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Start Your Journey at DISTED

“Greetings to all. I hope you enjoyed reading the inaugural issue of the DISTED DISCOURSE introduced to you on 24th February. If you have any discourse that can benefit the community, please send your contribution to info@disted.edu.my.

As we continue in our journey to transform DISTED, we are identifying potential partners, nationally and

internationally, that can provide the pathway for all our students to progress from Diploma programmes into Bachelor's degrees. Currently, articulation agreements are in place for students to continue their studies at the following universities in Malaysia: Wawasan Open University, Taylor's University, HELP University, Herriot-Watt University-Malaysia, and the University of Southampton-Malaysia. International universities that have accepted and advanced standing for DISTED pre-university and diploma programmes include the University of Canterbury, New Zealand; IMI Switzerland; University of Essex, UK; Griffith University, Australia; Macquarie University, Australia; University of Queensland, Australia; University of Adelaide, Australia; University of Portsmouth, Australia

Further, for DISTED's new Foundation in Science, students can now progress to complete their bachelor degree in biological/health sciences or engineering/physical sciences with Wawasan Open University, Taylor's University, HELP University, Herriot-Watt University-Malaysia, University of Canterbury, New Zealand; AIMST University and RSCI & UCD (Penang Medical College). Discussions are currently in progress with Penang Dental International College and MAHSA University.

So, start your higher education journey at DISTED to strengthen your fundamentals and progress to top-ranked universities across Malaysia and internationally. The experienced academic staff at DISTED and the industry linkages provided in all of DISTED's programmes will prepare you for your journey in higher education.

Prof. Dr. Vikneswaran Nair
President

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↑ Accounting and Finance Internship Programme with DELL's Celine Chua, Senior Manager, Global OpEx Accounting, and DISTED alumni from the Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Accounting and Finance programme, Nursyafana Fathima

The Future of Accounting



According to The Star (7th June 2021), "Businesses need accounting and finance professionals who are trained to do more than crunch numbers".

The accountant has always been mistakenly portrayed as a boring person with spectacles and a number cruncher. Further, the accounting field has been largely associated with only debits, credits, receivables and accruals. Those are the incomplete and biased impressions of what accounting was and is. This short excerpt will help clarify why accounting and finance are critical business fields.

The Asia-Pacific Report by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), Singapore Accountancy Commission (SAC) and The Shanghai National Accounting Institute (SNAI) in 2021 stated that in Asia Pacific, the role of the accounting field now has expanded beyond just debits and credits. Accounting roles range from IT advisory, Business Process Outsourcing, Corporate Finance and Deal Advisory, Restructuring, Insolvency,

Compliance, and Technology Consulting and Digitalization advisory. Those are fantastic career paths for accounting and finance students.

Even more so, the Institute of Labor Market Information and Analysis revealed that Accountants are the 4th most in-demand professional in Malaysia (The Star, 2021).

In DISTED, the Accounting programs have produced hundreds of graduates for firms like KPMG, Ernst & Young, WeConnect and many more manufacturing firms. DISTED's Diploma in Accounting is exempted by ACCA (3 papers), and students transfer seamlessly to a degree in accounting at most universities and colleges. The accounting teaching team at DISTED frequently conducts talk sessions with audit firms and competition. Our industry collaboration with audit firms and companies like DELL, WeConnect, OSRAM and Bosch set high standards for our students and career pathway for our graduates.

Dr. Lum Li Sean
Head of Academic Affairs
Head, School of Business and Hospitality

Pathway for DISTED Diploma Programmes to WOU's DiGiT School

DISTED's School of Computing and School of Business continues to work with the School of Digital Technology (DiGiT) of Wawasan Open University (WOU) in our effort to create more undergraduate pathways for our students.

