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Shaping Malaysia's Physics Olympiad Stars

DISTED College hosted Malaysia's top physics students for intensive International Physics Olympiad (IPHO) 2025 training, culminating in national team selections for the Paris competition.



Remarks from the President

Dato' Lim Si Boon
 - Interim President

Celebrating Milestones and Looking Ahead

On Saturday, 19 April 2025, DISTED College held its Pre-University Completion and Awards Ceremony at Heritage Hall. Students from the Cambridge A-Level, South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE), and DISTED Foundation programmes marked the completion of their studies. Top-performing students were honoured with the President's Honours List.

Representing their peers, Ms Visalashe d/o Chockalingam (Pre-U Class April 2025), Ms Ooi Jing Wen (I.K. Meek Scholarship recipient), and Ms Allisya Nurrudainy Binti Sazali (President's Honours List recipient, Jan 2025) delivered thoughtful speeches. All acknowledged the invaluable support and dedication of the academic team. We extend our sincere appreciation to our lecturers for their tireless commitment to student success.

Congratulations to Dr Teo Soon Beng, recipient of the inaugural DISTED Educator Award, and to student Delwina Cheah Kah Yan for winning Gold at the JICA Judo Championship in Penang. Our thanks also to the DC Live Team for their excellent production and coverage of the ceremony.

To all students preparing for upcoming SACE and A-Level exams — we're with you. As Franklin D. Roosevelt said: "There is nothing to fear but fear itself."

Cover Story



From 10th to 14th March 2025, DISTED College proudly hosted 36 of Malaysia's brightest young minds for the International Physics Olympiad (IPhO) Training Camp, including candidates shortlisted for the Asian Physics Olympiad (APhO). This prestigious national initiative brought together top-performing secondary school students for an intensive, hands-on learning experience. Hosted within DISTED's state-of-the-art science laboratories, the camp was led by an esteemed panel of trainers, including Puan Chin Mai Ying, Dr. Tan Fuyi (Senior Lecturer at DISTED), and a group of former Olympians who now serve as national mentors.

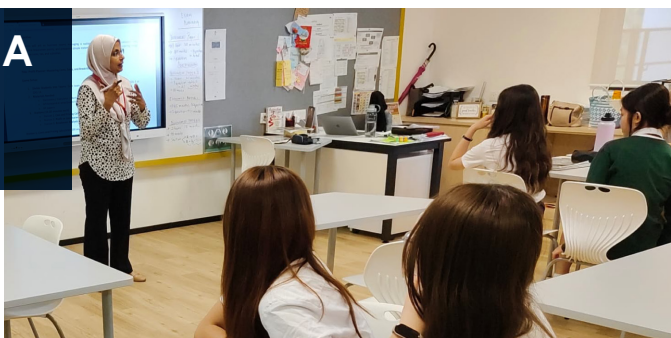
Over five rigorous days, participants were immersed in advanced experimental physics modules. The programme focused on Olympiad-level laboratory techniques, with particular attention to precision data collection, critical error analysis, and application of theoretical concepts to experimental setups. Students also engaged in simulated Olympiad scenarios, enhancing their problem-solving agility under timed conditions. Strategic coaching on marking schemes and judging rubrics helped demystify the competitive process, while guided exercises in interpreting complex graphs trained students to present research-level scientific results.

The camp culminated in Round 4 of the national selection process—a decisive test to determine Malaysia's representatives for IPhO 2025, which will be held in Paris from 17th to 25th July. The highest-scoring students from this round will be offered exclusive advanced training at DISTED, equipping them with the technical skills, strategic insights, and confidence needed to compete at the international level. This initiative underscores DISTED's commitment to nurturing the next generation of scientific talent and contributing meaningfully to Malaysia's global academic presence.

Dr Tan Fuyi
Senior Lecturer, School of Pre-University Studies

Nurturing Future Entrepreneurs: A Collaborative Journey with Stonyhurst

The School of Business and Hospitality proudly collaborated with Stonyhurst International School to guide Year 10 students through an engaging entrepreneurial journey. The experience began with a financial planning workshop, where DISTED lecturers introduced key business concepts such as costing, pricing, breakeven analysis, and profit projections. Students applied these skills to creative ideas like seaweed-based bags, wellness perfumes, and eco-friendly filters, linking them to global goals (SDG 3 and SDG 14). Next, a design thinking session encouraged students to solve real-world problems through empathy and innovation. With the support of our academic team, they explored how to build meaningful products while strengthening soft skills like collaboration and critical thinking. The journey culminated on 14 March 2025 with the Business Entrepreneur Competition. Seven student teams pitched confidently to a panel of five judges, including Dr Lum Li Sean. Every student left with valuable skills, new confidence, and a spark of entrepreneurial spirit.



