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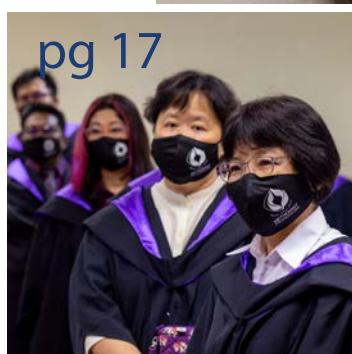
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Going Further

And we're back!

In the last *Flame*, we considered the changes that MCKL had been through in the past year with the introduction of a global pandemic. There was a sober reflection on the difficulties faced while also a celebration of our community and our hard-won achievements.

Half a year on, this edition of *Flame* will focus on how MCKL has been steadily, faithfully striding forward in efforts to grow as an institution. This past year and a bit of MCO and its siblings (RMCO, CMCO & FMCO) has given MCKL the space to reflect on our practices and consider how to continue to grow and develop, with our core values at the forefront.

As society continues to evolve, skill gaps have begun to form, providing unique opportunities for us to prepare and train our students with future-ready skills and knowledge to be able to fill in these gaps. Our desire to be at the forefront of this inevitable change is not just motivated by wanting to enhance our institution for the sake of it. Rather we recognise that in order to truly provide our students with an education that has real impact, this is what it's going to take.

Therefore, we would like to share with you some of the new developments around MCKL as well as provide updates on the growth of some existing undertakings. All these are aimed at equipping our students with the ability to take on the future. At the same time, this edition will also be expressing our thanksgiving and pride over some of our students' achievements, both academically and within the community.

Truly we have seen the road of faithfulness that is leading to fruitfulness.

Thank you for going down this road with us. We hope you will see more of MCKL's journey, that of seeking to be faithful where we have been planted in order to bear much fruit.

Catherine Bakewell, on behalf of the MCKL Creative Team

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Hear from Our CEO

We live in a **VUCA** world. A **volatile** world, where everything fluctuates and may crash at any time, like the stock market. An **uncertain** world, where preparation and planning do not guarantee success. A **complex** world, where everything is up for redefinition and all rights need to be met. Finally, an **ambiguous** world. As technology and economy advances towards Industrial Revolution 4.0 (IR4.0), we are creating a whole new type of society that interacts with machines; the cyberworld. Make no mistake, the VUCA world is daunting, threatening, and frustrating.

I appeal to all MCKL and those outside who believe in our vision to be the Institution of Excellence for Life. We can only be excellent if we know what we stand for. For us, it is our Ten Core Values. These core values represent our soul, a reminder of hope that allows us to persevere through the suffering. Without our values, our suffering is

meaningless. But with them, we will not be shaken by the VUCA world. Honoring God, for example, allows us to understand we are created by Him, and this is expressed in how we love and treat others. This is our MCKL family in which we learn to support one another.

We do not only want to equip students in the digital sphere but also to remind them what it means to be human. Those two desires need to come hand in hand as we forge the pathway towards thriving in the IR4.0.

Tough times lie ahead. There will be moments you might want to give up but let me say this. It is okay to fail, it is not the end of the world. When you fall, just remember to get back up. We are a community learning to journey with one another. I am journeying with you. Let us persevere together in this VUCA world and be building blocks for the next generation.

MCKL Ten Core Values:

Honour God · Respect yourself · Respect others · Respect property
Cherish relationships · Cherish nature · Cherish our nation
Celebrate excellence · Celebrate diversity · Celebrate volunteerism



Shimmers of MCKL Institutional Milestones

OUR CAMPUS

4 acres

The size of our Penang Pykett Campus

This pint sized property on Penang island packs a punch. Did we mention there's a field too?

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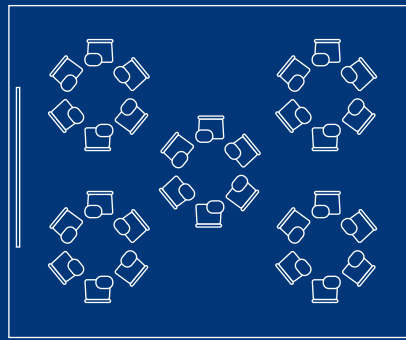
The number of new classrooms in our KL Campus

Vincit 1 & 2, our Technology-Enhanced Active Learning (T.E.A.L.) smart classrooms, are now ready for use.

