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THANK YOU, KUMU

A tropical Hawaiian paradise greeted 131 dedicated members of the teaching profession one fine afternoon at Sunway. Greeted with a lei each, warm smiles and the spirit of Aloha, complete with hula dancers, the teachers, principals and counsellors in attendance were treated to a Hawaiian lunch in the transformed University Hall organised by Sunway University’s students from the Centre for Tourism, Hospitality and Culinary Management (CTHCM).

During her welcome speech, Elizabeth Lee, Senior Executive Director of Sunway Education Group quoted former Member of the U.S. House of Representatives, Solomon Ortiz, “Teachers are our greatest public servants; they spend their lives educating our young people and shaping our Nation for tomorrow.”

In her address to the dedicated teachers present for this luau, Lee acknowledged the tireless contributions, hard work and passion that has enabled teachers to improve the lives of many young people in today’s world. In the humble classrooms now are our future leaders, doctors, lawyers, economists and policy makers, The responsibility of shaping the leaders of tomorrow lies in the hands of teachers (kumu).

The occasion provided a good opportunity for the students from CTHCM as they were given a chance to pick up hands-on experience in planning and organising the event. The honoured guests were encouraged to pose for photographs at the backdrops and win a prize for the best photo of the day. After a delightful Hawaiian feast, these 131 teachers, principals and counsellors were treated to a fun-filled afternoon of tropical games like Coconut Bowling and Limbo Rock dance.

The Best Dressed prize was awarded to Zaharah Yaakob, Principal and Nur Ilyani A. Rahman, Counsellor from SMK Shah Alam.
GRADUANDS TO GRADUATES

The Malaysia Graduation Ceremony for Victoria University 2014 held at the Grand Ballroom, Sunway Resort Hotel and Spa was a time of jubilation and rejoicing for the more than 300 graduands hailing mainly from Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong and Vietnam. In the presence of parents, friends and faculty members, Theresa Tija, the Academic Registrar and Executive Director, Student Services, carefully outlined to the graduands on what to do on this special day.

In the presence of the VIPs for the day, George Pappas, the Chancellor complimented the graduands on their scholarly appearance in their robes. Calling upon the Registrar to present the Students’ Records, the graduands received their scrolls and became graduates of VU.

In his valedictorian speech, Nico Fernando talked of his constant ‘study companions’—Domino’s, McDonald’s and mamak stalls. He shared his heartfelt gratitude for the support of his family and the lecturers, urging his fellow graduates to never forget the bridges crossed, the ties, the memories of the times spent in VU. He spoke of the future as “the Best Is Yet To Be”.

Concluding the ceremony, Professor Peter Dawkins, Vice-Chancellor and President, reminded the graduates of their responsibility to uphold excellence in the use of their knowledge and skills, to help their community and the world at large.

Originally pursuing the Diploma in Hotel Management at Sunway, Jeff Tang Hoe Sing suffered the loss of his mother a week before his finals and eight months later, lost his father to a fatal road accident while at VU. Yet, Jeff stayed strong and became the VU Business Club Vice-President. Doing well in his final year, Jeff was hired by a media agency after completing his studies.

Facing her own set of challenges, Crystal Wong Chai Ying helped with her grandmother’s afternoon meals and weekly physiotherapy while maintaining her role as President of the Sunway CPA Australia Student Charter and being a tuition teacher. In spite of failing one paper, Crystal
Inky Shrestha, the first graduate from Nepal assimilated herself by becoming actively involved in the student activities at VU Business Club. Rapidly improving her communication skills, Inky has been offered a placement in Australia’s Charles Darwin University to pursue her Masters.

Tanzanian, Tabassum Mohamedali Dhalla has this to say about her VU experience, “My proudest achievement, VU has given me determined teachers who worked hard to give us knowledge, friends who smiled through every hardship and an education, the backbone of my degree. I had an amazing, adventurous time in Malaysia as an international student, enabling me to interact and meet with students from different cultures and countries. Thank you parents, teachers and friends for your support and helping me get to where I am today”.

