education, Malaysia. Additionally, it was



honoured with the prestigious Malaysian Education Excellence Award 2024 at the National Education & Learning Summit 2024. On the research front, it earned a One-Star Rating in the Malaysia Research Assessment (MyRA).

The adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into faculty projects, activities, and curricula enhances students' learning experiences by addressing pressing global challenges such as marine pollution, social and educational equity, and environmental sustainability. This integration helps students develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills while fostering a greater understanding of global issues. By engaging with the SDGs, students are empowered to become responsible global citizens, equipped to drive meaningful change and contribute to a sustainable future.

With cutting-edge facilities including the wood and metal workshop, white canvas, 3D print studio, laser cutting and engraving studio, fashion design studio, photography studio, drawing studio, and media &



broadcasting centre, students acquire practical skills across diverse fields. These specialized spaces, along with the robotics and AI lab and IoT and sensor lab, empower students to engage with advanced technologies, nurturing creativity and enhancing their career readiness.

First City University College has established numerous Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) over the years, strengthening collaborations in areas such as technology, business, design, and communication. These partnerships enhance the university's capacity to deliver industry-relevant education, equipping students with practical knowledge and opportunities for professional growth. Building on these relationships, the university introduced the Industry Excellence Awards in 2024, recognizing exceptional achievements by bachelor's degree graduates in their respective fields.

By embracing cutting-edge technologies, fostering global collaborations, and integrating the principles of sustainability and social responsibility, the university is nurturing the next generation of leaders and change-makers.



With a commitment to excellence in all aspects of education, First City University College is dedicated to empowering students to excel, make meaningful contributions to their communities, and thrive in an ever-changing world.



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