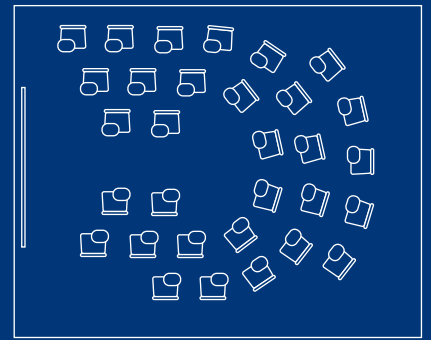
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The number of new mobile tablet chairs in the Technology-Enhanced Active Learning (T.E.A.L.) classroom

These movable chairs will be part of the learning experience in Vincit 1 & 2. Here are some of the cooler layouts.



Clusters layout

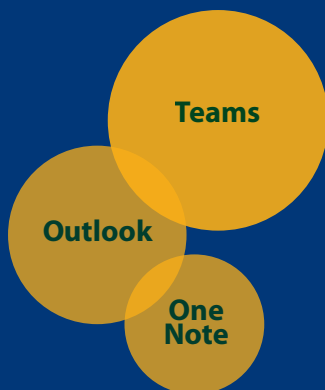


Horseshoe layout

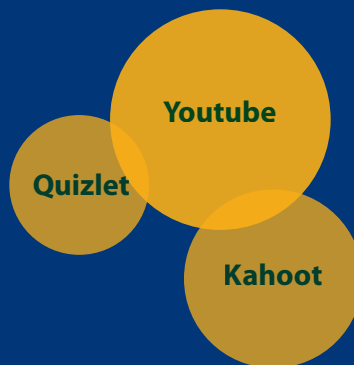
TEACHING & LEARNING

Crowd Favourites

Since the shift to digital learning, our lecturers and students switched to having their contact hours online. Here are some interesting finds we see in our online interactions as a college.



Top 3 Microsoft apps used for Teaching & Learning



Top 3 external apps used for Teaching & Learning

STAFF TRAINING

53

New training courses

The homegrown training modules have been carefully curated to cater to the needs of our teaching staff

19

Training courses held in the first half of 2021

These courses have been carried out to provide ongoing training for our teaching staff



MCKL's Future-proof Education

Diploma programmes at MCKL hit the sweet spot of providing affordable education that at the same time equip students with specific skillsets that are needed in today's society. MCKL's homegrown programmes, Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Diploma in Social Work, are running successfully because they meet both the needs of students and the job market. MCKL has been able to empower compassionate, intelligent and confident graduates as they join Malaysia's workforce.

RIDE
THE WAVE OF
CHANGE
RATHER THAN BE
SWEPT
AWAY
BY IT

However, as mentioned in the note from the editors, 2021 poses a new set of challenges for students alongside a new set of opportunities for MCKL to equip the next generation to face these challenges. One fact that we are conscious of as an institution is that knowledge is expanding rapidly, where previously stable jobs gradually become obsolete. For that reason, MCKL has specifically designed the following new programmes that will provide students with the skills and knowledge to ride the wave of change, rather than be swept away by it.

MCKL's four new programmes, Diploma in Computer Science, Diploma in Information Technology, Diploma in E-Commerce and Diploma in Digital Marketing, all focus on equipping students for our increasingly technologically-driven society.

The Diploma in Computer Science focuses on providing students with a broad range of relevant knowledge in the field, such as cybersecurity, coding, data science and cloud computing. This knowledge will arm our diploma graduates with relevant expertise to either continue their studies or land a job with the diploma certification. What is more, throughout the diploma there will be an emphasis on training students with future-oriented skills that will make them even more prepared to handle real-life scenarios. Each diploma necessitates a 12-week training stint with an industry partner, further ensuring that students are ready for the next steps after the diploma. MCKL collaborates with SAS Institute Inc. to offer specialisation in data science. Upon completion of the diploma, students will receive MCKL-SAS Academic Specialisation in Data Science & Machine Learning. MCKL's hope is that this diploma will not only be something that students of today would be interested in but that it will also serve to fulfil our country's need for experts within the computing field.

Moving on, the Diploma in Information Technology is also centred on catering to the ever-expanding needs of the tech industry. This diploma's particular focus on the Internet of Things (IoT) revolves around connecting various devices to "talk" through the Internet. Students will learn how to design, operate and apply IoT in various industries, applying practical and theoretical skills simultaneously.

Both these diplomas are also partnered with professional accreditation bodies that will ensure that the students have technical skills with recognizable qualifications upon completing their course at MCKL. For instance, students have the opportunity to be certified by AWS Academy as Cloud Practitioners. **Additionally, the University of South Australia (UniSA) is offering our students, from these two diplomas, the unique opportunity to obtain a degree with a one-year top up programme.**

Thirdly, the Diploma in E-Commerce also centres around the concept of growing and changing technologies. This diploma takes a more business-like stance and gears itself to students who would like to learn about the technological elements of business operations. While there are many courses in other institutions catering to commerce students, the slant provided with this diploma ensures that our students will have a cutting-edge

advantage, directly tied in with findings of research about our future industry needs.

