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Adapting to the Digital Revolution: Shaping Future Careers

The recent Star Education Fair served as a platform for discussing the ever-evolving digital landscape and its influence on future careers. During my presentation, I highlighted key points that shed light on the changing job market in the digital transformation era.

It is essential to recognise that automation and digitisation will inevitably displace specific job roles as manual tasks shift towards automation. However, this does not mean affected employees should be left unprepared. They must acquire the necessary skill sets and embrace emerging technologies.

One significant outcome of this digital revolution is new job opportunities. While some roles may decline, others will evolve, placing a greater emphasis on digital and soft skills. Historically, such transformations have led to improved global living standards, akin to past Industrial Revolutions.

As educators, we must equip future graduates with the tools to navigate this innovative landscape. Further, collaboration among higher education institutions is vital to produce graduates capable of thriving not just in Malaysia but globally.

The impending digital transformation will undeniably impact the job market. To succeed, individuals must acquire technology skills, foster entrepreneurship, and continuously upskill. Embracing these changes will enable us to navigate the evolving career landscape with confidence and resilience.

DISTED College has partnered with CASUGOL, an international certification body based in Singapore, offering certification programmes and executive workshops in digital transformation, data analytics, artificial intelligence, machine learning, cybersecurity, and business intelligence for all our graduates in all the disciplines, and for the public.

Prof Dr. Vikneswaran Nair
 President 院长

适应数字革命：塑造未来职业

最近举办的星报教育展为正在不断发展的数字领域及其对未来职业的影响提供了一个讨论的平台。在演讲中，我重点介绍了数字化转型时代不断变化的就业市场。

必须认识到，随着人工任务转向自动化，自动化和数字化将不可避免地取代特定的工作角色。然而，这并不意味着受影响的员工应该毫无准备。他们必须掌握必要的技能并接受新兴技术。

这场数字革命的一个重要成果就是带来了新的工作机会。虽然一些职位可能会减少，但另一些职位将会不断演变，更加强调数字技能和软技能。从历史上来看，这种变革会提高全球生活水平，类似于过去的工业革命。

作为教育工作者，我们必须为未来的毕业生提供驾驭这个创新格局的

工具。此外，高等教育机构之间的合作对于培养能够在马来西亚乃至全球蓬勃发展的毕业生至关重要。

立达学院已与位于新加坡的国际认证机构CASUGOL合作，为我们所有学科的毕业生以及公众提供数字转型、数据分析、人工智能、机器学习、网络安全和商业智能等认证项目和高层管理研讨会。

总之，不可否认，即将到来的数字化转型将对就业市场产生影响。要取得成功，个人必须掌握技术技能，培养创业精神，并持续提升自己的技能。融入这些变化将使我们能够自信和有韧性地对不断变化的职业领域。

(Mandarin Translator, Ms. Tan Pei Shi, Lecturer, School of Business and Hospitality)





Triumphant Valorant In-House Tournament: DISTED E-Sports Club 2023



On November 24, 2023, the DISTED E-Sports club hosted a thrilling Valorant in-house tournament in collaboration with the DISTED leadership camp. The event aimed to foster improved communication, teamwork, and leadership skills among students. Three teams participated in the tournament, competing for a total prize pool of RM260, which included coveted rewards such as a physical Valorant butterfly knife and battle passes.

Each team comprised five members, namely Vortex Vanguard, Plastic Rex, and 101 WAYS to Die. The tournament format featured best-of-one rounds, resulting in an intense competition with three

rounds played to determine the ultimate winner.

Vortex Vanguard clinched the top spot, earning Valorant Battle Passes as their reward. Plastic Rex secured second place, receiving a DISTED's DISH Café voucher valued at RM 60. Meanwhile, 101 WAYS to Die claimed the honourable third place. The Most Valuable Player (MVP) title was awarded to Joel Teh, who received a real-life Valorant butterfly knife for outstanding performance and contribution to the tournament.

These matches provided participants with valuable lessons in teamwork and critical thinking, essential

for problem-solving within a team dynamic. Additionally, the E-Sport club's organising team gained essential experience in event management, showcasing important leadership and organisational skills. They also learned to handle technical challenges, including computer crashes, delays, lag, and disconnections, ensuring a smooth and enjoyable gaming experience for all involved.

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

Illusion of Transparency: You Are **NOT** the Centre of ATTENTION!

