OPEN DAY

📅 **14-15 June'25**

🕐 **10am - 4pm**

📍 No 340 Jalan Macalister 10450 George Town, Pulau Pinang

Week's Best Titles

- ❑ Tech Meets Talent: DISTED at USM TechFest 2025
- ❑ Bizquad Students Turn Thai Camp into Business Learning Lab
- ❑ DISTED Library: Embracing the Future with Generative AI
- ❑ Energising Our Campus: A Day of Fitness, Fun, and Team Spirit
- ❑ Welcoming Ambalakalidachayini Devi to the School of Psychology
- ❑ DC Live Club: Theory to Practice

Remarks from the President
Dato' Lim Si Boon
- Interim President

Resilience

After the very busy schedule of the past few weeks, culminating in the celebration of our Teachers, Lecturers, and Educators, the College is now settling into our regular teaching routines and student activities.

Our staff and Student Representative Council are currently preparing for the upcoming student orientation programme for the June Semester intake.

Scholarship interviews have also begun, and the competition is even keener this year. The Scholarship Committee is still receiving applications and in the process of shortlisting candidates. DISTED College offers Academic Merit Awards that are based purely on academic performance at the SPM level. Our prestigious scholarships, however, are more selective. They are awarded not only based on academic results but also take into account students' contributions to community service, leadership, and talent. We also consider their ability to overcome challenges and obstacles, as well as their performance during the interview stage.

This year, we are proud to offer a variety of scholarships, including the IK Meeks Scholarship for Pre-University students aspiring to pursue a career in Law, the Dato Seri Stephen Yeap Scholarship for those interested in Business or Finance, and the Si Wu Scholarship for students aiming for fields in Psychology, Science, or Technology. We also have the DISTED Alumni Scholarship, selected by our alumni themselves, and the DISTED/Star Education Fund Scholarship for students pursuing Accounting.

Scholarships at DISTED are based on your achievements in Secondary School and your ability to be significant to society in the future.

Tech Meets Talent:

DISTED at USM TechFest 2025

Students from the School of Computing and Engineering explored cutting-edge tools and industry insights at USM's TechFest. From Google Gemini to cloud hosting, the experience merged hands-on learning with peer collaboration — showcasing DISTED's drive to prepare future-ready graduates.

Cover Story

Tech Meets Talent:

DISTED at USM 2025

On 19 April 2025, students from DISTED College's School of Computing and Engineering took part in USM TechFest 2025, a dynamic tech-focused event hosted by Google Developer Groups (GDG) at Universiti Sains Malaysia. Held at the School of Computer Sciences, the event provided a valuable opportunity for students to explore emerging technologies and gain practical insights beyond the classroom.

The festival aimed to bridge the gap between academic study and industry application. Through interactive workshops and booth sessions, our students explored a variety of Google tools and platforms such as Google Gemini, Firebase, Google Cloud, TensorFlow, Flutter, Kaggle, and Angular. One particularly insightful session titled "Effortless Scaling with Google Cloud Web Hosting" introduced students to web deployment using Google Compute Engine. The event catered to various skill levels, offering beginner to intermediate workshops to ensure inclusive and meaningful participation. Students walked away with not only technical knowledge but also real-world context, applying what they have learned in class to live tools and scenarios.

Just as important as the skills gained was the networking opportunity. Students connected with like-minded peers from other institutions, sharing ideas, exploring collaborative projects, and discussing future career paths. This atmosphere of exchange reinforces DISTED's belief in peer learning, industry exposure, and personal development. The USM TechFest experience has equipped our computing students with the confidence, skills, and connections needed to thrive in both academic and industry environments. It represents exactly what we strive for at DISTED — meaningful learning with impact.

Kaushalya A/P Tinakaran
Lecturer, School of Computing & Engineering

Bizquad Students Turn Thai Camp into Business Learning Lab

From May 6 to 8, 2025, students from DISTED College's Bizquad Co. ran a sales booth during the Thai Camp event on campus. The initiative aimed to build entrepreneurial skills, encourage teamwork, and raise club funds by selling Malaysia-themed snacks and souvenirs. The booth drew strong interest from Thai students and achieved a sales margin of around 40%. Students handled all aspects of the business, from pricing and marketing to stock management. The Club President noted the event improved teamwork and management skills, while the Vice President highlighted the value of applying classroom knowledge in a real-world setting. The experience enhanced students' leadership, communication, and problem-solving skills, reflecting DISTED's strong focus on practical learning.