Finally, the Diploma in Digital Marketing specifically targets the growing need of large and small businesses alike to market their brand virtually. At the height of lockdown, a plethora of industries rely on digital marketing to market their products, leading to a heightened demand for people specialised in this field. This diploma aims to encourage creativity and shrewd business acumen, particularly applied to the area of marketing.

These diplomas have thus provided a solution to the growing need in our society for a response to the doubling of knowledge and disruptive technologies. In addition to these diplomas, MCKL has also begun offering shorter courses which may prove beneficial to staff and students alike, such as the world's leading computing certification — The International Certification of Digital Literacy (ICDL). At MCKL, we offer a variety of ICDL modules which enable candidates to learn and become familiar with globally-recognised computer skills. This short course is available, not only to Diploma students but to all in MCKL. It is our hope that the presence of these new long and short programmes will better prepare the people of MCKL for the future!

Careers with these diplomas



Diploma in Computer Science

Upon completion of this programme, students can join the workforce, become technopreneurs or further their studies at our partner universities in any field of specialisation, such as Software Engineering and Data Science.



Diploma in Information Technology

Upon completion of this programme, students can join the workforce, become technopreneurs or further their studies at our partner universities in any field of specialisation, such as IoT and Cybersecurity.



Diploma in E-Commerce

This programme will cater to students who are deeply interested in the technology side of business operations including Internet Technology and web-based applications. The programme will provide an understanding of the context, nature, role and significance of e-business / commerce activities in a dynamic business world. Students will gain exposure to theoretical and practical issues of conducting business over the internet and the Web.



Diploma in Digital Marketing

This programme will cater to students who want to become more proficient in digital advertising practices such as Search Engine Optimisation (SEO), social media content marketing and digital retailing. This programme will allow them to engage academically and practically with the role of digital marketing in our society.



Teaming Up

to Level Up

**“ Give a man a fish and
you feed him for a day.
Teach a man to fish and
you feed him for a lifetime.**

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Truly MCKL upholds this esteemed saying, that teaching skills to our students is the most valuable thing we can do for them. Therefore, MCKL wants to ensure that the courses we are providing are not simply ticking the boxes of knowledge passed on but rather are empowering students to learn how to learn, to develop skills that will continue to sustain them far beyond the four walls of MCKL. As MCKL takes cues from the changing narrative of the relevancy of certain skills and attributes, we can be assured that our students are being prepared to leap into the industries of the future.

Thus, in order to align ourselves with said industries we are preparing our graduates to join, MCKL has taken the opportunity to establish new partnerships and connections with various companies within various industries.

There are two types of connections that MCKL has formed with various industries. The first being the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with companies, inviting them to be our Industry Partners. These companies agree to provide internship and career opportunities for our students, subject to their selection processes. It is MCKL's hope that with these partnerships, not only will our current students benefit from the exposure, but a long-term connection will develop to improve the opportunities for our future students to have a foot in the door with these relevant and well-known companies. Among the companies we have signed MOUs with are Agilent Technologies and Keysight Technologies.

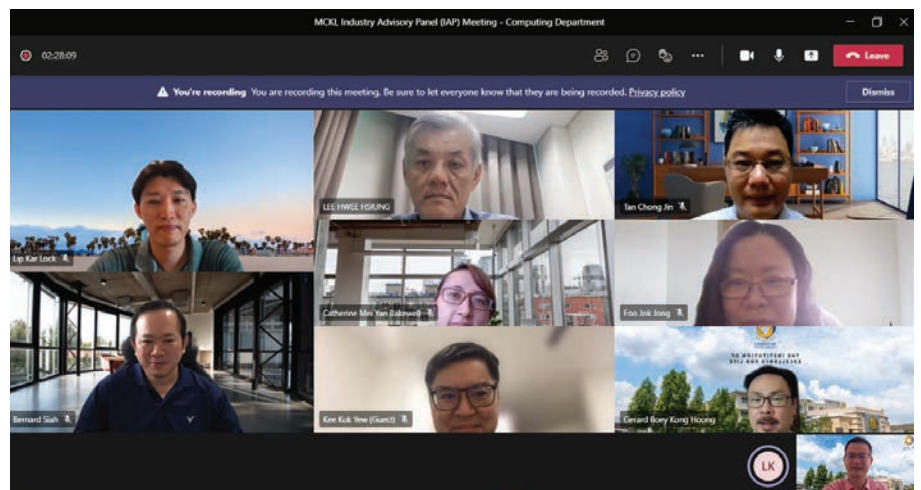
Besides Industry Partners, MCKL has also established various Industry Advisory Panels (IAPs) for the different diploma programmes. These panels comprise of individuals from various organisations from within the respective fields. The members of

these panels provide feedback on the structure of the programmes as well as more specific opinions on what modules are particularly relevant for graduates. The discussions at these panels are helpful as they provide insight into what real-world employers value in their employees. Therefore, from the get-go, MCKL is able to finetune the diploma to meet the needs of employers within this industry. Taking it a step further, the IAPs play a key role in supporting MCKL's future growth in creating more new and relevant diplomas. In being able to keep a hand on the reality of the industry, MCKL will be able to ensure that our programmes are adapting and reacting to the needs of the real world.

