In its continuous effort to empower today’s young people in shaping the future, Sunway played host to more than 500 delegates from 6 universities, 10 colleges and 11 schools at the inaugural Malaysian National Model United Nations (MMUN) conference. Themed ‘Malaysia’s Future - Malaysia’s Youth’, it is the biggest MUN event held in Malaysia.

The secretariat, comprising 21 youths from 15 institutions worked hard planning and organising this. In the process of forging ties, they received collaborative help from the MUN community of the National University Singapore and the University of Pennsylvania through the Ivy League Model United Nations which boasts over 3,000 delegates and 24 committees.

Addressing the delegates at the conference, Secretary General Haris Khan, a Canadian International Matriculation Programme (CIMP) student at Sunway College shared the committee’s hope that the conference would empower this generation to be proactive stakeholders to ensure a better world for the next generation by harnessing national unity, forging tolerance plus raising awareness on issues affecting lives within and beyond Malaysia.

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SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR BEST & BRIGHTEST

RM3.02 million worth of scholarships from Sunway College was given out to 330 students who were carefully chosen from over 1,500 applications received from the 14 states within Malaysia. At the Sunway College Special Scholarship Award Ceremony recently, the 330 selected were given the opportunity to pursue further studies in the Australian Matriculation Programme (AUSMAT), GCE Cambridge A-Level, Canadian International Matriculation Programme (CIMP), Monash University Foundation Year (MUFY), the Sunway Foundation in Arts (TFA), Certified Accounting Technician (CAT) and Certificate in Finance, Accounting & Business (CFAB).

The best and brightest youths were put through a stringent selection process based on their academic results and their active participation in extra-curricular activities. Dr. Elizabeth Lee, Senior Executive Director of Sunway Education Group and Sunway University welcomed them to Sunway College by requesting they fully engage in the community, academically and remember to give something back. In her speech, she mentioned the journey of your lives is not just about the destination, it’s about the journey itself. Wisdom, education and personal growth will come to you from the people you meet, the paths you choose to follow and the lessons you have learned along the way.

Focused on equipping students with critical thinking and independent learning skills, the five Pre-University programmes comprising AUSMAT, A-Level, CIMP, MUFY and the TFA at Sunway prepares the students for admissions into premier universities all over the world. With dedicated and approachable academic teams on hand to nurture and mentor students, the students’ academic performance often exceed expectations.

The CAT route serves as a stepping stone towards the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) whereas the CFA is a stand-alone business qualification which is used as an entry route into the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) programme.

TRAINING EDUCATORS FOR CIE

"Learners are at the heart of everything we do at Cambridge, and it’s vital that we prepare them well for higher education, work and life." Quoting Michael O’Sullivan, the Chief Executive of Cambridge International Examinations at the launch of the Cambridge International Exams (CIE) Intermediate A Level Professional Development Training Courses, Ng Kim Hua, Senior Schools Development Manager, CIE Malaysia with Carol Wong, (from left) Tan Chiu Lin, Schools Development Manager and Ng Kim Huat, Deputy Director of International Exams (CIE) at Sunway College.

Hosted by Sunway, this 2-day Professional Development training had trainers covering the four Cambridge International AS and A Level subjects. With 55 teachers from across Malaysia, Brunei, Indonesia and Thailand as participants, there were various breakout sessions which included an overview of different teaching methods and assessment strategies, discussions on formative and summative assessment plus the creation of schemes of work and lesson plans. Carefully selected by the CIE training department in the UK syllabuses, the trainers were Suzi Solomon for Mathematics, David Clarke for Psychology, Helen Humphreys for Global Perspectives and Sharon Wildsmith for Art & Design.

Dr. Elizabeth Lee, Senior Executive Director of Sunway Education Group and Sunway University welcomed those selected by asking them to keep up with the latest developments in pedagogy, to be aware of the changing emphasis within the education arena on the local and global front. She hoped the training will enable the teachers to be more confident, reflective, engaging in classrooms, innovate and inspire each other to excel further for academics are entrusted with the task of building future leaders.

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD WINNER SHARES HER STORY

A student of the Canadian International Matriculation Programme (CIMP) at Sunway College, Dhassry Vynothanandry makes it a point to find time in her busy schedule to fit in yoga, art and spending time with her dogs. It is her passion for the care of animals that drove her to volunteer at an animal shelter as well.

