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The 2024 Pre-University Programme Completion Ceremony at DISTED College celebrated the achievements of 78 students, highlighting academic success, personal growth, and community support.

DISTED College Celebrates Pre-University Studies Programme Completion 2024

Remarks



from the

President

The 2024 Pre-University Programme Completion Ceremony at DISTED College is a momentous occasion that holds deep significance for the students and the institution. For the students, it represents the culmination of their dedication, perseverance, and academic growth. It is a day where their hard work, sacrifices, and commitment to their studies are formally recognised and celebrated. This milestone is not just about completing a programme but about beginning a new chapter in their academic and personal lives as they prepare to embark on higher education or other ventures.

For DISTED College, the ceremony reflects its mission to provide quality education and support students in reaching their full potential. The event highlights the college's efforts to foster an environment of academic excellence and innovation by introducing new programmes and enhanced facilities. It also reinforces the sense of community, bringing together students, faculty, and families to collectively celebrate the next generation of scholars' success. This shared experience strengthens the bond between students and the institution, making the ceremony a celebration of academic achievement and a testament to the values of growth, collaboration, and lifelong learning that DISTED College upholds.

Congratulations to the Class of 2024.

Prof. Dr. Vikneswaran Nair
 President

Cover Story

DISTED College Celebrates Pre-University Studies Programme Completion 2024



On September 7, 2024, 78 students were invited to attend the completion of their Pre-University Studies Programme ceremony at DISTED Heritage Hall, streamed live on Facebook. Dressed elegantly in black and white, the students, faculty, and family members celebrated the completion of programmes such as the Cambridge A-Level, South Australian Certificate of Education International, Foundation in Arts, and Foundation in Science.

The ceremony began with a formal procession led by the President of DISTED College, Professor Dr. Vikneswaran Nair, alongside the Head of Academic Affairs, Registrar, and Head of the School of Pre-University Studies. In his speech, Professor Nair praised the students' academic achievements and emphasised the role of education as a foundation for future opportunities. He also highlighted DISTED's commitment to continuous improvement, announcing new academic programmes and upgraded facilities to enhance the student experience.

A highlight of the event was the speech by student representative Sabrina Chong Chin Wen from the Foundation in Science programme. Sabrina, elected as Treasurer of the Student Representative Council, had consistently excelled academically, earning the President's Honour Award for three consecutive semesters. In her speech, she reflected on the transformative journey she and her peers experienced at DISTED, expressing gratitude to the lecturers, staff, and families for their support. She encouraged



her fellow students to embrace future challenges with resilience and confidence.

The day ended with a group photoshoot and light refreshments, where parents, students, and faculty mingled and shared their joy. The ceremony was a fitting tribute to the students' hard work and dedication, marking a proud moment for all involved.

Jesscia Ang Gim Mei
Registrar

In her speech, Sabrina Chong Chin Wen, representing the Foundation in Science programme, reflected on the transformative journey she and her fellow students experienced at DISTED College. She spoke about their challenges, from early-morning labs to late-night study sessions, and how these experiences fostered resilience, critical thinking, and collaboration. Sabrina highlighted the close-knit community at DISTED, sharing how small gestures like greetings from staff and familiar faces around campus created a welcoming and supportive environment. She also expressed her gratitude to the lecturers for their unwavering guidance, the staff for making the college feel like a second home, and the families' constant support. Sabrina encouraged her peers to carry the skills and resilience they developed at DISTED into the future, confidently embracing challenges and opportunities. Her speech was both a celebration of their achievements and an inspiring message about the bright futures ahead for all graduates.

A Journey of Growth and Gratitude

Reflections
on Our Time
at DISTED



The World of Operations Management

Operations management plays a vital role in business success by overseeing product manufacturing and service delivery, making it one of the costliest areas of a company. Most resources, including staff, materials, and equipment, are dedicated to this function. To ensure efficiency, businesses focus on improving productivity, lowering costs, and strategically managing operations. Key areas include product and service design, competitive process strategies, technology adoption, and production flow. Quality management is crucial, especially as customer expectations rise. Decisions on location and layout significantly impact efficiency and customer attraction. Since operations management is dynamic, businesses must continuously adapt their strategies to stay competitive. DISTED College's diploma and degree programmes offer modules in operations

management, equipping students with essential skills for the business world

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Exploring Strategic Collaboration Between DISTED College and Ascott: Enhancing Industry-Academia Synergy

DISTED College recently hosted Mr. Reuben Chen, Assistant Director of Learning & Development from Ascott, Kuala Lumpur. During his visit, discussions revolved around exploring potential collaborations between DISTED and Ascott. The partnership may focus on student internships, training programmes, and industry exposure for students, especially in hospitality management, tourism, and business studies. Ascott, a leader in serviced residence management, can offer practical experiences, while DISTED could provide academic expertise and research opportunities. The partnership could also involve joint events, seminars, and certifications to enhance employability and industry-relevant skills for students.



The ToWer Challenge

Building Skills, Breaking Limits



The Tower Challenge, held during the School of Psychology's orientation, was an engaging activity designed to develop teamwork, leadership, and time management skills. Students, divided into small teams, were tasked with building the tallest freestanding tower using materials like a deck of cards, A4 paper, and a hard block within a limited time. The challenge encouraged enthusiastic participation, fostering collaboration and effective communication. Students demonstrated leadership by assigning tasks, making strategic decisions, and guiding their teams, while also managing their time to balance speed and accuracy. The competitive and fast-paced environment added excitement, motivating students to rise to the challenge. Overall, the Tower Challenge was both fun and educational, promoting essential skills that will benefit students throughout their academic journey while setting a positive tone for the rest of the orientation.

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Lecturer, School of Psychology



Establishment of Kelab Penyayang at DISTED College: Promoting Volunteerism and Caring for the Community

From left: Pn. Rozaini Omar, Prof. Dr. Vikneswaran Nair, Dato' Lim Si Boon, Dato' Leela Mohd Ali, Datuk Ariff Farhan, Ms. Tan Jia Huey, Cik. Hayati Ghazali, Ms. Thevanai Indra

DISTED College has been invited by Yayasan Budi Penyayang Malaysia to establish Kelab Penyayang on campus, supporting charitable initiatives for Malaysians in need. PENYAYANG, founded by the late YABhg Tun Endon Mahmood, wife of Malaysia's fifth Prime Minister, YABhg Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, promotes a caring society through education, culture, health, and volunteerism programmes. It currently operates 22 clubs nationwide with 2,283 members. The foundation strives to

uplift disadvantaged Malaysians by providing support for cancer recovery, revitalising arts and heritage, and fostering the spirit of volunteerism. Through this collaboration, DISTED College joins the network of organisations working towards building a more compassionate and inclusive society.

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Officer, Student Experience.

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