Therefore, students joining our diploma programmes have the assurance that they are not being trained in a course that holds little relevance to the world outside academia. In fact, there are tangible actions being taken consistently to ensure that MCKL graduates will be on the receiving end of skills training and specific internship opportunities that directly address the areas of need, ensuring that there will be a demand for their combination of unique knowledge and practical skills. It is with these partnerships that MCKL hopes to steer our graduates towards success, flourishing in an ever-changing world.

Industry Partners

Here are the companies that joined us as Industry Partners. They are: Nourish Japan, Agilent, Fusionex, Keysight Technologies, Digital Marketing University, IVT Systems and 8VI.



Top: Meeting our Industry Partner Fusionex in person
Bottom: First IAP meeting of the Computing Department



SOWING SEEDS FOR FUTURE HARVEST

**An investment in knowledge
pays the
best interest.**

- Benjamin Franklin

Well known for its generosity, MCKL is no stranger to this type of investment. As an Institution of Excellence for Life, MCKL strives to nurture a community where excellence, in all its forms, is celebrated. Whether it's leadership excellence, academic excellence or 'all-rounded' excellence, MCKL invests in their students with hopes to facilitate and build upon the excellence these students exhibit. As Benjamin Franklin said, investment is indeed knowledge that pays the best interest. Fortunately, as a result of intentional generosity, MCKL has reaped the interest in bounds and continues to do so as the institution grows their reach of investment and assistance through new scholarships that are offered.

From the merit scholarships to more prestigious awards, many students have been well deserving recipients over the years. However, with an increasing digital society in mind, MCKL is excited to announce new scholarships to further their mission while preparing our students to be launched into the future of our society as they leave MCKL.

The 50% Inaugural Bursary is for applicants who register for our brand new diploma programmes where applicants will qualify for this 'on-the-spot' 50% off tuition fees scholarship as long as they fulfill the entry requirement to the programme. Besides that, a prestigious 100% MCKL Industry Partner Joint Scholarship is also up for grabs!

With the proud launch of the Diploma in Information Technology, the Diploma in Computer Science, the Diploma in Digital Marketing and the Diploma in E-Commerce, MCKL is clearly evolving according to how our world is. With evolution comes change. Hence, these scholarships are available for our future students who will brave the changing tides to dip their feet in something less conventional but equally challenging and exciting.

Through these scholarships, our college is able to encourage students to explore these pathways into the future. Roads that are less walked are usually deemed to be less attractive or reputable but after performing market research into industrial changes in the years to come, MCKL believes with full faith that these pathways are the way to go. Creating these new scholarships benefits students by creating opportunities for them to explore all the possibilities that lie ahead of them.

We recognize that Society 5.0 is in sight, and that the world is moving into a human-centred society that balances economic advancement with the resolution of social problems by a system that highly integrates cyberspace and physical spaces. Therefore rest assured that MCKL is at the forefront of this revolution and we hope that these new scholarships will enable students to join us in our first step towards the future.

Tips on Applying for Scholarships

If you haven't talked to our University Placement staff yet, you should!



Meet all application deadlines

If you miss a deadline, even just by one day, you may not be considered



Request letters of recommendation early

Give your recommenders no less than two weeks' notice so that they have time to write the letter. Be prepared to provide them with additional information about yourself or the scholarship. Make sure you follow up with your recommender to ensure that your letter was submitted.



Practice your scholarship interview

Talk to the University Placement staff and get yourself some practice. Do not enter the scholarship interview unprepared.



Attend a workshop

While there are many places out there that provides great tips, check out the notices from University Placement.



Keep track of your applications

When you're both applying for universities and scholarships, it's easy to lose track of your applications – save copies of every application that you complete for your own easy reference, and just so that you don't have to start from scratch every time.



Get your essays checked

Get someone else to see your statement of intent and check it for grammar and other important things.