Volunteering daily between 5pm to 10pm, this Outstanding Community Service Award Winnergrooms, walks and feeds the dogs and cats at the shelter including dispensing medicine, which includes visits to the veterinarian when necessary. There were approximately 70 cats and 30 dogs at the shelter, mostly abandoned, sick and strays.

Being involved in the shelter, Dhassry learnt "love comes with responsibility" for she gained insight into the challenges of the operations and resources required. She has been involved in fund-raising by selling pet products and extended her time at the shelter when additional medical care was required for some of the animals.

Caring for these animals can be different from caring for one’s own pets as Dhassry discovered but she enjoyed play time with the animals, watching them having fun without being locked up in their cage all day long and witnessing their recovery from illness. In her time at the shelter, Dhassry has encountered various disconcerting reasons and excuses given for animals being abandoned. When Development Planning Officer, Dhassry’s volunteering experience is that for some, they just cannot take care of the animals any longer.

Asides from her volunteer work, this first semester council member has participated in various extra-curricular activities in Sunway such as ice-skating, bowling, Talent Night and Halloween Homecoming. Hailing from Kuala Lumpur, this 19-year old alumni of SMK Batu Muda chose CIMP at Sunway College for being internationally recognised, and giving her the flexibility of choosing between sciences and arts.

Not being an exam-oriented person, the 70% coursework and 30% examination structure suited Dhassry well. With no science subjects, there’s an adoption drive, most people look for pure breeds, which Dhassry disagrees with "you don’t need a pedigree to love!" Her experience at the shelter has made her realise the importance for humans to be the voice for the voiceless animals in need.

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Apart from working towards an academic qualification, Dhassry believes being at Sunway helps her grow as a person, giving her the opportunity to identify her strengths and weaknesses. This has led to building her interpersonal skills, enabling a more effective interaction with others. In groups or individually, giving Dhassry confidence in preparing for her future career. She plans to pursue a BSc (Hons) in Psychology at Sunway University.
30TH GRADUATION CEREMONY

Attended by more than 800 parents, lecturers and invited guests as well as Dr Lee Weng Keng, CEO of Education and Healthcare Division, Sunway Group; Dr Elizabeth Lee, Senior Executive Director of Sunway Education Group and Sunway University; and representatives from ACCA, Asia Pacific and Malaysia, ICAEW and Emot & Young, the 30th graduation ceremony was a new milestone for Sunway TES.

420 students successfully completed their studies in the ACCA (Association of Chartered Certified Accountants), ICAEW (Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales) and Oxford Brookes University (OBU) programs. To date, Sunway TES students have garnered 2 ACCA Affiliates, 29 World Prize and 227 Malaysia Prize Winners. In addition, there were 62 ICAEW graduates and 100 OBU Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Applied Accounting graduates with 29 receiving first-class honors.

Ten students with outstanding examination results received the Appreciation Award for ACCA World and Malaysian Prize Winners. Top student Johnny Ho Chan Wee received the title of Top ACCA Affiliate in Malaysia when he achieved second place ranking, earning the Silver Medal Award in the December 2014 final exam. The ACCA Affiliate recognizes students who scored the highest cumulative marks on five professional level papers completed in a single sitting.

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Living in a supportive international community, Zi Qing has the freedom to pursue his interests in Cambridge. Having spent 9 weeks at Sunway Construction assisting the Virtual Design and Construction (VDC) 3D Core Team with their research and development from skylines to mega-structures. Zi Qing has developed a strong liking for construction and development from skyscrapers to mega-structures.

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Dare to dream! Introducing at Sunway Construction when not studying Engineering in Cambridge, 20-year old aspiring engineer Zi Qing fell in love with Lego at the age of 4. Since then, Zi Qing has developed a strong liking for construction and development from skyscrapers to mega-structures.

With an intense exam term in Cambridge on scholarship, Zi Qing knows getting good grades in examination is a necessary criteria of his scholarship. Yet, he has managed to participate in extra-curricular activities. He became the main actor for the Malaysian Night for the Cambridge University Malaysian Society (CUMaS) in his first stage performance. Since then, he has served as the secretary of the society and helped organise various activities such as a Garden Party, Outreach in various states in Malaysia and the CUMaS 20th Anniversary Dinner.

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Intending to use the Cambridge acquired knowledge to improve the current Engineering industry in Malaysia, Zi Qing spent 9 weeks at Sunway Construction adding the Virtual Design and Construction (VDC) 3D Core Team with their research and development (R&D). Zi Qing has learnt to write Macros in Excel to extend its function and application in areas like early stage clash-detection (3D), process-planning (4D) and cost-estimation (5D) as the construction process is virtually modeled before actual implementation is carried in real life.