Students graduating with DISTED's Diploma in Computer Science, Diploma in Business Information Technology and Diploma in Business Studies will be able to enjoy seamless progression to WOU. Students can pursue their degree in the

Bachelor in Software Engineering (Honours) (Application Development) and Bachelor of Digital Business (Honours) at WOU's School of Digital Technology (DiGiT). The degree programmes at WOU provides DISTED's students the possibility of study and work as the DiGiT programmes emphasizes Work-Based Learning (WBL) to create skillful, future-ready workforce



↑ Dr. Lee Heng Wei and Ts Dr. Tan Kian Lam (School of Digital Technology, DiGiT, WOU)

Progression of DISTED's Pre-University Students

DISTED's Pre-University programmes comprise the Cambridge A-Level (CAL), South Australian Certificate of Education International (SACEi) and Foundation in Arts (FIA). A total of 65 students completed their studies and was handed their letter of completion in a simple ceremony at DISTED College on February

2023. The top seven students of the batch were accepted into renown universities in the UK, Germany, Singapore and Australia. We wish to congratulate the following students on getting placement offers from various top universities:

- **Chow Ven Yan** – Degree in Computer Science from NTU and NUS, Singapore
- **Ooi Xinheng** – Degree in Computer Science from NTU and NUS, Singapore
- **Kang Yeongseo** – Degree in Physics, university in Germany
- **Chew Jia Qi** – Degree in Pharmacy, Nottingham University, Malaysia

- **Anusha Bala Sigar** – Degree in Biomedical Engineering, University of Melbourne, Australia
- **Goh Xin Yi** – Degree in Business and Commerce, Monash University, Australia
- **Loh Yi Qian** – Degree in Chemical Engineering, The University of Manchester, UK

The remainder of the students are continuing their studies in top national and international institutions for programmes of their choice. They include

University:

- **Brickfields Asia College, Malaysia** (Law)
- **Curtin University, Australia** (Commerce)
- **DISTED College, Malaysia** (Psychology)
- **International Medical University, Malaysia** (Medicine)
- **Management & Science University, Malaysia** (Law)
- **Monash University, Australia** (Arts and Social Science)
- **Monash University, Malaysia** (Business, Commerce & Psychology)
- **Nanyang Technological University, Singapore** (Computer Science)
- **National University Singapore** (Science)
- **Nottingham University, Malaysia** (Mechanical Engineering & Pharmacy)
- **Sunway University, Malaysia** (Industrial Statistics)
- **Taylor's University, Malaysia** (Psychology)
- **Unitar International University, Malaysia** (Psychology)
- **University of Bristol, UK** (Mechanical Engineering)
- **University of British Columbia, Hong Kong** (Physics & Mathematics)
- **University of Leeds, UK** (Law)
- **University of Malaya, Malaysia** (Law)
- **University of Manchester, UK** (Chemical Engineering)
- **University of Melbourne, Australia Biomedical** (Engineering & Psychology)
- **University of New South Wales, Australia** (Finance)
- **University of Reading, UK** (Law)
- **University of Sydney, Australia** (Computer Science)
- **UOW KDU Penang, Malaysia** (Computer Science)



↑ The Pre-University Graduation Day

Changing of Leadership in School of Psychology



↑ Ms Khor Khai Ling

DISTED College would like to thank Ms Soo Hoo Pei Ying, the outgoing Head of the School of Psychology. She joined DISTED seven years ago and has significantly contributed to the institution since then. She has led the department through a period of significant change since 2017. Her leadership has been instrumental in improving the quality of our Psychology programme, enhancing student experiences, and building a strong team of faculty and staff. Pei Ying is also a registered counsellor who has provided free counselling services since 2015 in a non-profit organisation. Aside from that,

Pei Ying has been actively giving school talks and motivational workshops to represent the non-profit organisation and DISTED. With Pei Ying's passion for counselling and psychology, she decided to pursue her PhD and make even more significant contributions to the field of psychology. Hence, Pei Ying has decided to step down from her position as Head and continue her contribution at DISTED as a lecturer. We wish her all the best in her PhD studies.