MCKL Scholarships to Look Out For

50% TUITION FEE WAIVER*

EXCLUSIVE TO WMS STUDENTS



50% TUITION FEE WAIVER*
FOR NEW DIPLOMAS

EXCLUSIVE TO FULL-TIME STUDENTS

- Computer Science
- Information Technology
- E-Commerce
- Digital Marketing
- Social Work

100%

**MCKL INDUSTRY PARTNER
JOINT SCHOLARSHIP***

For more information, please contact Admissions

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*Terms & Conditions apply



Picture: Dato' Dr Tan Kee Kwong (Chairman of MCKL Board of Governors) gave an opening address

Growing ourselves to grow others

MCKL has been on a rollercoaster ride in the past year or so. Navigating through the COVID-19 pandemic has been a trying time for everyone. However, MCKL never stopped moving forward. With our eyes set on the evolution of the world as economies slowly rebuild in anticipation of IR 4.0 and Society 5.0, MCKL was intentional to not be left behind and to continue to frame our decisions around our mission, vision and growth strategies. While a lot of development has been happening over at our Penang Campus (read on to hear more!), the KL campus also experienced exciting changes over the last couple of months. With the realisation of MCKL's capacity to facilitate blended learning, a worthy achievement that was highlighted by the Microsoft Education Team, the teaching and learning team embarked on the next steps to ensure we continue to build upon our capabilities and potential as 21st century educators.

Thus, a massive initiative was kickstarted by the Teaching and Learning (T&L) Department. They began developing homegrown T&L training modules that allowed the knowledge transfer between lecturers who had the training and experience to facilitate workshops for all staff in MCKL, including part-time lecturers. These training modules are specifically designed & curated for all academic staff; regardless of seniority, years of teaching experience, and academic background. These courses and programmes have been designed to be either instructor-led or self-paced online, thus allowing MCKL community to transform, interact, learn and engage

within instructors to promote and improve active learning as well their online teaching capabilities. This initiative was launched in February and has since been well-received by the staff, who amongst their busy schedules, intentionally set aside time to better themselves for the sake of their students.

A key highlight of this initiative is the fact that we've recognised the talent and expertise within the pool of existing lecturers, enabling peer to peer learning at the next level. Gone are the days of in-person training as hybrid learning is now at the forefront of future education pedagogies. Hence, this initiative ensures the ability of lecturers to stay relevant as instructors to develop learners for the future through active learning. Upon speaking to Mr Adrian Yao, Head of Teaching and Learning, we concluded that looking on the bright side of things, COVID-19 was a blessing in disguise to propel the idea of e-learning – a concept that had been in the works for the last 25 to 30 years, to what it is now as we know it, both tangible and effective.

Looking ahead, Mr Adrian points to HyFlex as the next goal. HyFlex is a course format that combines face-to-face and online learning where each class session and learning activity is offered in-person synchronously online and asynchronously online with students deciding how to participate. Though the reality of this model being fully applied is still miles away, MCKL is on the way to achieving our next target.

Classrooms fit for the brightest

With the aim of enhancing students' learning experience by catering to various pedagogical strategies such as active learning and collaborative learning, the T&L Department has launched two brand new technology-enhanced active learning (T.E.A.L) or commonly known as 'smart' classrooms. These classrooms are equipped and retrofitted with 30 mobile tablet chairs with foldable tables that allow various flexible learning settings. These 2 classrooms are divided by an operable wall that allows 2 classrooms to be converted into one mega learning space.

The work on our T.E.A.L classrooms began at the end of October 2020 and took around 6 months to be completed. These smart classrooms are located in the old canteen area. The renovations were completed on the 24th of February 2021 with a dedication ceremony held on the 17th of March 2021. These new classrooms were named via a competition amongst MCKL staff with Vincit 1 and Vincit 2 emerging as the winning names. The names were proposed by Ms Yee

Weng Yan who found inspiration from MCKL's motto — Veritas Vincit Omnia. Vincit is a Latin word meaning conquers, wins, overcome. MCKL hopes that students and staff alike will find these smart classrooms rewarding in their learning process and that the facilities and the exchanges that occur within these learning spaces will help each individual overcome their challenges, struggles, difficulties and obstacles in their learning journey.

It is with great joy that MCKL's KL campus launched these new T.E.A.L classrooms from the end of April 2021 as a means to serve the MCKL community through providing an enhanced learning experience for anyone who will have the privilege to utilize it. This achievement is a clear sign of the decisions made by MCKL that align with a key thrust of MCKL's strategic 2020-2025 plan; Transformational Teaching. God-willing, MCKL will continue embracing new T&L practices for students and staff alike as the KL campus takes a huge step forward into education for the future.

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**KL campus takes
 a huge step forward
 into education for the future**
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Right: Dedication Ceremony for Vincit 1 & 2 held on 17 March 2021
 Bottom: Upon completion of renovation, the classrooms were handed over on 24 February 2021





NEW ROOTS, NEW BEGINNINGS

Pykett Campus Dedication Ceremony

As August approaches, MCKL's Pykett Campus excitedly awaits opening its doors. A dedication ceremony was held on the 27th of April where Rev Dr T Jeyakumar, Bishop of the Methodist Church in Malaysia, was present to bless the new school grounds ahead of the final stages of upgrade works.

