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MCKL Alumnus Develops Affordable Method for the Early Detection of Lung Cancer

Meet Yong Zheng Xin, the teenager who invented the world's first and affordable method of detecting lung cancer in the early stages.

At a glance, Zheng Xin looks the studious type. What is unknown until you strike up a conversation with him is that there's more to him than just head knowledge: it is a passion for improving the quality of human life.

When Zheng Xin came to KL, he involved himself in a lot of volunteer work. He was a volunteer tutor at CSO Malaysia, an organization dedicated to the education of refugee children in Malaysia, as well as at Pandawas Academy in Ampang, as both tutor and member of the management team.

"I never thought I'd be a teacher, or even teaching refugee children," admits Zheng Xin, but for him it was an experience unlike any other.

Unlike many of his pre-university peers who have yet to discover their passion and calling in life, Zheng Xin is already on his way to becoming a scientist - one with a big heart and the potential to influence and impact the world in a meaningful way.



The Journey

Zheng Xin's research journey began in 2012 at Chung Hua High School, Seremban, when a beloved teacher was diagnosed with stage four of lung cancer. This devastating news came as a shock to everyone as the teacher was a non-smoker. The tragedy of the situation compelled him to research on early lung cancer detection.

At the initial stage, Zheng Xin spent long hours in research, often bouncing off ideas with his teacher and lab assistants, and testing multiple hypotheses. Eventually he had a breakthrough, and developed a system that could detect lung cancer with the patient's breath. His research presentation at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) sparked interest, and with the assistance of a few

academicians and researchers, the proposal became a reality.

In 2013, Zheng Xin focused on methodology and identifying the biomarker indicating the presence of lung cancer, and in 2014, while studying for his SPM examinations, he created a sensor that would be able to detect that biomarker.

In January 2015, Zheng Xin joined the A Level programme at MCKL on the recommendation of a teacher, and was offered a full tuition scholarship. Zheng Xin did well in his SPM examinations, eventually earning him a KPM Bursary as well. At this time, he also embarked on the clinical trial stage of his research, conducted in partnership with the University of Malaya Medical Centre (UMMC), and self-studied statistics as he wanted to analyse the data collected

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See more of our alumni inside!



A warm welcome to 2017's first edition of The Flame, the College alumni newsletter. After five years of an annual edition in November, we begin a new tradition with a mid-year edition, taking a quick look at the first half of 2017.

We are grateful to God that in these short but eventful 5 months, the campus has already seen many club activities, university visits, guest lectures, competitions, and examinations take place.

We welcomed new students in January, March and April, and are already bidding farewell to the first group of the Class of 2017. We celebrated our A Level and AUSMAT students' excellent performance in the November 2016 examinations, with some receiving global recognition for their excellent performance from the Cambridge International Examinations Board

and the Government of Western Australia School Curriculum and Standards Authority respectively. We saw an eager graduating class of early childhood educators begin their journey as teachers. We saw our first ACCA graduates step into their roles as professional accountants. We host a class from Messiah College, US, as they become part of the MCKL community during their summer session here in Malaysia. And as with our students, we had new staff join our College, and said goodbye to some.

After years of syllabus development and industry consultation, the College launched the Diploma in Social Work in April, the first of its kind in Malaysia, with the primary purpose of enhancing the knowledge and skills of those already involved in social services as well as to groom the upcoming generation. The Diploma in Early Childhood Education and ACCA programmes also introduced a part-time mode of study to cater to the working adult crowd.

We welcomed more university partnerships for our American Degree Transfer Program, and exclusive scholarship offers from International Medical University (IMU) for our students.

We shared in the joy of our students as they accepted offers to top universities around the world, some on coveted scholarships. We congratulate Koh Sher Li from the A Level Class of 2016 who secured the University of Queensland Centenary Scholarship, offered to only one Malaysian every year. We are proud

of Yong Zheng Xin also from the A Level Class of 2016 who invented an affordable method of detecting lung cancer in the early stages. Shameera Lin from the A Level Class of 2015 defied the odds by rising above the challenges of her circumstances, emerging with 16 offers from top universities around the world to study, and four scholarship offers.

We shared in the joy of our alumni embarking on the next phase of their adult lives in marriage, like Ian Kam and Michelle Yu, both from the A Level Class of 2009, who were married in March.

We thank God for the continued blessings we receive year after year, as we watch the College and all who come through its door discover their God-given talents and purpose, and grow to their potential. We are grateful that many of our alumni stay connected with the College, and continue to contribute to their alma mater in the sharing of their journeys and experiences to inspire and encourage their juniors to do their best in achieving excellence for life and making a difference in our world. We are inspired by all of this, and as you read through this edition, may it be an inspiration for you as well.

Blessings,
Moey Yoke Lai

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 to:

hr@mckl.edu.my

Attn: Ms Chan Chiau Khoon, Human Resource Development Manager

THE MCKL LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

MARSH MABEL HALL
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Set up in 2015, the Little Free Library in MCKL is a facility that works on the basis of 'take a book, leave a book'. This enables the MCKL community to share their favourite novels and literary works with each other. Students and staff may stop by the Little Free Library, pick up a book and bring back another book to share.

We are also welcoming contributions to the Little Free Library. Drop off your books in person or contact Ms. Chia at the library for more details.

IMU Offers 25th Anniversary Bursary for MCKL Alumni

In conjunction with its 25th Anniversary, the International Medical University (IMU) is offering up to 5 bursaries worth RM25,000 each for MCKL Alumni applying for the 2017 intakes for Medicine and Pharmacy (local programme).

Applicants need to obtain an offer from IMU and inform the MCKL Scholarship Board, which will then recommend candidates for the bursary.

