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From left, Nicholas Keevan Rajah, Uhendran Subpramaniam and Alliyza Esther Qun Shi Lim
Message by the Executive Director, Sunway Education Group

It is not difficult to imagine what the Sunway Education Group will become in the next 25 years, given that in the first 25 years, with our students achieving academic success both locally and globally, we have established a strong reputation for having grown to be a leading private education group and the only education group owned and governed by a Foundation, in the country.

Our institutions are well-regarded and have attracted both local and international students from over 90 countries around the world. To meet the needs of an ever increasing student population, we recently had the ground-breaking for the Sunway University new building and will continue to upgrade our facilities and add new buildings this year, which coincides with our 25th silver jubilee celebrations.

The huge funding to drive all these developments is overseen by the Jeffrey Cheah Foundation. The Foundation operates by ploughing back every sen from the surpluses into the numerous expansion programmes undertaken for the various institutions. This is what sets apart the Sunway Education Group from other institutions, in that students’ needs and academic development take precedence over and above investors’ returns.

With the celebration of our silver anniversary already being set in momentum this year, we believe that, in order for the education group to further spread its wings and for the University to someday become a ‘Harvard of the East’, one thing is for sure, we can count on you our dedicated and passionate students. With your potential for academic success, you are an important stakeholder within the education group and you play a huge and empowered role in our growth.

I am pleased to announce some organisational changes and congratulate Mr. Teo Ee Sing, who effectively takes over as the Executive Director of Sunway College, Kuala Lumpur, while Dr. Khatijah Khalid, as our registered Ketua Eksekutif, will focus on the academic matters. Together with Ms Cheng Mien Wee, our Director of Pre-University programmes, Ms Greeja Hemalata De Silva and Dr Henry Ng in charge of twining programmes with Victoria University, we look forward to further heights that the College and can and will attain.

Elizabeth Lee
Ahead of the game

Sunway College is known for being the largest and the longest running provider of Western Australian Year 12 (AUSMAT) in Malaysia. Its lecturers are rated top in 'excellent teaching and assessment' by Curriculum Council of Western Australia Annual Examiners report. The student’s academic results have been consistently ranked amongst the best in Western Australia and the Western Australia programme worldwide. Our team has the story…..

Every year, approximately 400 students enrol for Australian Matriculation (AUSMAT) at Sunway College. The Director of AUSMAT, Ruma Lopes says the school is more than a milling machine, that churns out certificates for students headed to Australia or elsewhere to further their education.

What is important for her and her team of academic staff is being able to support the holistic development of the students and prepare them for university education. “For that reason, we keep our numbers small, so that we are able to optimise individual attention,” she explains.

The students are taught how to be independent learners. “The Australian syllabus emphasises on students doing their own investigation, rather than being spoon fed,” Lopes adds. “By the time they enter university, they would have acquired the skills to carry out their own research. Therefore, if you ask me, the library is the most important place for every AUSMAT student.”

Quality attracts

The quality of students also becomes the priority for all the academic staff. The programme has gained the confidence of Public Service Department (JPA) to send some of their Australia-bound scholarship students to Sunway. “Most students prefer to join us in January,” she says. “Their entry is based on their forecast SPM results. This year, we had 290 students in the January cohort of students, who completed their SPM end of last year. In March, we are expecting to enrol an additional 150 students.”

A majority of the students choose to go to Australia after completing their AUSMAT. Many gain entry into the Group of Eight universities. For example, from the 2011 batch, 16 of the students have been accepted by the Australian National University. “We also have students who have been accepted to study medicine at University of Melbourne, University of Western Australia and University of Adelaide,” she adds.

Besides Australian universities, Lopes says all New Zealand universities recognise the WACE qualification. Some have moved on to do medicine in University of Auckland and University of Otago. Many are pursuing business courses, engineering and architecture courses in universities there.

“We also know of direct entry to University of Reading and Manchester University. Many of our students pursue a degree in Pharmacy in UK,” says Lopes. “There are also students who have been accepted into American universities using their AUSMAT results. Others, who pursue their twinning degrees, at local private universities eventually graduate with a degree either from the United Kingdom or European Union. We have students who have been accepted by the Moscow Medical Academy, Kurst State and Czech Republic, as well as medical and dental schools in India such as Manipal, Alighar and Goorgaan. The acceptance of the programme as a sound foundation is international.”
The results speak for itself

In the 2011 AUSMAT WACE examinations, 20 from a cohort of 400 plus students achieved an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of 99 and above. A total of 147 students or 33 per cent of the students in the 2011 cohort scored an ATAR of 90 and above.

