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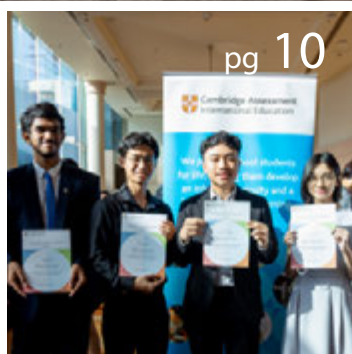
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Section 1

# *In the Spotlight*



MCKL  
SINCE 1983

**40**

YEARS IN  
EDUCATION EXCELLENCE



# MCKL CELEBRATES 40 YEARS IN EDUCATION WITH BEST METHODIST TRADITIONS



Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL) comes from rich beginnings, since its establishment in 1983, applying Methodist traditions as a guiding philosophy focused on delivering holistic and quality education, ultimately serving its purposes as an institution for society.

It all began some 300 years ago, when John Wesley founded the Methodist Movement with a firm belief that a person must be fed in body, mind, and spirit. It is through his legacy that the Methodist Church arrived at the shores of Penang, Malaysia in 1891, establishing the Methodist Council of Education for its surrounding community.

The symbolic flame is meaningful to the Methodist Church family as it recalls the experience of its founder John Wesley

in Aldersgate, London in 1738. Wesley described experiencing a “strange warming” in his heart by the Holy Spirit, assuring him of his salvation as he heard Martin Luther’s sermon from the book of Romans. This pivotal event in Wesley’s life is considered a moment of revival and of the founding of the worldwide Methodist Church movement.

Wesley’s influence extends to present day and is evident in MCKL’s current practices within its core values. The symbol of the flame drives us to shine brightly for Him, truly reflecting our core values, firstly, in honouring God; prioritising our thinking, feeling and actions in ways that bring glory to Him.

As an institution of higher learning, MCKL celebrates diversity by welcoming students of different faiths onto its campus grounds. It is our wish that they feel the same

**Change is a constant,  
learning has to be a constant process**



*MCKL's Flame at its KL campus was inaugurated by Bishop Dr Hwa Yung in August 2010 to seal its commitment in fostering young minds to achieve their aspirations*



*The Flame in Pykett Campus, Penang was officiated by Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar, The Methodist Church in Malaysia and Y.A.B Tuan Chow Kon Yeow, Chief Minister of Penang, during the launch of MCKL College, Penang Pykett campus in May 2022*

*MCKL students receive holistic education in the best Methodist traditions while also meeting the needs of the IR4.0 workforce*



## The symbol of the flame drives us to shine brightly for Him.

warmth when they step foot in any of the Methodist education establishment. As our Lord Jesus said, *"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father in heaven,"* Matthew 5:16.

It is God's blessing that the spark ignited in Kuala Lumpur is now spreading to Penang, with the official launch of the first MCKL branch campus in Pykett in July 2022, enrolling 115 students and introducing 10 new programmes and short courses in its inaugural year.

As the old adage goes, *"Change is a constant, learning has to be a constant process."* MCKL fully embraces the challenges and opportunities of educating and preparing students for further education, professional development, and job careers in the new IR4.0 environment. Future jobs will require the use of technology, cloud-based application systems and the ability to digitally collaborate and network with teams within and outside an organisation.

At MCKL, we endeavour to embed these skills in the academic programmes and learning experiences of the students, in line with our wider vision of *"The Institution of Excellence for Life"* in providing a holistic education to produce well-rounded individuals.



## Section 2

# Teaching & Learning

*Madras Christian College  
Department of Social Work  
arriving in Malaysia Jan 2023.*



# A GLOCAL PERSPECTIVE ON SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION

Over 30 post-graduate students and faculty members from the Department of Social Work at Madras Christian College, India, recently paid a visit to Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL) for a study tour, as part of their curriculum requirement. The half-day programme saw six speakers from various institutions like the Malaysian Association of Social Workers (MASW), to share their organisational structure, work, and experiences when aiding the underserved communities in Malaysia and around the world. The purpose of the trip was also to learn more about the Diploma in Social Work offered at MCKL along with its modules and requirements to become a qualified professional in the field.

Social work has come a long way since its fervid past, overcoming stigma, and expanding its role within the community at large in both developed and developing countries. What remains constant is that anyone in the field of social work makes a significant impact in their society and will continue to see the rippled effect as time moves forward. It is then integral to ensure that the curriculum developed and adopted fully reflects the issues and challenges faced in society.

The sharing session by MCKL's Diploma in Social Work programme, the Malaysian non-governmental organisations (NGOs), and Madras Christian College saw similarities in their approach to attain competencies in



*Dr Chua Ping Yong, Chief Executive Officer, MCKL, welcomes Madras Christian College and visitors before the session begins*

social work. Although there are some differences in experiences expected from the lifestyle and cultural influence, the congruency between the institutions show that social work is deeply relatable – where exchanges like this can raise mutual understanding of social work, assisting local professionals in developing a more global understanding in their approach to support the community.

Speakers from the session included: Mr Thomas Vijayan Ramasami, Community Development Leader, Malaysian CARE; Ms Jenny Pui Wan Lee, Head of Social Work, ElShaddai Centre; Dr B Prince Solomon Devadass, Assistant Professor at Madras Christian College; Mrs Jasmine Adaickalam, Tabitha Club; Nur Atikah Izzati, Lecturer of MCKL's Diploma in Social Work programme, and Ms Laila Nasuha Mohd Jalil, Administrative Executive, Malaysian Association of Social Workers.



*A group photo with the Madras Christian College Master's students, speakers from NGOs and MCKL academics from the Diploma in Social Work programme*



# MCKL PARTNERS WITH VIRGINIA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY TO OFFER US SCHOLARSHIPS

Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL), Malaysia and Virginia Wesleyan University (VWU), United States, recently signed and sealed an institutional collaboration agreement as an articulation university for MCKL's American Degree Transfer Program.

