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**DISTED College can enhance its sustainability initiatives by adopting innovative green practices and fostering collaborations that promote student leadership in environmental action.**

## Empowering DISTED College Through Sustainable Innovation and Leadership



## Remarks



from the

**President**

I believe that sustainability is not just a trend but a core responsibility that educational institutions like DISTED College must embrace to shape a better future. The challenges we face, from climate change to resource depletion, demand immediate and informed action, and colleges like ours play a pivotal role in driving that change. By embedding sustainability into our curriculum and operations, we reduce our environmental impact and prepare our students to be leaders in a rapidly changing world.

Our mission is to empower the next generation with the knowledge and skills to tackle complex global issues. Integrating green practices across all areas—from renewable energy projects to sustainable business strategies—ensures that our students leave with more than just academic qualifications. They graduate with a mindset of innovation, responsibility, and global citizenship.

Moreover, partnerships with industries and global organisations further enrich our students' experiences, offering real-world learning opportunities that align with current environmental challenges. By fostering a culture of sustainability, we solidify our commitment to creating positive change, benefiting both our community and the planet for generations to come. Together, we can lead the charge toward a greener, more sustainable future.

Prof. Dr. Vikneswaran Nair  
President

# Cover Story

## Empowering DISTED College Through Sustainable Innovation and Leadership

DISTED President, Prof. Dr. Vikneswaran Nair, attended the three-day Green Legacy Summit at Persada Johor International Convention Centre from 8 to 10 October 2024. The event focuses on positioning Johor as a leader in environmental sustainability. With the theme "Global Unity for Climate Action," the event brings together global leaders and experts to strategise on tackling environmental challenges. The summit included keynote speeches, workshops, exhibitions, and interactive activities aimed at promoting sustainable practices and covering a range of important topics that focus on sustainability, climate action, and green innovation. Key discussions include:

- AI-Driven Strategies for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – Exploring how artificial intelligence can accelerate achieving sustainability goals.
- Net-Zero Commitments and Corporate Growth – CEOs will discuss aligning business growth with global net-zero targets and sustainability goals.
- Renewable Energy Reliability – Addressing challenges like intermittency and grid integration in renewable energy.
- Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) – Promoting sustainable consumption and effective waste management strategies.
- Youth Empowerment for Climate Action – Focusing on youth-led environmental initiatives, education, and financial support for young green entrepreneurs.
- Global Partnerships – The importance of international collaboration between governments, corporations, and environmental organisations to drive sustainability and green policy implementation



These discussions aim to foster innovation, collaboration, and corporate responsibility in Johor's green transition while highlighting the importance of empowering the next generation and leveraging global expertise to combat climate change.

From the learnings of this summit, DISTED College can adopt cutting-edge sustainability practices, enhance corporate responsibility, and integrate renewable energy solutions into its operations. This can open doors for collaborations, student leadership opportunities, and stronger ties with industry leaders and environmental organisations. Such efforts will position the institution as a forward-thinking, environmentally conscious organisation that aligns with global trends in education and sustainability.

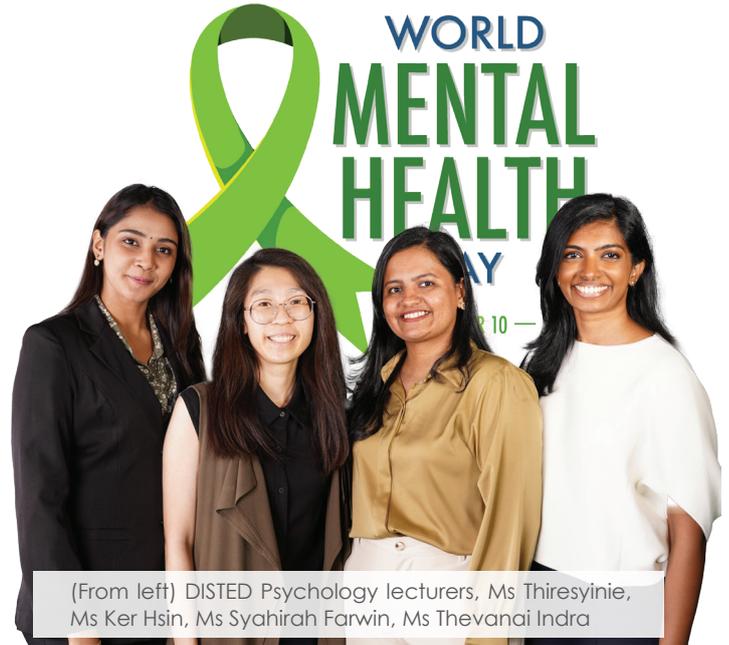


Dato' Prof Dr Nor Aieni Haji Mokhtar, President of the Malaysian Ecotourism Association (MEA) with DISTED President and Vice President of MEA.