Grateful to Sunway for the quality education provided, Zi Qing credits the supportive lecturers and his peers for helping him. Zi Qing thought studying at a top university was harder than winning the lottery yet he is living his dream. For aspiring scholars, Zi Qing, an alumnus of the Sunway College A-Level programme asks that you work hard to achieve your wish. So, dare to dream!
**INTERNATIONAL ENTERPRISE CHALLENGE @ SUNWAY**

Inspired by the English Premier League, the International Enterprise Challenge brought together 14 teams of Sunway TES Centre for Accountancy Excellence (CAE) students. These 70 students came up with business plans to increase the fan base of the local professional football club and how to attract more live football match audience into stadiums.

Organised by a former Certified Accounting Technician (CAT) and Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) student, Stephen Lee How Hwang collaborated with the Premiere League, Premiere Skills and the British Council to bring this competition to Sunway TES CAE.

The top three teams were awarded with vouchers totaling RM2,250 sponsored by Sunway TES CAE. Team Vantage, comprising Low Shu Ye, Wong Carmen, Tan Chia Yang, Tan Pei Yong and Teo Jun Yong emerged champion with their proposal of an online social game website where players can learn about football through mini games, earn points to redeem discounts for football merchandises or entry to matches with an advertising space income potential.

**A VALEDICTORIAN SHARES**

For Avryl Ooi Wan Cheen, attending the Open Day at Sunway to explore her options for pre-U after finishing high school at SMK USJ 12 turned out to be the beginning of an exciting journey. With all the positive feedback she received about the college from her friends and how the Foundation in Arts (FA) programme provides a holistic learning, she decided to give it a go.

Avryl was happy to study anything but science and her rushed enrollment into the FA programme came about because the lecturer was really convincing. In her time in FA, the best thing about the programme for Avryl was the people. Lecturers who cared, were patient and gave continuous support to students beyond what was required in the classroom. Fellow classmates who made the journey fun and more interesting, sharing friendships and camaraderie. To Avryl, FA students are friendly, funny, cheerful and in short, awesome people.

For Avryl, the assignments were the most challenging part as most of the assignments came in at almost the same time and turned holidays into assignment time. However, everyone was kept on their toes ensuring extra effort and time are put in to make them doable.

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Outside of academics, Avryl kept a full schedule by being part of the FA student committee and took part in many activities such as a fundraising for children’s home, organising a new intake orientation as well as attending leadership workshops. Along with a friend, Avryl even participated in the FA Talent Time and made it to the finals.

Her time in FA has helped her grow as a person, helping her speak up and challenge the norms. Being selected as valedictorian and graduating with the Vice-Chancellor’s Award for Enrichment Electives and Mathematics for Actuarial Studies, Avryl’s advice to FA students is to not be afraid of failure, and always aim for the best for “even if you fail, know that you have done your best.”

Having received the current 100% tuition fee waiver under the Tan Sri Dato Sri Dr Jeffrey Cheah Continuing Scholarship, Avryl is pursuing her BSc (Hons) in Accounting and Finance at Sunway University. Currently in her first semester, Avryl genuinely enjoys Accounting since her FA days and spends most days studying in the New University Building. The lecturers here have impressed her with their thoughtfulness and their teaching. Avryl can look forward to 2 certificates when she graduates, one from Sunway University and the other from Lancaster University.
SHOOT FOR THE MOON, LAND AMONG THE STARS

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Wishing all the graduates a successful journey ahead, Dr Elizabeth Lee, Senior Executive Director, Sunway Education Group and Sunway University reminded them leaving is a lifelong process, to get ready to face challenges and obstacles that are a part of life. She hopes the tenacity and values learnt in FIA will equip them to remain focused on their goals and dreams.

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FUTURE FINANCIER FROM FIA

19-year old Lia Tian Ai from Tampin, Negeri Sembilan has seen her world grow beyond the borders of Foundation in Arts (FIA) as she is currently pursuing a BSc (Hon) in Accounting and Finance with the Tan Sri Dato Sri Dr Jeffrey Cheah Continuing Scholarship. A recipient of the Tan Sri Jeffrey Cheah special pre-university scholarship previously, Tian Ai received subject awards for both accounting 2, business management and marketing subjects during her time in FIA.