"This is the beginning of a wonderful and long-lasting relationship between the two tertiary institutions, and we are very pleased to say that the partnership is met with equal enthusiasm to grow to new heights," said Dr Gerard Boey, Acting Chief Executive Officer and Principal cum Academic Dean of MCKL.

Also present at the ceremony was Dr Stephen Sim, Assistant Vice President for Enrollment – Asia, VWU, who shared that, "VWU's association with MCKL extends many years and in this time, MCKL has established itself as a great college. It is equally important that both institutions work with common interests, particularly at the core by sharing the same faith, which will only create more opportunities when students make their way to America and meet like-minded people with the same principles."

The partnership between MCKL and VWU will offer MCKL students in the American Degree Transfer Program



*Dr Stephen Sim (left), Assistant Vice President for Enrollment – Asia, VWU and Dr Gerard Boey, Acting Chief Executive Officer and Principal cum Academic Dean, MCKL signs the Institutional Collaboration Agreement to offer scholarship options to MCKL ADTP students transferring to VWU*

transferring to VWU scholarships ranging between 50% to full tuition waiver fee. The full tuition waiver, called the Batten Honors College, is awarded to one outstanding student per VWU academic year. Other benefits in the agreement include student mobility, visiting programmes, student exchanges, and other educational opportunities.

VWU was established in 1961, its campus a vast 300-acres with 1,600 students and ranks #156-201 out of 210 National Liberal Arts Colleges in the United States.



*A group photo with Dr Stephen Sim (fourth, left), Assistant Vice President for Enrollment – Asia, VWU and Dr Gerard Boey (third, right), Acting Chief Executive Officer and Principal cum Academic Dean, MCKL and Ms Khor Kheng Leik (middle), Academic Director, Tertiary Programmes, MCKL, along with the senior management team to officiate the partnership between MCKL and VWU*



# MCKL HEAD OF COUNSELLING AWARDED

## ANUGERAH KOMITMEN TERBAIK, SUKARELAWAN KAUNSELOR BERDAFTAR BY MALAYSIA'S MINISTRY OF WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT, FAMILY & COMMUNITY

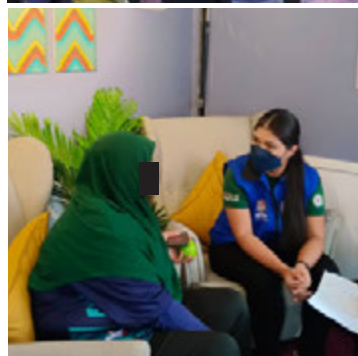
Malaysia is susceptible to floods every year end due to the monsoon season and residents are often prompted to evacuate their living spaces because of the rise in water levels occupying their homes. The floods in December 2021 delivered a devastating blow to the nation, compounding the recovery efforts from the ongoing pandemic.

In a bid to act as quickly as possible to assist victims affected by the pandemic and disasters, the Board of Counsellors Malaysia a team called Sukarelawan Kaunselor Berdaftar (SKB), or Registered Counsellors' Volunteer, gathered professional volunteers to do field work and crisis intervention to affected residents in Malaysia, a joint support with Skuad Prihatin Negara under the Ministry of Women's Development, Family & Community. Joann Toh, Head of Counselling at Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL), was part of the team visiting affected families during the lockdown in 2021, providing psychosocial support on top of the food basket and financial assistance that were presented to each affected family. During the flood, she was part of front line support at Pusat Penempatan Sementara (PPS), assessing psychological and physical needs of the affected families.

"During the disastrous flood that hit Malaysia in December 2021, I was part of the team attending to the affected families staying at Bukit Lanchong, Shah Alam, where most of their homes were completely destroyed by the ceiling-level flood," recalled Joann. "My duty was to provide psychological first aid, emotional support to individuals shaken by the disaster at their temporary shelter at Putra Heights, as well as raising fund to get specific basic necessities for the families."

Joann's ongoing contribution to provide aid in psychological support, mental health screenings, and counselling in several communities, as well as her commitment to help affected families during Malaysia's difficult times, was recognised recently by the Ministry of Women's Development, Family & Community awarding her the Anugerah Komitmen Terbaik, Sukarelawan Kaunselor Berdaftar (SKB). There are around 1,500 SKB's of which three, including Joann, were conferred this feat.

"It is an honour and privilege to have the opportunities to be of service to the community and to be honest, it is a humbling experience and to be able to provide the little that I could to the community," said Joann. "This recognition



Joann Toh, Head of Counselling at MCKL was recently recognised for her efforts during the 2021 Malaysia floods & service to the community at Pusat Sokongan Sosial Setempat (PSSS) by the Ministry of Women's Development, Family & Community

serves as a reminder to me to continue this journey of support to the community out there. There is so much more that can be done."

Joann has been in the mental health profession for more than 10 years, working across the age group from adolescents to family. Trained in Psychological First Aid, she is also actively involved in community outreach. Joann also has experience as crisis counselor dealing with domestic violence, and sexual assault victims. Besides a SKB, she is part of the Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) team, Ministry of Health, Malaysia.



# MCKL STUDENTS LAUDED AS OUTSTANDING CAMBRIDGE LEARNER AWARDS

Five students from the Cambridge A Level programme at Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL) were recognised as outstanding performing learners in Malaysia, and globally, in the June 2022 examination series. In announcing the results, the students were honoured at the Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards ceremony, hosted by the Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE) in Subang Jaya recently.

Alexander Tan, Anitej Palur, Lee Cheng Zhen, and Pearlynn Khoo achieved Top in the World award for Mathematics and their classmate Tan Zhen Mei scored High Achievement in the German Language syllabus. According to the CAIE, being Top in the World means the learner gained the highest standard mark in the world for a single subject and anyone else achieving the same mark will be recognised for the same award. Students attaining High Achievement received outstanding results in subjects which are not widely taken.

