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Invest in Our Planet

We are pleased to invite you to attend DISTED's Earth Day panel discussion on the theme "Invest in Our Planet". The event will be held on April 20th, from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM. The event is free, and registration is required. Please register for the event via Zoom. To register for the event, please click the link: <https://rb.gy/5ow3h> and complete the registration form.

The panel discussion will bring together experts from various fields to explore the challenges and opportunities of investing in the planet. The event will cover multiple topics, including sustainable development, climate change, renewable energy, and green technology. We are excited to have a distinguished panel of speakers from various industries who will share their insights and experiences with the audience. They will discuss how we can invest in our planet to ensure a sustainable future for future generations based on their expertise in their respective industries.

This event is open to all individuals who are passionate about the environment and want to learn more about sustainable investment. We encourage staff, students, professionals, and community members to attend and engage in the discussion. Investing in the planet is a critical step in addressing our environmental challenges. By attending this panel discussion, you will gain a deeper understanding of the importance of sustainable investment and our role in creating a better future for our planet.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Prof. Dr. Vikneswaran Nair

President

保护地球投资

我们很高兴邀请您参加达学院的地球日专题小组讨论会，主题为“保护地球投资”。这个活动将于4月20日下午3点至4点半举行。此活动是免费的，但需要注册。请务必通过Zoom注册。请点击注册链接：<https://rb.gy/5ow3h>填写注册表格注册此活动。

这次讨论会将聚集来自各个领域的专家，探讨保护地球投资的挑战和机遇。活动将涵盖多个主题，包括可持续发展、气候变化、可再生能源和绿色技术等。我们很荣幸能邀请到来自不同行业的杰出演讲嘉宾分享自己在各自行业的专业知识和经验，讨论如何通过投资地球来确保后代子孙拥有可持续发展的未来。

这个活动开放给所有对环境充满热情并希望了解更多可持续投资的人士参加。我们鼓励工作人员、学生、专业人士和社区成员参加并参与讨论。投资于地球是解决我们环境挑战的关键步骤。通过参加这个小组讨论，您将更深入地了解可持续投资的重要性以及我们在为地球创造更美好未来的角色。

我们期待着与您相聚。

(Translated by Tan Pei Shi, Lecturer, School of Business and Hospitality)



Prof. Dr. Vikneswaran Nair

院长



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Prof. Dr. Vikneswaran Nair (DISTED College, Penang)

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- Edwin Tan Beow Aik (Bonanza Venture Holdings (VBH), Ipoh)
- J Philip Vincent (GSH Precision Technology, Penang)
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dewi Binti Amat Sapuan (Wawasan Open University (WOU), Penang)
- Tony Goh (Malaysia Association of Hotels (MAH) Penang Chapter)

Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow-Start at DISTED's DIScoverLABz

DIScoverLABz....DISrupt, DIScuss, DIScover

The world of business is ever-changing. It will not wait for those who play safe. The soon-to-be launched DISTED's DIScoverLABz, aims to create an experiential business laboratory cum incubator for DISTED students to think out of the box:

- to DISrupt business norms
- to DIScuss business ideas
- to DIScover innovations

The DIScoverLABz incubator centre intends to create opportunities for DISTED's young students to start-up their businesses early with access to mentors, workspace, prototyping machines, business advisory, accounting services and pitching guidance. Identified start-up partners will provide these services to students through

start-up seed funds.

DISTED's business students will have the opportunity to work on their entrepreneurship ideas in one of the incubation labs, which is not limited to labs but also to use DISTED's DIScover kitchen and bakery. They all can DIScuss business ideas with mentors from the School of Business and Hospitality and DIScover their talent.

Mentors can provide DISTED's young entrepreneurs with valuable insights to share their experiences and guide students in successfully building their business ventures. Furthermore, mentors will guide students from ideation to the generation of a pitching plan for them to be able to market their business ideas to investors. DISTED's DIScoverLABz also offers potential

students seed capital and grows them through case studies and real-life examples.

DIScoverLABz is a safe place for students to test and try out their entrepreneurship ideas, with a ready market on campus. Students in this initiative will be encouraged to work in a team to build successful start-ups like the business world. Through this programme, students learn the concepts and theories from classes and get first-hand experience from the soon-to-launch DISTED's DIScoverLABz.