Interested candidates should apply to IMU early, especially if applying for Medicine, as interviews are conducted prior to being offered a place in the programme. The remaining intakes for the year as below:

Pharmacy - 31 July & 25 September
Medicine - 21 August



Further enquiries can be directed to Mr Reuben Chan, Senior Manager (Marketing) at MCKL.

More Scholarships for MCKL Alumni



Both INTI International University & Colleges (INTI) and First City University College (formerly KBU International College) recently signed MoUs with MCKL, offering some benefits to MCKL Alumni who enroll in their programmes.

First City University College is offering a 30% tuition fee waiver (Year 1) for MCKL Alumni enrolling in any Bachelor degree programme at First City University College, Malaysia.

INTI, on the other hand, is offering a RM1,500 tuition fee waiver to all applicants on top of any scholarship, bursary or discount they may have obtained. Additionally, one full scholarship is offered to an A Level/AUSMAT applicant.

Check out **page 11** for more updates on exclusive scholarships, bursaries and waivers offered to MCKL Alumni!

Outstanding Scholars Receive External Awards

The College congratulates our students who were awarded by the external boards for the A Level and Australian Matriculation (WACE) examinations taken in November 2016.

Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards 2017 (November 2016 Examinations)

- Narviinya Murugappan**
Top In Malaysia - Literature in English (A Level)
- Alicia Sabrina Gomez**
Top In Malaysia - Literature in English (AS Level)
- Kiara Ting Yung Ching Gigacz**
High Achievement - Divinity (A Level)
- Elvin Ngu Jun Keh**
Top In World - Further Mathematics (A Level)
- Praveen Nair**
Top In World - Business (AS Level)

Government of Western Australia School Curriculum and Standards Authority Exhibition and Award Winners 2016

- Seah Ji-Lynn**
Special Subject Certificate of Excellence for Outstanding Achievement - Mathematics Applications



MCKL Launches Diploma in Social Work

In April 2017, Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL) launched the Diploma in Social Work (Dip.SW) with the support of the Yayasan Kajian dan Pembangunan Masyarakat (YKPM) and the Malaysian Association of Social Workers (MASW).

The first of its kind in Malaysia, the programme is designed for working adults and volunteers who are already involved in social welfare and human services as well as high school leavers who are aspiring to acquire the professional competencies of a social worker. Upon completion of the programme, graduates will gain recognition as trained social workers and bestowed full membership with the Malaysian Association of Social Workers (MASW).

"This Diploma in Social Work is long overdue in Malaysian society. It provides a unique opportunity for grassroots workers to acquire basic knowledge, competencies and values to effectively provide services to people in need," comments Datuk Dr Denison Jayasooria, Trustee of YKPM.

At present, the intake is in April only, with lectures



conducted in the evenings and on weekends. Methods of instruction include lectures, seminars, case studies and supervised placements, whilst assessment is conducted through exams, coursework and practical training.

Detailed enquiries can be directed to dipsw@mckl.edu.my.

7 More Partner Universities for ADTP@MCKL

In the first half of 2017, MCKL welcomed aboard another 7 partner universities for the American Degree Transfer Program (ADTP@MCKL):

- California State University - Monterey Bay
- North Carolina Wesleyan College
- Northern Illinois University
- Shorter University
- University of Central Missouri
- University of Wisconsin - River Falls
- Western Michigan University

With 35 partner universities (including 1 partner in Canada) offering a wide range of major and minors as well as generous scholarships to MCKL students, studying in America and Canada is still a very opportune and affordable education destination.

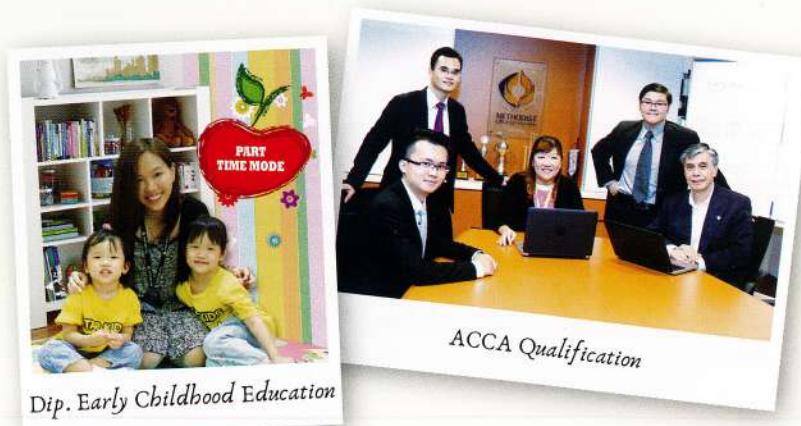
ADTP @MCKL

Part Time Studies Available in Early Childhood Education & ACCA

MCKL is now officially offering both full-time and part-time modes of study for the Diploma in Early Childhood Education (Dip.ECE) programme and ACCA Qualification.

While the full time study is conducted during the day, part time classes cater more towards a mature group of students. Classes are conducted in the evenings and on Saturdays, with customized schedules to meet the various needs of working adults seeking to upgrade their qualifications in the fields of education and professional accountancy while ensuring graduation in a timely manner.

Further enquiries for both full-time and part-time modes can be directed to the Counselling and Admissions Office or emailing ask@mckl.edu.my. For specific enquiries relating to ACCA, you may also direct enquiries to Ms Michelle Mah at the ACCA office.



Monash Offers High Achiever Scholarships & Book Prizes for MCKL Alumni

Congratulations to the MCKL Alumni who have been awarded the High Achiever Scholarship from Monash University Malaysia. All six recipients are from the Cambridge A Level programme:

1. Tan Oi Jin - Bachelor of Pharmacy
2. Yong Chen Kin - Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical)
3. Tan Siew Yin - MBBS
4. Krystal Fong Lai Ling - Bachelor of Pharmacy
5. Jaqueline Ong - Bachelor of Business and Commerce
6. Lee Jenn Wah - Bachelor of Engineering

Tan Oi Jin, Tan Siew Yin and Krystal Fong (pictured right) also received an RM500 Book Prize each in addition to their High Achiever Scholarships.



Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2017!

If you're an MCKL Alumni and are considering furthering your studies in accounting or an education experience in America, consider the ACCA or ADTP programmes at MCKL, on scholarship*

ADTP Merit Scholarship Offer

Qualification	100%	50%	~25%
A Level / AUSMAT	3As and above / 90.00 ATAR and above	2As and 1B / 85.00 ATAR and above	1A and 1B / 80.00 ATAR and above

ACCA Merit Scholarship Offer

Qualification	100%	50%	25%
A Level / AUSMAT (Scholarship Applicable to Papers F1-F3)	4As and above / 95.00 ATAR and above	3As and 1B / 90.00 ATAR and above	2As / 85.00 ATAR and above
Certified Accounting Technician / ACCA Skill Papers (Scholarship Applicable to Papers F4-F9)	85% and above in each of FAB, FFA & FMA or F1-F3	75% and above in each of FAB, FFA & FMA or F1-F3	70% and above in each of FAB, FFA & FMA or F1-F3
ACCA Professional Papers (Scholarship Applicable to Papers P1-P7)	75% and above in each of F4-F9	70% and above in each of F4-F9	60% and above in each of F4-F9



MCKL Loyalty Discount

RM1000

When you sign up for the ACCA or ADTP programme @ MCKL

Enjoy the discount* on top of your partial Merit Scholarship!

MCKL Alumni also get to enjoy the MCKL Loyalty Discount!

Visit the Marketing (Counselling & Admissions) Department for more information!

*T&C Apply

stepping stones

College is often considered the next stepping stone in a student's academic experience to a successful career and life – it is about preparing for more advanced subjects and more rigorous academic hurdles as they take their first steps into a world that values hard work and independence.

However, MCKL aspires to be more than just a facility for academic learning. The College aims to be a safe place where students can balance learning with character development, social skills, friendship and for some, spiritual growth.

The effects of such an environment are evident in the testimonies

of our alumni. They have willingly done so in the interest of sharing their experiences with current and future students, and have helped to make MCKL a home away from home. Senior students often fill the roles similar to that of older siblings by guiding and inspiring their juniors by working in the Student Council, tutoring in the Psychology & Learning Centre, or simply leading by example.

There are many others with similar experiences shared here, and we hope there will be many more like them in the years to come. Enjoy reading!

The Importance of Being Earnest

by Shameera Lin

If there is anything from the Bible I have always faithfully adhered to, it is this magnificent verse from John 8:32: 'And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.' Whilst pragmatists might sneer at the seemingly flighty nature of this statement, being candid with oneself is a surprisingly poignant approach to life. My thirst for knowledge has propelled me forward; no obstacle has stopped me from genuinely pursuing my academic aims.

With my academic record a mixed bag, I have defied the odds statistically. Due to extenuating circumstances, I was forced into doing SPM independently at the age of 18, with three months to

prepare--somehow obtaining 1A+, 1A, 3A-s, 1B, 2C+s and 1C. The tide turned at pre-university: I received 3A*s at A Level, paired with an academic award from CIE. Whilst relatively decent under such conditions, here's a quick reality check: universities are perpetually inundated with a barrage of perfect scores, a spiffy array of extracurricular activities (*hyperbolically, it feels like one would have had to cure cancer in order to receive an offer from a top university*) and incisive personal statements.

Not abysmal for someone with three months to study SPM in its entirety, yet that would have placed me at the lower end of top-tier university



Shameera with her A Level Divinity lecturer, Yoshua Chua.

applicants. How was I supposed to go up against that guy with 9A+s at SPM, 5A*s at A Level and an obscene number of leadership roles? (*"Oh, I represented Team Malaysia at Harvard MUN a few years ago and met Pope Francis recently -- it was superb"*). I, on the other hand, spent my

teens watching Alfred Hitchcock films obsessively. Little did I realise, indulging in the latter would be of more use than the former.

After deciding on a gap year, there was ample time to prepare my university applications appropriately. After eight months of careful deliberation, I took the plunge: 17 top institutions received my application, with no knowledge of the circumstances that led to my SPM marks. The list included the Australian National University, King's College London, University College Maastricht, the Chinese University of Hong Kong and the University of Cambridge. By then, I had figured out a way to apply to several universities strategically without forking out big bucks; get as many application fee waivers as possible.

Still, my SPM marks seemed like a major barrier. As I found out after receiving 16 offer letters and four scholarship offers, however, a number of institutions are relatively holistic. The one value I stuck to was sincerity; every personal statement I wrote highlighted my passion in spades. I discussed personal musings on how the employment of traditional literary devices in modern poetry showcases the ability to be creative in spite of limitations, Nassim Taleb's 'antifragility' and the effect 'In the Mood for Love' has had on my perception of landscape.

During a number of admission interviews I had with leading academics, there were illuminating discussions conducted on topics such as political sophistry, Bob Dylan and--yes, you guessed it--Alfred Hitchcock. One interviewer, in particular, pointed out that my

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application was profoundly different from any other he had screened during that application cycle. This was due to the approach I took, where I chose to focus on academic ideas and original content. Extracurricular activities were secondary, as submitting a CV sufficed.

My Cambridge interviews (done via Skype) were truly enjoyable as well, and I currently hold an offer to read English come September. Although I will not be able to attend without financial assistance, it is gratifying to have received an offer. Moreover, I have secured a full scholarship to study at UC Maastricht in the Netherlands. It's a brilliant liberal arts and sciences college; either institution would be a delight to attend.