Tong Pei Sun
Club Advisor, Bizquad Co.
Senior Lecturer, School of Business and Hospitality

DISTED Library: Embracing the Future with Generative AI

The 2024 Pulse of the Library report reveals that over 60% of libraries worldwide are integrating Generative AI to enhance learning, research, and discovery. At DISTED College, we view this as both an opportunity and a responsibility to embrace innovation while safeguarding academic integrity.

In response, DISTED Library has begun embedding AI awareness into its services, starting with:

AI Ethics in Library Skills Sessions – teaching students how to use AI tools responsibly.

Promoting Academic Integrity – guiding students on citation, critical thinking, and avoiding plagiarism.

Moving forward, we are focusing on:

1. AI and Digital Literacy – hosting workshops and creating AI use guides.

2. Enhancing Discovery & Research Support – exploring natural language search and AI-assisted recommendations.

3. Strengthening Staff Competency – offering training on AI tools and library innovation.

We believe AI is here to enhance, not replace, libraries. With thoughtful integration, DISTED Library will continue to evolve as a trusted space for digital literacy, academic excellence, and lifelong learning.

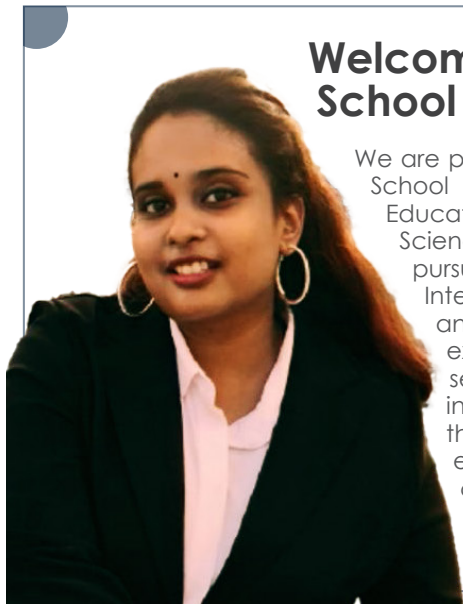Fairunizan Akbar Malik
Librarian, DISTED Library

Energising Our Campus: A Day of Fitness, Fun, and Team Spirit

The School of Psychology recently organised a wellness event that brought together students and staff for a day of movement, learning, and connection. Led by certified trainer Mr Robin Cheah, the event focused on making health a priority, even with busy academic and work schedules. The day began with a fun game of Squirrels in the Tree, encouraging movement and laughter while building team spirit. This was followed by a motivational talk on balancing physical and mental wellness, and practical tips on staying active with simple home workouts. Participants then joined in a high-intensity interval training (HIIT) session and an upbeat Zumba workout that kept the mood vibrant and stress-free. The event wrapped up with team-building games that sparked encouragement and support across all participants. More than just exercise, this event strengthened our campus community and reminded us that wellness is something we can embrace and enjoy together.

Indra Sellappan
Lecturer / Rehabilitation Psychologist, School of Psychology

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Welcoming Ambalakalidachayini Devi to the School of Psychology

We are pleased to welcome Ambalakalidachayini Devi A/P Ravi as a Lecturer in the School of Psychology at DISTED College. She holds a Master of Education in Educational Psychology from Universiti Sains Malaysia and a Bachelor of Social Science (Hons) in Psychology from Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman and plans to pursue a PhD in the same field. With a background as a Special Needs Interventionist and educator, she has developed tailored teaching strategies and supported behaviour modification through positive reinforcement. Her expertise includes early intervention, Applied Behavioural Analysis (ABA), sensory integration, and curriculum design. Ambalakalidachayini is also skilled in research, publication, and data analysis. She is passionate about bridging theory and practice and aims to equip students with critical thinking skills, ethical awareness, and compassion. Her addition strengthens our commitment to meaningful, student-centred education in psychology.

Raziah binti Ehia Mohd
Human Resources & Administration

DC Live Club: Theory to Practice

On 19 April 2025, DISTED College held its Pre-University Completion Ceremony at Heritage Hall, honouring 29 students from the Cambridge A-Level, SACE, and Foundation programmes. Behind the scenes, the DC Live Club, together with students from the Diploma in Creative Production, played a key role in producing the live broadcast. I was part of a team of nine, each handling different technical roles — camera operation, audio setup, live streaming, and logistics. We moved and set up equipment, captured the event from multiple angles, and ensured clear audio and visuals throughout. I saw how everything we learn in class applies in real-time event production. DC Live is more than a club, it gives us the chance to put theory into action and build real-world skills. Being part of this event taught me that teamwork, preparation, and technical know-how go hand in hand with creative media work.

Hasan Hisham Sharifdeen
DC Live member

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