Aijan Khowaja from Pakistan has gained a degree from VU which has provided him room to grow in education, writing, interaction, presentation skills and the ability to review alternative forms of literature.

South African Ameena Yaacob takes with her precious memories as it was at Sunway she met her husband, Hythum from Palestine. Having her husband by her side offering her words of encouragement during her university studies helped to calm her down in times of stress.

Hythum from Palestine said he and his wife, Ameena had an amazing experience in VU. He learnt a lot from learning to balance being married with both of them studying Marketing and International Trade together at the same time. With the encouragement of their lecturers who pushed them to work harder and focus on their assignments, they have both achieved success.

For Ameena, the memories of graduation were made sweeter for she had the love of her life sharing in the moments of the special day. Putting on their graduation gowns and colour coordinating her accessories to match her husband’s tie, the excitement of the day was made even more exciting.
OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE SOCIETY OF MALAYSIA HOSTS PUBLIC SPEAKING & ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION

“So why blame plastic for pollution when we are the ones who decide to throw our trash into the river and not into the rubbish bin” was one of the winning arguments for the champion of the Public Speaking & Essay Writing Competition 2014. A student of SMK Sultan Abdul Samad, 17-year old Ethan Ganes’ creative views on the impromptu speech topic “Plastic” placed him ahead of six finalists. He won a cash prize of RM600, full tuition fee waiver for any pre-university programme at Sunway College and a trophy for his school.

Judged on clear pronunciation, clarity of argument and analytical thinking skills in both the prepared and impromptu speeches for the public speaking competition, the other winners were Yeoh Han Yang Shaun from Chong Hwa Independent High School in second place and Yap Huey Zhee from SMK Batu Unjur in third place. Consolation prize winners included Shammini A/P Selliadurai from SMK Seremban 2, Emmanuel Yogan Lourdes from SMK Sultan Abdul Samad and Lim En May from Chong Hwa Independent High School.

In the essay writing competition, Chin Yan Han from Chong Hwa Independent High School walked away as the Champion with a cash prize of RM600, full tuition fee waiver for any pre-university programme at Sunway College and a trophy for her school. Ch’ng Tze Yu from SMJK Katholik and Lok Huey Ning from SMK Bandar Utama Damansara 3 placed second and third respectively. Consolation Prize winners were Beatrice Bock Jin Shen from Tsun Jin High School, Dheepa Mallvaganam from SMK Assunta and Chua Jen Fern from SMK Seri Mutia.
UNDENIABLY TOP IN THE WORLD AND MALAYSIA!

Sunway AUSMAT is more than just classroom learning. The programme focuses on the holistic development of students by addressing individual learning needs, personal growth and uses a multiple approach to problem solving and critical thinking.

Remarkable results in 2013’s Western Australia Certificate of Education (WACE) were achieved by Gavin Gan Yew Meng, Top student and President of Student Council for AUSMAT 2013, he received the Special Course Award for English as Additional Language & Dialect (EALD). He obtained the highest mark in EALD worldwide.

Along with Vivian Tan Ai Wen and Oliver Leonard Jalleh, Gavin received the Special Certificate of Distinction for Accounting & Finance and for Business Management & Enterprise. These certificates of Distinction in the 2013 WACE exam worldwide are awarded to top 0.5 per cent of candidates in a WACE subject.

Lee Wen Hui, Bryan Poh Chen Shen, Preeya Kaur Dhaliwal and Gerald Tan Chen Jie who each achieved ATAR 99 and above were presented with the Achievement Award for WACE Top 1%, while their course-mates who achieved ATAR 95 and above received the Achievement Award for WACE Top 5%.

99% of AUSMAT students qualified for university education worldwide and 60% of AUSMAT students achieved ATAR 80 and above.

Gavin who intends to pursue further studies at National University of Singapore urged new students to join the student council as you ought to take the opportunity to do great things and make great friends along the way. “One thing AUSMAT will teach you – you are capable of doing so much more!” said Gavin who juggled studying and extra-curricular activities.