In the spirit of full disclosure, I must confess: I chose Methodist College Kuala Lumpur mostly for the sake of broadening my perspective. There were easier options, like attending a secular institution where religiosity would not pervade the essence of student life. Or perhaps not opting to study Divinity at A-Level; a subject even those from a Christian background tend to evade at all costs. Then again, I have always had esoteric interests -- no other pre-university college in Malaysia would have allowed me the degree of academic freedom I had at MCKL.

I cannot begin to stress upon the amount of support I have received from my lecturers at MCKL, until today. My English literature lecturer wrote me a letter of recommendation despite being thousands of miles away. My Divinity lecturer, on the other hand, sacrificed a portion of his son's birthday to invigilate my Cambridge entrance examination. In the pursuit of knowledge, a key element is support. Having attended several top institutions throughout my days at school, the dedication--and more importantly, the sheer sincerity of the best people one meets at MCKL was something I had not experienced beforehand. For this alone, I am eternally grateful. It would be too romanticised a notion



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to declare the eighteen months I spent at Methodist College Kuala Lumpur as "the best time of my life". Nonetheless, my pre-university experience was nothing short of transformative.

In retrospect, three remarks were constantly etched on each damning report card: 'intelligent', 'too outspoken' and 'problematic'. Throughout my formative years, I paid little attention to anything those of little significance to my life had to say. Yet, there was always something mildly disconcerting about being deemed an 'outlier': I never felt a sense of belonging no matter where I went. And whilst that just might always remain the case, there is no harm in being an 'outlier', be it academically or generally. At the end of the day, my focus on always doing what I love rather than what was expected of me has paid off to some extent. In spite of the hurdles I have had to overcome, I would not trade a second of strife for ease. When walking down the lane of life, always remember the importance of being earnest.

Shameera Lin is from the A Level Class of 2015. She is a contributing writer and the current Head of Recruitment at Filibuster UK (<http://dev.filibuster.org.uk/>)

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from the clinical trials himself.

This was no small feat and nothing short of impressive, considering that he was also still active in volunteer work and maintained his high grades.

Zheng Xin's continued discipline and excellent time management eventually paid off: he scored straight As in the November 2015 AS Level examinations, and earned an Outstanding Cambridge Learner Award for Top in the World - AS Level Mathematics.

In April 2016, Zhen Xin finalized his research proposal for entry in the Google Science Fair 2016. The data from the clinical trials were also ready at this time, and Zheng Xin spent the next few months delving deep in data analysis while simultaneously sitting for his A Level final examinations.

Zheng Xin was on a roll.

The Google Science Fair

The Google Science Fair was a global event and an excellent platform for Zheng Xin to network, make comparisons, and gain new insights on his research and the impact he and his fellow innovators would have on the global community. All projects at the Google Science Fair were assessed based on four criteria: Novelty, Methodology, Results and Conclusion.

Zheng Xin's project was certainly unique, and in July it was among the 100 entries selected at the regional level.

Come August, Zheng Xin received two excellent bits of news: not only had he scored A* in all 4 A Level subjects taken, he was also one of the 16 shortlisted global finalists at the Google Science Fair 2016 who would be flown over to the Google headquarters in California, US in September to present his project.

Mapping Out The Future

With a brilliant mind, a heart for people, excellent academic achievement and an astounding CV to boot, Zheng Xin only had one more thing to do: decide on his tertiary education.

After taking a few months off to finalize his university applications, he accepted a scholarship offer from Minerva Schools at KGI in the US to do Computational Science, commencing in Fall 2017.

Considering the nature of his research, it was interesting to note that all of Zheng Xin's higher education choices, including Engineering and Mathematics, were more technical than scientific. When asked about his choice, Zheng Xin's remark was no less fascinating:

"In the field of research, you need to focus on one area of study, and it is not always easy to find a good professor to research under, or to obtain the funding for it. It's very limiting. And even when cures for diseases and medical conditions are developed, it may not be suitable for what it was developed for. Then it gets shelved. But with data analysis, there are so many

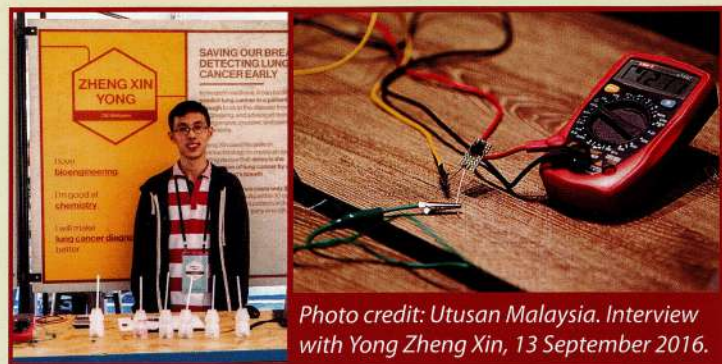


Photo credit: Utusan Malaysia. Interview with Yong Zheng Xin, 13 September 2016.

more possibilities. I can look across the data from research done with cures developed (although not suitable for what it was initially developed) and match them up with the global needs in the medical industry. I can catch what has been missed from individual research and bring them together."

It is precisely this positive attitude and forward thinking beyond the known that enabled this outstanding teenage scholar to develop an early detector for lung cancer, and it will surely continue to be the driving force behind his future successes.

Facing the Unknown

Of course, no success comes without obstacles.

Zheng Xin ventured into scientific research with many handicaps due to his limitations as a teenager: higher education, access to research technology and soft skills.

On top of these immediate challenges, Zheng Xin also faced the unknown: this research was unique in Malaysia. No one had done it before. And if facing the unknown for this teenage researcher was a concern, it was even more so for his parents.