Tian Ai liked the 50% coursework and 50% exam structure. FIA sounded like a fun programme to her as it included enrichment subjects that aid personal development. The highlight of FIA for Tian Ai was when her group needed to record a Groupon advertisement. Part of the Critical Thinking subject coursework, their project was reviewed and evaluated by a Groupon manager. Tian Ai remembered climbing up the toilet bowl for a scene in their video. Although this video required hard work and time, she really enjoyed the whole process and had tons of fun with her group mates during the recording session.

The most challenging part was a documentary on poverty. Part of her English course, her group decided to focus on a single mother who is poor. They had to call up an organization to look for a single mother who was comfortable for them to do an interview. Following her on her daily routine, the group helped clean her house and bought her some necessities. The video they made was edited to send out a message on poverty.

“Learning culture and performance is the most interesting part for Tian Ai. Culture and performance is about art and the influences on our culture. Tian Ai’s learning involved different religious art, old and modern architecture, camera transformation plus a visit to a museum. Her coursework was related to the museum art so everyone had to learn to apply the knowledge they learnt in the classroom to their museum visit. Tian Ai even applied this knowledge to a temple in Thailand when she travelled last year with her family. Her knowledge surprised her family members.”

Helping Tian Ai see the wider world, FIA has made her a student who sees what’s happening in the real world and being more concerned about current issues. Her advice to future FIA students is to participate actively in the programme as you will truly enjoy the whole process and have fun. Enjoy the whole process instead of just studying and you will get a different outcome.”

People told Tian Ai college life is all about studies and clubs. Having found the activities held under SSV club fun, Tian Ai really enjoyed every event she participated in. This club inspired her to learn that being a volunteer is something wonderful and meaningful.

Having chosen the Bachelor of Accounting and Finance, Tian Ai loves budgeting and all things related to finance. In her first semester, Tian Ai has discovered more leisure time in the degree programme. For her, this means being more independent where her studies are concerned and to learn better time management. Currently enjoying the facilities in the new building, Tian Ai enjoys the experienced, knowledgeable and helpful lecturers in the degree programme for they make her classes more interesting.

HOUSE OF JOY FESTIVE CHEER

In celebrating the Chinese New Year festivities, the Foundation in Arts (FIA) students of Sunway College took some time to share the festive cheer with the children of the House of Joy.

Made up of the FIA March 2014 Student Committee members, these students played games and joined the children for lunch at the home. With the RM3,000 funds raised through the sales of food, a specially designed t-shirt by the Committee and a 2-day donation drive at the Energy Hub on campus, the House of Joy were presented with gifts of food, stationery, toiletries, bought with funds raised from the FIA end of 2014 Charity Day event.

“I am very glad that our FIA students had the opportunity to feel a sense of satisfaction as they definitely created a great impact in the lives of the children at the home. Even though they only spent half a day at ‘House of JOY’, they realised that a small amount of attention to a child who has suffered through much adversity could make a large difference in that child’s life. It could help strengthen the child’s trust and belief in others and to have a direction in life after seeing and mingling with these big brothers and sisters” said Sivani Ramanathan, FIA lecturer and project advisor to the students.

The students were very much committed despite their busy schedules and they set the exemplary of ‘One only needs the heart and little time to reach out to our community’. The main objective of Charity Day is for young people to learn and embrace the art of giving back to society. We believe that this simple deed would definitely change their thoughts as any amount of time they can give is enough to make a significant difference in someone else’s life”, she added.
A SCORE AND THREE FOR SUNWAY TES-ICAEW SCHOLARSHIPS

For the January 2015 intake, twenty-three students from 16 different schools across Malaysia were awarded the Sunway TES-ICAEW Global Accountant Scholarship. The scholarships amounting to RM1 million covers the students’ full tuition fees, which includes a registration and exam fees waiver by ICAEW.

To be eligible for the two and a half year Certificate and Professional studies in the ICAEW (Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales) programme at Sunway, recipients have to obtain at least 9As in their SPM exams. Past scholarship recipients in the programme have a pass rate of 90% and above for the exams. Initiated in 2013 with 2 recipients, scholarships were awarded to 84 students in 2014.

Dr Elizabeth Lee, Senior Executive Director of Sunway University and Sunway Education Group encouraged the scholarship recipients to continue to work hard and persevere in order to realise their full potential. At the presentation ceremony for Sunway TES-ICAEW Global Accountant Scholarship, Michael Izza, Chief Executive of ICAEW, UK stated this scholarship is the start of what could be the most exciting career opportunity for the students.