The astounding results reflect the quality of the Sunway AUSMAT programme and the dedication and commitment of its teachers in educating the students. In addition to that, Lopes adds: “Eight Sunway students received the Special Certificate of Distinction award for five subjects out of a total of 13 subject awards. The students were recognised for appearing within the top 0.5 per cent of those sitting in the WACE examination in the world.”

Zhang Wei Ng and Say Ting Toon scored highest in Accounting and Finance, while Radhika Divya Chelliah topped in Career and Enterprise. The English masters were Jun Hwang Chan and Pauline Lim Wen Jun while Nicholas Keevan Rajah and Uhendran Subpramaniam aced the WACE examinations in English as an Additional Language and Dialect. Alliyza Esther Qin Shi Lim emerged as the top student in Psychology.

To celebrate the completion of the programme, an Awards Night was held at Sunway Resort Hotel & Spa. High academic achievers and students with special talents, who showed consistent results over two consecutive semesters, were awarded Certificates of Achievement. The three Best Academic Achievement Awards (BAAA) went to Katryne Chia Phel Shan, who scored the highest marks in Chemistry, Physics, and Politics and Law, and Ooi Sze Hong, who was top in Maths Specialist, Accounting and Finance, and Economics.

Joel Justin Anak George received awards for being the top scorer in Accounting and Finance and Chemistry, and Alliyza Esther Qin Shi Lim received top awards for Maths 3A3B and Psychology.
Students’ feedback

Valedictorian, Keefe Chan, in his speech, said: “I’m sure every one of us will leave AUSMAT with wonderful memories of friends and lecturers. What I say on stage cannot possibly capture the depth and breadth of experiences we have gone through in this programme. I have little doubt that there are many talents right here within this hall, as some of you might even go on to be tomorrow’s captains of industry.”

Other students have positive things to say about this alma mater of theirs, as it celebrates the Silver Anniversary. Speaking about his experience being part of the Sunway AUSMAT programme recently, Nicholas said it was an unforgettable experience doing AUSMAT at Sunway.

“I have indeed benefited from the programme,” he tells UP. “I feel proud having emerged as the top scorer of AUSMAT at Sunway. I was surprised as I did not think the exams were easy, but I was prepared to work hard in order to achieve good success.”

Nicholas says the internal examinations were a lot harder compared to the finals. This motivated him to work harder for the finals. Nicholas, who prefers exams more than assignments, says it was advantageous for him as he was forced to cope with the syllabus.

“I am grateful for all the help and guidance from my lecturers,” he adds. “Their dedication made learning interesting for me and helped me with my journey towards personal development. I had to learn to be systematic and organised throughout my course of study in Sunway.” Nicholas will be pursuing his studies in Bachelor of Commerce, majoring in Accounting under a JPA Scholarship in the University of Auckland, New Zealand.

Uhendran, who is also a JPA scholar, says he felt honoured to come out top in English as an Additional Language and Dialect. He tells UP: “My experience studying AUSMAT has truly been enriching, especially during the I CARE DAY; an AUSMAT charity involvement. We were required to approach people and persuade them to make a contribution, in exchange for an item or food. The fun and excitement that I gained from this reflects the Sunway AUSMAT experience.”

Fellow student, Alliyza says she is proud of her achievement. “The AUSMAT teachers are very committed as they would make time for us every time we wanted to see them or ask them a question,” she says. “I used to call my Psychology lecturer, Ms Jane, whenever I needed assistance or clarification about something. Through her guidance, I was able to understand things easily and for that, I would like to take this opportunity to thank her.”

Eunice Lee Chao Ying, who scored an ATAR of 99 and above, refers to the Sunway AUSMAT programme as a confidence boosting experience, but knowledge gained helped build my confidence. “I recall being very timid when I first started the programme,” she says. “Through many oral presentations, I also became confident with my public speaking abilities.”