"I am deeply humbled by the honour," said aspiring doctor, Anitej. "I will take this as a sign to continue working harder to achieve my goals. While preparing for my AS paper, I have learned to become more independent in my studies and now have a clearer path ahead for my future."

Anitej's course mate, Alexander shared the same sentiment, "Securing a top spot in the Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards helped reassure me that I could reach new heights. Receiving support from my lecturer gave me the push to excel, as well as giving solid advice whenever I was stuck. What's more, my parents showing support throughout by making my life outside of academics easier allowed me to perform as such."

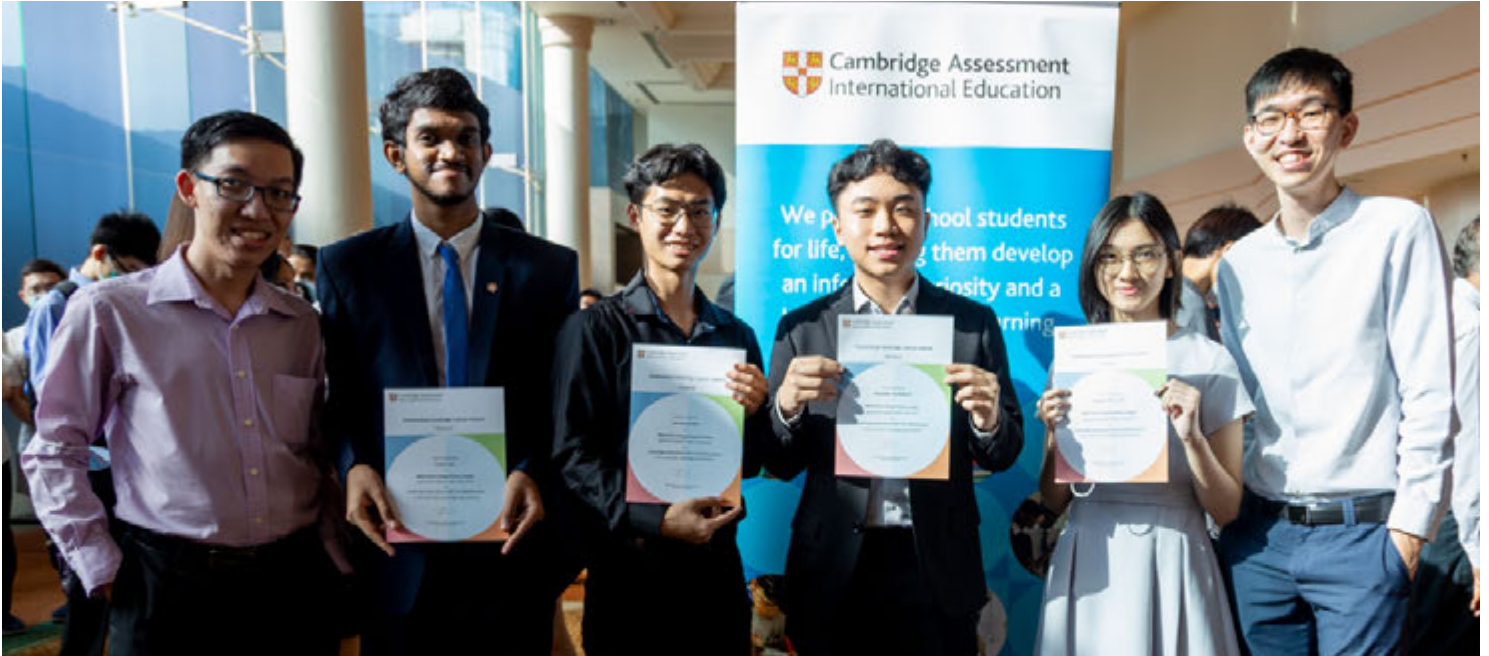
Of course, such an accolade did not come without its challenges, "The biggest challenge in obtaining this award was the amount of meticulousness and rigour required to obtain this award. It was an aspect I was particularly not strong at to begin with but through my lecturer's coaching I was able to sharpen my skills which allowed me to obtain this award," recalled Alexander.

As with most students, Pearlynn experienced some anxiety when preparing for her exams, "The programme is also fast



A group photo of the Cambridge A Level Top in the World award recipients for Mathematics in the June 2022 Examination Series. (L to R) Lee Cheng Zhen, Pearlynn Khoo, Alexander Tan and Anitej Palur.





The Cambridge A Level Top in the World award recipients for Mathematics in the June 2022 Examination Series. (L to R) Lecturer Aw Yeong Zhi Sheng, Anitej Palur, Lee Cheng Zhen, Alexander Tan, Pearlynn Khoo, and lecturer Wong Munn Kitt.

paced, which taught me to have better time management, and the help I received from the lecturers, who were always ready to help and listen to our challenges in their studies, encouraged me to keep working hard, and it paid off."

When asked about his decision to join MCKL, Cheng Zhen shared that, "I believe that the Cambridge A Level gives me more opportunities to pursue further studies internationally, and MCKL is a great college with high standards and affordable tuition fees. In my experience, I quickly realised that the environment on campus is close-knit and there was never a moment where I felt uncomfortable."

Mentor to the top Cambridge A Level students, Wong Munn Kitt, Mathematics Coordinator and senior lecturer, was extremely pleased with their students' achievements, "They were serious students who paid a lot of attention to their studies. They put in maximum effort in understanding the syllabus and completing their work," he said. "I'm incredibly happy for them to have achieved a result that is best in the world. I am optimistic for them and what they can accomplish in society in the future. I am immensely proud to have taught them, these students were incredibly talented and intelligent." In addition to his students and their parents, other mentors and lecturers involved in the same programme, Samuel Lim, Aw Yeong Zhi Sheng, Chong You Juan and Lim Keng Miao share in his pride.