Becoming an ICAEW chartered accountant is a boost to a brighter future as the Associate of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ACA), is one of the most advanced learning and professional development programmes available, valued in industry, commerce, practice and the public sector around the world. The ACA seamlessly merges examinations with practical on-the-job training to equip students with the relevant experience, skills and professional knowledge to make sound decisions in genuine business environments.

In attendance at this occasion were Mark Billington, Regional Director, ICAEW South East Asia; Dato’ Gan Ah Tee, Chairman of ICAEW City Group Malaysia & Managing Partner, BDO; Loh Wei Yuen, Head of ICAEW Malaysia together with Teo Ee Sing, Executive Director, Sunway College and Lim Tiew Ming, Director of Financial Courses Division, Sunway College.

CHALLENGE YOURSELF, DREAM BIG

Currently at the University of Auckland in New Zealand pursuing Biomedical Sciences upon completion of the Australian Matriculation (AUSMAT) at Sunway College, Stephen Choong Jie Wei is looking forward to new experiences and more exposure.

Holding Permanent Resident (PR) status in New Zealand makes this country an obvious choice and with University of Auckland being the highest ranked university in New Zealand with high admission requirements, Stephen plans to focus on his studies in the first two years. Looking forward to the serene and quiet environment which his parents believe are beneficial for him, he looks forward to visiting Dunedin and Milford Sound. Accepting the fact the first few months in a brand new environment far from home will be difficult, Stephen believes learning to adapt to life here will be a valuable experience.

Home being Klang Valley, this ex-student of SMK Seri Saujana chose AUSMAT at Sunway for its one-year course duration, enabling him to enter New Zealand universities in the first semester. With an equal split of internal and external examinations in AUSMAT, Stephen has enjoyed the dedication and the extra mile the lecturers have taken to help the students.

Relishing his time at AUSMAT, Stephen believes the high quality education at Sunway College helps students achieve their potential and enhance their skills. Happy with the knowledge and experience gained before entering university life, AUSMAT has given him more maturity and experience in handling tasks in general. The most challenging part of AUSMAT was transitioning to a new structure of education that differed from high school. At AUSMAT, Stephen learnt to think out of the box, employing critical thinking and problem solving skills essential for university studies.

Having held the AUSMAT Student Council position of President, Stephen believes in the importance of community involvement. A 1st violinist with the Sunway University Ensemble, Stephen has performed with his fellow musicians in a few concerts and he considers these friends his second family.

Stephen advices future students to accept there will be many hurdles in life with ups and downs, but adaptation and determination will keep you on the right path. In terms of studies, know your priorities, know your studying pattern and follow it. Be hardworking, independent, and set high demands to achieve those results.

By not being easily satisfied in life, one can push the limits and discover more potential so dream big and challenge yourself.
HIGH TEA TO CELEBRATE VU-SUNWAY PARTNERSHIP

An air of excitement was in the air at the recent High Tea hosted by Victoria University (VU) at Sunway College. A get-together for the ‘VU family’ of current VU students at Sunway plus staff members from both Melbourne and Sunway campuses, the students were presented with VU memorabilia, courtesy of VU Melbourne.

Just one day earlier, the Australian staff members witnessed over 300 graduates celebrating their milestone achievement at the VU Malaysia Graduation Ceremony held at the Sunway Resort Hotel & Spa.

Adding to the excitement at the high tea was the announcement of the two new Bachelor of Business specialisations at Sunway by Brendan McCarthy, Director of Learning and Teaching at VU Melbourne. Management & Innovation and Supply Chain & Logistics Management, approved by VU Melbourne is expected to launch early next year subject to the approval from the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA).

Welcoming students to the VU (Victoria University) Family which transcends distance and location, Rhys Williams, Director of International Development at Victoria University International shared the story of this particular Australian-Malaysian international partnership. This 20-year partnership continues to flourish with both campuses growing from modest beginnings, progressing from a small number of students to one of the biggest and most successful twinning programmes in Malaysia.

“VU Melbourne and Sunway are now widely respected institutions in their respective countries with positive facilities such as new buildings, online services and elaborate online monitoring system to collectively improve the student experience,” said Williams.

Believing the VU programmes play a key role in Australia and Malaysia’s successful relationship, Williams shared that more plans are underway to meet the increasingly diversified market demand in both countries. Plans include more specialisations under the VU Sunway undergraduate programme and a new master’s programme in Enterprise Resource Planning. A short term mobility programme aimed at encouraging Australian students to study in Malaysia is another VU and Sunway joint project.

FROM PJ TO TAIWAN AND BACK AGAIN

What does one do with a three-month break in hand?

