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# Navigating 2025: How the Year of the Snake Will Shape DISTED College's Growth and Innovation

The Year of the Snake in 2025 symbolises wisdom, transformation, and strategic growth, encouraging adaptability, innovation, and resilience in all aspects of life.

## Week's Best Titles

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## Remarks from the President

As we enter the Year of the Snake, we are reminded that education must continuously evolve to remain relevant, dynamic, and impactful. At DISTED College, our mission has always been to empower students with knowledge and skills that prepare them for the ever-changing global landscape. This year presents an opportunity for us to embrace innovation, strengthen industry collaborations, and refine our approach to teaching and learning. By leveraging cutting-edge technologies, expanding strategic partnerships, and prioritising student success, we are committed to shaping future-ready graduates.

Sustainability remains a core focus, and we will continue integrating green initiatives and ethical business practices into our academic programmes. At the same time, we recognise the need for agility in education, offering flexible learning options and specialised training pathways. As we navigate 2025, we reaffirm our dedication to excellence, resilience, and forward-thinking education, ensuring that DISTED remains a leader in Malaysia's higher education sector.



Prof. Dr. Vikneswaran Nair  
President

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Story**Navigating 2025: How the Year of the Snake Will Shape DISTED College's Growth and Innovation**

Datuk Joey Yap is a renowned expert in Chinese Metaphysics, specialising in disciplines such as Feng Shui, BaZi (Chinese Astrology), Qi Men Dun Jia, and Mian Xiang (Face Reading).

His 2025 Zodiac Forecast states that the Year of the Snake is a time for strategic decision-making, transformation, and calculated risks. This could mean embracing innovation, AI integration, and lifelong learning in higher education. The forecast highlights networking, collaboration, and adaptability—key themes for universities and colleges looking to enhance industry partnerships and digital education strategies. Institutions should focus on sustainable growth and resilience, as financial stability and informed decision-making will be crucial.

In short, the Year of the Snake signifies wisdom, strategic decision-making, and transformation, making it a pivotal period for DISTED College to innovate and strengthen its position in higher education.

This year encourages calculated risks and adaptability, aligning with DISTED's push for technology-driven programmes in data analytics, computer science and information technology, and industry-focused curricula in accounting, marketing, communications and psychology. The emphasis on networking and foresight suggests the college will benefit from expanding international partnerships, international student recruitment and enhancing employability-focused programmes.

The Snake Year also highlights sustainability and resilience, aligning with DISTED's commitment to green initiatives. Financially, institutions must be strategic in tuition management while diversifying offerings through micro-credentials, executive training, and flexible learning pathways to meet evolving student demands. As competition grows among private institutions, branding, industry engagement, and innovative learning experiences will be crucial for DISTED's continued success.

The Snake's energy of intelligence and reinvention presents an opportunity for the college to refine its strategies, ensuring student success, industry relevance, and sustainable growth. By leveraging AI, sustainability, and strategic foresight, DISTED can navigate 2025 with confidence, emerging as a leading institution in Malaysia's evolving higher education landscape.

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## Where Tech Meets Play: DISTED College's Revamped Computer Lab Redefines Learning

“DISTED College's newly upgraded computer labs are now a hub for both academic and recreational activities, featuring high-performance PCs, 3D printers, and ultra-fast internet. The space also serves as a gaming center for the college's Gaming Club, where students engage in e-sports training, friendly competitions, and short film production. An adjacent professional filming room, equipped with advanced audio-video recording facilities, lighting equipment, and a green screen wall, has become a favorite among aspiring filmmakers. The lab's innovative setup supports both coursework and creative projects, fostering a dynamic learning environment. With its versatile design, the revamped computer lab is more than just a study space—it's a vibrant hub where technology, learning, and entertainment converge, allowing students to explore new skills, collaborate, and push the boundaries of digital creativity.”

Lim Ern Qi  
Student of  
SACE  
Preparatory  
(Sept 2024  
Intake)



## TRUTH TALK: Navigating Emotions, Empathy & Social Media Realities

On December 18, 2024, we represented the School of Psychology in visiting SMJK Perempuan China Pulau Pinang for TRUTH TALK: Emotions, Empathy, and the Truth Behind the Reel, an interactive session for 15-year-olds. The talk aimed to enhance emotional awareness, empathy, and motivation to navigate teenage challenges. Using Inside Out and Inside Out 2, we explored emotions through Joy, Sadness, Anger, Fear, Disgust, and Anxiety, illustrating their roles in shaping decisions and relationships. We discussed how social media "reels" on Instagram and TikTok often present only highlights, leaving out struggles and failures. This contrast can trigger emotions like Anxiety or Sadness, especially when students compare their lives to curated portrayals. The session's highlight was an interactive discussion where students shared experiences and learned strategies to stay motivated and authentic. By the end, they recognised emotions as valuable guides for resilience, authenticity, and navigating teenage life with confidence.

Teoh Ker Hsin  
Programme Lead, School of Psychology



## Beyond the Influencer: Why Students Need a Personal Brand?

“Personal branding is not just for influencers or CEOs—it's essential for students to stand out in today's competitive world. A strong personal brand helps secure internships, scholarships, and mentorships by showcasing credibility, trust, and purpose. It highlights not just skills but also engagement in meaningful projects, making recruiters and mentors take notice. In the digital age, visibility is key. A well-crafted personal brand connects you with industry professionals and like-minded peers, keeping you relevant and adaptable as your career evolves. More than just self-promotion, it's about authenticity—embracing your strengths, values, and growth journey. Start small by refining your online presence, creating a LinkedIn profile, and sharing content that reflects your passions. Personal branding is not optional for students—it is a powerful tool to unlock opportunities and build a successful future. Students at DISTED College are exposed to these concepts.”

Nur Aisya Najwa Amerrudin  
Lecturer, School of Business & Hospitality





## DISTED College and Penang Japanese Saturday School Association (PJSSA) Forge Educational Partnership



We are delighted to announce a new partnership between DISTED College and the Penang Japanese Saturday School Association (PJSSA). Through this collaboration, DISTED College will provide classroom facilities at its Macalister Road campus to PJSSA for conducting Saturday education sessions from April 2025 to March 2026. This agreement underscores DISTED College's commitment to fostering educational opportunities and supporting diverse learning communities. By hosting PJSSA's weekend classes, we aim to contribute to the enrichment of Japanese language and cultural education for students in Penang. We look forward to a fruitful collaboration and a shared commitment to educational excellence.

Prof. Dr. Vikneswaran Nair  
President

## DISTED Students Shine at National Junior Floorball Championship 2024

DISTED College proudly celebrates the remarkable achievements of Tan Wei Guang (Diploma in Business Studies) and Sashrick Mohan (Cambridge A-Level), who played key roles in securing the National Junior Floorball Championship 2024 title at Universiti Malaya. Representing the Penang state team, they contributed to their team's incredible fourth consecutive championship win. Their success highlights not only their talent and dedication but also the well-rounded education DISTED fosters, encouraging students to excel both academically and in extracurricular pursuits. This victory is a testament to their hard work, teamwork, and passion, bringing immense pride to the DISTED community. Congratulations to Wei Guang and Sashrick for their outstanding accomplishment. DISTED remains committed to supporting students in achieving their full potential across all endeavours, inspiring peers to strive for excellence. Their success reinforces the college's mission of nurturing holistic growth and empowering future leaders.

Dr Lum Li Sean  
Head, Academic Affairs.



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