Do you often feel like people closely scrutinise you as you walk down the street? It is common to worry that others are assessing your appearance, facial expressions, and even your choice of shoes. This fear of being easily noticed in social settings stems from the belief that everyone harbours their own private secrets, including emotions, thoughts, fears, and desires.

Research shows we overestimate how much others can discern about our inner states. This psychological phenomenon is known as the "Illusion of Transparency." It is the subconscious assumption that our internal thoughts and emotions are readily apparent to others. The Illusion of Transparency is linked to our self-awareness. We are typically more in tune with our own emotions than with those of others. We can easily recognise when we are excited, sad, angry, or embarrassed, leading us to assume that others can perceive these emotions as clearly as possible.

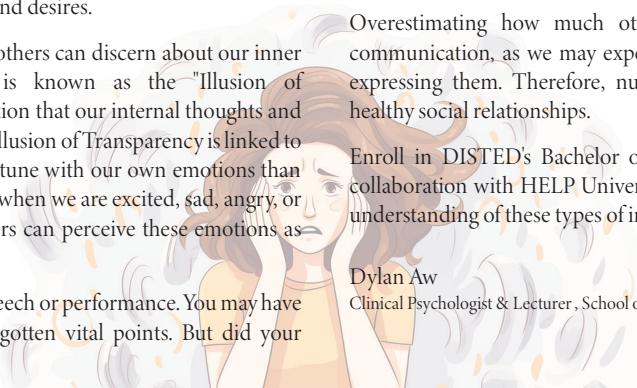
Think about the last time you gave a public speech or performance. You may have felt nervous, stumbled over words, and forgotten vital points. But did your

audience truly notice all these flaws? While they might have noticed some, the "spotlight effect" explains that people generally pay less attention to our appearance, feelings, and behaviour than we think. Your intense emotional experience may seem glaring, but others may not be as observant as you believe.

Overestimating how much others notice about us can hinder effective communication, as we may expect them to understand our needs without us expressing them. Therefore, nurturing two-way communication is vital for healthy social relationships.

Enroll in DISTED's Bachelor of Psychology (Hons) programme, offered in collaboration with HELP University, and embark on a journey to deepen your understanding of these types of insightful discussions in the classroom.

Dylan Aw
Clinical Psychologist & Lecturer, School of Psychology, Disted College



Empowering Future Innovators: Youth STEM Experiment Camp 2023 at DISTED College

YSEC  **16-17 December**

In December 2023, the Youth STEM Experiment Camp (YSEC) is scheduled to be held at DISTED College in Georgetown, Penang. Organised by the Association of Malaysian Alumni in the International Science Olympiads (AMISO), YSEC is designed to enhance STEM awareness among secondary school and Pre-University students. The camp emphasises practical aspects of STEM education, aiming to position Malaysia as a leader in the International Science Olympiads.

The programme witnessed an overwhelming response, with over 700 applicants from across Malaysia for its preliminary screening round. However, only the top 60 will be selected to attend the final camp in Penang. The camp promises a range of exciting activities, including station games, a forum with leading researchers, and interactions with alumni of the International Science Olympiads. One of the highlights of YSEC is the requirement for participants to develop and present an innovative research plan to a panel of judges. This offers a unique opportunity for students to engage with real-world scientific research and problem-solving.

The event benefits from a collaborative effort with the National STEM Association (NSA) and enjoys the support of several sponsors, including DISTED College, the Star-Finder Astronomical Society, and Photobook Worldwide. This initiative reflects a significant step towards fostering a deeper understanding and passion for STEM fields among Malaysian youth, potentially shaping the future of scientific innovation in the country.

YSEC Publication Unit



Nurturing Tomorrow's Tech Innovators: A Dive into Dell Education



Four DISTED students recently participated in the inaugural "Develop with Dell Education" programme, a collaboration between the Penang Youth Development Corporation (PYDC) and Dell Technologies, heralding a significant moment for Penang education.

Areeyuggaan Arikrishnan, one of the participants, embarked on an eye-opening journey. His experience started with a comprehensive tour of the Dell Global Business Centre in Penang, offering insights into Dell's server storage domains. The programme struck a balance between theory and hands-on practice, imparting valuable skills in hardware and software, with a focus on server storage management and tech support troubleshooting. Areeyuggaan praised Dell's expert instructors for their exceptional training. In just ten days, the programme not only enhanced his technical proficiency but also deepened his understanding of the tech world.

