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## The Only Malaysian to Read Medicine in Oxford

This year, the University of Oxford admitted only two foreign students into its Medical Degree programme, and MCKL is proud to announce that one of them is an MCKL alumnus – Tong Kin Seng.

He scored an impressive 4A\*s in his A Levels, and won prizes for being MCKL's top scorer in every single one of his subjects, which were Biology, Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry.

Whilst most cannot be faulted for indulging in a little pride or even pomp for such an achievement, Kin Seng is remarkably humble about it, and has expressed much gratitude towards his lecturers for being helpful and caring, for taking the time to answer his questions whenever there were topics he did not fully understand.

Kin Seng has mentioned that



BEAMING WITH PRIDE: Ms. Moey (left) looks on as Dato' Sri Idris Jala (right) presents Tong Kin Seng with awards for his outstanding academic achievements..

MCKL was a significant contributor to his success, through its stance of encouraging students to take responsibility for their own future.

He was appreciative of the fact that academic spoon-feeding was kept to a minimum, and was also grateful for the supportive spirit of the college in assisting him in applying for a place and even scholarships in the most prestigious of universities.

In relation to that, the cost of his Medical

Degree programme in the University of Oxford is expected to be phenomenal, coming up to roughly 1.5 million Ringgit over a time period of six years. And, although his acceptance into Oxford is nothing short of remarkable, he was unfortunately unable to obtain a JPA Scholarship for his studies. Requests for support from other parties were similarly fruitless.

Although somewhat frustrated by the lack of monetary support from the government or any other external party, Kin Seng has made the decision to take a leap of faith because such an opportunity is too good to waste. However, he is considering working whilst studying as a possible way to keep up with the costs.

One way or another, he intends to do his very best to fund his studies and excel in them, and we are very proud to remember that he once spent time in our halls and classrooms, forging the means to achieve his dreams. ■

## Walking in Faith to London

Ng Tong Wei enrolled in MCKL to do his A Levels in January 2010, and graduated with excellent results to move on to study Biomedical Engineering at Imperial College London, UK. However, his story prior to completing his studies in MCKL is one of hardship.

Coming from a family that was financially challenged, Tong Wei's

parents were of the mind that 'losers never get the best', so he and his sister pushed themselves to score well in school, firm in the belief that working hard was the only way to success.

Unfortunately, excessive expectations combined with jealousy and a stressful lifestyle eventually pushed his sister over the limits of her endurance, and Tong Wei's family has had to live with her mental and emotional fragility

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Almost thirty years ago, the Methodist Church decided to rename Methodist High School in Brickfields and Methodist College Kuala Lumpur came into existence.

The College began offering A-Levels in 1983 to make it possible for its students to enter good universities. Its original intention has been successfully carried out with each year's examination results enabling our young people to gain entrance to the world's most prestigious universities.

Last year the only Malaysian to gain entrance to Yale University, USA, was Chew Kuang Liang from MCKL. This year, Tong Kin Seng is the only Malaysian and one of only two international students to gain admission to the University of Oxford to pursue medicine.

MCKL believes in building character besides academic excellence. The strong co-curricular programme enables students to hone skills in leadership, time management, entrepreneurship and people interaction. We have at least thirty clubs and societies, and students will be able to find an area of interest with like-minded people.

The Christian Fellowship is very active and there is a Chapel Service every morning. The CF has ten lecturer advisors who make it a point to help the students grow to maturity in their faith.

Every student has to fulfil ten hours of compulsory community service. This will help them become adults who are sensitive to the needs of the less fortunate in society. It is our desire that every student should become people of integrity and of compassion who will work for the betterment of mankind.

God has blessed MCKL wonderfully. Our enrolment has grown tremendously, reaching a total of 1035 students from all programmes.

The Diploma in Early Childhood Education (ECE) programme has shown significant growth, now offering two intakes, in March and August. We have collaborated with universities in the UK and New Zealand and our graduating students are able to go abroad to top up to a B.Ed. in Early Childhood Studies in one year or two years.

