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Shining Through Service: DISTED Students Volunteer at Luminaria Penang

Luminaria Pulau Pinang 2025 was more than just an evening of volunteering — it was a powerful reminder of the strength found in community and compassion. DISTED students joined hands with the National Cancer Society Malaysia to



honour survivors, remember loved ones, and support ongoing battles. Through small acts of service, they discovered the profound impact of showing up with empathy. The experience left them inspired, connected, and proud to represent a college that values purpose-driven education.



Remarks from the President

Generosity, achievement and farewell

We are pleased to announce that Yayasan Penyayang has generously endowed five Tun Endon Scholarships. These awards support DISTED students who progress from our diploma programmes to degree studies, and we extend our sincere gratitude to Yayasan Penyayang for its continued trust.

Our community continues to shine. Congratulations to Delwina on her recent success at the Seniors Judo Championship in Cyberjaya.

We also bid farewell to our gifted designer, Tay Hooi Khoon. Her creativity shaped DISTED Discourse and much of our marketing collateral. We thank her and wish her every success. Taking up the mantle is Trinity Tan Xing, an intern from the Diploma in Creative Multimedia Production programme, who will work under the guidance of Ms. Nadia Jefri and Ms. Mehvar Khan. We look forward to her fresh ideas.

Dato' Lim Si Boon
President

Cover Story

Shining Through Service:



DISTED Students Volunteer at Luminaria Penang

On 16 May 2025, students from DISTED College had the honour of volunteering at Luminaria Pulau Pinang 2025, an emotionally moving event held at Sunshine Central Mall and organised by the National Cancer Society Malaysia (NCSM). Luminaria is part of the global Relay for Life movement — an evening dedicated to celebrating cancer survivors, remembering loved ones lost, and showing support for those still fighting the disease. I was joined by fellow students Kuuhen Kumaran, Sharvina Balachandran, and Ammar Amsyar bin Azahar as we represented DISTED College through service and compassion.

Our volunteer roles were diverse — from registration support and managing game booths to assisting with crowd coordination and general event logistics. Throughout the evening, there was a strong sense of solidarity, kindness, and emotional reflection. The atmosphere reminded us of the deep impact small acts of service can have. What started as a volunteering opportunity turned into something much greater — a personal journey of understanding, empathy, and connection.



Participating in Luminaria deepened our appreciation for community service and the importance of standing together in the face of hardship. It also reinforced the value that DISTED places on building responsible, socially engaged individuals who contribute meaningfully to society. As student volunteers, we left with hearts full of purpose and a renewed belief that light shines brightest when shared.

Parthasarathe Jayashanker
Student, Cambridge A-Levels
Student Editor, DISTED Discourse

Pre-University Students Step Out for Science: Beaches and Botanical Gardens



At DISTED, learning happens wherever curiosity leads — even if it means digging for clams or exploring forest trails. Our SACE biology students recently set out to collect clams for a practical investigation into microplastics. The outing took us to two beaches in Penang where we dug for hours, encountered sea creatures like hermit crabs and jellyfish, and reflected on the complexity of coastal ecosystems. It was tiring but deeply rewarding. Meanwhile, Foundation in Science (FIS) students visited the Penang Botanical Gardens. We studied plant types in their natural habitat and even had fun trying to catch fish in the stream. Surrounded by nature, the experience gave us a fresh perspective on biodiversity. Both outings reminded us that science is not just about theory; it is about observation, exploration, and teamwork in the real world.

Rasvini Subramaniam, Tai Sun Kai and Lean Kai Jie
Students, SACE International

Ashley Ooi Hoay Lynn, Brandon Say Ee H'ng, Kor Hui Hui
Students, Foundation in Science (FIS)

Chasing Gold: A Dream Realised at National Seniors

On May 17–18, I represented my state at the National Senior Championships at MMU Cyberjaya and won gold in the -57kg category—my first after two years of near misses. This category was among the most competitive, featuring national champions and a former SEA Games athlete. Every match tested my limits, but I pushed through with grit and focus. This victory meant more than a medal. It marked a turning point after years of battling self-doubt and rebuilding confidence. Winning at this level—where the country's best compete—proved that resilience matters. I am thankful to my family and team for their constant support through setbacks, injuries, and tough training. Their belief in me made this win possible. I've learned that success is about rising after failure, staying grounded, and always striving for more. This gold isn't the end—it's the beginning of a new chapter in my journey.

Delwina Cheah
Student of Bachelor of Psychology (Hons)



Communication Students Reimagine Squid Game for Skill-Building

On 9 April, DISTED College's Communication students organised a leadership event inspired by the TV series Squid Game, reimagined as a safe and educational experience. The event featured a series of mentally and physically challenging activities aimed at developing key leadership skills such as decision-making, teamwork, communication, and time management. It was part of a course assignment designed to promote experiential learning and address the lack of practical leadership opportunities among youth. Participants were encouraged to think strategically and work collaboratively under pressure, building confidence and self-awareness. The initiative provided a hands-on platform for students to apply theoretical concepts in real-time scenarios. By the end of the event, participants had gained valuable insights into leadership and personal growth, reinforcing DISTED's commitment to holistic, student-centered learning. The activity not only strengthened leadership competencies but also equipped students with transferable life skills relevant to their academic and professional futures.



Nadia Jefri
Head, School of Communication, Arts and Multimedia

ISO 9001:2015 – A Commitment to Quality at DISTED College



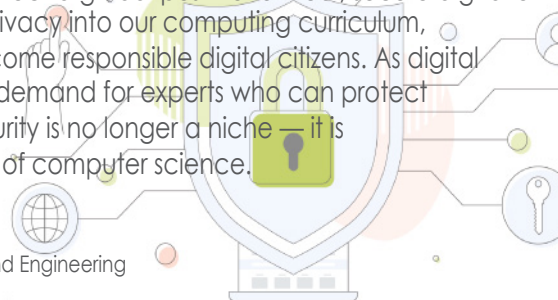
ISO 9001:2015 is the international standard for Quality Management Systems (QMS), widely used to ensure consistent quality and operational efficiency. Despite common misconceptions, ISO is not just about documentation—it requires organisations to implement effective processes that enhance service quality and customer satisfaction. DISTED College has held ISO 9001 certification since 2014, demonstrating its commitment to quality assurance and continuous improvement. This includes designing relevant programmes that meet market needs and contribute to national development. In 2024, DISTED introduced four new degree programmes in collaboration with HELP University and expanded its Micro-Credential offerings to provide flexible learning pathways. The college ensures all programmes meet ISO, MQA, and MOHE standards for alignment and accreditation. ISO 9001 is applied across the entire institution, with every department responsible for maintaining quality standards and updating processes to reflect changing educational trends, industry demands, and student needs. This commitment supports DISTED's goal of producing future-ready graduates.

Tan Pei Shi
Lecturer, School of Business and Hospitality

The Future of Computer Science: Cybersecurity and Data Privacy

Computer science continues to drive innovation, with cybersecurity and data privacy emerging as urgent priorities. Cyberattacks, identity theft, and data breaches now threaten individuals and institutions alike. In response, AI-powered security systems, quantum encryption, and zero-trust models are being developed to enhance digital protection. Biometric authentication and stronger data laws further reinforce efforts to safeguard personal information. These shifts reflect a global push for ethical, secure digital environments. At DISTED, we integrate cybersecurity and data privacy into our computing curriculum, equipping students to become responsible digital citizens. As digital threats grow, so does the demand for experts who can protect critical systems. Cybersecurity is no longer a niche—it is foundational to the future of computer science.

Nurul Annisa Azhar
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