"They were initially very concerned about my studies," he admits, "but eventually they became very supportive once they saw that I was balancing things well."

Words of Wisdom

While no road to success is the same for everyone, one thing they all have in common is that many steps make the journey. Here are 3 steps from Zheng Xin's journey:

- 1) *Give it a go!*
Dont be discouraged. This applies to research, entrepreneurship, startup businesses. If you don't give it a go, you won't know.
- 2) *Create the opportunity*
Sometimes you can't wait for the opportunity to arrive, you've got to make it happen.
- 3) *Network*
Start building your network early. Build up a good rapport with your teachers/lecturers. There's so much knowledge and input you can gain from them.
One thing I learned from my MCKL lecturer, Mr Soong, is that there are three parts to knowledge about ourselves: the known-known (we know what we know), the known-unknown (we know what we don't know) and the unknown-unknown (we don't know what we don't know). While we can know the first two, we can never know the last one. Only others can give perspective on that.

The name Yong Zheng Xin has become globally recognized: his research has become a source of hope to many, and his passion and perseverance an inspiration to a new generation of innovators and world-changers.

Yong Zheng Xin is from the A Level Class of 2016

Did we mention Zheng Xin has published his research? :) You can look it up here:

<http://www.ijtra.com/special-issue-view/simplified-ch-emiresistor-based-electronic-nose-technology-scent-a-s-home-used-lung-cancer-screening-tool.pdf>

Visit the following sites (non-exhaustive list) to know more about Zheng Xin's journey:

- <http://www.smithsonianmag.com/innovation/google-thinks-these-20-teenagers-could-change-our-world-for-better-180960097/?page=10>
- <https://www.digitalnewsasia.com/digital-economy/google-science-fair-singapore-makes-impact-malaysia-there-too>
- <http://www.utusan.com.my/sains-teknologi/teknologi/kuala-lumpur-13-september-2016-temubual-yong-zheng-xin-yang-1.401018>
- <http://spectrum.ieee.org/view-from-the-valley/biomedical/diagnostics/are-xrays-really-the-best-lung-cancer-screening-test-asks-google-science-fair-finalist>

The One and Only University of Queensland Centenary Scholar of 2017

Hi I'm Koh Sher Li, and I am currently studying the Bachelor of Economics at University of Queensland under the Centenary Scholarship which is offered by the School of Economics.

I chose University of Queensland due to its excellent reputation especially for research in the field of economics.

The scholarship is offered to only one international student applying for the Bachelor of Economics programme. It covers a 100% programme tuition fees, living allowance of AUD\$20 000 per year, a once off book allowance of AUD\$500 and a once off return economy air fare from my place of residence.

I first found out about the availability of this scholarship through an education fair, where the representative from University of Queensland introduced me to the various scholarships offered, including another scholarship offered specifically for Malaysian students only. In order to be eligible for the Centenary Scholarship, I had to first secure an unconditional offer from the university, then send in the application form with two reference letter, a personal statement and a resume. Later on, I was shortlisted to attend a Skype interview conducted by a panel of academics consisting of the Deputy Head of School and the senior lecturer in Microeconomics.

Before entering university, I did A Levels in MCKL and it was one of the most enjoyable times that I had. I first heard about MCKL through my friends who were planning to enrol there as well, and I decided to find out more about MCKL. I visited the College and immediately liked it there, as it is medium sized and provides a conducive studying environment with plenty of nature and open spaces. Besides, I was delighted to find out about the generous merit scholarships offered which really eased my financial



burden as I was offered a 100% tuition fee scholarship based on my SPM results.

Although my 1.5 years of A Levels journey had been quite tough, with the patient dedication of my lecturers who always willingly answered any questions we had and diligently having extra classes, it really made my journey much smoother and I am really grateful for having such dedicated lecturers. In addition to that, the many fun activities organised by MCKL such as Orientation Camp and Midsummer Night are some of the highlights of my MCKL days.

My future plans after completing university would be to further my studies at postgraduate level, either in Australia or UK. My advice to future students would be to have good time management and always get your priorities straight. Also, take up the initiative to find out about the many scholarships offered by Australian universities on the internet or ask the helpful staff in the University Placement for help.

Koh Sher Li is from the A Level Class of 2016

“Environmental Law Student Attends Historic Climate Change Conference in Marrakech”



A third year Law student recently won the rare opportunity to attend a UN Climate Change Conference in Marrakech.

Nachatira Thuraichamy, who studies Law and is part of the School's Environmental Law Clinic Pro Bono scheme, travelled to Morocco between 7 – 18 November to observe this year's UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

The conference is the first meeting of the 197 parties of the UNFCCC since last year's historic Paris Agreement. The agreement entered into force on the 4 November and sets out a global action plan to avoid dangerous climate change by limiting warming to well below 2 degrees Celsius.

Nachatira, along with other students of the Environmental Law and Justice module, was invited to bid for funds to attend the conference on behalf of the University. "Although there was a lot of interest amongst her fellow students Nachatira's application stood out," said Dr Ben Pontin, Module leader and Director of the Environmental Law Clinic.

"It was strengthened by her involvement in the Malaysian Youth Delegation (MYD)." MYD is the only youth-based climate policy organisation in Malaysia. The group raise awareness and engage in capacity building to increase youth participation in Malaysian climate policy.

Giving students opportunities such as this is part of the School's engagement mission. The Environmental Law Clinic Pro Bono Scheme which Nachatira is a part of, is run in partnership with The Environmental Law Foundation (ELF); one of the world's oldest pro bono environmental law advice and representation charities.

Professor Julie Price, who is in charge of the School's Pro Bono provision, said, "The scheme aims to give a voice to ordinary people and communities on matters affecting the environment in which they live. Cardiff's clinic covers enquiries relating to Wales and helps individuals and communities facing environmental issues such as air and water quality, noise pollution, threats to wildlife habitat and biodiversity, use of public open spaces and threats to those spaces."