Sean Low Shan An, a Student Council member and academic mentor for the Business Management & Enterprise subject said, “It is not about knowing everything or being the top scorer in exams, it is about the willingness to share with others what you know, it is an opportunity for you to learn more.”
WORLD CLASS ACHIEVERS

Sunway TES students won World prizes for scoring exceptionally high marks in their ACCA (Association of Chartered Certified Accountants), CAT (Certified Accounting Technician), ICAEW (Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales) and MICPA (The Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants) for the December 2013 examinations.

In the ACCA examinations, Saw Li Jee and Loh Jia Ying each scored above 89 percent in one of their papers. For the overall ACCA results, Loh Jia Ying achieved world no.1 with a total of 361 marks and Thia Yee Leng placed third with 341 marks.

Loh Jia Ying, a consistent top performer has attained remarkable results in the June 2011, December 2011 and June 2012 examination and is currently working at KAF Investment Bank. “I chose Sunway TES for being the only platinum provider in 2011. The dedicated lecturers and I maintain good contact and relationship. If I were given a choice again, I would still choose Sunway TES because the experience here exceeds my initial expectations,” said Loh.

In the CAT examinations, Low Yan Qing, Soo Bee Shin, Teo Wei Xian, Tung Khin Yew, Yu Wei Chee, Soong Ming Shuan and Ang Synn Teng scored above 95 percent in their specific CAT papers.

Jayvene Ong Jie Yun and Siow Yi Huan won prizes from the ICAEW (Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales) and MICPA (The Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants) respectively. Both are currently working at PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC). Jayvene would choose Sunway TES again because this was the only tuition centre provider for ICAEW in Malaysia with knowledgeable lecturers who are passionate in their teaching”.

Sunway TES has nurtured an accumulative total of 26 ACCA and 105 CAT World prize winners; 212 ACCA and 197 CAT Malaysia prize winners. Awarded the Centre for Accountancy Excellence by the Government via the Performance Management and Delivery Unit (PEMANDU), Sunway TES continues to produce many impressive world class achievers.
NEVER STOP LEARNING

Currently a Global Maybank Apprentice, 22-year old Indonesian Nico Fernando has this to share about his studies and life beginning with Intensive English Programme to his graduation from Victoria University with a Bachelor of Accounting, Banking and Finance at Sunway College.

Hailing from Baturaja, Sumatra, I chose to attend Sunway based on the advice of my second sister, also a graduate of Accounting and Finance from Victoria University. The youngest in the family, I spent six months in an Intensive English Programme in order to meet the pre-university requirements. The first step in my journey at Sunway University College (as it was known then) beginning July 2009, started with my being nominated for top student in IEP.

Attending CIMP part time in July 2009 and a full year in 2010, the pre-university programme was hard yet very fun. Graduating with a total average of 85%, I was eligible for the Ontario Scholarship in December 2010. By then, discovering my favourite subject was Accounting, I decided to pursue a degree in Accounting, Banking and Finance.

Choosing Victoria University because of its similarities to CIMP, a combination of theory and practical experiences which I felt was crucial to getting ready for a working life, I started in February 2011 on a 3-year scholarship awarded by Sunway.

With the help of my lecturers, I was academically and personally challenged to pursue success. By joining the Maybank GO Ahead Challenge 2013, I become the first VU student in history to win an international business challenge, also the first student to achieve a High Distinction in Professional Development for 3 subjects at VU. I had the honour of being made valedictorian at my graduation last March.

My part-time job as an intern at the Sunway Financial Shared Services allowed me to observe and experience the exciting marketing and accounting work life. Having the best supervisors and dedicated, dynamic team players then prepped me for my current role.