Participant Bryan Chan Jia Jun found the hands-on component particularly captivating. He and his peers gained practical knowledge through server and PC disassembly under the guidance of Dell's expert trainers. This experience fuelled their curiosity and provided a unique glimpse into hardware operations.

This programme has not only made history for Penang students but has also nurtured future tech innovators. As these students return with newfound knowledge and skills, the impact of this educational journey promises to resonate throughout their academic and professional lives.

Seethai Subramaniam
 Head, School of Computing & Engineering



The Final Year Students' Transformative Internship Experiences at Robert Bosch



“ During my internship at Robert Bosch (M) Sdn Bhd, I had the opportunity to witness significant growth in my soft skills. As a workshop moderator, guided by the department head, I focused on refining my public speaking and moderation abilities. This role demanded confidence and clarity in my communication to ensure the audience remained engaged and informed. Additionally, I successfully managed various event logistics, including venue arrangements, equipment coordination, and vendor communication, all synchronised with event schedules. These experiences emphasised the vital importance of critical thinking and effective communication, qualities highly valued by employers. Robert Bosch's supportive environment and dedicated staff contributed immensely to my personal and professional development. ”

Seow Chui Wern
Student of BA (Hons) in Marketing Management

“ I developed vital soft skills, particularly in communication, adaptability, and learning agility in my internship at Robert Bosch (M) Sdn Bhd. The experience underscored the significance of effective communication in the workplace, a trait highly valued by employers. I can provide examples of successful interactions with colleagues, managers, and clients, including my active participation in presentations and feedback sessions. Furthermore, I'm committed to lifelong learning and personal growth, and my internship solidified this dedication. This experience enhanced my skills and acknowledged areas for improvement. By aligning my internship with these expectations, I aspire to present myself as a candidate who not only met but exceeded the internship requirements, leaving a lasting, positive impression on prospective employers. ”

Toh Yu Ning
Student of BA (Hons) in Marketing Management

Reflecting My Wonderful Year at DISTED

Avinass Nachiapan

Alumni of SACE 2015
School of Pre-University Studies

In 2015, I embarked on a transformative journey at DISTED, where I pursued the South Australian Certified of Education (SACE) programme. This crucial year allowed me to delve into a diverse range of subjects namely English, Physics, Mathematics, Malay, and Economics.

The Economics curriculum at DISTED left a lasting impact on me, providing a depth of knowledge that surpassed what I later encountered during my university degree. The comprehensive understanding of macroeconomics and microeconomics gained at DISTED greatly facilitated my higher education studies.

Beyond academics, the enriching experience of studying alongside friends from various cultural backgrounds enriched my life. I recall our mathematics classes being vibrant and engaging. The dedicated and detail-oriented lecturers at DISTED made a significant difference in my learning journey. The stunning campus library became a haven for academic pursuits, with its captivating ambience inviting me to spend countless hours immersed in study.

I cherished leisurely walks along the charming pavements connecting classrooms and the library. Lined with lush greenery, these pathways provided a tranquil retreat within the heart of the bustling city, highlighting DISTED's commitment to maintaining a pollution-free and green environment.









DISTED's unique location in the heart of town made it stand out as an oasis of greenery amid urban development, a rarity I sincerely appreciated. The well-planned class schedules allowed ample time for rest, and the canteen's delectable food felt like a home-cooked feast.

In retrospect, 2015 at DISTED was a year that significantly shaped my life's trajectory. I am grateful for the exceptional education, friendships, and experiences that I gained during this remarkable year.

Exclusive Partnership Benefits for DISTED Students: Personalised Services from AUG Student Services

At AUG Student Services, we are thrilled to announce personalised and specialised services tailored exclusively for you through our partnership with AUG. AUG represents esteemed institutions from Australia, the United Kingdom, Malaysia, Singapore, the United States (USA), Canada, Ireland and Switzerland.

DISTED students now have access to a range of exceptional benefits :

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|  Personalised one-on-one counselling sessions |  MBTI career profiling |  Support in arranging accommodations |
|  Streamlined application processing with potential application fee waivers |  Specialised guidance on scholarships |  Guided tours of campuses |
| |  Assistance with student visa applications |  Tailored study tours |

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