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独立日庆典后的团结与进步

随着独立日热潮的消退和长假后例行工作的恢复，团结与进步的精神依然在。立达学院公报《DISTED Discourse》上周专门推出了14页的独立日特刊，以记录第66独立日庆祝活动的精髓。

槟城首席部长曹观友在他掷地有声的独立日致辞中，呼吁马来西亚人避免采取基于种族和宗教情绪的分裂策略。他着重提出避免挑衅和传播虚假信息的重要性，并强调团结是稳定和不断进步的基石。

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Unity and Progress Following Merdeka Celebrations

The spirit of unity and progress remains alive as the Merdeka fervour subsides and routines resume after extended holidays. DISTED Discourse, the college's bulletin, dedicated a special 14-page Merdeka Edition last week to capture the essence of the 66th Independence Day celebration.

Penang Chief Minister Chow Kon Yeow implores Malaysians to eschew divisive tactics rooted in racial and religious sentiments in his poignant Merdeka message. He stresses the importance of avoiding provocations and spreading false information, emphasising unity as the bedrock for stability and continuous advancement.

His further call for unity is significant due to the recent formation of the unity government. He envisions a path where political differences are set aside after state elections, focusing on unity to achieve progress. Penang's history of attracting RM200 billion in manufacturing investments since 2008 and being a main RM170.8 trillion

经济实力和对进步的承诺。

首席部长乐观地认为，团结政府有能力在未来五年内优先考虑公民福利并推动经济增长。随着独立日庆祝活动的落幕，首席部长的信息引起了人们的共鸣，提醒马来西亚人民，团结对于实现国家独立和确保繁荣未来至关重要。

exporter showcases its economic prowess and commitment to progress.

The Chief Minister's optimism rests in the unity government's ability to prioritise citizen well-being and drive economic growth over the next five years. As the Merdeka celebrations fade, the Chief Minister's message resonates, reminding Malaysians that unity is critical to honouring their nation's independence and securing a prosperous future.

At DISTED College, we continue to uphold the Chief Minister's vision by promoting diversity through workshops, fostering civic engagement, encouraging responsible social media use, and hosting unity celebrations. By instilling leadership skills, initiating collaborative research, offering scholarships, and emphasising sustainability, we contribute to Penang's unity, growth, and progress.

Prof. Dr. Vikneswaran Nair
 President 院长

在立达学院，我们将继续秉承首席部长的愿景，通过研讨会提倡多元化、促进公民参与、鼓励负责任地使用社交媒体以及举办团结庆祝活动。通过灌输领导技能、发起合作研究、提供奖学金和强调可持续发展，我们将为槟城的团结、发展和进步做出贡献。



Staffs and student of DISTED College celebrating 'Hari Merdeka'

Sustaining Excellence: DISTED College Maintains MyQUEST Rating



The Ministry of Higher Education has announced the results of the 2022 Assessment of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) for the Malaysian Quality Evaluation System for Private Colleges (MyQUEST). 175 colleges participated in the MyQUEST assessment nationally. For the MyQUEST assessment, 158 out of 175 colleges (90.29%) achieved Competitive ratings, while 17 colleges (9.71%) received Progressive ratings. The Competitive category demonstrates the continuous efforts of the Ministry to provide high-quality and impactful higher education to students. Through these results, the Ministry aims to build sustainable capacities and promote international higher education standards.

Congratulations to DISTED College for maintaining their MyQUEST rating! This achievement reflects their commitment to providing quality education and ensuring their students

a high standard of learning. It is a testament to the college's dedication and efforts in delivering valuable educational experiences.

The new assessment categorisation for MyQUEST 2022 has been revised to two categories, Competitive and Progressive, compared to the previous six categories: Competitive and Progressive (and indicated from one to six stars). This change considers the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on HEI management and is seen as a fair and realistic approach. MyQUEST, assesses the performance of Private HEIs categorised as colleges in Malaysia. The assessments are based on predefined assessment instruments and indicators to drive improvements in quality education.

Well done DISTED College!