MCKL's newly announced campus, Pykett Campus in Penang is due for its ground-breaking launch in August this year. We have been fortunate enough to take over a location with a rich history that dates back to the 1800s. SK Pykett Methodist was founded as part of the Anglo-Chinese School Penang of Methodist Boys School by Reverend B. H. Balderstone in 1891, and was named after Methodist missionary G.F. Pykett, who was instrumental in the growth of education in Penang.

The objective and vision for establishing Pykett Campus is a nod towards MCKL's heart to ensure greater access to higher education opportunities, diversified pathways for secondary school leavers and facilitate the idea of life-long learning for adult learners in Penang and the northern region of Malaysia. To date, MCKL has successfully hired the first batch of staff for the Pykett Campus who joined the KL campus online for a Teachers Day/Hari Raya virtual celebration, marking a monumental moment of collaboration between both campuses that will only continue to grow in the years to come.

Counting down the days ahead, the launch of this new campus serves as a silver lining and testament of MCKL's continued labour in the face of uncertainty throughout 2020 as we begin to slowly see the fruit of our labour.

Above, from left to right: Dato' Eddy Leong (Pykett Project Leader) and Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar (Chairman of the Council of Education, COE)
Below, from left to right: Pastor Ronald Yap (Pastor of Wesley Methodist Church, Pg), Mr Lim Kah Cheng (COE Private Education Director), Datin Anne Yuen (the wife of Chairman of MCKL Board of Governors), Dato' Dr Tan Kee Kwong (Chairman of MCKL Board of Governors), Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar (Chairman of the Council of Education, COE), Dato' Eddy Leong (Pykett Project Leader), Ms Angela Pok (MCKL CEO), Dr Gerard Boey (Principal & Academic Dean), Mr Khor Hong Yin (COE Executive Director), Dato' Khoo Cheok Sin (MBS Sec Sch BOG chairman)



Keeping up with the Pykett Campus

Since the last edition of *The Flame*, renovation works have progressed well and were at 95% completion in late April 2021 with only the installation of new furniture remaining. As mentioned before, the renovation works have been designed with the intention to preserve and honour the rich historic roots of the school's building. MCKL is committed to replicate the same level of holistic education in Pykett just as it is in KL. This covers the standard of teaching and learning, ample facilities for the students and a conducive learning environment which MCKL is well known for. Latest developments on amenities are that MCKL is currently waiting for approval to build science labs on the Pykett Campus which will be crucial for the learning and development for future students.

The inaugural intake of MCKL's Pykett campus will feature two of our well established programs – Cambridge A-levels and AUSMAT. In the long run, MCKL is hopeful to continue to further integrate our other well-known programs including our homegrown Diploma of Early Childhood Education, Diploma of Social Work and our newly birthed diploma programs namely Diplomas – in Computer Science, Information Technology, e-Commerce, Digital Marketing – and continuing professional development courses relevant to the IR 4.0 marketplace.