Take up the challenge to push yourself out of your comfort zone and gain a new experience, a path Monash University Foundation Year (MUFY) December 2014 graduate Khor Chia Yee chose when she joined the NGO AIESEC in Sunway as a Junior Executive.

Before heading into her Bachelor of Business and Commerce pursuit at Monash University, the 19-year old Monash High Achiever Award holder and Harvard Prize Book Award finalist decided to take part in the 6-week AIESEC-Taiwan Exchange Programme in Tamsui, Taipei.

Travelling abroad on her own for the first time, Chia Yee took this opportunity to not only learn new skills but did her part in promoting Malaysia as well. She shared about the cultures and multi-racial nature of Malaysia with other participants who hailed from countries such as Korea, Australia, Mexico and China to name a few. While being alone in a foreign country was “a scary thing”, she is glad for the experience in learning to communicate cross culturally and view things with different perspectives.

Thriving in meeting challenges in and out of class, Chia Yee enjoyed learning through assignments, with the course work at MUFY in spite of the steep change from the local education system. Both a student ambassador and scholarship recipient of the Sunway Special Scholarship, Chia Yee was also Vice President of the Sunway Sports Committee which is responsible for organising sporting events for Sunway students.

She finds time to indulge in her two favourite past times, playing the harmonica and reading. Chia Yee is set to raise funds to participate in the Seoul International Harmonica Festival this year via a fundraising concert at her alma mater, Catholic High School.
An annual affair, the Monash University Foundation Year (MUFY) Games kicked off bright and early one morning. Contestants, helpers, supporters from across four intakes and lecturers made up the 600 people who went all out to have fun at the first ever MUFY Games.

With games held at various locations around Sunway College, Monash University, Sunway University and Sunway Pyramid Shopping Centre, the coordination for the games saw popular sports like basketball, badminton, football, table tennis played alongside fun games like telematch, win lose or draw, chess, futsal and Frisbee.

The first major MUFY event of the year, Student Council President Celine Lee Shyn Yee was delighted that MUFY students used this event as an opportunity to gather amongst themselves and foster closer ties. The MUFY Games came to a close in the afternoon, after the trophies were presented and the hungry students had lunch.

All in the name of fun, a group of favourite Canadian International Matriculation Programme (CIMP) teachers sportingly volunteered themselves as targets for the prom fundraiser. Teachers, Leanne Pecanski, Katherine Mustard, Zinitis Vandelis, Douglas O’Hearn, Annette Wong, Schott Chisholm, Eric Adams, Leigh Donevan and Kim Gagnon arrived prepared to have water balloons dropped on them.

Organised by the CIMP Student Council, water balloons could be dropped from a bridge onto a target, for a price. The balloon drop event was organised to collect funds for the upcoming CIMP prom.

Taking aim at their favourite teachers, a total of over RM450 was collected for the upcoming prom. Blake Waters tried to get some of his friends wet. Douglas O’Hearn took a direct hit whereas CIMP’s Disha Garcha and Sunway International School (SIS) teacher Megan Kenney enjoyed taking a shot at their co-workers and friends below. O’Hearn took revenge by tossing an unbroken balloon back at his students above.

CIMP student council president Mujtaba Mirghani Ahmed auctioned off the chance to pour an entire bucket of water on all of the teachers. Bashir Rishi, a CIMP student won the opportunity to soak all of the teachers in the name of contributing to the CIMP prom fund.

The CIMP teachers were surprised by a final barrage of water balloons as a conclusion to a successful fundraiser. Wet and happy, CIMP teachers are looking forward to the next balloon drop, all in the name of fundraising.
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“Sunway Foundation in Arts (FIA) has been such a great journey for me as it has provided me with knowledge, exposure to new experiences and has built my character for the better. Sunway FIA has truly equipped me as I pursue further on in my academic studies.”

John Paul Felix
Psychology
Sunway University, Malaysia
Former student of SMK USJ 13, Subang Jaya

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Cambridge GCE A-Level (A-Level)
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AUSMAT
over 56% students achieved ATAR 80 and above†

A-LEVEL
100% pass rate†

CIMP
50% Ontario Scholar Award recipients†

MUFY
100% graduates qualified to enter Monash University‡

SUNWAY FIA
75% graduates qualified for Tan Sri Dr. Jeffrey Cheah Continuing Scholarship§

1 – Based on the 2014 Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) examination results
2 – Based on the November 2014 Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) results
3 – Based on the 2014 CIMP examination results
4 – Based on the November 2014 MUFY examination results
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