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Safety First in DISTED's Science Labs

“Laboratory briefing marks the commencement of a new semester.”

It is a customary practice to have a laboratory briefing before the start of any science practical session. The objective of these important briefings would be to acclimatise students to the laboratory environment in the College. Understanding this environment is vital to cultivating awareness and caution among students during each practical session, as the lab environment can simultaneously be both productive and hazardous. Students and staff must be mindful and attentive to the laboratory activities and surroundings, hence, that the practical sessions can be conducted smoothly and efficiently without unwanted incidents.

The safety briefing demonstrations and apparatus set-up demonstrations were

done by the lab staff, Mr Krishnan, and Mr Somasundaram. The topics included were the laboratory access time, dress code, the SOPs in case of emergencies such as fire or accident, the emergency exits and the locations of the First Aid kit. After each practical session, students were shown the purpose and location of



↑ Mr. Krishnan conducting the laboratory briefing

emergency showers and eye wash stations, chemical labels, and personal hygiene. The laboratory demonstration and hands-on sessions concluded with

the students being all prepped up, familiar with the laboratory environment and safety, and ready to begin their practical sessions.

Safety first in the lab has always been DISTED's priority for students to be safe and have a good learning experience. With the briefing, DISTED's students will feel safe and secure in science labs.

Dr Kam Yew Chee
Senior Lecturer, School of Pre-University Studies



← The emergency shower

Nine Tips for Learning Physics Effectively on YouTube

Physics concepts can be challenging to understand, especially when they are theoretical. YouTube offers a wide range of videos that visually demonstrate these concepts. You can find videos on motion, waves, optics, electromagnetism, and nuclear and quantum physics that use animations and simulations to explain complex ideas.

Here are the nine tips for learning Physics effectively using YouTube:

1. Identify and set clear learning goals (e.g., topics to cover and concepts to understand) to help you stay focused and maximise your time.

2. Prioritise the topics and watch the relevant videos that are most important for your learning goals and focus on them first.

3. Choose high-quality content channels and videos from reputable sources and instructors with a good reputation for providing accurate and high-quality content (e.g., channels with high subscriber counts, ratings, and positive reviews).

4. Use search filter tools to narrow down your search results based on specific criteria (e.g., upload date, duration, features, and filter by videos).

5. Use time-saving features such as playback speed and captions to help you learn faster, remember better and save time.

6. When watching videos, avoid distractions and stay focused on the content by taking notes on the essential concepts, formulas, and examples indicated in the videos.

7. Practice problem-solving by trying to solve the problems independently before watching the solutions to develop problem-solving skills and build your confidence.

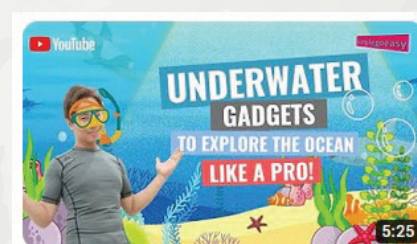
8. Engage with the community interested in physics who share their knowledge and insights (e.g., connect with physics enthusiasts, ask questions, receive feedback, and join online physics forums or groups to connect with other learners).

9. Stay consistent by watching physics videos regularly to build a strong foundation.

YouTube is an excellent resource for learning and understanding physics concepts. At DISTED, to make learning simple and easy for students, YouTube channels have been created to make learning Physics fun. To find out more,

access these videos through SimpleGoEasy-YouTube or <https://rb.gy/5ibi7>

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



Underwater gadgets (To explore the ocean like a PRO!)



The Technologies behind Farming

↑ Learn physics through video

DISTED To Become A Learning Space For The 21st Century

DISTED is transforming into a modern learning space that caters to the needs of the 21st century. In today's educational landscape, digital media has become an essential resource that enhances the learning experience. Video content, for instance, allows educators to convey complex ideas through audio and visual aids effectively.

Following the pandemic, traditional classroom teaching has been replaced with digital tools, including Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs), to overcome

the challenges posed by the pandemic. This shift has resulted in new expectations and methods for teaching and learning, leading to a richer and more interactive educational experience.