MCKL Pykett Campus hall

Destination Education like no other



MCKL Pykett Campus co-working space

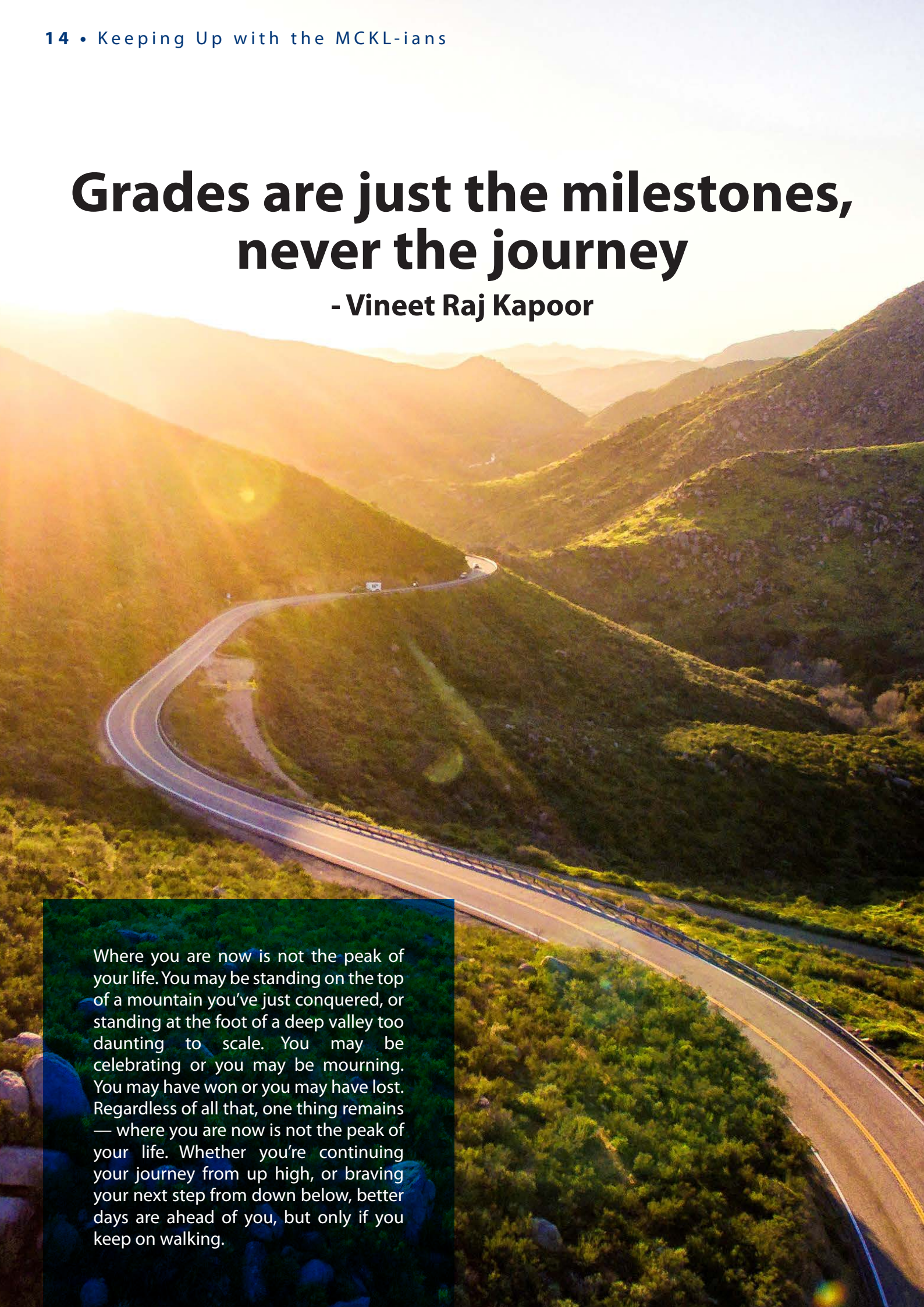
The appeal of the Pykett Campus beyond the reputable education opportunities and facilities is its location. Penang, fondly dubbed the Pearl of the Orient, is famous for its soft sandy beaches and well-regarded as the food capital of Malaysia.

Well-known as a popular holiday destination, this campus will be an ideal location for 'work-life balance, where students will be able to unwind after classes. From the myriad of humble hawkers dishing out delicious food day and night, to sandy beaches just a short drive away, Penang Hill for a cool getaway and one of Southeast Asia's first Camera museums, there is something for everybody! Whether you're a foodie, adventure junkie, history lover or more, Penang serves it all on a silver platter.

With all that has been said, it is certain that the educational experience in Pykett Campus will be a unique one. The bottom line is, studying in Pykett will give one the best of both worlds. Work and play at the tip of your fingers, what more could one want.

Grades are just the milestones, never the journey

- Vineet Raj Kapoor



Where you are now is not the peak of your life. You may be standing on the top of a mountain you've just conquered, or standing at the foot of a deep valley too daunting to scale. You may be celebrating or you may be mourning. You may have won or you may have lost. Regardless of all that, one thing remains — where you are now is not the peak of your life. Whether you're continuing your journey from up high, or braving your next step from down below, better days are ahead of you, but only if you keep on walking.

MCKL Student Achievements at A Glance

Grades only tell part of the story! There are other important things in life, such as forming healthy relationships, nurturing your body with proper nutrients, giving back to your community, and being financially savvy.

SERVICE LEARNING

**MORE THAN
RM18,000**

The amount raised by student groups for multiple NGOs in the first quarter of 2021

38 The number of student groups engaged with NGOs for service learning projects in the first quarter of 2021



3 student groups were successfully shortlisted and presented at the *International Symposium and Expo on Service-Learning and Socially Responsible Global Citizenship (Online)* by the Service-Learning and Leadership Office, Hong Kong Polytechnic University

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

6 The current number of student unions in our student body

10 The average number of students signed up to be facilitators every semester

12 The average number of online events hosted by our students per semester

Teamwork

The biggest takeaway for most of our student leaders upon completion of their term

ACADEMICS

**Cambridge A Level
November 2020 series**

100%

passing rate

55%

students scored 3As and above

11%

students achieved CGPA 3.70 and above

**Australian Matriculation
November 2020**

100%

passing rate

33%

students achieved ATAR 80 and above

98.95

Highest ATAR achieved



13 ADTP students transferred to the university of their choice this Spring 2021



MAKING A CAREER FROM DOING GOOD

Being the first to try things is both nerve-racking and exciting. It is nerve-racking because you are entering into uncertainty and being the first means that there is no prior data to give you any indication of how things will pan out. It is exciting because it is a journey you never thought would happen and it is something in line with your goals. That was how it felt to be the first batch of Diploma in Social Work (DSW) students to graduate.