Although the students worked hard in their studies, Munn Kitt added that there was a need for students to be curious and playful during their learning process as well. "They were more curious than their peers in that they asked questions

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beyond the syllabus. They also had a playful spirit towards learning and life. They had many other interests outside of the classroom. I firmly believe that hobbies outside-of-classroom and academic studies are closely interrelated in helping a person feel fulfilled and grow holistically, and when that happens, they will do well in both." Students at MCKL are routinely awarded this accolade, with a total of 137 students receiving Top in the World, Top in the Country, or High Achievement for their AS and A2 papers since 2013.

CAIE celebrates the success of students taking the Cambridge examination in over 40 countries worldwide. While only five of the students received the highest recognition at MCKL, it bears reminding that there were many students that did just as well, seeing that the June 2022 examination series had 220 candidates sitting for their respective papers, out of which 112 outstanding scholars scored 3As and above.



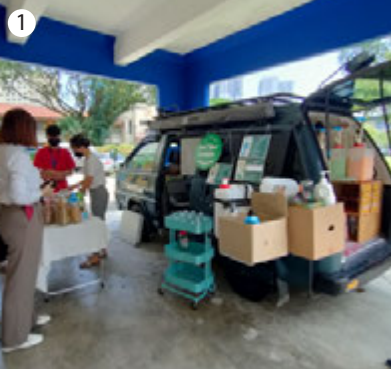
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# Service Learning: The Power to Inspire



The launch of the first fabric recycling bin on KL Campus in collaboration with Kloth Cares Malaysia.

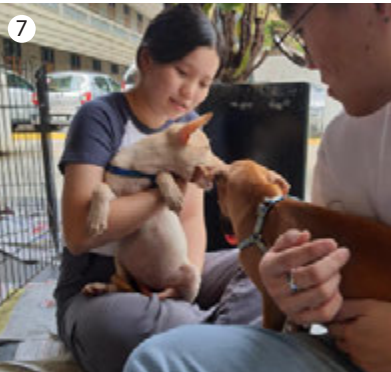




# MCKL SERVICE LEARNING IN ACTION

Here are the Service Learning events, held on both campuses!

- 1 *The Refiller Mobile Truck made its appearance twice on KL Campus!*
- 2 & 3 *Service Learning activities held in the Agora, KL Campus*
- 4 & 5 *Crystal Home initiative by Pykett Campus*
- 6 *MCKL's first fabric recycling bin is installed on KL Campus, in collaboration with Kloth Cares*
- 7 & 8 *Furry friends on Pykett Campus in conjunction with the SPCA fundraiser*





**Section 4**

# MCKL Graduation Stories



*ADTP transfer students on all smiles before embarking on their study abroad*



# MCKL STUDENTS SUCCESSFULLY TRANSFER TO REPUTABLE GLOBAL UNIVERSITIES

For nine Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL) students, the New Year will be an exhilarating time for them as they prepare for the next phase of their higher education journey in the United States and Australia. Through MCKL's American Degree Transfer Program (ADTP), these students were accepted into the universities of their choice, bringing them one step closer to fulfilling their dreams.

This year, the ADTP students will be transferring to reputable universities like Messiah University, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, University of Wisconsin-River Falls, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, Iowa State University, and University of South Australia, pursuing their undergraduate degree in either geology, computer science, accounting, industrial design, social work, international business, and data science to name a few.

"I feel excited because I will get to experience something completely new that I otherwise cannot experience here," said Hannah Tan Ze Xuan, who is transferring to Iowa State University. "I feel good about studying in the United States and chose it for a reason. Iowa State is a decent university and meets my needs in pursuing my degree in industrial design, so it is likely that I will be a proud graduate from there."

For Adam Rafique bin Shakor Ramat, he is most excited about living on his own when he graduates, however, when this happens, it will be bittersweet. "On the one hand, I'm going to be away from my family in a part of the United States I have never been. But I'll be able to have experiences and learn things I never would at home, or even in Malaysia."

However, for Teh Zhi Yang, he has an additional set of priorities, "I am most excited about meeting the people from the US and learning more about their culture as well as the delicious food they have." Adam too, wants more from his experience away from home, "I chose to study in the United States because I want to study where I am somewhat familiar with, and still be exposed to new ideas."

The students unanimously agreed that MCKL's connections and partnerships with international universities was the trait they needed to ensure their application was successful. "MCKL provided many university visits that helped me become exposed to the universities that are trustworthy since it was partnered with the college. From there, I narrowed it down to the ones that fit my needs and wants," said Hannah.

Adam, who is transferring to University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, shared the same sentiment, "I have been accepted into the university of my choice, and MCKL had a hand to play in that. They connected me to the university representatives, who helped me fulfil some of the requirements for my major. MCKL also helped send over my partial transcript which was necessary to get accepted and for that I am grateful."

The students will begin their journey to the United States and Australia by January or February 2023, respectively. MCKL's ADTP commenced in 2014 where almost 250 students gained admissions to high-ranking universities worldwide. Apart from the all-time favourite choice of US universities to complete their tertiary education, students were also admitted into universities in Australia, Canada, Lithuania, UK, Netherlands and South Korea.



An exciting time for MCKL's American Degree Transfer Program students who will soon register at their chosen universities in United States and Australia next year.

# MCKL GRADUATES ENCOURAGED TO EMBRACE FAILURE AS PART OF SUCCESS



*MCKL graduating students are all smiles before receiving their certificates*

Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL) celebrates more than 320 graduands at the latest ceremony in March 2023, at the MCKL Auditorium. The graduation and awards ceremony recognised graduates in six programmes, Cambridge A Level, Australian Matriculation, Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), ACCA Foundation in Accountancy (ACCA FIA), Cambridge International Certificate in Teaching & Learning, and Diploma in Early Childhood Education.