Staying ahead

Lopes believes that, in order for Sunway’s AUSMAT students to stay ahead of their counterparts from around the world, it takes commitment from all three parties – the students, their parents and the teachers. “The students themselves must have the initiative not only to succeed, but to excel in their studies,” she says. “As parents and teachers, we can only offer our guidance to the students. Therefore, it is their credit when they excel in their studies!”
Striving on

When Bryan Tan Yeang Chih was first given the news, the 24-year-old from Sungai Petani, Kedah, did not give up. He realised this was the road that he had to travel on. Although it was very stressful, Bryan did not only manage to pull through his studies, but bagged 10 High Distinctions and four Distinctions for his studies in 2010 and 2011.

Attributing his success to the lecturers at Sunway College, including VU’s twinning degree programme Assistant Director, Mrs Irene Teoh, Bryan said he is forever grateful to them. “Without them, I would not be able to pull through,” he quipped.

In particular, Bryan, a Christian, said that it was God who had healed him. While recuperating, one of his lecturers, Moy Tow Yoon prayed with him for rapid recovery. “She was such an encouragement to me,” Bryan said. “Few lecturers would go to such an extent, but she was the one who helped me to get over the struggle.”

Living away from home, and having to go through the constant pain, was not easy. He had just enrolled with Sunway College in February 2010, when the whole episode unfolded. “After four months into the course, I was shocked when the doctor told me I had a 6-cm tumour in my left leg” said Bryan. “After surgery in September 2010 to remove it, I was out of classes for five to six weeks to rest.”

Anyone else would have given up, but Bryan’s strong faith in God had helped a lot. He had miraculously survived the ordeal. For him, he believes in a very strict diet, with no red or white meat, but just steamed fish and Chinese herbal medicine.

The eldest in a family, Bryan said, “So far, I am fine and I am looking forward to the future.”
A high flyer, Charis, who scored 96.33% in the CIMP last year, was awarded the Governor General’s Medal for Academic Achievement (2011-2012). She also received the Tan Sri Dato’ Seri (Dr) Jeffrey Cheah Entrance Scholarship to pursue her undergraduate studies in Food Science and Nutrition.

Charis was the highest achiever in Financial Accounting Principles, English, University Preparation and Chemistry.

An exhilarated Charis attributed the success to her parents, teachers and friends. “I did not expect to receive these awards,” she said. “Definitely, God is the One who has helped and guided me through the entire CIMP programme.”

Charis added: “CIMP is a distinctive course. Although we are different in characters and in our origins, it felt like we were one family, especially when we were with our teachers. They were not just lecturers – they were teachers who taught and nurtured us to grow in many ways.”

A total of 14 students graduated with a score of 90 percent. Among them was Pauline Ann Loh, another award recipient and valedictorian, who also won a Harvard Book Prize award earlier in the year.

Seventy other students graduated with a score of 80 percent and above. Twenty students were awarded with certificates of recognition for their outstanding contribution to the CIMP. Eighteen awards went to the highest achiever in each subject.

Joanna Lee Wen Ching clinched three awards for emerging the highest scorer in International Business Fundamentals, Canadian and World Issues and Challenge and Change in Society.

At the 41st Graduation Ceremony, 191 graduates were gleaming with pride when they received their certificates. The Canadian International Matriculation Programme (CIMP) has been offered by Sunway College since 1991.

Also present at the graduation were Jim Stone, representative of Canadian High Commission, Malaysia.

For example, she added, the students raised almost RM6,000 for the Terry Fox Run in November last year through the sale of T-shirts. “In addition, the students of the Business Leadership Class held a project sale in aid of the Taman Megah Disabled and Children’s Home and raised RM2,500 for the Home. Our CIMP students also worked with the Cancer Research Initiatives Foundation (CARIF) Malaysia to hold a breast cancer awareness campaign last year.”
Hallmarks

Sunway’s Miss Honesty is top student!

Dubbed Miss Honesty of Sunway, Tan Li Jean was previously commended for her honesty for returning a lost phone to its rightful owner.

Now, the Foundation in Arts (FIA) graduate received another accolade for a different reason. Being top student, scoring an average of 89.5 percent, Li Jean received the Tan Sri Dato Seri (Dr) Jeffrey Cheah Continuing Scholarship to pursue her undergraduate studies in Sunway University along with 35 other students.

The award was presented during the 7th Graduation Ceremony for the home-grown pre-university programme, Sunway Foundation in Arts (FIA).

Li Jean’s result was closely followed by Liew Bi Hui, who scored 87.10 percent and Chong Shwit Hun, 86.55 percent. Eight students also received the Certificate of Appreciation for organising extracurricular activities throughout the course of their study at Sunway.