Speaking of her time at the conference, Nachatira said, "It was a phenomenal experience that opened my eyes to the intricacies involved in international climate policy. It was an amazing opportunity to track negotiations, understand the implications of the various positions held by the constituencies as well as learn from experts themselves."

It is hoped that Nachatira's opportunity at the conference will be an experience that will be shared by many more students in future as the University has recently applied for observer status to the UNFCCC. Once the University has obtained this status it will be able to offer a limited number of researchers and students the opportunity to observe these international climate change events each year.

Dr Hannah Hughes who will be the University's UNFCCC contact point said of the status, "This will provide us with an important opportunity to experience these international events and to study their significance to the global community's climate change response."

Article as published on the Cardiff University website, 22 November 2016.
<http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/news/view/519161-environmental-law-student-attends-historic-climate-change-conference-in-marrakech>

Nachatira Thuraichamy is from the A Level Class of 2014

Be An Inspiration To Others!

Are you an alumni with a tale to tell or advice to give? Write in to ask@mckl.edu.my with your full name, programme and cohort, and send us your stories with some pictures. We'd love to hear all about your experiences and share it with others!

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MCKL ALUMNI



<p>* RM2000 BURSARY for all MCKL students 2017 INTAKE, SELECTED DEGREES</p>	<p>* 100% / 50% SCHOLARSHIP for MCKL A Level students with 4A/3B & above limited to 5 qualifiers 2016 & 2017 INTAKES, ANY DEGREE</p>	<p>* 100% SCHOLARSHIP for MCKL A Level students with 4A only limited to 1 qualifiers 2016 & 2017 INTAKES, ANY DEGREE</p>
<p>* FREE HOSTEL FOR SEMESTER 1 for all MCKL students RM100 WAIVER FOR APPLICATION FEE WAIVER for all MCKL students 2016 & 2017 INTAKES, ANY DEGREE</p>	<p>* FREE ACCOMMODATIONS for MCKL students €1000 Fee Waiver 2016-17 Special Malaysian Citizen Scholarship INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY TRALEE INSTITUTID TEICHOLOIAICHTA TRA LI</p>	<p>* 100% SCHOLARSHIP for MCKL A LEVEL students with 3A & above * 30% BURSARY FOR YEAR 1 for MCKL A LEVEL students 2016 & 2017 INTAKES, ANY DEGREE</p>
<p>25TH ANNIVERSARY BURSARY RM25000 To Eligible MCKL GRADUATES For Medicine and Pharmacy in 2017</p>	<p>* 100% SCHOLARSHIP for MCKL students with high academic achievement and excellent extra-curricular involvement in MCKL limited to 1 qualifiers SEPTEMBER 2017 INTAKES, ANY DEGREE</p>	<p>* RM2000 BURSARY for MCKL students * RM300 WAIVER FOR APPLICATION FEE WAIVER for MCKL students 2016 & 2017 INTAKES, ANY DEGREE</p>
<p>* BOOK PRIZES for MCKL students who qualify for Monash High Achiever Scholarship limited to 3 qualifiers FEBRUARY 2017 INTAKES, ANY DEGREE</p>	<p>* 30% TUITION FEE WAIVER FOR YEAR 1 for all MCKL students 2017-19 INTAKES, ANY DEGREE</p>	<p>* 100% SCHOLARSHIP for MCKL students with 4 A's in A LEVEL or ATAR 97 in AUSMAT * RM1500 WAIVER FOR TUITION FEE WAIVER for MCKL A LEVEL & AUSMAT students 2017-18 INTAKES, ANY DEGREE</p>

Heartiest congratulations to our Alumni!

Just Married!



Ian Kam & Michelle Yu
(A Level Class of 2009)



Dr. Eunice Goh (A Level Class of 2009)

Engaged!



Bryan Leong & Tan Shen Wen (A Level Class of 2012)



Ranimah Oransum
(ECE Class of 2012)

Excelling at University!



Some of MCKL's graduates currently studying at IT Tralee, Ireland, participated in and won awards in the Discover IT Tralee Innovate programme held in March. This initiative by IT Tralee provides a platform for students from any discipline to develop and present their new business ideas. Mr. Jerry Moloney, Regional Director Mid West at Enterprise Ireland presented the awards to the winners (left to right) Liew Wei Wen, Nadia Iman, Rachel Ho, Ng Poh Kien, Karyll Chee Kar Yee, Cheah Xeen Huii, Vivian Tan and Pervinder Kaur for their business proposals.



Fung Jia Jun (John), from the A Level Class of 2012, completed his Bachelor of Science (Medical Bioscience) at Monash University Malaysia campus and graduated with top honours. He was also awarded the Best Graduate Award for the November 2016 graduation. He is currently pursuing a Masters in Biological and Biomolecular Sciences at University College Dublin on scholarship.



Pharmacy:

Dr Yeoh Peng Nam, Dean of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences at UCSI University sharing her over 48 years of experience in the pharmaceutical industry with MCKL students.

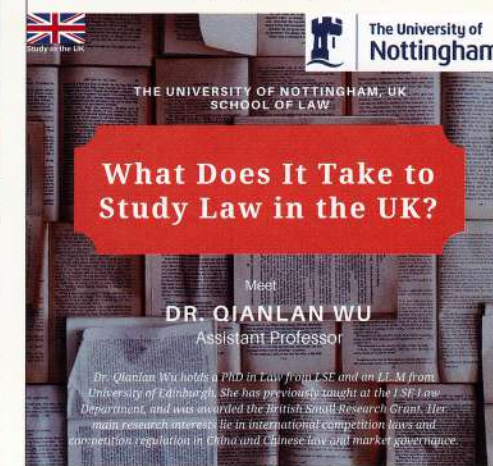
The session drew a full classroom of potential pharmacists, eager to learn about the challenges of a pharmacy student, the different career pathways of a licensed pharmacist, their roles and responsibilities, as well as highlighting the ethical perspectives involved and the out-of-the-box ways that pharmacists contribute to the health science industry of the country.

