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Despite a decline in interest, many parents in Malaysia still encourage their children to pursue the science stream for its diverse career opportunities, relevance in a tech-driven world, and the development of critical skills and resilience.

Why Parents Still Champion the Science Stream: Unlocking Future Success

Remarks



from the

President

As we navigate the ever-evolving educational landscape, it is essential that we continue to nurture a love for science among our young minds. Science is not merely a subject; it is the foundation upon which our future is built. At DISTED College, we believe that a strong science education equips students with the skills and mindset to thrive in an increasingly complex world.

The pursuit of science cultivates curiosity, innovation, and resilience—traits that are crucial not only for personal growth but for contributing to global progress. From addressing pressing challenges such as climate change and healthcare to driving technological advancements, science is at the forefront of shaping a sustainable and prosperous future.

We are committed to providing an environment where students can explore their potential in science, whether through our Cambridge A-Level, SACEi, or Foundation in Science programmes. Our role as educators is not just to impart knowledge but to inspire a generation that will lead with passion and purpose.

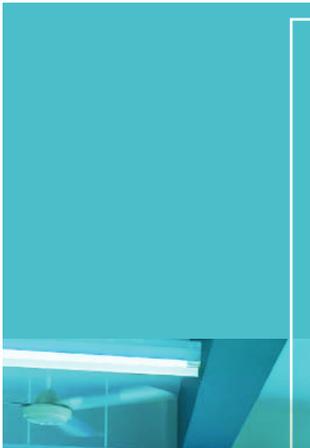
Together, let us continue to support and encourage our students to embrace the challenges and opportunities that science presents, ensuring they are well-prepared for the exciting possibilities that lie ahead.

Prof. Dr. Vikneswaran Nair
President

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Why Parents Still Champion the Science Stream: Unlocking Future Success

Despite a declining number of students pursuing the science stream in Malaysia, many parents encourage their children to choose this path. Several vital factors highlight the long-term value of a science education:



Diverse Career Opportunities

A science background opens doors to prestigious professions such as medicine, engineering, and technology. These careers are highly respected, crucial for societal progress, and offer stability and long-term job security.

Intellectual Curiosity and Personal Growth

Science fosters curiosity by introducing students to complex and fascinating topics. It inspires lifelong learning and innovation, which are valuable for personal and professional fulfilment.

Relevance in a Technology-Driven World

Emerging sectors like artificial intelligence, biotechnology, and renewable energy rely heavily on science. Parents believe that future job markets will prioritise STEM skills, ensuring that those with a strong science foundation will have plenty of career opportunities.

Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving Skills

Science education helps students develop analytical thinking and evidence-based problem-solving. These skills are transferable to various industries, such as business, finance, and policy making, making science graduates highly versatile.

Discipline and Resilience

Science subjects are challenging, requiring focus, hard work, and perseverance. Parents see this as a way to instil discipline and resilience in their children, qualities essential for success in both academic and professional life.

In summary, parents in Malaysia continue to promote the science stream because it provides a solid foundation for future success. It offers diverse career opportunities, relevant skills for the future, intellectual growth, and the development of valuable personal qualities like perseverance and discipline. DISTED College offers science-based programmes in Cambridge A-Level, SACEi, and Foundation in Science to support students in pursuing these promising fields.

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DISTED Convocation Class of 2024 Ceremony

DISTED College is proud to announce the Convocation Ceremony for the Class of 2024, taking place on 26th October 2024, as part of the college's 37th Anniversary celebrations. This year, 113 graduates will be honoured, including 50 from DISTED's Diploma programmes, 50 from Staffordshire University, and 13 from HELP University. These graduates will join a distinguished network of over 15,000 DISTED alumni who have gone on to pursue successful careers and further studies, both locally and internationally. Cheers to Class of 2024!



Shaping the Future of Malaysia's National Education Through Reformation



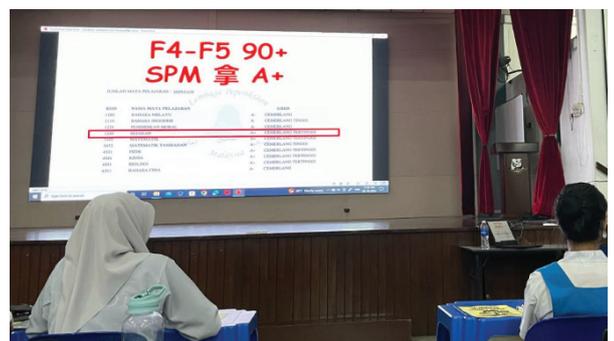
DISTED College participated in the Workshop for National Education Reformation, held from 14 to 15 October 2024 in Penang. The workshop aimed to inform the direction of the National Education Agenda under the Thirteenth Malaysia Plan, gather perspectives and input from various stakeholders to assess the current landscape, challenges, and gaps in the national education system across the learning continuum, and propose bold and radical strategic initiatives to address these challenges. Stakeholders from the northern regions—Penang, Perak, Perlis, and Kedah—were involved in discussions focused on five key areas: Curriculum Development, Lifelong Learning, Strategic Investment in Education, Leadership and Talent Development, and Governance. The workshop highlighted the need for dynamic changes in the national education landscape to meet future talent demands, requiring the development of a holistic framework that spans from Early Childhood Education to Post-Secondary Education. This reform must be comprehensive, with active involvement and commitment from all stakeholders.

Prof. Dr. Vikneswaran Nair
President

Preparing for Success: Teknik Menjawab Sejarah Workshop Equips Students for SPM Excellence with Support from DISTED College

The Teknik Menjawab Sejarah workshop, held on 8th October at Union High School, gathered 170 students to prepare for their upcoming SPM Sejarah exam. Led by Mr. Tang, an experienced Sejarah instructor, the workshop provided students with practical techniques such as managing time, handling different question types, and identifying key Sejarah themes. Through interactive discussions and step-by-step demonstrations, the session aimed to boost students' confidence and deepen their subject understanding, ensuring they felt well-prepared for the exam. A key aspect of the event was DISTED College's sponsorship, underscoring their commitment to student success. Mr. Lau Fook Soon, Head of the Marketing Department, shared valuable insights into the academic programmes offered at DISTED College, highlighting the strong foundation it provides for students' future careers. The workshop not only equipped students with essential exam strategies but also informed them about their post-secondary education opportunities, encouraging excellence in both areas.

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Engaging with Animal Welfare: DISTED Students' Volunteer Experience at

Cat Beach Sanctuary



DISTED College students recently participated in a community service project at Cat Beach Sanctuary in Teluk Bahang, Penang, a shelter for over 50 stray and abandoned cats. The sanctuary's mission focuses on raising awareness about animal welfare. Upon arrival, students were welcomed by volunteers who introduced the sanctuary's objectives and the challenges of maintaining such a facility. The students engaged in various activities, including feeding, grooming, and playing with the cats, gaining hands-on experience in animal care. The visit also prompted discussions on broader issues surrounding stray animals and the role of young people in social service. The non-commercial, volunteer-driven nature of the sanctuary made the experience both enjoyable and meaningful. Overall, the visit provided DISTED students with an opportunity to contribute to a good cause while deepening their understanding of animal welfare and the importance of volunteer efforts.

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