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Maximising Your Experience at Education Fairs and Open Days



At the recent Star Education Fair at Setia SPICE Convention Centre, an overwhelming crowd of students and parents explored pathways and programmes for their higher education. Education fairs and college/university open days are excellent opportunities for students to connect with institution representatives and gather comprehensive information about the institution, the courses, entry requirements, fees, and student life. To maximise your visit to these colleges/universities, it is essential to be well-prepared. Before attending, conduct research on the institutions you are interested in and their specific requirements. Make a list of questions to

ask, ensuring you cover all areas of interest.

Engaging with college/university counsellors, academic staff, or current students is crucial for obtaining both academic and student perspectives. It's also important to ask about the facilities provided, such as labs, libraries, recreation centres, and hostels, especially if you're considering an out-of-state college/university. A conducive campus environment is crucial for your selection.

Extracurricular activities are a significant part of life on campus, so explore the opportunities to join clubs, participate in sports, or take on leadership roles. Don't forget to ask about bursaries and scholarships, as financial aid can significantly ease the burden of tuition fees.

Feel free to ask any questions, no matter how trivial they may seem. It's better to be fully informed than unaware of critical details. Enjoy the education fairs that you are going to attend and gather all the information you need to make an informed decision about your future education!

如何充分利用教育展和开放日

在最近于Setia SPICE展览馆举办的《星报》教育展上，众多学生和家长来到会场，了解他们未来的高等教育选择。教育展和大学开放日是学生与学校代表沟通并获取有关申请、课程、入学、费用和大学生生活等方面信息的绝佳机会。为了最大限度地利用参观学院或大学的机会，做好充分的准备至关重要。参加活动之前，请研究你感兴趣的院校及其具体要求。列一份问题清单，确保涵盖所有您感兴趣的领域。

与学院/大学学生顾问、教职员工或在校学生交流，对于了解学术和学生的观点至关重要。要问的关键问题包括询问入学要求，确保他们提供您感兴趣的专业和课程，以及了解为什么要申请该院校。同样重要的是了解学校提供的设施，如实验室、图书馆、娱乐中心和宿舍，尤其是在考虑州外学院/大学时。有利于学习的校园环境是你选择

Prof. Dr. Vikneswaran Nair
President



院校时的重要考量因素。

课外活动是校园生活中重要的一部分，因此请探索加入俱乐部、参加体育运动或担任领导职务的机会。别忘了询问助学金和奖学金，因为经济资助可以大大减轻学费负担。

请随时提出任何问题，无论这些问题看起来多么微不足道。充分了解情况总比不了解关键细节要好。尽情享受教育展，收集所有信息，为自己未来的教育做出明智的决定！

(Mandarin Translator, Ms. Tan Pei Shi, Lecturer, School of Business and Hospitality)



Happy Father's Day





Corn-erz Delight Our Sweet Success at Gurney Walk Food Street Event

On the 25th and 26th of May 2024, five of us attended the Gurney Walk Food Street Event, which was an exciting experience. As part of our entrepreneurial project, we opened a stall specialising in sweet corn dishes to bring a unique flavour to the bustling street market. The preparations were intense; we carefully selected our products, including butter corn, milk corn, and our signature cheese corn, which quickly became a favourite. The vibrant atmosphere of Gurney Walk, filled with the aroma of various street foods and the chatter of enthusiastic tourists, provided the perfect backdrop for our adventure. The event allowed us to showcase our culinary skills. It taught us valuable lessons in customer service, marketing, and the dynamics of running a small business. We made a profit from the event, gained confidence and the insights were invaluable for our future entrepreneurial endeavours. The support and feedback from the community was extremely positive, making this experience both meaningful and memorable. We are happy to announce that we will also participate in the Food Street Event on the 29th and 30th of June to further promote our delicious sweet corn dishes and connect with more customers. For more details, the public can follow our Instagram page @corn_erz.

Yee Tianle
Lecturer, School of Business and Hospitality

From Imagination to Reality: Empowering Youth

with

3D Design



Introducing young minds to 3D software in today's digital age can profoundly enhance their capacity for creativity and innovation. Through 3D modelling and design tools, they can explore, experiment, and express ideas in ways traditional methods cannot match.

Visualising thoughts in three-dimensional space stands as a primary advantage of introducing youth to 3D software. Unlike two-dimensional drawings, three-dimensional models offer a more immersive understanding of objects and environments. This expanded

perspective prompts students to engage in projects with heightened creativity and critical thinking, such as when tasked with constructing a virtual city, necessitating considerations of structural integrity, spatial relationships, and aesthetic appeal.

Proficiency with 3D software not only fosters creativity but also primes young individuals for real-world job opportunities. Across diverse industries like entertainment, architecture, engineering, and healthcare, there is a growing demand for skills in 3D modelling, animation, and virtual reality. Early exposure to these technologies equips students with a competitive edge in the job market and better prepares them for forthcoming technological advancements, instilling a sense of confidence in their future career prospects.