Elaine Chan, Tan Sue Lin, Sharizan Abdul Rashid
 School of Business and Hospitality



From DISTED College to a Pharmacist: The Inspiring Journey of Cassandra Low

“Cassandra Low’s journey from DISTED College to pursuing a Master’s in Pharmacy at IMU University reflects her long-standing passion for science and desire to help others. From an early age, she was drawn to health sciences, and pharmacy stood out for its balance of patient care and diverse career opportunities—from clinical research to regulatory affairs. Choosing DISTED for her Cambridge A-Level studies was a practical decision grounded in quality and affordability. With the support of a Merit Scholarship and financial aid, she found a nurturing academic environment that helped her thrive. The Yeap Chor Ee campus, with its heritage charm and well-equipped library, became the backdrop of her academic growth. Cassandra’s lecturers, particularly Datin Helen and Dr. Loo, played pivotal roles, offering real-world exposure and simplifying complex concepts. Volunteering at a hospital’s pediatric ward gave her hands-on experience and strengthened her communication skills. Though not active in clubs, she stayed grounded through community service and regular family time. Her disciplined study routine, aided by visual learning tools, helped her excel. Now at IMU, she encourages students to embrace the uncertainty of the future and to fully enjoy their student years. Read the full interview on the DISTED College Website and LinkedIn.”

Parthasarathe Jayashanker
 Student Editor, DISTED Discourse
 Student of Cambridge A-Level

Leading with Innovation: Mr. Narain’s Path to a Purpose-Driven Tech Career

“DISTED College proudly celebrates the success of alumnus Mr. Naraindran Loganathan, who completed his Diploma in Computer Science with us between 1998 and 2001. He is currently the Partner Enablement Manager at Bentley Systems, Inc., a global leader in infrastructure engineering software. Mr. Narain’s journey is a testament to the strong foundation built at DISTED and serves as an inspiration for all our students to aspire towards impactful and meaningful careers. His work spans multiple industries, including IT, education, healthcare, and publishing. Over the past nine years, he has focused on driving digital transformation and promoting sustainable development through human-centric design. He works closely with government agencies and educational institutions across Southeast Asia to support the adoption of Digital Twin technologies and future-ready learning platforms. With academic credentials that include a Bachelor of Commerce, an MBA, and a Lean Six Sigma Black Belt certification, Mr. Narain continues to inspire through his dedication and leadership. Congratulations, Mr. Narain! We are incredibly proud of you. Read the full interview on the DISTED College Website and LinkedIn.”

Seethai
 Subramaniam
 Head, School of
 Computing &
 Engineering



Jessica Low Chin Jia: Legal Practitioner and Lecturer in Law

Jessica Low Chin Jia is a Legal Partner and Lecturer in Law at the School of Business and Hospitality, with extensive experience in both litigation and corporate legal practice. She holds an LL.B (Hons) from the University of London and a Certificate in Legal Practice (CLP) and is admitted as an Advocate and Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya. Her legal career began in litigation, handling cases involving contracts, employment, debt recovery, family law, and construction. She later transitioned to corporate and conveyancing law, advising on commercial transactions, compliance, property matters, and estate planning. Her diverse legal background enables her to provide sound, strategic counsel to clients while ensuring regulatory compliance. In her academic role, Jessica is committed to mentoring law students, emphasising the practical application of legal principles. She focuses on bridging the gap between theory and practice, preparing students for professional success in the legal field.



Introducing Mehvar Khan: Bridging Media Practice and Critical Inquiry

Meet Mehvar Khan, the newest addition to the School of Communication and General Studies at DISTED.

Her academic journey spans multiple countries—beginning with a Diploma in Mass Communication, a First-Class Honours degree in Communication and Public Relations from Northumbria University, and a Master's from Monash University. She's currently completing her PhD at Monash Malaysia, where her research explores political misinformation and disinformation in Malaysia. With experience as a journalist at local Malaysian newspapers, Mehvar brings real-world media practice into the classroom. Her teaching connects theory with current issues, encouraging critical thinking through media, politics and pop culture—whether it's Barbie's existential crisis, K-pop's media power, or what SpongeBob reveals about capitalism. She believes education should be rigorous, relevant, and just the right amount of chaotic.



Raziah binti Ehia Mohd
HR and Admin Executive
Human Resources & Administration



Careers in Psychology: What Can You Do with a Psychology Degree?

Psychology is a fascinating field that explores human behaviour, emotions, and cognition. At DISTED College, students are introduced to a wide array of career pathways through our Psychology program. From clinical and counseling psychology to industrial-organisational and educational roles, the possibilities are vast. During our recent Open Day, prospective students had the opportunity to explore these options, engage in interactive sessions, and connect with lecturers from the School of Psychology. The event offered valuable insights into how a psychology degree can lead to meaningful careers in areas such as mental health, research, human resources, marketing, and even forensic or sports psychology. The School of Psychology at DISTED continues to guide students toward their aspirations, combining academic excellence with real-world relevance. Whether your passion lies in helping others or understanding the human mind, psychology offers a future full of purpose and potential.

Teoh Ker Hsin
Programme Lead, School of Psychology

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