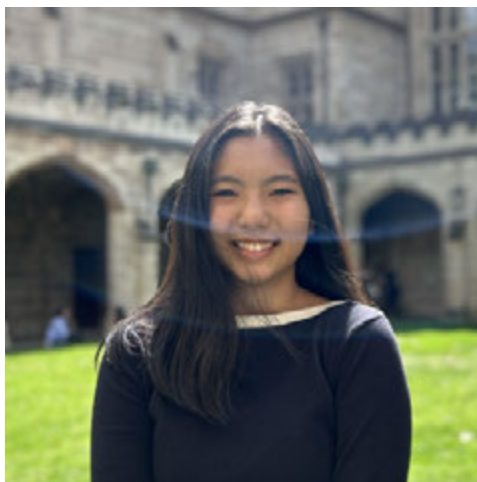
The event was graced by Reverend Dr T. Jeyakumar, Bishop of the Methodist Church Malaysia; Mr Gopala Krishnan Sundaram, Chairman of the Board of Governors, and Dr Chua Ping Yong, Chief Executive Officer, MCKL.

Brandy Tsai Tung Yu, who received her Diploma in Early Childhood Education, was the cohort's Valedictorian, "This recognition was honestly very surprising, but knowing that my goal was to always honour God not just in my daily life but also in my own grades, I am very honoured and thankful to be able to win this award for God." Brandy was also the recipient of the Datuk Dr Chiam Heng Keng Award as the best performing student in her diploma.

The highest scoring student in the Australian Matriculation programme, Lau Zi Qi, was presented the Datuk F R Bhupalan award, out of more than 80 students. Edgar Wong, who successfully



*Brandy Tsai Tung Yu is MCKL's March 2023 Valedictorian, graduating with a Diploma in Early Childhood Education and recipient of the Datuk Dr Chiam Heng Keng Award*



*Lau Zi Qi graduates from MCKL's Australian Matriculation programme with Datuk F R Bhupalan award and is currently pursuing her degree in the Bachelor of Biomedicine at the University of Melbourne, Australia*



*Edgar Wong collects his certificate for Cambridge A Level, along with the Yin Kam Yoke Award and four other recognitions*



completed the Cambridge A Level programme was awarded the Yin Kam Yoke Award as the best performing student in his batch, along with pocketing four other accolades including: Outstanding Scholars in Cambridge GCE A Level Examination June 2022, Subject Prize Winner in Mathematics, Excellence Award, and Overall Academic Excellence in Combination Science and Arts.

“Winning the Datuk F R Bhupalan award was a validation of my hard work, a testament to the extra hours I put in to studying, and a proof that my efforts were not in vain,” recalled Zi Qi. “This recognition was not just a personal achievement, but also a reflection of the support and guidance that I received from my mentors,

teachers, and friends along the way. Moving forward, this recognition will act as a constant motivation for me to continue pushing myself to strive for even greater heights in the future. It was a humbling experience that touched me deeply and reminds me that anything is possible with hard work, determination, and a little bit of support from those around us.”

In his closing speech, Dr Chua emphasised that students should keep focus on their priorities long after they leave MCKL’s auditorium. He reflected on MCKL’s 10 Core Values that guides everyone walking through its doors, the ultimate of which is to honour God, to set their roots in Him and the lives they want to lead. “We realised why students

keep choosing MCKL is because they recognise our value system that is different than anywhere else. It’s nothing short of inspirational to see how we’re making a difference in students’ lives – by watching the light that is ignited within themselves when they leave campus and take it into fruition, the dreams they wish to undertake.” However, sometimes, with such ambitions comes setbacks. “Don’t worry if you fail, there’s always something to learn. When you learn from it, you will find yourselves growing immensely from that experience.”

Dr Chua reminded students to always honour God and obey Him; and in his parting words, thanked the graduating cohort of March 2023 for carrying on MCKL’s good name.



An exciting event for these MCKL graduates and their family







## Exciting Scholarships Await You!

What's next after MCKL? More exciting offers from other universities, of course! Here are some scholarships exclusively for MCKL students. For further information, please contact the Careers, University Placement and Alumni Department.



**100%**  
Tuition Fee Waiver

**Moey-Phipps Scholarship of Distinction**  
*by Messiah University*

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**100% Tuition Fee Waiver**  
Limited to 1 MCKL Student per year



**\$6,000**  
off Tuition Fees

**UWEC-MCKL Merit Scholarship**  
*by University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire*

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**\$6,000 off Tuition Fees**  
Limited to 2 MCKL Students per year




**Full**  
Scholarship

**UNM-MCKL Scholarship**  
*by University of Nottingham Malaysia*

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**Full Scholarship**  
Limited to 2 MCKL Students per year



**Up to 100%**  
Tuition Fee Waiver

**4 Types of Scholarships**  
*by Virginia Wesleyan University*

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- **50% off Tuition Fee Waiver**  
for 1 MCKL ADTP Student per year
- **65% off Tuition Fee Waiver**  
for 1 MCKL Pre-U Student per year
- **75% off for Pastor's Children**  
for qualified MCKL Students
- **Batten Honors College Scholarship**  
100% Tuition Fee Waiver  
Limited to 1 MCKL Student per year



**50%**  
Tuition Fee Waiver

**UoSM x MCKL Exclusive Scholarship**  
*by University of Southampton Malaysia*

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- **50% Tuition Fee Waiver**  
for entire duration of studies in University of Southampton Malaysia  
*(only applicable for Undergraduate programmes)*
- **20% Transition Bursary**  
applicable for 2+2 Engineering students transferring to University of Southampton, UK

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# Taking Flight to Germany

with  GERMAN EDUCARE



## Kang Ee Ming

*Cambridge A Level (German Pathway),  
MCKL Alumna*

It was certainly a fun experience studying A Level German Pathway programme at MCKL. Sometimes after rounds of brain-wrecking, gear-spinning science classes, the German class at the end of the day gives me a breather. My teacher is a very easy-going person, and we could always fool around while learning German language at the same time. German Educare also cares a lot about their students, and they want the best for us. They have guided me well throughout the journey and the assistance I have gotten is priceless. It is no doubt a great pathway if you are interested in pursuing your studies in Germany.