The biggest bank in Malaysia, 4th in South East Asia and Bloomberg’s 13th in the world, Maybank I believe can help me grow and allow me to fulfil my interests. Currently an apprentice in the 2-year customised on-the-job rotation programme called the Global Maybank Apprentice Programme, I am being professionally guided and mentored throughout my journey. I am being exposed to many new experiences and given a huge opportunity to learn as much as possible about the banking industry in general and Maybank in particular. I like how this programme motivates me to never stop learning as each day brings its own interesting challenge and lesson. Right now, I’m privileged to be in the core committee for a big project called Maybank GO Ahead Challenge 2014, a business case competition involving participants from 14 different countries: US, UK, Greater China, Hongkong and all ASEAN countries. In this project, I serve as a Director of Risk and Compliance and Assistant Director of Logistics.

Personally, I would like to have a life full of learning and knowledge. A life where I hope to find a loving companion and give my parents the respect and comfort they deserve. I want to achieve most of my dreams while simultaneously earning the respect of the people around me. Professionally, I want to have a good career, to be a young manager and/or a young entrepreneur, to reach a stage professionally where I am able to contribute more to the institution or society.

Financially, my aspiration is to be very rich as I would like my parents and family to have a comfortable life in the future. Money is definitely important for me but not to the extent of lusting after it. However, I would like to reach a stage financially where I am able to help any person or institution that is in need of it. “Dream as if you will live forever, live as if you will die today.” - James Dean

According to Ralph Marston, “Excellence is not a skill. It is an attitude.” If you are going to be trusted with the big things in life, you must first develop the right attitude in the little things. When you get better at what you do, remember a Chinese proverb that says “The taller the bamboo grows, the lower it bends.” Hence, no matter how old or how educated we may be, let us always stay humble and never ever stop learning.
TODAY - A NEW CHAPTER

HELLO NEW FACES!

The campus came alive with laughter and new faces as a new cohort of students from five pre-university programmes, CIMP (Canadian International Matriculation Programme), FIA (Foundation in Arts), MUFY (Monash University Foundation Year), A-Level and AUSMAT (Australian Matriculation Programme) were welcomed by Elizabeth Lee, Senior Executive Director of Sunway Education Group.

“Today is a new chapter. Joining pre-U, you are moving closer to a university degree, to your career and other things in life. I wish you the very best for your future, do well, succeed and move on. I hope to see you all again at your graduation,” said Lee.

For orientation week, the ice-breaking session included various challenges and games that introduced newcomers to fellow students, courses and the campus. The Instagram challenge lasted three days and involved students taking selfies of themselves participating in various activities, to win prizes worth up to RM300.

Freeze Frame was another memorable challenge to kick the orientation up a notch. Groups of new students had to recreate a famous movie or TV series scene by involving all the group members and utilising all the props within a given box. The recreated scenes were then taken and projected on screen.
The famous Titanic scene won the challenge with the highest sms (short message service) votes together with recreated scenes from Alice in the Wonderland, Frozen, Lilo & Stitch and Twilight. Other notable creative scenes recreated included Avengers, Crime Scene Investigation (CSI), King Kong, Confessions of a Shopaholic, Family Guy and World War Z.

The orientation was a good platform for students to bond together and blend into their new environment. “It was fun!” chorused Ambrose, Beatrice, Calvin, Sze Yuan and Shin Loong, A-level Science students who became friends at the orientation.

Zoelle and Eevon who are enrolled in MUFY immediately clicked and became friends. Zoelle will be working on achieving good results to secure her university application, for either a Business or Psychology degree at Monash. Eevon, a straight As (SPM) student is pursuing Science and aiming for the Pharmacy 2+2 programme at Monash.

Sze Yuan from A-Levels and Yi Shern from MUFY chose Sunway College for the location while Farhana from AUSMAT and Cynthia from FIA, were influenced by their mothers. Sunway College’s reputation is a major key factor, attracting students like Ambrose and Beatrice from East Malaysia. Based on her friend’s recommendation, Vietnamese student Tran Do Phuong Vy is pursuing CIMP.

Sunway’s pre-university programmes are unique because of the detailed attention focused on students’ academic excellence through a high degree of pastoral care and academic guidance.
TOP UNIVERSITIES, HERE WE COME!