Prof. Dr. Vikneswaran Nair
President

DISTED College Appointed as Spot Organiser for CLEAN IT UP Malaysia

DISTED College has proudly taken on the role of spot organiser for the 'Let's Clean It Up! Malaysia Campaign,' orchestrated by the Green Educators' Workgroup (GREW) on September 9, 2023. Aligned with World Cleanup Day, this initiative aims to raise environmental awareness among the youth by cleaning up beaches, parks, forests, and school surroundings. Emphasising the 5R principles – Refuse,

Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose, and Recycle – the campaign supports UN SDG Goals and involves primary and secondary students nationwide.

As spot organiser, DISTED will lead secondary school students in cleaning Teluk Bahang's coastal areas. Students will actively segregate waste and gather data for analysis, contributing to informed waste management decisions by companies and city

councils. Beyond ecological benefits, this experience allows students to develop leadership skills and support sustainable development.

DISTED College is excited to drive positive change, cultivate leadership, and advance sustainability through active participation in this significant campaign.



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

Commemorating 50 Years of the George Town-Adelaide Sister City Bond



The Australian High Commission Malaysia orchestrated a momentous reception on 29th August 2023, commemorating the golden jubilee of the George Town-Adelaide Sister City Relationship. The presence of distinguished guests further illuminated this auspicious occasion – Her Excellency, the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, esteemed Governor of South Australia, and Mr. Adam Liaw, the illustrious Penang-born Australian chef, acclaimed winner of MasterChef Australia, accomplished TV presenter, and celebrated author.

The splendour of this event took place within the esteemed walls of Suffolk

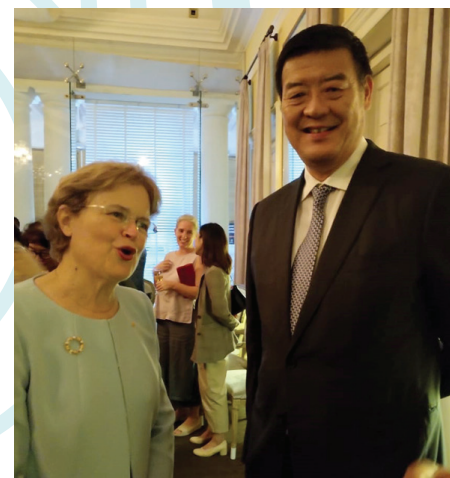
House – a location imbued with history as the former residence of Captain Francis Light, the pioneering founder of Penang. Interestingly, his son, William Light, would later embark on the journey of establishing the illustrious city of Adelaide.

DISTED College, Penang, was a privileged guest among the esteemed invitees. Dato' Lim Si Boon, Chief Executive Officer and Ms Geong Chooi Peng, Head of School of Pre-University Studies, represented DISTED College at the reception. They had the privilege of engaging in a brief dialogue with Her Excellency, the Governor of South Australia, the Honourable Frances Adamson AC. Her Excellency congratulated DISTED College for its 35-year journey in furnishing tertiary education to students through the prestigious South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE). Her Excellency expressed her aspiration for more students to embark on their educational pursuits in Australia, particularly in Adelaide, after completing their SACE Programme at

DISTED College.

As we move into the next chapter of our journey, DISTED College remains dedicated to promoting the SACE programme. DISTED is committed and will wholeheartedly embrace the collaborative spirit that characterises this enduring sister-city relationship.

Geong Chooi Peng
Head, School of Pre-University Studies



↑ Her Excellency with DISTED Chief Executive Officer

A Glimpse into the World of Science and Technology: STEM Showcase '23

In a world constantly shaped by science and technology, engaging the next generation with the latest innovations is crucial. STEM Showcase '23, hosted at Han Chiang High School from 25th to 26th August 2023, provided an exceptional platform for this purpose. During Penang State National Science Week, this two-day event brought together students, educators, and tech enthusiasts to explore forefront developments in science, technology, engineering, and

mathematics (STEM).