## Low Ken-Zie

*Cambridge A Level (German Pathway),  
MCKL Alumnus*

It was a tough but good experience nevertheless. Determination and hardwork is definitely key to achieving a smooth learning process doing German and A Levels at the same time. Thankfully we have these patient and nice teachers to make German such a fun and enjoyable subject parallel to stressful A Level subjects. The learning experience with German Educare is definitely a good one, with the dedicated teachers and the perfect transition from A Levels to pure German classes. Though a bit rushed, German Educare did make very good arrangements of courses, accommodations and schedules both in Malaysia and the Germany side.



## Sasha Amira Bernard

*Cambridge A Level (German Pathway),  
MCKL Alumna*

My experience at the German Pathway programme at MCKL was excellent. Throughout the learning process, my teacher was always there to support me, which made everything much easier. German Educare has also made the entire process of preparing for my studies in Germany much easier, from learning the language to applying for the visa and booking the flight tickets. The staff are always there to answer any questions we may have and calm our fears about life in Germany. Overall, they have made me feel prepared for my journey to study in Germany.



## Rachel Chua Xin Jie

*Cambridge A Level (German Pathway),  
MCKL Alumna*

Although learning a new language while studying A Level programme can be quite challenging, I have no regrets about enrolling in the German pathway programme at MCKL. German class has always been fun, interactive, and worth looking forward to. Through the programme, I had the opportunity to practise the language with other college students while having fun. German Educare equipped me with the knowledge necessary for pursuing higher studies in Germany from culture and language learning to university preparations. In addition, I was able to participate in workshops and listen to alumni, which provided me with the encouragement and motivation needed to succeed. If I were to have a second chance, I would still choose the same path.



## Rebecca Khoo Yie Shan

*Cambridge A Level (German Pathway),  
MCKL Alumna*

Admittedly, it wasn't easy learning a new language and three other A Level subjects concurrently, but it was still manageable and by going through this programme, I had time to decide whether I would enjoy studying in Germany. In the end I am glad to have joined this pathway and at the same time I have made friends that will be going together with me on this new chapter in life. German Educare has provided informative advice and answered questions or worries that I have had, whether it was about the exams or the transition to Germany. They have been a big help throughout the whole process, both my family and I can rest easy, knowing that any unexpected complications can be resolved together with their assistance.

**We wish you all the best  
in your future endeavours!**



# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR A-LISTERS

## CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL GCE A LEVEL EXAMINATION NOVEMBER 2022

### YIN KAM YOKE AWARD 2023

Best Performance, GCE A Level Examination November 2022  
**EDGAR WONG**

### OVERALL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Pure Science  
**JOYTON FU HUNG LI**

Pure Arts  
**LAW YEN KAY**

Combination Science & Arts  
**EDGAR WONG**

### 4A\*

ADAM SOH SHI JIE  
AMBER LIEW ZHI XUAN  
ANITEJ PALUR  
CHIOU HAU YIE  
CHOY EE ANN  
DEREK LOH JIA-YANG  
EDGAR WONG  
FUI JING MIN  
GOH JUN KEAT  
JOYTON FU HUNG LI  
KEE CHEE PHENG  
KHOR JI HAO  
KONG WAN TENG  
KYUNG DOHYUN  
LAU WEI SIN  
LAW YEN KAY  
LEE CHENG ZHEN  
LEE YUE HANG  
LIAO YING  
MANDY YAP ZHI WEI  
PANG YANG YI  
PEARLYNN KHOO I-YEE  
SOO RONG JIE  
SOONG JUN SHEN  
TAN YING XI  
TEH KAH XUAN  
THAMINI VIJEYASINGAM

### 2A\* 2A

HIEW WEI FENG  
LIM SHUYI  
LOH CHANG LE CHARLOTTE  
NG YUEN TING  
ONG DUN YAN  
SANYA GUPTA  
TOO KE YI  
WONG YI LYNN

### 3A\*

ARIEL LIM XIN YUE  
CHARLOTTE CHAN  
CHEN JUN AN  
DAYALAN SURESH KUMAR  
JASON THAW JIE XUN  
MAK JING YUE  
SHRUT SILAKARI  
TOH JIN SHIENG  
VIDYA MUKHERJEE  
WONG YI CHENG

### 1A\* 2A

CLIFFORD CHIEW KHAR CHUNG  
NATASCHA LOW SHERN EE  
YAP SHI YING

### 1A\* 2A1B

ANKIT DOMBLE

### 1A\* 3A

BRYAN TEH ZHE BIN  
CHAN SUE WEN  
KUSHAGRAE BHATNAGAR  
LIAW WEI KEAT  
NG SIN LEE  
TAY JIA XUAN  
WINNI TEH LEE KEI

### 2A\* 1A

ABDEALI HAIDER MORBIWALA  
AHILAN SURESH KUMAR  
CHAI XIN YI  
DING ZHUANG QIN  
FOO AIK MENG  
YAP KAI LI  
YEO LOK MUN  
YEOH CHENG YEN

### 1A\* 2A1b^

TEOH TZI YI

### 3A1B

CHAN CHLO-E  
CHIANG CHIA WEN  
CHIOU HAU THIENG  
CHONG JUNLIANG  
LIM JIA YI

### 3A\* 1A

CHONG JEN ZHONG  
CHONG WENG SOON  
CHUNG YOONSEO  
JESS CHOY SHU HSUEN  
LAI EEI ERN  
LIM XIAO JUN ESTELLE  
TAN YIN YI