Keeping alive the British tradition of afternoon tea, Sunway College hosted the November 2013 Cambridge A-Level examinations student batch to a celebratory gathering. Having scored the best ever results since 1994, this batch of students obtained a 100% pass rate with 57% of the batch achieving straight As.

Ng Jie Yi scored 4 A* in Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Mathematics and has been offered a place in University of Cambridge to study Veterinary Medicine. With her proud and happy father, Ng Wai Tuck, in attendance at the celebratory afternoon tea, this quiet, reserved 20-year old J.R.R. Tolkien fan said “Studying A-Levels here has been a great learning and growing experience for me. I am incredibly honoured and grateful to be taught by such experienced and dedicated lecturers who provided so much help and support!”

Headed to the University of Cambridge to study Chemical Engineering, 18-year old Vipul Agarwal, originally an Indian native from New Delhi, scored 4 A* in Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and Further Mathematics. Loving Maths, Chemistry and basketball, Vipul has this to say about his lecturers, “They are very supportive, putting in a lot of effort and time to ensure we were all prepared for our examinations.”

FIA’s BIG HISTORY WIN

Four college students from Foundation In Arts (FIA) demonstrated their commitment and dedication to history and science when Team Sunway Professional 4 beat 18 other teams to a huge win at the Big History inter-campus quiz challenge.

Organised by Astro’s History Channel in conjunction with the launch of the series ‘Big History’, the competition took place at Petrosains, KLCC. Officiated by Deputy Education Minister 1 Datuk Mary Yap, the quiz tested the participants’ knowledge based on ten episodes of the ‘Big History’ programme.

Emerging as winners were team leader Yim Soon Keat, Avery Choke Kar Sing, Muhd. Hazim bin Dahuli and Ria Heryani binti Mumfahir who each received a certificate, a Kindle Fire, an Apple TV and an MPH voucher worth of RM50 for their efforts. When asked about how they prepared for the competition; Avery said “We’ve learnt to think more scientifically and critically from the challenge. With that in mind we have also learnt to be more appreciative, and not to take things for granted, as in the end, everything can be closely interconnected.” For Ria, “The Sunway College FIA syllabus is rich as it encompasses general knowledge beyond textbooks, which is like a start-up engine for us to learn big history and win the competition.” Whereas for Yim, “To prepare for the competition, we were each assigned a few episodes, so we became an expert in different topics”.

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Launching the home-grown Diploma and Advanced Diploma in Professional Accounting for Sunway TES Centre for Accountancy Excellence (CAE), Y.B. Datuk Mary Yap, Deputy Education Minister 1 of Malaysia said these new programmes give students the flexibility to fast track to an accountancy degree or professional qualifications such as ACCA and ICAEW ACA. Indirectly, Sunway TES CAE will lead the Asia Pacific region in promoting accountancy training excellence.

SPM school leavers have the opportunity to move into the third year of a Bachelor’s degree programme or progress to ACCA or ICAEW ACA programmes with exemptions given for undertaking a two-year Diploma followed by a one-year Advanced Diploma.

Lee Weng Keng, the Chief Executive Officer, Education and Healthcare Division of Sunway Group, said “Our team of experienced, dedicated teachers with excellent track records of producing world prize winners in the ACCA and ICAEW examinations will ensure effective teaching and learning strategies are employed to guide the students successfully to an eventual professional qualification via these newly launch Diploma and Advanced Diploma programmes.”

According to Lee, Sunway TES has an enrolment of some 4,000 accounting students with a total of 138 of them having won awards and world prizes. Sunway TES CAE offers four intakes a year for the Diploma programme, which are in January, April, July and September, and two intakes a year for the Advanced Diploma, in July and January.