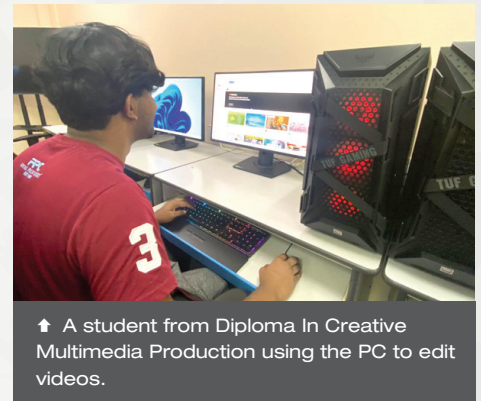
Hence, learning spaces must adapt to new technologies and accommodate various teaching strategies, including face-to-face and online collaboration. DISTED is keeping pace with these trends by incorporating modern learning technologies like the Media and Editing Lab, which offers a conducive environment for lab classes, research, assignments, and projects. Equipped with high-performance Gaming PCs and industry-standard software, this lab is suitable for creative multimedia students and students across various courses.



← High performance Gaming PCs.

The Media and Editing Lab at DISTED will yield positive outcomes and strategies that will drive innovation in educational delivery services and enhance the competitiveness of higher education in the 21st century.

Khairu Nisa Bt Wazir
Lecturer, School of Computing & Engineering



↑ A student from Diploma In Creative Multimedia Production using the PC to edit videos.

Accounting & Finance Alumni's Industrial Journey

I am a proud alumnus of DISTED College, Penang. My connection with DISTED started with me joining the Diploma in Business Studies back in March 2016. Subsequently, I furthered my studies in the Bachelor of Arts (Hons.) Accounting and Finance programme, and graduated in December 2020. Thanks to the training in DISTED, I am now working in DELL Technologies Financial Services as a Senior Financial Analyst.

In 2018, when I was a Year 2 undergraduate student, I was chosen by my lecturer, Puan Adznida to participate in the DELL Technologies Business Challenge at Bayan Lepas. Throughout the challenge, I fell in love with DELL Technologies' work culture. Everyone was welcoming and they showed great passion for their work. They looked happy working for DELL Technologies. Until I went to DELL Technologies, I always wanted to work in an audit firm, but after

participating in the challenge, I changed my mind and decided to try to get an internship position there. In 2020, I applied for DELL Technologies' Finance Internship, and I was accepted! How elated I was when I heard the good news.

Unfortunately, I had to work from home when I joined as an intern in DELL Technologies during the COVID-19 pandemic. I thought it would be hard to start my career by working from home, but DELL Technologies recruitment team and the finance division was well prepared and equipped with everything that was necessary to ensure all employees get similar experience as working in office. We had many team activities, learning sessions, executive speaker sessions with directors and vice presidents where we get to talk to them directly. I had team project and individual project to complete throughout my internship. At the end of my internship, I was offered the chance to join DELL Technologies full time as a Financial Development Programme (FDP) participant, which I accepted happily. It is a prestigious programme in DELL Technologies, where I get to rotate into 4 departments within the finance organisations within 2 years. There were many networking opportunities and extra-curricular activities which I got to participate in throughout my journey as an FDP. I got the opportunity to travel to Singapore and United States of America, fully sponsored (thank you DELL Technologies), for my conferences. Now I

have successfully completed the FDP and got promoted to a Senior Analyst with a placement in DELL Financial Services.

In DELL Technologies, inclusiveness is well-practiced. Everyone was treated equally regardless of their age, race, physical appearance, and others. Everyone is willing to teach each other, learn and grow together here in DELL Technologies. There is a huge opportunity for global networking and exposure to global business here in DELL Technologies. I decided that my career should not be an ordinary career journey where I work from 9am to 6pm and do repetitive tasks. I had work-life balance because here we have schedule flexibility. I always got to enroll myself into new activities/programs and learn new things. Finally, in DELL Technologies, I am not just a finance analyst, but I get to be a radio jockey, an emcee, a strong advocate for women and many other interesting roles.

If you get an opportunity to be a part of DELL Business Challenge (through DISTED, of course) and to join as an intern in DELL Technologies Finance or Accounting internship programme, never miss the golden opportunity!