Executive Director of Sunway Education Group, Elizabeth Lee said that Sunway’s FIA is the only pre-university programme in Malaysia with contemporary enrichment subjects that deepen the student’s understanding of today’s ever-evolving world.

“Specialist subjects taken at this level also align students for studies in the ensuing degree programmes offered by Sunway University,” she said. “The FIA is also a pathway to other undergraduate programmes around the world, as Sunway University undergraduate courses are validated by Lancaster University, a Top 10 UK University.”

Addressing the class of January 2011, Director of FIA Programme, Ruma Lopes said: “You have definitely become better people through the FIA programme and coursework. Do not forget that you have a host of friends who are also your lecturers that will guide and mentor you, even as you pursue your undergraduate studies in Sunway University. Believe nothing is impossible and that you will not buckle under the pressure as you are made of something solid.”

In his response, Khoo Boo Chuan, Chairperson for FIA January 2011 intake, said that he and his fellow students have always demonstrated to Sunway College, the society and the world that they have been and shall always be “tough as a nut, proud like a lion, mighty as a sky-scraper, smart like an owl and as humble as a bee.”

The FIA shapes students beyond current learning levels towards success in university and life, while arming them with valuable skills that will strengthen their abilities and propel them in the direction of academic excellence.
Sunway College Cambridge GCE A-Level student, Wong Sue Yinn clinched a “Top in the World” Award for Psychology at AS Level.

Her fellow student, Stephenas Teh Wee Seng also bagged a “Top in the World” Award for Accounting, while three other students, Nguyen Phuong Hai Quynh (from Vietnam), Tham Yow Wai and Kritthysha A/P Karunagaran each achieved a “Top in Malaysia” award for Mathematics at AS Level. Danielle Kot Beng Hooi received a “Top in Malaysia” award for Psychology at A Level.

The six award-winning students received the University of Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards 2011 recently.

When interviewed by up, Sue Yinn immediately attributed her success to her psychology senior lecturer, Ida Ngui. “She knew our weaknesses and helped us patiently,” she said. “Getting this award would definitely be out of reach for me if not for her constant guidance and dedication.”

Wong also thanked her parents and friends, who had always encouraged and supported her. “The A-Level programme has taught me to embrace certain values and qualities such as time management, concentration and self-discipline. All in all, getting this award acts as a motivation for me to work not only harder, but smarter in order to attain the goals I want to achieve in the future.”

Due to its record since 1987 of producing pass rates that have been consistently above 98% with at least 27% of its students having achieved 3As or more, the Sunway A-Level programme is one of only four Cambridge International Fellowship Centres in Malaysia. There are currently 60 Fellowship Centres worldwide among the 1,100 centres in over 150 countries.

From left to right: Sue Yinn, Kritthysha, Dr John Guy, Senior Education Advisor with CIE: Nguyen Phuong Hai Quynh and Stephenas. Absent: Danielle Kot and Tham Yow Wai

Top again!

Sue Yinn with her Psychology lecturer, Ida Ngui

Stephenas (left) with his accounting lecturer, Soh Hian Gek
Children from five financially disadvantaged families will be able to study CAT or ACCA at Sunway-TES, thanks to scholarships worth a total of RM200,000 presented to One Caring Heart Malaysia.

At a recent presentation ceremony witnessed by Y.B. Senator Datuk Heng Seai Kie, Deputy Minister of Women, Family and Community Development, Sunway-TES gave away the scholarships to the Deputy President of One Caring Heart Malaysia, Sarojini Ruth Rajahser.

Acknowledging this as part of Sunway-TES’ Corporate Social Responsibility effort to empower the less fortunate individuals with the gift of education, its Executive Director, Teo Ee Sing said accounting is a versatile and practical profession that enables graduates to be employed in all types of industries. “Through this gift, the recipients can look forward to a bright future,” he said.

The scholarships were for individuals to pursue either CAT (Certified Accounting Technician) or ACCA (Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) programmes.

In her speech, Senator Datuk Heng said that the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development has played a major role in coordinating the welfare of women in the economy. “I am proud to see the Sunway Education Group assist our needy youths,” she said. “We would like to see more institutions coming in to participate in such a worthy cause.”