Of this year's 22 graduating students, seven have done very well and will be furthering their studies with



our various UK partner universities.

The Certified Accounting Technician (CAT) programme has done very well too. Of this year's seven graduands, three are going on to further their studies in Accounting in local universities.

The Cambridge International Diploma for Teachers and Trainers (CIDTT) programme has helped five teachers from our private Wesley Methodist Schools upgrade their skills.

The A-Level programme is our largest programme with impressive results. A total of 368 students sat for the examinations in January and June this year, and 98% received their certificates. A quarter of them scored three As and above.

Ong Sue Huey with a perfect score in Accounting and Tong Kin Seng in Biology, were awarded the Top Ten in the World Medals.

In addition to our students entering prestigious universities in Singapore, UK, US, Hong Kong, Korea, and Australia, of special mention is our first batch of three students admitted to Messiah College, a truly evangelical college in the USA. Also of noteworthy mention are Ng Tong Wei who received a JPA scholarship to study in Imperial College London, while five students were awarded scholarships by the University of Hong Kong.

The Australian Matriculation (AUSMAT) programme has successfully trained our students to be more mature in public speaking and outlook on life. In the past two years, 100% of our students received the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE). Among them 20% were among the top 10 WACE recipients in the world.

This year's AUSMAT graduands Wong Xiao Cheng and Cassandra Tam will be studying in the University of Nottingham,

having obtained the STAR Scholarship and the Maxis Scholarship respectively, whereas Pritha a/p Manivannan is in Monash University on the ASTRO Scholarship.

God has been especially gracious and generous to MCKL and her students, and we shall endeavour to provide the best education possible to train our students to become citizens of Malaysia and of the world, who will seek for Excellence for Life and make a significant difference to the society they will live in.

As we continue to grow, we hope to be able to work more closely with Malaysian Methodist churches. It is our policy to focus on providing scholarships and academic resources for students rather than in advertising.

In the last two years MCKL has offered 27 students who are pastors' children scholarships worth RM310,500, and many more children of members of Methodist churches have received at least 20% discount on the tuition fees.

Thus we hope that pastors and youth leaders in our churches will support us in this venture by inviting MCKL to speak to the youth of the churches with regards to their higher education, or perhaps by allowing us to place MCKL's logo and links on church websites.

There is also a need for qualified, passionate and committed Christians to join MCKL's growing family, and we would welcome anyone willing to serve God to the best of his or her abilities. It is our hope that the Methodist Churches of Malaysia will encourage its members to consider this opportunity and to contact us if they are interested.

As we celebrate 30 years of God's goodness, grace and glory next year, please pray for us in the College and may God bless you richly as you serve Him faithfully.

Yours sincerely,

*Moey Yoke Lai*



## MCKL Welcomes Top Bursary Students



MCKL welcomed 33 students who were awarded the KPM Bursary by the Ministry of Education for achieving 9A\*s in their SPM exams, which covered their full tuition and examinations fees, accommodation and allowance.

Under the KPM Bursary scheme, students were given the freedom to choose their pre-university course and college from a list of approved institutions.

As a token of appreciation for

choosing MCKL, the College decided to award all July intake Bursary students a new iPad. Bursary students from the January and March intakes who decided to continue their studies at MCKL were presented with other gifts.

CEO Ms. Moey personally gave out the gifts, and trusts that students will make good use of their gifts in order to organise their time better and to pursue their dreams. ■

## Partnership with Swinburne University

In August this year, MCKL began a mutual collaboration with Swinburne University of Technology (Sarawak Campus). We are pleased to welcome them as an education partner.

Swinburne University of Technology is ranked amongst the top 16 universities in Australia.

Swinburne Sarawak is well known for its programmes in engineering, information technology, business, design, social and behavioural sciences, mathematical sciences and biophysical sciences, all of which are identical to its parent campus in Australia.