↑ Dell Business Challenge

Nursyafana Fathima
Bachelor of Arts (Hons)
Accounting and Finance
(Class of 2020)



Easter Celebration @ DISTED - Spreading Message of Hope and Love

Easter is an important day for Christians, as it marks the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. To spread the message of love and hope on this occasion, the DISTED Christian Fellowship (CF) club distributed Easter eggs to fellow students and staff. This practice is common during Easter as eggs symbolise new life and rebirth. Despite Jesus being crucified on Good Friday, three days later, He was resurrected from death, bringing hope to those who believe in Him.

The members of CF gathered at the DISTED cafeteria and put their creative minds to work, decorating the eggs with unique



designs. They also folded origami shapes into hearts and wrote uplifting messages on them. After completing the decorations, they went to every nook and corner of the institution to distribute the decorated eggs, spreading goodwill and the message of hope. This act of kindness and generosity by the CF members helped to create a sense of community and positivity during the Easter celebration.

Elaine Chan
Senior Lecturer, School of Business and Hospitality

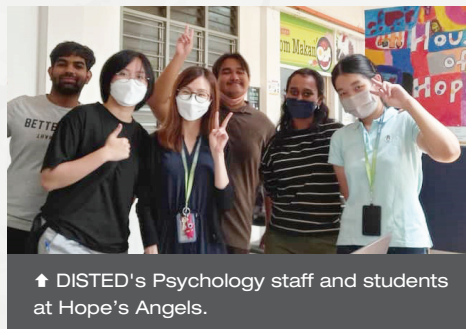
Community Impact Collaboration with Hope's Angels

DISTED College Psychology students made a meaningful impact in their community by organising an eye-opening campaign in collaboration with a non-governmental organisation (NGO), Hope's Angel, on the 7th and 14th of March, 2023. The campaign shed light on the harsh realities of thousands of households living in hardcore urban poverty, which the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated. Shockingly, 8.4% of the country's population (totalling 78,000 households) can barely access the bare minimum necessities of life.

The student's efforts to raise awareness about this pressing issue were not in vain. They successfully engaged their fellow students and the DISTED community through their information-sharing booth, volunteer recruitment drive, and food sale. They also managed to raise funds for the NGO to buy essential items for vulnerable communities in urban areas.

The campaign created awareness and spurred action among the DISTED College community. They showed that anyone could make a difference in their community by joining and taking action. Let us all strive for a more equitable and sustainable future for all!

Loo Ee Lynn
Lecturer, School of Psychology



↑ DISTED's Psychology staff and students at Hope's Angels.

Business Alumni Highlight

I have no regrets about choosing DISTED College as my choice of where I wanted to continue my tertiary education after my SPM (Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia). Subsequently, I graduated with a Diploma in Business Studies in 2022, after which I joined the working world. Spending my two years studying at DISTED has prepared me for the future in many ways. The subjects taught in the programme have given me a real-life, hands-on application, which has been immensely helpful in my current job. I learned how to manage events and small businesses for my assignments. The experience prepared me to manage projects in my current employment, especially projects dealing with various external parties.

Besides being prepared for the course, I had the privilege of joining the Student Representative Council (SRC), which grew me tremendously as an individual and a team player. I gained many skills

throughout my time in SRC as the treasurer, which has been a crucial experience as I stepped into the working environment. I had the chance to try new things and step out of my comfort zone throughout my two years in SRC, which I am always grateful for as it made my college experience more meaningful.

I am currently working in a multinational factory in Penang. I am beyond thankful to all the people I came to know through DISTED College and all the beautiful memories and experiences gained during this period that have brought me to where I am today



Jaslyn Goh Jin Xuan
Diploma in Business Studies (2022)

President's Honour List

A total of 42 students received the President's Honour Award for excellence in their examination, with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.75 and above for the most recent assessment. Out of these students, 15 scored a perfect 4.0. The Award is to recognise students that have excelled in their semester examination for the Foundation, Diploma and Degree programme based on the recommendation of the College Assessment Board. The Award is applicable for all Homegrown and Franchised Diploma or Degree programmes.

The student's hard work, dedication, and commitment to academic excellence are a testament to their perseverance and determination. Their accomplishment is recognised to serve as a stepping stone for their future success.