One Caring Heart Malaysia’s objectives are to nurture youth and single mothers by providing training in line with economic transformation programme to uplift standards of living of the nation. It also organises events and seminars to promote skills development and encourage social entrepreneurship for nation-building projects.

Also present were Puan Sri Datin Seri (Dr.) Susan Cheah, EXCO member of Sunway Group; Elizabeth Lee, Executive Director of Sunway Education Group; Puan Sri Cecilia Lim and Dato’ Anne Eu, advisors of One Caring Heart Malaysia.
A sweet act

Chermaine decided that she would do her part for charity as well – and she did it, with flying colours!

After weeks of talking to and listening to five inspirational Malaysian philanthropic women as the host of NTV 7’s SK-11 Miracle Makers, Chermaine Poo was all fired-up that she decided to challenge herself to bake one thousand cupcakes. Poo became the highlight in the show she was hosting, and her charity drive soon became the talk of the town.

“Chermaine’s Cupcake Charity”, as she calls it, managed to raise a total of RM18,000 for Shelter Home for Children, Petaling Jaya, proving without a doubt that she could make her own miracle project. She singlehandedly baked and packed the cupcakes (with help from her celebrity acquaintances and close friends) within a span of two days, and sold them at Sunway Pyramid’s main concourse at a price of RM50 for a box of six lovely cupcakes.

A former ACCA student of Sunway College, having graduated to become a chartered accountant, Poo managed to get the support of Elizabeth Lee, the Executive Director of Sunway Education Group. To her delight, Lee informed Poo that Sunway would donate RM5,000 towards her cupcake charity drive.

Poo made a stop at Sunway to deliver the cupcakes in a white Lotus sports car, of course. The delicious cupcakes were distributed to students, staff and visitors during Sunway Education Day on Sunday.

Looking back, Poo admitted it was hard work. The entire process had to be planned out carefully as she could not afford to lose any time. The long hours of baking were very tiring and the pressure to meet the target on time was tremendous.

“I kept reminding myself that my five mentors did exactly that – they kept on doing it and did not give up. I thank God for the strength and perseverance, and my family and friends for their encouragement and support, and NTV 7 and SK-11 for giving me the opportunity and platform to launch my charity drive,” said Poo.

Will you also offer yourself this year to do some charity work like Chermaine Poo did?


Giving back to society

Kuching gal, Jacintha Tagal has one noble passion in life. The 24-year-old, who graduated from Harvard University with a degree in East Asian Studies in 2011, says one of her childhood dreams was to be able to give back to society in a tangible way.

“I hope that what I am doing as a teacher on a two-year fellowship with Teach for Malaysia will help me contribute to the development of society in a meaningful way,” she says.

At Teach for Malaysia, Jacintha is involved in teaching Mathematics to Form 1 and 2 students, and Civics and Citizenship to Form 1 students.

“I also have additional roles as a teacher, including teacher-advisor to the Football Club, Science and Mathematics Society and the Disciplinary board—just to name a few!” she laughs. “Although I am new to the trade and therefore find teaching really challenging, I am enjoying it so far. There is never a dull moment with my students.”

Besides teaching, Jacintha says she is also currently pursuing her postgraduate programme. “After that, I have no specific plans yet as to what to do,” she says. “As it is now, I am working on a Post-Graduate Diploma in Education on a part-time basis as part of my contract with Teach for Malaysia. Every Fellow is expected to do a post-graduate diploma in education (PGDE).”

Her Sunway experience
Jacintha, who completed her A-Levels at Sunway in 2007, says it was her mother who picked the then Sunway University College for her A-Levels. “This is mainly because my older sister had done it here and had many good things to say about Sunway,” she elaborates. “In general, Sunway had much better accommodation facilities than other colleges in the region, and this was important for an out-of-state student.”

Besides, she attributes her success to good teachers like Chemistry teacher, Chong Kar Foo and Irma Chan, who teaches Biology. “It is because of these good teachers that I would continue recommending Sunway to all my friends,” she smiles.
The Sunway Education Group which has its origins in 1986 with the establishment of Sunway College, is a financially self-sustaining entity synonymous with quality education and scholarship founded by the Chairman of the Sunway Group, Tan Sri Dato’ Seri Dr. Jeffrey Cheah, AO. In a span of just 25 years, the Group has grown phenomenally to twelve institutions located in Malaysia and overseas. Among the institutions are Sunway University, Sunway College, Monash University Sunway campus, the Jeffrey Cheah School of Medicine and Health Sciences and the Sunway International School.