Ms Elsie Lee, former Head of Diploma of Social Work, took up the mantle to see this through and grow DSW to what it is today. It was not a bed of roses. It was an uphill battle getting the diploma accredited but it was worth it. She knew the potential, the purpose, and the fruits of helping set up DSW. When the first DSW students came in, all she had in mind was to journey with them and see them through. She has the heart and believes that social work education and training will contribute towards more competent and appropriate social services for people in need, and thus improve our society's overall well-being.

These students came from all practices of social work, already having the passion and understanding about what social work is. They wanted to upskill and be properly certified, hence they took on this challenge. MCKL being the first private institution in the country to offer the Diploma of Social Work could have been perceived as a gamble. Yet this group of students said yes to the challenge.

Throughout the years, they had each other. With shared experiences, they cried together, laughed together, worked together, because no one else understood what they were going through. They worked to serve the community while at the same time giving away their nights and weekends for classes.

Ms Elsie, now the course coordinator, alongside Ms Jolyn, now Head of DSW, and the students all worked hard to make the graduation happen in the midst of the pandemic while following strict SOPs for the sake of the students. During the graduation ceremony you could feel the culmination of pent-up emotions that screamed "We finally made it, and no one was left behind". It was truly a beautiful scene. That all the suffering brought them to this moment. As a verse from the Bible goes, suffering produces perseverance, perseverance produces character, and character produces hope. It was the hope of what DSW stood for and that it would be successful that kept them pushing on.

For one DSW graduate, Jacqueline, she pushed on because she understood that social work is all about people and wanting to see them empowered and set free from the unfortunate situations they are in. She has a passion to help the people she works with change their circumstances and create better living conditions for them. The first batch of DSW graduates are not only tangible evidence of the heart for social work but they also paved the way for future students who want to share the same heart that beats for the lives of others.

**We finally made it,
and no one was left behind.**



Left: Students presented their donations to Home of Peace
Top: Salted egg murukku were sold as fundraising

REACHING OUT IN THE MIDST OF THE PANDEMIC

How can we even begin caring for the community in a pandemic? Thanks to Service Learning in MCKL, many groups of students made it possible with the platform given. While Service Learning is a mandatory subject for all full-time MCKL students, it is more than just community service. It is having the privilege to participate in organizing a service project to create a social impact based on the identified community needs. It is not just serving a community but transformational learning for all involved.

As mentioned earlier, one would think that during the pandemic where everyone is in lockdown, people cannot be reached out to. There are at least two groups that were, and are, in much need during such a time: underprivileged children and refugee families. Access to necessities and education was lacking. Yet, that was not going to stop Rachel and her group members. They contacted Home of Peace to identify their needs and by selling salted-egg murukku, they were able to raise RM2697.40 in two months! With those funds they were able to help purchase COVID-19 prevention necessities as well as internet access for the students to attend their online classes.

(group members - Rachel Heng (Leader), Nadya Liew, Jeanie Loo, Jeanelle Khaw, Chong Xuan Tong, Shervonne Yee) - details provided by Shervonne Yee

Another team led by Chung Han decided to focus on a refugee family. They were not out to save the world. They were just focused on making a difference for one family at a time. What was amazing was how they initially expected to raise only RM2000 but were able to raise RM4441 just with public donations. With that money, they were able to cover the rental fees of the family for four months! This also allowed them to pay for their children's education for the next three semesters on top of supplying basic food necessities and medical expenses.

(group members – Lai chung Han (leader), Brandy, Joyce, Chloe, Eunice)

Finally, one group led by Jamie Heng did a health talk online for a group of children from an orphanage advocating personal hygiene. The reason they felt the need to speak on this topic is that many people from lower socioeconomic backgrounds can inadvertently lead unhealthy lifestyles. The students hoped that with the knowledge shared, there would be prevention of avoidable health issues among them. They also donated masks and sanitisers to the orphanage.

This is a humble reminder for us that sometimes in life, we only need to serve those around us and be faithful to what we can do. There is no need to compare who can make the greater impact because the focus is not on us. Furthermore, the power of empathy shows us that when we truly understand the needs of others and when we desire to help, despite the pandemic, serving is possible!

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- CORRIE TEN BOOM