## World Mental Health Day

As we celebrate World Mental Health Day on October 10, 2024, we are reminded of the crucial importance of mental well-being for everyone in our community, especially in the workplace. The theme "Mental Health at Work" highlights the need for supportive environments that promote mental wellness among employees. Our Psychology lecturers at DISTED College encourage us to view mental health as a journey rather than a destination, inspiring us to create spaces where everyone feels valued and heard. This year, let's commit to breaking the stigma surrounding mental health, engage in meaningful conversations, and prioritize self-care, all while fostering a culture of empathy and support. Together, we can cultivate a brighter, healthier future for all. Wishing everyone a World Mental Health Celebration.

Syahirah Farwin Binti Sarkuna Mohamed Azhari  
Lecturer, School of Psychology



## From Classroom to Career: Upskilling for the Marketplace

College life is not just about earning a certificate; it is a period for personal growth and skill development. In today's competitive job market, having a diverse skill set is crucial. Refining existing abilities and acquiring new ones—such as digital skills like programming, data analysis, graphic design, and social media management—can give fresh graduates a competitive edge. Equally important are soft skills like communication, critical thinking, teamwork, and leadership, all of which help in building strong relationships and managing responsibilities effectively. Taking on leadership roles in student organisations provides hands-on experience in decision-making, delegation, and time management. By developing both technical and soft skills, students create a valuable personal brand that helps them stand out to potential employers. At DISTED College, students are equipped with a range of life and technical skills to succeed in their studies and future careers.



## DISTED Students Support Penang Fo Yi Hemodialysis Society through Charity



On September 24th, 19 students from the School of Pre-University at DISTED College visited the Penang Fo Yi Hemodialysis Society as part of a charitable initiative. They donated RM2000, raised through a fundraising project held during the Mooncake Festival 2024, to support the center's efforts in providing hemodialysis treatments to kidney patients. The visit included a tour of the facility, where students learned about the hemodialysis process and the vital role non-profit organisations play in healthcare. The experience highlighted the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle to prevent kidney-related illnesses. Beyond educational value, the initiative fostered teamwork, compassion, and a sense of responsibility among the students, aligning with DISTED College's core values. The visit also allowed them to see the real-world impact of their fundraising efforts, reinforcing the significance of community engagement and social responsibility in making a positive difference.

Geong Chooi Peng  
Head, School of Pre-University Studies

## Mastering 3D Design: A Transformative Journey at SMK Bandar Baru Perda

SMK Bandar Baru Perda recently introduced students to the fundamentals of 3D design through an eight-week course facilitated by DISTED lecturer, Mr. Zaki Zakaria, using SketchUp, a popular design software. The course provided a hands-on learning experience, enabling students to develop strong skills in 3D modelling while exploring practical applications for their creative ideas. Students were encouraged to experiment with various design techniques, enhancing their proficiency in SketchUp as they advanced. The course culminated in a competitive selection of two groups to participate in a grand finale, which motivated students to excel in their projects. This 3D design class equipped students with essential technical skills and sparked a passion for design that will influence their future endeavours. The experience has laid a solid foundation for these young designers, opening doors to numerous opportunities in the creative industry and empowering them to explore their artistic potential in the ever-evolving design world.

Zaki bin Zakaria  
Lecturer, School of Computing and Engineering



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## Internships Inspire Psychology Students' Growth and Learning

In the last week of August, Bachelor of Psychology students returning from internships gathered for a colloquium to share their experiences and reflect on the skills and personal growth gained during their placements. Many students working with special needs children found their passion for psychology reignited, developing patience, empathy, and creative communication skills, while realising the impact they can have on children's development. Those interning in mental health care shared how their work with individuals facing mental illness expanded their understanding of mental health care and advocacy, breaking down misconceptions and strengthening their commitment to raising awareness. The internships also helped students sharpen key professional skills, including problem-solving and applying psychological theories in real-world settings. The colloquium served as a celebration of their achievements and a chance for students to reconnect with peers as they prepared to transition back to academic life, ready to apply their newfound insights in the new semester.

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