Owned and governed by the Jeffrey Cheah Foundation, the Sunway Education Group is the only group of private education institutions held under a special purpose not-for-profit foundation in Malaysia. This transfer of equity ownership was valued at RM700 million in 2010. To the Founder of the Sunway Group, education extends far beyond the business realm and the success of the Sunway Education Group in contributing to education means much more than rankings and enrolment numbers. Over the years, the Sunway Education Group under the Jeffrey Cheah Foundation, has given generously in the form of scholarships and awards to society and accorded more than 11,000 deserving students, access to education which they otherwise would have been denied.

Guided by the Jeffrey Cheah Foundation’s principles of Quality Education, Giving to Society and A Vision in Perpetuity, the Sunway Education Group is proud to be in a position to give generously to society through education which it views as a vital vehicle that enriches and improves lives.

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When Sunway College library started in May 1987, there were already 1,350 titles in its collection including reference texts, journals and periodicals.

In March 1988 it had a budget of RM400,000 and was headed by Chief Librarian Puan Hamadah bt Dato’ Ghazali. The library was mainly to cater for the pre-university and specialised degree programmes that were run in those days.

As the college expanded, so did its library. The library was named the Tun Hussein Onn Library (THOL) in honour of the third prime minister of Malaysia who was also the first Chairman of the Sunway College Board of Governors from 1987 to 1990.

Back then, and even now, THOL is still one of the largest private academic libraries in Malaysia located within Sunway Campus. Its expansion is funded by the Jeffrey Cheah Foundation, with an average budget of RM2 million a year.

According to the Chief Librarian, Wong Sook Jean, the library has now a total of 129,000 print books and 6,000 videos in its collection. “We also have access to 31,000 e-journals and 70,000 e-books,” she said.

The Harvard Collection
THOL saw its latest launch of a new collection of books, titled, “The Harvard Collection”. This collection gives prominence to a distinct research collection that is aimed at supporting the teaching and research needs of the Sunway academic community.

Launched by Tan Sri Dato’ Dr. Lin See-Yan, President of the Harvard Club of Malaysia in September 2011, the Harvard Collection was established with a grant of RM 200,000 from the Board of Trustees of Yayasan Kelab Harvard Malaysia and RM 50,000 from the Yayasan Program Pertukaran Fellowship Perdana Menteri Malaysia.

The Harvard donation was made in parts, RM 75,000 in year 2010, RM 100,000 in year 2011 and another RM 25,000 which will be contributed this year.

According to Dr Lin, the monies will be used to build up a Harvard collection in order to provide a better range of publications, and additional learning and reference materials to Sunway staff and students.
Enjoyable learning at Le Cordon Bleu

It was not just another cooking demonstration, but a session of fun as participants learnt new techniques in preparing French cuisine.

Despite being French herself, one of the participants, Anna Couzet had positive things to say about the recent cooking demonstration of profiteroles and éclairs at Le Cordon Bleu. Commenting on the two-and-a-half hour session by Assistant Chef Joanne Yeong, she told Up!:

“It was a fantastic demo and the chocolate éclairs tasted absolutely delicious!”

Couzet was one of the 14 ladies of the Ikebana International Kuala Lumpur Chapter 72, who were given a taste of Le Cordon Bleu tradition, expertise and passion, and where they learnt a lot about time-honoured French culinary techniques in pastry making and were seen jotting down notes at every step.

The ikebana aficionados who definitely appreciate beauty and the fine things in life were delighted to learn new skills which they hope to use when they entertain friends at home.

President of the Kuala Lumpur Chapter, Datin Paulene Tunku Mu’tamir, who had approached Sunway Le Cordon Bleu for the session, said she was deeply impressed with the cooking demonstration. "It was very interesting indeed, and we learnt lots of tips. The demo was very clearly presented. I bake a lot but I have never seen pastry done this way.”

Sunway Le Cordon Bleu Institute of Culinary Arts is a joint-venture between the Sunway Education Group and Le Cordon Bleu, the most prominent global organisation dedicated to the culinary arts.

It now offers 3-month certificate programmes in cuisine and pâtisserie, leading to certificate awards and further levels of study in each discipline. By completing all three levels, students can earn a Diplome De Cuisine or a Diplome De Patisserie, two well-established programmes by Le Cordon Bleu.

