

TMC CONNECT

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STAFF
NEWS



Lunar New Year Celebration

TMC staff celebrated Lunar New Year at the Bishan campus on 16th February 2015. They gathered at the Level 4 lecture theatre and some wore red shirts, a colour symbolising life, energy and prosperity for the year ahead. Our Principal, Dr Chin Kon Yuen, exchanged new year greetings with the staff and handed two mandarin oranges and a red packet of lucky money to each staff personally. This was followed by a sumptuous BBQ feast held at the multi-purpose court.

VISITORS'
CORNER

Tea Session with Korean Students from Kangwon National University



Six students from Kangwon National University (KNU), TMC's sister institution in Korea, visited our Bishan campus on 26th January 2015 and hosted a Korean Tea Party for all TMC staff and students.

They set up a booth at Level 1 and introduced the different types of Korean teas and snacks. They gave a demonstration of tea-making of the various Korean teas and served them to TMC staff and students. The TMC Student Club members also participated and helped out enthusiastically to serve teas and snacks to the attendees.

After the sharing session, the KNU students conducted a quick survey to gather the attendees' feedback on their knowledge and preference for the Korean teas.



Lunar New Year Celebration

On 19th February 2015, the first day of Lunar New Year, Dr Chin invited both students and staff for a gathering at his house. They had fun interacting with one another and sampling different types of new year goodies and the catered buffet lunch. The highlight of the gathering was the customary 'Lo Hei' or the tossing of 'Yu Sheng' to usher in the Lunar New Year, to the delight and excitement of the guests who were present, especially those who attended for the first time.

'Yu Sheng' is served as an appetizer to bring good luck for the new year. Families and friends gather around the table and toss the shredded ingredients such as raw fish and vegetables like carrot and cabbage into the air with chopsticks while saying auspicious wishes to mark the beginning of a prosperous new year. It is believed that the higher you toss the ingredients, the greater will be your fortunes.



Student Orientation

TMC Academy warmly received another cohort of new students in January 2015.

Apart from formal briefing sessions on important academic and administrative issues, TMC Student Club organised a series of fun icebreakers and teambuilding activities to welcome the new students to our TMC Family. Together with TMC staff, the Student Club members mingled with the new students to help them to settle in quickly and adjust to student life at TMC.



To our new students, we are thrilled to have you with us at TMC and we look forward to seeing you on campus in the coming months!



STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Ultimate Hawker Fest 2014



TMC Academy was honoured to be invited to do our part in community services in the Ultimate Hawker Fest organised by TOUCH Community Services, a not-for-profit charitable organisation. The charity event was held on 22nd November 2014 at Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre.

It attracted approximately 3,000 people who purchased charity coupons to buy food from the various famous hawker stalls including items such as pork rib soup, carrot cake, traditional springroll, herbal crocodile soup, birds nest drink, prawn noodles, fishball noodles, steamed buns, chicken rice, roast duck rice and roast pork. Guests who turned

up enjoyed the ambience and representatives from the beneficiaries came and had a great time too.

More than 50 TMC students and staff volunteered to help out in various roles including assisting the stall owners in collecting coupons, returning trays to the stall owners and issuing stickers to the guests to track the number of attendees for the event. Six of our Hospitality students were specially picked to do the table set-up for the VIP table and they served food to the VIPs. Dr Chin Kon Yuen, our Principal, went on stage to receive a token of appreciation from the Minister for Social and Family Development, Mr Chan Chun Sing.

The event came to an end at 5pm and all coupons were sold out in the name of a good cause.

ALUMNI ACTIVITIES

Lunar New Year Celebration



The alumni were not forgotten during the Lunar New Year season and were cordially hosted by Dr Chin at his house on 21st February 2015. They came to meet old friends to exchange new year greetings and have a good chat. They were treated to a delicious buffet lunch as well as new year goodies and 'Yu Sheng', tossing to prosperity and good health, all adding to the good wishes for the new year. It was really a happy occasion to be able to re-connect with our alumni in this festive season.



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Visit to Old Age Home



TMC Alumni celebrated last Christmas by organising a Santa Event for the residents of Lee Ah Mooi Old Age Home on 21st December 2014. A group of 20 volunteers consisting of TMC Alumni Committee, alumni members, students and TMC staff arrived earlier at TMC Academy to help with the packing of 100 goodie bags made possible by the generous donations of basic daily necessities such as rice, oil, dry food, adult diapers as well as cash donations of S\$534 from alumni members, students and staff for the Old Age Home residents.

The volunteers visited every resident at their wards. Besides giving out a goodie bag to each of them, they interacted with the residents mainly via dialects which was a challenge for most volunteers. However, with the help of

nurses and dialect-speaking volunteers, everyone managed to communicate and they lent a listening ear to some residents sharing their stories. After the interaction session, the residents were treated to desserts and traditional snacks specially arranged by the Alumni Committee. The volunteers also conducted a sing-along karaoke session with the residents. The event ended with a surprise visit by Santa Claus and Santarina (dressed up by volunteers).

This Santa Event was a great success! Thanks to the group of enthusiastic volunteers and cheerful residents who made it possible. It was truly a meaningful and unforgettable way of "gifting" for all the volunteers.

ABOUT TMC ACADEMY

TMC Academy was established in Singapore in 1981. It offers widely recognised courses in various disciplines including Business & Management, English Language, Hospitality & Tourism Management, Information Technology, Law, Mass Communications and Psychology & Counselling.

OUR VISION

The leading academy that develops successful and high performance graduates.

OUR MISSION

We commit to delivering high quality courses with industry relevant skills and knowledge in a nurturing environment.

OUR CORE VALUES

Professionalism – We uphold the highest standards of ethics, accountability and transparency.

Affinity – We value relationships and see ourselves as a family that constantly supports and stands by one another.

Continuous Improvement – We are uncompromising in our pursuit for excellence and strive to re-invent ourselves to stay relevant.

Empowerment – We are ambassadors of our brand and each and everyone of us is responsible for creating an enriching and inspiring TMC experience.