STEM Showcase '23 aimed to inspire and educate students about the wonders of STEM through interactive exhibits and displays. Among the exhibitors, DISTED College shone with its digital drawing and Virtual Reality (VR) experiences.

At the DISTED College booth, participants delved into digital art using Wacom Tablets, redefining digital creativity and immersive VR. The digital drawing exhibit showcased the fusion of technology and artistic expression, enabling attendees to experiment with digital pens and tablets, transforming their concepts into digital marvels. This encounter highlighted

potential in art and design.

The VR display was equally captivating, offering virtual escapades from exploring outer space to diving into ocean depths. Immersive VR experiences mesmerised students as they donned VR headsets, embarking on thrilling adventures. This interactive exhibit extended beyond gaming, showcasing VR's potential across various fields.

STEM Showcase '23 introduced students to cutting-edge advancements and encouraged them to consider STEM careers. It emphasised that the future holds limitless possibilities for those embracing technology and innovation. The triumph of STEM Showcase '23 at Han Chiang High School underscored its role in shaping the future by nurturing the next generation of innovators.

Seethai Subramaniam
Head, School of Computing & Engineering



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Unveiling Perfume Synthesis: A Dive into Organic Chemistry



Perfume, a ubiquitous part of our lives, was recently demystified by DISTED's Science Club on August 14th. The event, aptly named "Perfume Synthesis," aimed to uncover the chemistry behind these

enticing scents and make science captivating and accessible.

The Science Club meticulously planned this event, ensuring smooth execution with set timelines and materials. Their goal was not only to explain ester chemistry but to immerse participants in hands-on experiments, bringing chemistry to life. Feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive, as they not only learned about

chemistry and lab practices but also documented their observations, deepening their understanding of organic chemistry.

This event had a profound impact on participants, enriching their knowledge of organic and laboratory chemistry through practical engagement. It also aimed to spark a lasting interest in chemistry, laying a strong foundation for

future studies. Through "Perfume Synthesis," DISTED students gained valuable chemistry knowledge and experienced the enchantment of science.

Wong Hong Feng Victor
Student, Cambridge A-Level (CAL)
President of the Science Club

↓ Student at the "Perfume Synthesis" workshop



Why Does My Voice Sound So Bad?

Presenting "Why Does My Voice Sound So Bad?" as the Vice President of the DISTED Science Club was a fulfilling experience. I explored the intricacies of how our voices are perceived, particularly in recordings, versus self-perception. The room buzzed with



curiosity as I unravelled sound waves, auditory mechanics, and their connection to our daily experiences. The highlight was explaining how bones and ambient air affect our vocal identity, clarifying the roles of vocal cords and sound wave trajectories. This shed light on the differences between perceived and recorded voices due to technical and environmental factors.

Attendees even got

to experience studio-grade microphones, sparking excitement and curiosity as they heard their own voices. This hands-on engagement added a unique dimension to the presentation. Sharing these insights was immensely rewarding, as the engaged audience and their understanding reaffirmed the importance of knowledge dissemination.

Yap Jia Yuan
Student, Cambridge A-Level
Vice President, DISTED Science Club

Education Pathways with Penang International Dental College (PIDC)

Students and staff members of DISTED College from the Cambridge A-levels (CAL) and Foundation in Science (FIS) programmes embarked on a study tour to Penang International Dental College (PIDC) recently. The primary objective was to gain insights into potential educational pathways beyond their current studies. The excursion began with a land journey to NB Tower in Butterworth, Penang. PIDC, situated within the 21-storey NB Tower, is a 6-storey urban campus that offers a panoramic view of Penang Sentral, the Northern Transportation Hub of Malaysia.

Valuable insights were shared on the '10 Characteristics of Becoming a

Dentist,' underscoring the discipline's rigorous demands and the absence of shortcuts. It was highlighted that there is still a need for dentists in Malaysia and emphasised that dentistry remains a field that relies on the human touch despite technological advancements.

This study tour broadened the students' understanding of dentistry

and gave them a glimpse of the opportunities and challenges in their educational and professional journey to become a dentist.

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



Students and staff members of DISTED College at PIDC