Educational institutions are taking a proactive approach, increasingly recognising the benefits of integrating 3D software into their curricula. From primary schools to colleges, many institutions are implementing courses that teach digital design concepts and tools.

DISTED College extends 3D software to schools through outreach programmes, broadening access to invaluable learning opportunities. These programmes not only nurture creativity but also promote interdisciplinary learning by integrating STEM concepts into 3D designs, reassuring the audience about the adaptability and forward-thinking nature of the education system.

Luqman Aliff
Programme Lead, School of Computing & Engineering

Building Bridges: From Foundation Studies to a Degree in Communication (Media Studies)



Today, I want to share my learning journey from my time at DISTED College. Originally from Kedah, I first got to know about DISTED during a visit to the Setia SPICE Convention Centre with my family. A year later, I made the move to Penang to pursue my tertiary education. During my time at DISTED, I encountered many enriching experiences. I was fortunate to meet supportive lecturers, particularly my Psychology instructor, who shared insightful personal anecdotes about teaching. Despite the challenging assignments, they were always approachable and willing to offer guidance. The college environment fostered camaraderie among students, and I quickly made friends who made group projects less daunting.

Entering DISTED, I was apprehensive as I'm not naturally talkative. However, my classmates were welcoming, initiating conversations and inviting me to join them, which eased my worries. The college facilities were also impressive, with well-maintained classrooms, clean restrooms, and a cosy cafeteria where students could gather and socialise.

I am currently embarking on a new academic journey in pursuing a Bachelor of Mass Communication (Media Studies) Honours at DISTED College. The programme is in collaboration with HELP University. My experiences at DISTED have taught me the value of perseverance and resilience in the face of challenges. I look forward to applying these lessons in my future endeavours, hoping that my degree will open up exciting opportunities for work and personal growth.

Lim Khai Yyi
Alumni of the Foundation in Arts
Student of Bachelor of Communication (Media Studies) Hons

DISTED College orchestrated a Leadership Day Camp on June 8th, 2024, bringing together 67 SMJK Union secondary school students. The purpose was to cultivate leadership, initiative, communication, and self-confidence among the youth through dynamic activities. Starting at 7:30 AM, students convened at their school's basketball court before proceeding to DISTED College. After a warm breakfast and a spirited photo session, the day revolved around station games from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

The camp comprised ten groups rotating through six activities aimed at fostering leadership qualities. These included a scavenger hunt promoting teamwork and problem-solving, a critical thinking exercise to locate a stolen artefact, an art therapy session encouraging self-expression, a communication challenge in the form of a human knot, a simulation to develop entrepreneurial skills, and tasks testing observation abilities.

The event concluded with a prize and certificate ceremony at 12:30 PM, acknowledging the participants' dedication. Overall, the Leadership Day Camp was deemed a success, underlining the significance of collaborative youth development efforts. Gratitude was extended to volunteers whose support was integral to the event's execution. DISTED College affirmed its commitment to nurturing leadership and community spirit, expressing anticipation for future empowering initiatives.

Thiresyinie A/P Tamil Chelvam
Lecturer, School of Psychology



Empowering Future Leaders via DISTED's Leadership Day Camp



“ Since joining the Great2B Toastmasters Club, I've seen a significant improvement in my communication and leadership skills. Currently serving as Secretary, I've experienced firsthand the club's dynamic environment, which offers both community and in-house setups. Recently, I had the honour of being nominated for the role of President for the upcoming term.

During the election held over Zoom on June 4, 2024, I competed against three other candidates. While some contestants went all out with elaborate campaigns, I stuck to my authentic self, wearing a casual t-shirt and blazer. In my campaign, I stressed the importance of collective effort in achieving our club's goals and urged members to strive for excellence together.

Despite stiff competition, I was humbled to be elected President, surpassing even a highly competitive candidate who showcased impressive achievements. In my acceptance speech, I emphasised the significance of teamwork and community spirit in our NGO club.

This election taught me the power of genuine intent and determination in reaching our objectives. I eagerly anticipate the challenges and growth opportunities that lie ahead in my leadership journey with Great2B Toastmasters. Our club meets biweekly at R101 DISTED College, generously provided with a free venue. I invite anyone interested in Toastmasters to connect with me for more information.

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Jessica Ang Gim Mei
Head of Student Affairs
President of Great2B Toastmasters Club (Term 2024-2025)

Embracing Leadership

A Toastmasters Journey



Introducing

Kaushalya

A Dynamic Addition to DISTED's Tech Team

Kaushalya Tinakaran has a Bachelor's in Computer Science from Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), specialising in Information Systems Engineering and a minor in Management. She joins the DISTED School of Computing and Engineering as a lecturer. Currently pursuing a Master's in Educational Technology at USM, she is dedicated to inspiring future computer scientists. With a background in coding, she finds joy in mentoring students, from schools to universities, and organising tech-focused events. Passionate about the role of computer science in education, she actively engages in community initiatives, such as coding workshops and educational outreach programmes, aiming to bridge the digital gap. Continuously learning, she believes in pushing past self-imposed limits to achieve greatness.