### 4A

TAN QI  
YEAT JING LIN

### 2A\* 1A1C

CHAI JIA HONG  
WANG XUERUI

### 3A

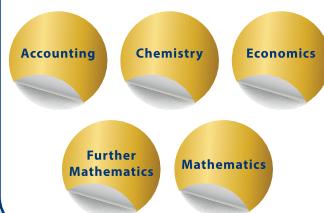
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ZACHARY CHEN XUONG-ERN

### 3A\* 1a^

LIM ZHENYI ALIANA  
RACHEL CHUA XIN JIE  
THAM YONG SHIANG

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**Section 5**

# Up and About on Campus

*The three winners from ICDL Asia Digital Challenge*





# MULTIPLE WINS FOR MCKL STUDENTS AT ICDL ASIA DIGITAL CHALLENGE 2022

Three students from Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL) bagged top prizes at the ICDL Asia Digital Challenge 2022 (DC2022). The competition is an annual student competition inviting secondary and tertiary students in Asia to compete and showcase their digital prowess and its application in the new digital economy.

Liao Ying, Law Yen Kay, and Chin Jun Lin, currently undergoing their Cambridge A Level programme at MCKL, went head-to-head with over 1,000 students from 11 territories like China, India, Japan, Indonesia, New Zealand, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Vietnam to name a few. Contestants were given six months to partake in one of three competition tracks, Business, Design, Emerging Technologies and had to undergo two rigorous rounds before making it to the finals.

Liao Ying took home the silver award in the Business Track, while her classmate, Law Yen Kay was presented the bronze award in the same category. "I completed the ICDL module of management spreadsheets previously, finding it useful and interesting – which is what enticed me to join the competition as a challenge to myself to learn more digital skills," said Liao Ying. "We were required to self-learn the ICDL modules of Application Essentials, Digital Marketing and Advanced Presentation and having effectively mastered the module of Application Essentials and performed well in the certification test."

Law Yen Kay shared the same sentiments in joining the digital challenge, "I saw it as an opportunity to develop essential digital skills as I was about to finish college. I believed that these skills would be very helpful in university and as I enter the working world." Chin Jun Lin secured a bronze award under the Emerging Technologies track, saying the lessons were interesting to learn.

Mentor, Lydia Ong, Coordinator, Digital Education at MCKL ensured the students were well-equipped with the necessary resources required to advance in the competition. "It was important for me to keep encouraging them to practice the skills multiple times to improve their scores. To help them with this, I shared some relevant resources which were deemed useful to enhance their practical skills and understandings about the key concepts," she said. "I also set achievable goals and timeline for them and track their progress in completing the self-paced e-book and diagnostic test."

Working closely with the students proved to be fruitful, especially when the winners were finally announced, "I was very excited when they revealed the winners' list after each round of the competition. Some students started the journey without much prior knowledge about the digital skills. All I did was to believe in their potential to succeed and pushed them through their limits," Lydia beamed. "They have thoroughly enjoyed the competition and learned new knowledge and skills in preparing for the competition. Their achievements and experience gained through this event will set good examples to the junior and encourage more students to participate the competition in the following years."



(L to R) Chin Jun Lin, Liao Ying and Law Yen Kay pose with their winnings from the recent ICDL Asia Digital Challenge 2022



# MCKL STUDENTS SHOW THEIR PROWESS IN MATHEMATICS AT GLOBAL COMPETITION

The future requires problem solvers with reasoning skills. One way to hone and refine this ability is to become fluent in mathematics, which may not be the answer anyone was expecting. However, it's not about farfetched problems and suspicious behaviour like John needing to buy 46 watermelons to help solve a real problem in your life. It is the skills used to frame the problem, identifying the knowns and unknowns, then taking steps to solve the problem – that is the important strategy applied to other challenges in life.



*Kangaroo Math Competition 2022 medals awarded to Top 10% best performing students in Malaysia.*

A subject like mathematics is improved with practice through quizzes, exams and even competitions, to benchmark skills with other mathematics enthusiasts in the same vicinity or overseas. Events like the Kangaroo Math Competition brings students in primary, secondary and tertiary students from all over the world to test their proficiency in the subject, which is the main reason why 13 students from the Cambridge A Level and Australian Matriculation at Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL) decided to partake in the world's largest competition.

The Malaysian leg of the Kangaroo Math Competition 2022 edition had almost 46,000 participants representing over 1,500 schools in the nation. In each edition, 10% of contestants are announced as winners in the gold, silver, and bronze medallists, the next 40% receive an Honourable Mention, while the remaining 50% receive a certificate of participation.

Sean Eric Soon Chern Ann, MCKL's most recent Cambridge A Level graduate, was delighted to learn he received the silver medal, "This was my second experience at the Kangaroo Math Competition, and while I had the opportunity to participate throughout my time in the Wesleyan Methodist School KL (International), I never thought I was good enough. The first time I joined the competition, I won a bronze medal and since college was a new phase in my life, I thought why not try and see where I stood in my skills."

Bronze winner, Qirat Faisal was honoured to secure in the Top 10%, "Because when I saw the results, I was astonished. I was not really expecting it, and to still end up there means a great deal to me," he said. "I'm a more math-oriented

person, so when I heard about Kangaroo Math, I thought it was a good chance for me to do something in math which is out of the course, and to get a certificate as well."

Other bronze winners, Adam Soh Shi Jie and Nicholas Lau Zhi Xuan shared the same mindset in which to test their mathematical skills to the limit, "The competition acted as a confirmation of my skills at my current level. I firmly believe our efforts won't lie," said Adam.

"I practiced a lot of the Kangaroo Math past year papers and worked on the parts that were difficult for me," said Nicholas. "I am very happy because I managed to receive a medal, I will continue to work hard in the future."