Dr Yeoh was also a Fullbright scholar in the US and the pioneer of the Pharmacy programme at Universiti Malaya.



University Talks

Law in the UK:



What Does It Take to Study Law in the UK?

Meet DR. QIANLAN WU
Assistant Professor

Dr. Qianlan Wu holds a PhD in Law from LSE and an LL.M from University of Edinburgh. She has previously taught at the LSE Law Department, and was awarded the British Social Research Grant. Her main research interests lie in international competition laws and competition regulation in China and Chinese law and market governance.

Guest Lectures



Law & Ethics:

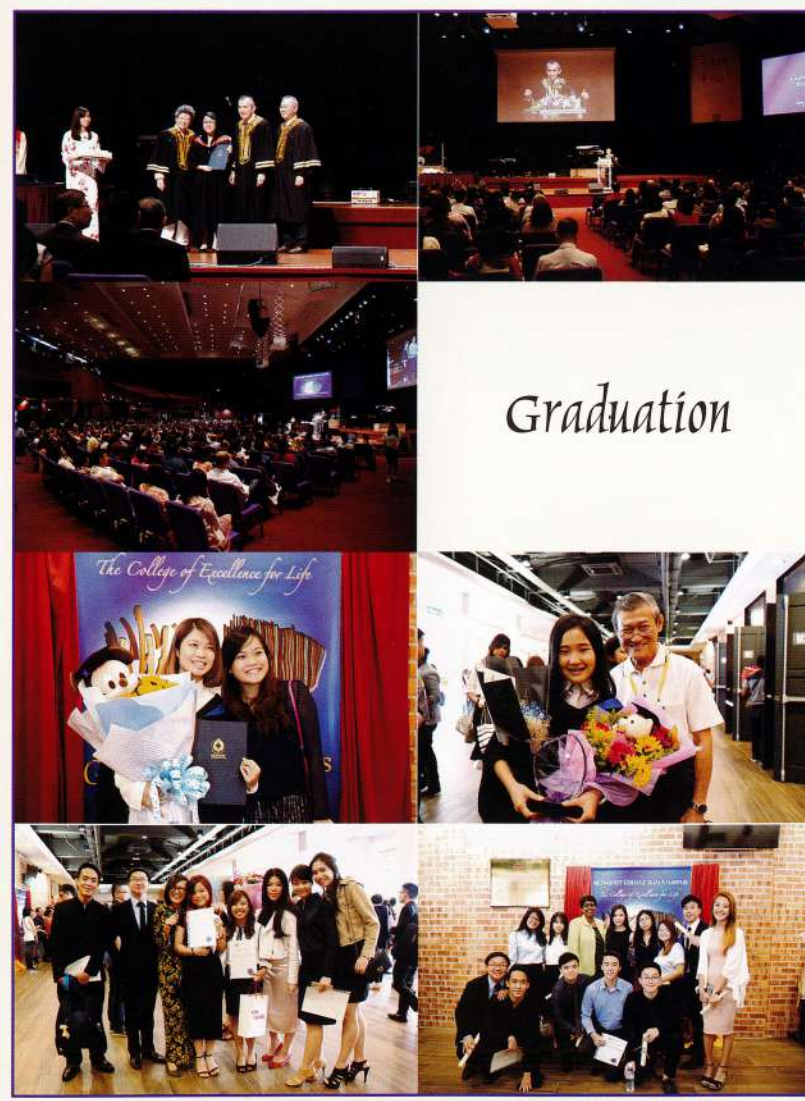
Dr. John Stewart from the US, on The Rise & Fall of Absolute Morality in The West. (22 February 2017)



Tropical Biology:

Dr. Erik Lindquist from Messiah College, US, on the preservation of rainforests. One interesting fact Dr Lindquist mentioned was the uniqueness of the ecosystem at Mount Kinabalu. "The Kinabalu montane alpine meadows in this area are so unique, that they are found nowhere else in the world," said Dr Lindquist as he emphasized on the need for preservation of these natural treasures. (26 May 2017)

Graduation





Colours of Hope 3.0

The Metro Leo Club organized the Colours Of Hope 3.0 run, their third annual charity run to raise funds for children welfare and help fund the clubs' many community service activities.

Easter Rally



Orientation Ball



'Teachers For A Day' at Hope Worldwide Malaysia

MCKL students volunteered to assist the children attending their #MYReadingProgram.



IDP Australia Education Fair @ MCKL



London Universities



University Visits



Jönköping University, Sweden

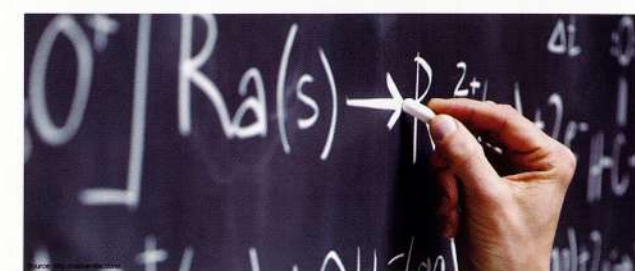


Irish Universities



American Education Opportunities (AEO) Tour @ MCKL

BFM Teacher's Day 2017 Special



Ms Moey Yoke Lai, CEO of Methodist College Kuala Lumpur, was interviewed in a special airing for Teacher's day on 15 May 2017, and shared about the teachers who inspired her own career in teaching.