Teo Ee Sing, the Executive Director of Sunway TES CAE and Sunway College says “We are expected to train about 800 students at Sunway TES each year to achieve the target of 5,500 graduates within seven years.” This is in line with the Government’s Performance Management and Delivery Unit (PEMANDU) that aims to transform Malaysia into the leading Accountancy hub in the Asia Pacific region by 2020, as part of the ongoing Economic Transformation Programme (ETP) projects.
REFLECTIONS & THOUGHTS

CHERYL TONG KA LYN

Currently pursuing Biotechnology in United Kingdom’s Imperial College, London, Canadian International Matriculation Program (CIMP) alumna Cherlyn Tong Ka Lyn has this to say about her pre-university experience:

Like family, everyone fits in CIMP regardless of the diversity in interests, personalities, priorities and culture. The epitome of unity in diversity, this programme respects and embraces individuality.

I had plenty of leeway to be myself and grow. This gave me a different edge over others, for I am more accustomed to the university lifestyle and workload. It’s not all academics in CIMP, I picked up invaluable life lessons from the lecturers and staff.

The people I met continue to be important components in my current life. It was truly a different experience altogether being part of the CIMP family.

LAU JUN YEE, JAMES

Starting at the University of British Columbia majoring in Finance and Business this September, 19-year old Lau Jun Yee, James shares his reflections and thoughts on doing the CIMP:

My ambition is to become a successful entrepreneur. My father motivated me to pursue this ambition as he too is a successful entrepreneur who worked his way from the ground up, I chose CIMP as my pre-university course because having studied in Sunway International School (SIS) for 2 years, I have already gotten used to the Canadian syllabus. Having already made up my mind since high school to study in Canada for my future degree.

For me, the financial aspect was a main consideration when choosing a pre-university programme. Having scored an average of 88% in SIS, I had a partial scholarship grant to continue my studies in CIMP.

I really enjoyed my time in CIMP, The teachers and staff were very professional. There was a balance of work and play, so coming for classes was very enjoyable and exciting. CIMP follows a 70/30 system (70% coursework 30% exams) so the workload and stress throughout the course is balanced out over the semester, enabling us students to take part in extra-curricular activities.

I joined the student council and was the first-semester representative in CIMP. This helped me in making new friends and I could contribute to the programme by giving ideas and helping to plan events throughout the semester.

The main difference and “hardest” part of being in a pre-u programme after high school was for me about wardrobe choices. Back in high school, everyone had uniforms but when you enter pre-university, you have to pick out what to wear every day. This took some time for me to get used to because during the first few weeks of CIMP, I was either over-dressed or under-dressed!

My advice is to not choose a pre-university programme just because all your high school friends are there. I know it’s nice to be in the same course as everyone but you have to look further. Choose a course that will benefit you in the future and will prepare you for whatever you choose to do in university (that’s why its called pre-university).

Change is scary but important. The only thing between success and you is fear. That is why it’s called taking a leap of faith.
WOW! MUSICAL SOUNDTRACKS

Gifting students a real-world learning experience away from the books and the lecture halls, the Sunway University Ensemble recently put together “Movie Soundtracks”, a night of music and song.

The Sunway University Ensemble is a diverse group of Sunway students from different programmes coming together on a weekly basis to improve, perfect and share the joy of music amongst a group of fellow musicians. Under the umbrella of the Jeffrey Cheah Foundation, the Ensemble serves to nurture well-rounded students and act as a catalyst for fostering excellent musical talent.

“We gather for the love of music. I hope to have more opportunities to perform as this is my greatest reward, performing and seeing the audience enjoy our music,” said Lok Jian Ming, secretary and violinist of the Ensemble, first year student of the Australian University Programme at Sunway College.

Having performed at Sunway University’s graduation ceremonies, the National Annual Corporate Report Awards 2010 and the Star Education Fund’s 20th Anniversary Celebration in 2013, the Sunway University Ensemble has grown tremendously in nurturing musical talents since its humble beginnings in 2008.

Starting off with the main theme from Andrew Lloyd Webber’s Phantom of the Opera, the Ensemble’s repertoire for the night included themes and medleys from Pirates of the Caribbean, Spirited Away, James Bond, The White Tower, The Chronicles of Narnia and Indiana Jones: Raiders of the Lost Ark. The more than 400-strong audience were serenaded by two songs, Aka Tonbo (a Japanese folk song) and Scarborough Fair presented by the Sunway University Choir.