Ms Khor Khai Ling takes over as Head of School from 1st of March. She brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience in the field of psychology. A registered counsellor, Khai Ling holds a Bachelor of Social Science (Hons.) in Psychology from Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman and a

Master's in Counselling from Universiti Sains Malaysia. She is currently in the final stages of completing her PhD in her research to study the cognitive deterioration among the ageing population. Joined DISTED in 2018, Khai Ling worked as a social worker in a hospital for three years. She provided support to patients who were not only suffering from physical and mental illnesses but also from financial stress. This experience has taught her the importance of psychology in supporting patients through difficult times. Thus, Khai Ling always hopes that DISTED students can positively impact the world and give back to the communities through their psychology knowledge.

Shout-out from SRC President

I am honoured to be the President of DISTED's Student Representative Council (SRC) for 2022 to 2023. DISTED has allowed me to acquire leadership, presentation, and problem-solving skills. All these skills are valuable and applicable to my daily life. It was challenging when I first joined as I had no idea how to organise an event. Fortunately, I have a bunch of supportive teammates and a helpful advisor, Mr Kelvin Lim, who are always there to support SRC.



SRC allowed me to manage events from the planning stages to execution and

◆ Eleanor Goh Shien Hoon
- President of DISTED SRC 2022-2023.
(Diploma in Business Studies)

**Eleanor is currently pursuing her degree in business at Coventry University, UK after completing her Diploma in Business at DISTED.*

closure. Despite some difficult moments in managing these projects, we persevered with good teamwork and ensured no one was left behind. Hence, the bond between the SRC members were strengthened after each challenge. SRC was also a good platform for me, as the leader, to bring my fellow students' voices to the management of the College. They include matters related to further improving the facilities at the College and enhancing a more enjoyable college life for all students. In short, it was a memorable learning experience during our tenure as a DISTED SRC member.

As the outgoing President, my hope for the incoming members is to grab the opportunity to join SRC. Gain new skills and knowledge, and make everlasting friendships with fellow students. Every DISTED SRC members are important, as you are the leader for students of the College. Through SRC, each of you can play your role, be a good team player, respect and support one another, and be ready to take up any challenges. Lastly and most importantly, enjoy your journey as SRC member!



↓ Outgoing SRC Members with the DISTED College CEO, President and Advisor

Workshop On Basic Animation

Basic Animation (Stop-Motion) Workshop was held on the 18th of February 2023, organised by PYDC at Pusat Belia Seberang Jaya. The workshop was conducted by DISTED's School of Computing lecturers, Mr Zaki Zakaria and Mrs Khairu Nisa. Both have expertise in animation and videography.

20 youths registered and attended this fun workshop. The

participants, who were divided into four groups, showed team spirit and cooperation while creating characters using clay. Their stop-motion animation results were impressive as they were creative and filled with great imagination. This Basic Stop-Motion Animation Workshop will raise interest among youth in animation. As quoted by the CEO of DreamWorks Animation, Jeffrey Katzenberg, "What I love most about animation is, it's a team sport, and everything we do is about pure imagination"



◀ Basic Animation (Stop-Motion) Workshop at Pusat Belia Seberang Jaya

Visit to Ghee Hiang's Heritage Business

The School of Business recently organized a trip to visit Ghee Hiang's retail outlet at Burma Road. Hosted by the Executive Director, Dato' Ch'ng Huck Theng, 19 students from the Diploma in Business Studies programme were accompanied by their lecturers, Ms Tan Pei Shi and Ms Elaine Chan. The students were given first-hand exposure to how a company with over 165 years of history transcends generations to continue delivering superior value to its customers. Students were briefed on Ghee Hiang's journey to success since 1856 until today. The rich history of Ghee Hiang can be traced back

to Fujian province, China, where its first chef originated, and today the company's distribution is far and wide. During the visit, Dato' Ch'ng also imparts essential knowledge on being a good entrepreneur in today's competitive market. Ghee Hiang's products, such as their sesame oil and pastries, were the trademark of heritage and a proud Penang. In DISTED, we believe that theories and concepts should be accompanied by industry exposure. We continuously strive to produce graduates with broad exposure through various factory visits.



↑ Visit to Ghee Hiang

OPEN DAY

Discover DISTED!

10th to 11th Mar.

10am to 4pm