Listen to the podcast at <http://www.bfm.my/teachers-day-special-2017.html>



MethodistCollege StudentAlumni
4 May at 14:27

Teacher's Day Special:
Who was your favourite teacher or staff in MCKL? Share one of your best memories 😊

Like Comment Share

Daniel Raj, Happy Pang Jing Shun and 130 others

2 shares

Anne Charley Mdm Sharon who taught me CIDDT and went through all my assignments with no complaints. Love u mdm Sharon
Like Reply 3 4 May at 15:26

Mogan Ram Shiva. Maths lecturer circa 2006/07
Like Reply 4 May at 15:22

Melvin Chew Toh Hunn My fav would be our late english lecturer Mr Ganesan. Craziest lecturer back in the days that gave everyone funny nick names. AUSMAT class of 2007 was one of my best memories just because of those crazy nick names.
Like Reply 8 4 May at 18:10

Shannon Wong Miss Chelvaranee Cumarason!She was such a loving, grandmotherly figure who would look over her brood with so much love and dedication!And on the other end of the age spectrum,Chung Rui-Zhe 章睿哲 who showed us that math can be magical!Regina Yoong for being our very own Miss Honey from Matilda-always sweet and full of fun!Melanie Yong for being my cool lecturer-buddy who taught us that it is not naive to want to change the world!
Like Reply 6 4 May at 23:21 Edited

Ivan Wong Mr. Denis who never taught me any math but much more about life and why it is worth living for.
He also taught me how to say "no" in a super sassy way.
Like Reply 28 4 May at 16:33

Gayathiriswary Manyvannan Ms Gunasakthi
Like Reply 1 4 May at 16:36

Justin Neo Ong Shoutout to Shueh-Yi Cherie Lian for marking my past year papers everyday for a month to bring my psychology grades from an E in trials to an A in A2
Like Reply 11 4 May at 17:59

Atreyi Bhattacharjee Miss Grace Lim Jia Wei (English Lit) and Miss Justina Joseph (Econs) - Teacher and human goals, both of you! 😊
Like Reply 7 4 May at 15:45

Daniel Hong An Lee Holla to Ms Grace and Ms Justina. You both rock. Thank you both very much. Shoutout also to Mrs Dharma (Law) and Ms Chia Y Y (Math).
Like Reply 2 4 May at 15:54

Monica Khoo Mr Terry. He inspired and spark off great ideas
Like Reply 1 4 May at 14:41

Benjamin Cheong Mr.Chan (physics teacher). I started loving physics because of him. I won't be where I am now without him patiently answering all my silly questions in class! If I eventually teach, I want to teach like he does 😊 thank God for him
Like Reply 4 4 May at 18:55

CF Loo Azahar Ahmad Nizar O captain my captain!
Like Reply 3 5 May at 17:48

Hai Hwei Miss Rachel, Miss Khor, Miss Jasmine
Like Reply 1 5 May at 19:07

Kavin Arunasalam Always Dr. Lim and Mr. Nagappan. Best Physics teachers I ever had and also Ms.Ing for all the creative things she did in class to get our attention, haha. Miss those days.
Like Reply 2 5 May at 19:27

Timothy Ngu Happy Birthday sir Augustine Ferns! 😊 And yes, you're my favorite teacher of all times in MCKL. Chartered Accountant now thanks to you sir!
Like Reply 3 4 May at 20:02 Edited

Padma Adduri Angelina Tan one of the best bio teacher and i can still remember hw she taught us mitosis phases pmat(angeline tan) mnemonic and she makes every lesson interesting&simple 😊 And Ms.Grace Lim Jia Wei for IELTS lessons ...an awesome lecturer who made lotsa students frm intro to extrovert. Thank you 😊
Like Reply 4 4 May at 15:54 Edited

Bhinesh Atri Mr John Peter and Mr Nagappan undoubtedly.
Like Reply 4 May at 15:35

Antony Kuruvilla Biology Miss Angelina Tan And Physics Mr Joseph Lopez
Like Reply 2 4 May at 15:38

Adam McKenna The late Mrs. Chiu. She was my economics teacher, and I was terrible. After my 'A' Levels I took some time off to figure out what I wanted to do, and ended up doing economics. I loved it. I just graduated and am going to a Top 20 economics school for a master's degree in the fall. Without her I would have never been exposed to economics, and I have her to thank for it.
Like Reply 14 4 May at 15:20

Annora Ong I agree! She was the one that sparked the interest I have now in economics. And she always fueled our curiosity with interesting conversations and discussions about life and economics.
Like Reply 1 4 May at 18:19

Happy Teacher's Day!

Check out these and many other events happening at MCKL in the second half of 2017!

Annual MCKL Science Camp

For IGCSE and homeschooling students to gain exposure in the science labs prior to entering college in science-based programmes.

**MCKL
SCIENCE CAMP**



International Week

Take a trip around the world without leaving campus! Visit the different booths. Learn about other cultures and share yours! Visit the Student Council room for more details.



Model United Nations Conference 2017

Think you've got what it takes to make a difference in the world? Get a headstart with exposure at a model United Nations conference! Check out the notice boards for more details!



Midsummer Event

Enjoy a night of food, fun and festivities with friends in this mid-year celebration on campus!



MCKL Debate Championship 2017

Do you have something on your mind, or a point to make? Check out the notice boards for more details on how to be part of this battle of wits and words!



Workshops & Seminars

Check out the ADTP and University Placement notice boards and facebook groups for more info!



Alumni Events



Look out for more info on our **Methodist College Student Alumni** Facebook for upcoming activities for our Alumni in the next few months!

Join us if you're an alumni or current student of MCKL by adding us as a friend and dropping us a message with which cohort you're from. We'd love to hear from you and have you join our upcoming events!