“This good response is a motivation for us to organise more performances, to reach out and recruit new members,” said Mia Stephanie Ghee Yan, president and violinist of the Ensemble who is currently in her first year studying Bachelor of Science in Actuarial Studies.

WORLD VISION AND MERCY MALAYSIA CHAMPIONED BY SUNWAY STUDENTS

On hand to receive mock cheques for Typhoon Haiyan, both Mercy Malaysia and World Vision Malaysia received a total of RM11,600.00 from Elizabeth Lee, Senior Executive Director of Sunway Education Group, and a member of the board of trustees for Mercy Malaysia.

“We believe in nurturing future leaders who make positive impact and contributions to society. With a strong emphasis on extra-curricular activities, we encourage our students to hone their intellectual capabilities, develop to their full potential and serve the world’s communities in a meaningful way”, said Lee.

A one month fundraising effort organised by representatives from the Sunway University Student Council, Sunway Volunteer Society and fellow students from the Philippines saw Yang Mulia Raja Riza Shazmin Raja Badrul Shah, Honorary Secretary of Mercy Malaysia and Lee Siew Tin, Head of Marketing and Communications from World Vision Malaysia receiving cheques for RM5,800 each.

Teoh Han Ee, the then Advertising & Promotions Director of Sunway University Student Council 2013 said, “We were highly aware and sympathised with the plight of the victims of Typhoon Haiyan - the dire need for food, shelter and medical assistance. As news and the sense of urgency built, people started responding and contributing. It is truly amazing to learn how generous the Sunway community can be.”
SPREADING THE LOVE WITH TGIF FOODBANK

Initiated by the Sunway Student Volunteers (SSV) and the Student Services Department (SSD) in partnership with Grace Community Services (GCS) based in Klang, the Turn Groceries in for Foodbank (TGIF Foodbank) project had daily necessities worth RM3,600 of food items and RM1,150 in cash donated to charitable homes, rehabilitation centres, feeding centres, rural schools, poor families and individuals.

This collection was handed over to GCS representatives Matthew Chung and Dommen Philip. The food was then packed for distribution to 260 deserving families, one food pack can feed a family for a whole month.

In another initiative under TGIF Foodbank, SSV members helped to pack more than 100 hot meal lunch boxes of rice, chicken and vegetables. These were then distributed by the GCS team to the Orang Asli community in Carey Island, Selangor.

Tan Xue Wen, project director for TGIF Foodbank was grateful for her supportive teammates along with the overwhelming response after 2 months of careful planning and preparation. “I am glad we made this happen together as a team. The overwhelming good response motivated us to continue to try and make a difference in our community. Through this project, I have seen many kind hearted people amongst our Sunway community, I would like to thank each and every one who has contributed much to the success of this project,” said Xue Wen who is in her final year of BSc (Hons) Accounting and Finance.

Other contributors to the TGIF Foodbank include Monash University Malaysia, other business units under the Sunway Group - Sunway Medical Centre, Sunway Hotel and Resort Spa, Sunway Pyramid, Sunway Lagoon, Menara Sunway (Corporate Office), Sunway Travel and Sunway Lagoon Club.

Tan Xue Wen, Project Director for TGIF Foodbank (5th from left) and her teammates with Matthew Chung and Dommen Philip, representatives from Grace Community Services (4th & 7th from left), Marina Grey, Director of Public Relations (3rd from left), Lee Sock Ping, Director of Student Services (4th from left), and Jane Poh, Director of Branding (4th from right).
FIA’S EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS APLENTY

Rainy and hazy morning it may have been on 4th March 2014, but nothing could dampen the spirits of the graduates of Sunway College Foundation in Arts (FIA) year-long programme, one of five pre-university programmes offered at Sunway College.