Through this partnership,



MCKL graduates stand to gain the following exclusive benefits:

1. An application fee waiver\*
2. Eligibility to apply for a single or twin sharing room for 1 semester at no cost\*

Contact us for more details. Terms and conditions apply. ■

## ECE Programme's New Partners

This year, MCKL proudly added another collaborative partner for the Diploma in Early Childhood Education programme.

The New Zealand Tertiary College is now offering MCKL graduates the opportunity to directly transfer into the second and third years of either the B.A. Teaching (Early Childhood Education) or B.A. Education (Early Childhood Education) programmes.

The New Zealand Tertiary College is our first partner outside of the UK. Our other partners are University College Birmingham, the University of Gloucestershire, the University of Hertfordshire, and the University of the West of England. ■

## Library Online System

The MCKL Tan Sri Runme Shaw Library has recently integrated its physical databases into an online catalogue as well.

Students, staff as well the public now have the option of browsing books, periodicals, subscribed journals and open library sources online. Multi-disciplinary resources are available.

The library's online resources can be accessed via the MCKL website [www.mckl.edu.my](http://www.mckl.edu.my). Access for all current MCKL students and staff are free.

Subscription and access details for the public are available on the library home page. ■

## PAL Centre @ Peer Tutors

MCKL's Psychology and Learning (PAL) Centre was established this year to provide students with an additional academic resource hub. Study materials for external exams such as SAT and TOEFL, university prospectuses, and essay and research paper writing skills are available for students to browse.

Peer tutors are also available to tutor and assist students with homework and revision in various subjects. ■

*Orientation Camps*



*Christian Fellowship*



*Orientation Ball*



*University Talks / Visits*



*Treasure Hunt*



*Clubs @ Societies*



*Midsummer Masquerade*



*Community Service / Fundraising*



*Inter-Cohort Games*



*Graduation*



# Prayer and Providence;

*A student's experience in Methodist College Kuala Lumpur*

Chua Yue Han enrolled for MCKL's A-levels programme in January 2010, and graduated in 2011 with two A\*s and two As. Since then, he has acquired the Tan Sri Jeffrey Cheah Scholarship, which covers all of his tuition fees and living expenses, coming to a total of RM 196,000. He is currently studying Engineering at Monash University, and would like to share the following with future students:



**STANDING PROUD:** Chua Yue Han (right) with his father, Rev. Dr. Mark Chua, after collecting his A-Level results at Methodist College Kuala Lumpur. Yue Han scored an impressive 2A\*s in Mathematics and Further Mathematics, and 2As in Physics and Chemistry.

"My MCKL experience started in January 2010, right after I had completed my SPM. I was looking forward to a fresh start in a new environment. Although there were many familiar faces from my high school, I took to meeting new people and making friends with them.

Right from the start, Methodist College provided many activities such as Orientation Camp, Orientation Ball and MCKL Treasure Hunt (just to name a few), which really provided a pleasant atmosphere and a good platform for college students to interact, and develop interpersonal skills.

"One of the highlights of my time in MCKL was the Christian Fellowship. It was a privilege for us to be able to attend Chapel service every morning, listening to the sharing of experiences from students and staff alike. We are so blessed! Besides that, we would also meet once a week, for more fellowship and spiritual food. Under the guidance of our teacher-advisors Mr Yoshua, Mr Tee and Mr Jared, our CF grew in numbers and in God's Word.

"Maths has always been my favourite subject which is why taking Further Maths in college was an obvious choice. The lecturers, I believe, played a big part in the success of many of the students, including mine. I wish to

express my gratitude to all my lecturers, especially Ms Goh, who guided, encouraged, and never gave up on us through the whole course.

Also, never forgetting Ms Moey, Ms Leow and other God-fearing management staff of Methodist College, who mentored and nurtured me to live a life of excellence.