Some parting advice from the winners included, "Practice good habits, for example, sufficient sleep, leisure reading, eagerness to learn. These habits can be the foundation of success," said Nicholas. Qirat adds that, "Don't stress too much on it, just practice a lot of past kangaroo math paper, and recheck your answers once you're done to avoid any careless mistakes. Also, do not let it get in the way of your academic course, just take an hour of your day to practice for it. Most importantly, try your best not to procrastinate and grind over it last minute."

The competition began in France by the Association Kangourou sans Frontières (AKSF) seeing more than 4 million participants every year, from 96 countries. In Malaysia, the Kangaroo Math Competition has been active since 2013, to expose students with math problems designed by internationally renowned math educators.



# MCKL STUDENT GROUP WOW JUDGES WITH THEIR VIDEO ENTRY TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE

An all-women trio from the Cambridge A Level Preparatory (PREPCAL) programme raced against the clock to win third prize at the second installation of the Malaysia Climate Action Week, organised by the British Malaysian Chamber of Commerce (BMCC) recently. The exciting five-day national event featured organisations and individuals taking active steps towards climate action reflecting this year's theme, A.C.T Now! Adapt, Collaborate, Transcend. BMCC also led a contest calling Malaysian students to produce a video raising awareness on the innovative ways to combat climate change and the positive impact it will bring to the environment and society via the Youth Action Video competition.

The adage remains true:  
**nothing is impossible.**

The adrenaline of the competition did not stop there, however, "We were under a lot of pressure, and we couldn't help but notice the scale of the ballroom and the number of successful people we would be presenting our videos to when we got to the stage," Qian You recalled. The final leg of the competition was held at Majestic Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, where the three finalists were required to share a five-minute speech on their action video in front of a panel of judges, as well as public voting by the conference attendees.

Goh Kai Yi, Lim Qian You and Lee Hana were given four days to submit their entry and were elated to receive news that their video was in the running for the grand prize. "We were shocked and happy to learn we were shortlisted, as we never thought we would make it that far," said Kai Yi. "We spent almost three or four days preparing the video entry for the competition and even editing the video a few hours before we had to go up on stage."

Taking part in such a large competition was their first encounter after graduating high school, making the feat even sweeter for them. The experience left an impact on them where Hana's parting words were, "The adage remains true: nothing is impossible. Never give up, even if the deadline is around the corner, don't give up because it's not over. We never know what the result will be and there's always a possibility it will work out better than any of us anticipated."



A group photo of the all-girl trio with their well-earned prizes and representatives of the British Malaysian Chamber of Commerce at the Malaysia Climate Action Week's Youth Action video competition at Majestic Hotel, Kuala Lumpur

# MCKL STUDENTS SUBMIT WINNING ESSAY ENTRIES ON CLIMATE CHANGE IN MALAYSIA

Three students from MCKL walked away with main prizes at the Economics essay competition hosted by the University of Nottingham Malaysia (UoNM) and World Bank Group Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Finance Hub. This year, the essay title was: "Why is climate change an issue in Malaysia? What climate change mitigation and adaptation measures would you suggest to the government?" The competition was open to all pre-university and high school students across Malaysia with prizes up to RM1,000 and a pledge that the top three winning essays will be published on the World Bank Malaysia's hub website.



*A group photo of MCKL's winners after the results were announced at the University of Nottingham and World Bank Group Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Finance Hub economics essay competition*

Erica Yoong Ka Kei bagged the third prize, and duo Thamini Vijeyasingam and Lim Chee Yuan won consolation prizes for their essays on climate change. "I was informed by a friend about the essay competition due to it fitting my interest in sustainability," said Erica. "It was my first time participating in an essay competition, so securing a spot in the top three definitely gave me a huge encouragement to keep a lookout for more competitions to enter."

Aside from the appeal of the prize money, Thamini felt that, "This year's question was quite interesting to me, since it was a Malaysia-specific question about climate change. It seemed like a good opportunity to learn more about the problems that Malaysia will face in the near future, especially amidst terrible flooding damages."

Conducting further research into the topic, Thamini came across profound findings about the nation's current situation, "Reading up about Malaysia's biggest challenges to the climate crisis had me wondering if we can really overcome it. It's quite surprising that flooding has been a longstanding problem, yet the infrastructure for disaster support is so poor."

However, while information on the impact of climate change in Malaysia was not difficult to find, the challenge was in sorting out the relevant information, "There was a lot

of ground to cover, but a pesky word limit of 2,000 words. Trying to ensure sufficient breadth without sacrificing too much depth and keeping it cohesive was quite a difficult task. I wouldn't say we achieved our goal, but we pared it down to three main areas of concern," said Thamini.

Erica shared the same concern in penning her thoughts into the essay, "One of the biggest challenges I had was looking for a direction for the essay and creating the framework. From my research, I found plenty of statistics and numbers, and a lot of my effort was in organising all the information I had into a smooth and easy-to-understand essay. I had to consider making the essay interesting and bringing my point across simultaneously."

The students' work paid off when UoNM announced the winners, "It was good news, and positive encouragement to enter more writing competitions. Certainly, it meant that the time invested reading research papers had been more fruitful than I had expected," Thamini beamed.

However, according to Erica, winning should not be the only motivation when considering to enter a competition, "Take the chance when you get it. Even though you might not achieve anything, the experience is forever precious," advised Erica. As a third prize winner, Erica won RM600 and Thamini with her partner, Chee Yuan received RM350 for their essay entries.

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# MCKL STUDENTS IN ACTION

Here are the current student events, both in KL and Pykett campuses



1-4 *Pykett campus students on a camping trip to Pantai Kerachut and Penang Turtle Sanctuary*

5 *MCKL Cheer Club: Meteors won 2nd Runner-up prize at the Cheer Out Loud Competition 2022*

6-7 *No Backpack Day at Pykett campus*

8-10 *Pictures from Orientation Camp*





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