Cheng Mien Wee, Executive Director of Sunway International School and Director of Pre-University Studies thanked the parents and guardians for entrusting their children and choosing the FIA programme for enrichment of their minds. “Last year, the first batch of our FIA students graduated. Eight out of fifteen first class honours recipients at this university and Lancaster University were former FIA students” said Cheng.

Some of the many exceptional achievements for this 12th batch of graduates included fraternal twins, Foo Hui Shee and Foo Hui Sze who both scored more than 90% in their overall Pre-University studies. The two of them received full scholarships to continue their BSc (Hons) Actuarial Science at Sunway University. For Hui Shee, she commented “We chose to continue with Sunway University because of our amazing experience here”. Hui Sze added she was motivated by their parents and influenced by her sister to pursue the same degree.

Together with Wong Jing Yi, Lee Hui Shing, Leong Wei Zhun, Kong Ai Ching, Jason Tan Yie Jiat, Pang Li Anne, Wee Sue Ann, Cheah Chun Ching and Kelwin Tan Seen Tiong, Hui Shee was one of the recipients of the Vice-Chancellor Subject Award, given to those who achieved the highest scores for specific subjects. Ko Chia Huey and Dickson Pua Kah Wai received the Special Award of Achievement for exemplary academic improvement and great leadership skills.

Student representatives, Tan Jen Shen and John Paul Felix took advantage of this moment to thank their parents and their lecturers. A complimentary nod to the excellent, holistic learning experience at FIA, John said, “If an earthquake comes, we are still standing firm!”

Ruma Lopes, Director of FIA and Assistant Director of Pre-University Studies commented “We have seen you grow, now you will move on to become great people. But whenever you need us, know that we are always here”.

Recipients of the Vice-Chancellor Subject Award with Professor Groene Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor of Sunway University
A WELCOME BREAK TIMES THREE

GE MALAYSIA

GE in Malaysia currently has investments exceeding RM1 billion. They manage a Center of Excellence in Subang, serving Malaysia Airlines, Air Asia and more than 30 other Asian airlines.

It was to this Center of Excellence that students from Sunway’s Monash University Foundation Year (MUFY) programme made their way to Subang one morning to take a closer look at aircraft maintenance, repair and overhaul of passenger aeroplanes carried out by GE Engine Services Malaysia Sdn Bhd.

Following an introduction on GE by Six Sigma Belt Black, Azrie, the students were given an EHS briefing and toured the facilities in Subang.

BANK NEGARA MALAYSIA

A half day visit was made by 160 students from Sunway’s MUFY programme to the heart of Malaysia’s banking system, Bank Negara Malaysia. The students strolled through galleries for art, numismatics, Islamic finance, Bank Negara, economics and the educational children’s section housed in the 4-storey Sasana Kijang.

In this informal atmosphere, a talk on Bank Negara Malaysia as a nation builder was given. Using tools of economics, Islamic banking, financial planning, Bank Negara Malaysia serves as banker and financial advisor to the government of Malaysia.

CEREBOSS MALAYSIA

88 MUFY students who escaped the lecture halls and tutorial rooms on a Friday morning for this study trip were offered a multi-sensory journey of discovery in Shah Alam at BRAND’S® Experience Centre. Having spent RM75 million expanding its manufacturing facilities in Shah Alam, Cerebos Malaysia brought to life the 179 years of BRAND’S® story in Asia.

Through interactive tours and a stimulating learning experience of their production facility for BRAND’S® Essence of Chicken and InnerShine® fruit essences, the students learnt about leading a healthy lifestyle with the right nutrition.
MH370 REMEMBERED

SUNWAY STUDENTS AND STAFF GATHER FOR MH370

Moments of silence, messages and prayers were shared as students from Foundation in Arts (FIA) and Australian Matriculation Programme (AUSMAT), and a candlelight vigil initiated by Jennifer Rathabai Kunchiram, President of Sunway Academic Staff Association. Students and staff members pulled together their strength to pray for each passenger, crew and respective families of the missing plane MH370.

The mystery of MH370 remains but throughout Malaysia, each and every one of us would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of those who were on board that flight.
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