"After completing my A-Levels, I applied to NTU in Singapore. However, my application was rejected. Even so, I continued to pray, asking God for directions for my future. I got to know that the Logos Hope, a Christian ship which aims to bring knowledge, help and hope to countries all over the world, was coming to Malaysia. Before long, I was accepted into the Short Term Exposure Programme for three months on-board the ship.

Throughout the three months that I volunteered on Logos Hope, the ship travelled to 3 ports: Port Klang, Kuching and Kota Kinabalu.

"When the ship was still in Port Klang, I got a call from Jeffrey Cheah

Foundation, regarding the scholarship application that I had sent in. I was to go for an interview the following week. As I was already volunteering on the ship, I felt that I had to forego the opportunity.

However, through God's provision, I managed to arrange for transport to Sunway University for the interview, and back to the ship right after that. This also happened for the second assessment that I had to attend.

Finally, I got the good news days later that I had been awarded the Jeffrey Cheah Foundation Scholarship, which covers my full tuition fees as well as living expenses to study Engineering in Monash University Sunway Campus.

Needless to say, my family and I were overjoyed, and we could clearly see God's sovereign hand in our lives. Praise God!" ■

# MCKL Alumni on Summer Break Return to Alma Mater to Share Their Experiences at Universities Abroad

In July, MCKL had the pleasure of being revisited by several of its alumni during their summer holidays. They came back to speak to current students about their experiences in their respective universities, as well as to give future students a preview of what they can expect when they pursue further study abroad.

In particular, the alumni were from various universities in the UK and the USA, which included the University of Bristol, University College London, London School of Economics, Imperial College London, University of Pennsylvania, Messiah College, and Tennessee Tech University, just to name a few.

The alumni provided rich and vivid details of their respective universities, showing off their campuses, towns, cities, surrounding landscapes and most importantly, the diversity of people and their cultures.

Amongst the essential points raised by the alumni was the importance of knowing the costs of living in a foreign country, influenced by factors such as the development of the area that students live in, since the cost of



living can be much lower outside of the cities.

Students were also advised to pay close attention to other concerns such as career prospects, interpersonal relations in university, as well as effort and interest in studying.

We are grateful that our alumni have taken the time and effort to share their experiences with our current students, and are hopeful that more will follow in their footsteps to return to Malaysia and bless this country with the knowledge they have acquired! ■

## Career Opportunities at MCKL

In line with the College's expansion plans, we are seeking dedicated individuals to join our family in both academic and administrative positions.

Interested applicants are invited to submit their resume with a recent photograph, stating expected salary and contact details by email or post to:

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## To London Through Prayer

ever since. A large portion of their income went to her medical expenses, and when their grandparents passed away not long after, he found himself contemplating suicide.

But Tong Wei claims that when he was about to give up hope, God pulled him out of despair. His family was originally opposed to the idea of Christianity, but after spending time in MCKL's Christian Fellowship and receiving several signs, Tong Wei decided to put his trust in God.

In light of his sister's needs, Tong Wei developed a keen interest in biomedical engineering – a field which he believes would one day help cure mental disorders such as those experienced by his sibling. But without anyone to sponsor the course, it seemed like a distant dream for him.

Even so, Tong Wei prayed hard and trusted God, taking a gap year to volunteer in a hospital as a part-time promoter and a tutor to a child with learning disability.

Eventually, God opened doors for him and he acquired a JPA Scholarship to pursue his studies at Imperial College London this year.

It has been almost two years since Ng Tong Wei accepted Christ, and he has the following to share with us all:

"I give thanks to Jesus and my family who taught me well to cope with harsh situations. The experience not only showed me the value of responsibility, but also engraved in me a deep respect for life.

"I want to thank all the people that have helped, advised, critiqued, doubted and loved me before; they all mean a lot for my personal growth of faith and character.