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If trees could talk, they would be talking about the kindness of Mankind towards 214 of their kind.

For nearly 20 years, these trees have been taken care of by Sunway College. They are in fact as old as the current building in Bandar Sunway, which was completed in 1992.

Back then, the trees were having a diameter of only about five centimetres, says Executive Director of Sunway Education Group, Elizabeth Lee.

When new buildings were planned as part of Sunway Education Group’s upgrading efforts that will see more car park spaces and a new 12-storey Sunway University new building and at the insistence of Chancellor, Tan Sri Dr Jeffrey Cheah, the transplantation process of the trees was also included in the plan of work.

“It involves first pruning off branches and leaves from the trees as this helps to reduce water loss due to evaporation during the transfer,” explains Lee. “Then, a ‘Big John’ machine is used to carefully uproot one tree at a time from the root ball before the tree is taken by a lorry to the new area to be transplanted.”

To ensure survival of the trees, uprooting and transplanting has to take place concurrently. “Great care is taken of by the workers from Dekon Tajul, the landscaping company that did the transplantation work for us to ensure no damage is done to the trees. With further maintenance, the survival rate is expected to around 90 per cent,” she adds.

Although the cost of this exercise of pruning, uprooting and transplanting is estimated at RM1.5 million, the expense is small compared to the wide-ranging benefits that trees provide. “The transplanted trees will provide a shadier environment, reduce noise and provide a more comfortable living space for the Sunway Integrated Resort City (SIRC) community,” Lee says. “Upon successful transplantation, the trees will also continue to improve the quality of air, reduce greenhouse gases as well as moderate the effects of the sun, rain and wind.”

The Sunway Group is proud that it has spared no effort in preserving trees by transplanting trees or keeping existing trees as part of the environment in its developments.
Going green!

Sunway College Ipoh was a beehive of activities when its students organised the “Green Marketing Week 2011”.

The fair was a display of entrepreneurial skills of students from its Diploma in Business Administration and Diploma in Marketing programmes.

According to the marketing manager of Sunway College Ipoh, Linda Lim, the event was meant to provide students from these two schools, an opportunity to put into practice what they have learnt from their textbooks.

“We believe in integrating the classroom learning into real life situations,” she said, adding that the event was academically assessed by a lecturer, based on individual performance on the task assigned. “They were also given points based on their performance as a team.”

The activities conducted during the week-long event included a blood donation, Free Medical check-up, Charity Sales, Recycling, and a health talk, titled, “Smoking is bad for Health”.
Students from Sunway College Johor Bahru pre-university and degree programmes have topped the world for numerous subjects in their 2011 examinations.

Monash University Foundation Year (MUFY) student, Lawrence Yap Jia Yew started the ball rolling by coming out top in Physics A with a score of 96 marks, earning him the Monash Excellence Award. Yap chose to pursue MUFY at Sunway College Johor Bahru as it offered him a guaranteed admission into Monash University (subject to meeting the entry requirements), a reassuring fact that gave him peace of mind to focus wholly on getting the results he needed without the unnecessary stress of deciding on university choices.

It was double joy for the College when Melissa Yap Mei Xian from the Australian Matriculation (AUSMAT) programme achieved a perfect score for Computer Science and was awarded the Special Certificate of Distinction by the Curriculum Council of Western Australia. The College previously had the pleasure of celebrating another AUSMAT perfect score in Biology, courtesy of Teoh Eu Vin, two years ago.

Other top scorers for the VU business degree programme included Yu Cha Wen for Business Statistics, Soh May Fang for Information Systems for Business and Khoo Yee Leng for Auditing.

“‘We are delighted with the results of our students and appreciate all the hard work they have put in to achieve top honours in their respective subjects,” said Ong Mei Mei, Director of Academics. “Special appreciation goes to the team of dedicated lecturers who have tirelessly given their time and effort in developing such excellent students.”

Year one students, Lee Jian Wei and Lim Sze Nee shared top spot for Economic Principles. Both scored 96% in the subject, thanks to the dedication of lecturer Poh Boon Liang. Poh has been with the College for the past five years and has consistently produced tops scorers for Economics on several occasions.

Ong further explained that VU academic staff from Australia regularly teach at Sunway College Johor Bahru and provide academic consultation to the students every semester.

March 2012 will see the College’s third cohort of VU business students graduating.
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