"I hope you will find my story useful and encouraging. I hope that you will pray for me and my family for good health and faith in God. Thank you!" ■

# METHODIST COLLEGE KUALA LUMPUR

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Tong Kin Seng  
The only Malaysian accepted into  
University of Oxford in 2012  
to read Medicine



Joyce Fong  
University of Cambridge  
Law



Chew Kwang Liang  
The only Malaysian accepted into  
Yale University in 2011



## Scholarship Winners from A-Level & WACE Programmes 2011/2012\*

Chew Kwang Liang  
Tan Li Li  
Loh Kai Syuen  
Cassandra Tam  
Lee Jia Sheng  
Ng Tong Wei  
Julius Chan  
Vickram Ragunath  
Kimberly Hong  
Abel Goon  
Abdul Haq bin  
Shamsul Kamar  
Fong Kee Onn  
Ling Yi Xin  
Charleen Tan  
Joshua Wong  
Leong Ceng Yew  
Cheng Li Yang

Yale University Scholarship  
Maxis Scholarship  
Maxis Scholarship  
Shell Scholarship  
JPA Scholarship  
JPA Scholarship  
Securities Commission Scholarship  
Securities Commission Scholarship  
TA Securities Scholarship  
NYU Scholarship  
  
Golden Globe Excellence Scholarship  
Korean Government Scholarship  
JASSO Honors Scholarship  
ASEAN Scholarship  
NTU Tuition Grant  
Singapore Ministry of Education Tuition Grant

Yale University, US  
University of Oxford, UK  
Pennsylvania State University, US  
University of Nottingham, MY  
Imperial College London, UK  
Imperial College London, UK  
Universiti Perdana, MY  
Keele University, UK  
University of Bristol, UK  
City University London, UK  
New York University, US

Joshua Ong  
Chia Li Ying  
Heng Sue Chin  
Lee Siew Tsien  
Chow Hoo Keen  
Gan Kai Ting  
Lee Zheng Ern  
Ooi Qi Wei  
Chua Kai Yee, Phoebe  
Bryan Leong  
Joel Ngui  
Lim Kai Shin  
Tan Shen Wen  
Lee Wei Yi  
Chua Yue Han  
Pritha Manivannan  
Wong Xiao Cheng  
Lee Kai Rong

University of Melbourne Scholarship  
UHK Scholarship  
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University of Southampton Scholarship  
University of Sheffield Scholarship  
Messiah College Trustees' Scholarship  
Messiah College President's Scholarship  
Messiah College President's Scholarship  
KSU International Scholarship  
KSU International Scholarship  
IMU Medical Scholarship Award  
Tan Sri Jeffrey Cheah Scholarship  
Astro Scholarship  
The Star Scholarship  
Malaysia Rubber Export Promotion  
Council Scholarship

University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, US  
Ewha Womens University, KR  
Hiroshima Jogakuin University, JP  
Nanyang Technological University, SG  
Nanyang Technological University, SG  
Singapore Management University, SG  
  
University of Melbourne, AU  
University of Hong Kong, HK  
University of Hong Kong, HK  
University of Hong Kong, HK  
University of Hong Kong, HK  
University of Southampton, UK  
University of Sheffield, UK  
Messiah College, US  
Messiah College, US  
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Kent State University, US  
Kent State University, US  
International Medical University, MY  
Monash University, MY  
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University of Nottingham, MY  
University of Nottingham, MY

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Stephanie Loo  
Khong Mei Yan

theSun-MAPCU Scholarship  
theSun-MAPCU Scholarship  
Taylors University Merit Scholarship

Sunway University, MY  
HELP University, MY  
Taylors University, MY

\* partial list only

### 2013 Course Intakes

- GCE A Level January, March & July  
KPT/JPS/KR9208/07/13
- Australian Matriculation January & July  
KPT/JPS/KR9207/07/13
- Dip. in Early Childhood Education March & August  
JPT/BPP/KR10682/12/14
- Certified Accounting Technician January, March & July  
KPT/JPS/KA9096/01/14

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