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## Section 1

# *In the Spotlight*



MCKL has obtained a MyQUEST award in 2022



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With great joy and excitement, we announce that MCKL has achieved the COMPETITIVE ranking (Kategori Berdaya Saing) from MyQUEST 2022! Moving forward, our commitment to delivering quality education remains unwavering. As we celebrate this achievement, we strive to achieve our highest dreams and goals through our own honest and hard work. We are more motivated than ever to continue our pursuit of educational excellence and to make a positive impact on the lives of our students and the community.





# MCKL CELEBRATES 40 YEARS OF EDUCATION EXCELLENCE



Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL) celebrates its 40 years of education excellence this year! MCKL has rapidly established itself as an ideal tertiary education provider, focusing on delivering excellent and quality education while serving as an institution for society. MCKL strives to create a nurturing environment through transformative learning and teaching practices. Its humble origins as Methodist High School Kuala Lumpur started with the intention to serve as an institution of second chances for students who had failed their public-school examinations. It enabled them to complete their secondary education and move on into tertiary institutions and eventually secure employment. In 1983, the school was reorganised to cater to tertiary education by replacing secondary classes with A Levels and was renamed Methodist College Kuala Lumpur.

MCKL has been providing quality education whilst adhering to Methodist traditions and principles. Students are given equal opportunities and attention regardless of their academic ability, ethnicity, social or religious background. This applies not only to student admission but also all aspects of college life. As the students' education is given priority over profitability, MCKL's course fees have been kept affordable and many scholarships are available for students based on academic results, and personal achievements.

As a testimony to academic excellence, MCKL has a track record of sending students to top universities. MCKL's alumni have gained admission into renowned universities around the world. MCKL takes pride in consistently having a great track record, achieving almost 100% passing rate for Cambridge A Level for the past decade, which is an accomplishment on its own. Since 2020, they

have on average achieved over 50% 3As and above and achieved over 60% As for six subjects. MCKL students are also consecutively being awarded for achieving Top in the World and Top in Malaysia. This achievement is truly remarkable as this will be their steppingstone for their future.

"At MCKL, we aim to nurture high-achieving individuals of caliber who will become passionate and compassionate leaders in society, by embedding the MCKL DNA in each student through various extra-curricular activities, community service learning and character formation. Our wish is for students to undergo personal development that helps them define their objectives in life. It is our 10 Core Values that guide MCKL graduates to become positive agents of change – making significant contributions to others, their world, and those on the margins of society," MCKL's CEO, Dr. Chua Ping Yong.



Left to right: MCKL alumna - Sheena Siva, the Valedictorian & Prize winner for Surgery and O&G at RUMC; MCKL alumna, Denise Thean, graduated with First Class Honours from Munster Technological University, Ireland; MCKL alumnus, Nathaniel Inn has enrolled at the University of Cambridge



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*Dr Chua Ping Yong, CEO of MCKL*

**MCKL**  
Core Values



For 40 years, MCKL has been providing quality higher education in the best of Methodist tradition. Besides providing top quality pre-university, diploma, and professional courses, MCKL is in the aspiration to offer Degree courses as this will be a great opportunity for the students to continue their higher-level studies at MCKL.

In 2022, MCKL achieved another milestone by launching its first branch campus, MCKL College (Penang, Pykett Campus) to provide higher education opportunities and pathways for secondary school leavers and adult learners in the northern region. MCKL Pykett Campus, Penang was the campus of choice to kick off MCKL's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations with the #MCKLFestforChamps. The campus was decked out with colourful carnival flags that elevated the carnival feel even more. It featured diverse activities including interschool sports competitions, food trucks, pop-up bazaars, and a colouring contest that was enjoyed by all. An education fair that featured representatives from 12 esteemed local and private universities in Malaysia was also held. The Pykett Campus was buzzing with excitement, joy, and cheer.

Over the years, MCKL has fully embraced 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. MCKL endeavours to embed these skills in the academic programmes and learning experiences of the students, in line with their wider vision of MCKL of providing a holistic education to produce well-rounded individuals.

MCKL is in for greater things ahead. Just as exciting the last 40 years has been, we foresee the upcoming 40 years will be even more exciting!



*Top to bottom: Students at the science laboratory in MCKL Pykett, Penang Campus; Students during their leisure time at MCKL Pykett, Penang Campus; The graduating class of September 2023 from MCKL*



## Section 2

# Teaching & Learning

*ADTP students went on a field trip to Taman Alam with Fulbright Specialist Dr Erik Lindquist*





# MCKL HOLDS INAUGURAL TEACHING & LEARNING SYMPOSIUM

## IN KUALA LUMPUR AND PENANG

Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL) hosted its inaugural Teaching & Learning Symposium with the theme of 'College Readiness for Academic Success' at both its Kuala Lumpur and Penang Pykett campuses recently.

The symposium brought together almost 150 educators, administrators and high school students in Kuala Lumpur and Penang. The symposium served as a catalyst for knowledge sharing, foster a culture of collaborative learning, and empowering the next generation of college-bound students. This is to also provide them with invaluable insights and resources to thrive academically and transition smoothly into college.

Dr. Chua Ping Yong, CEO of MCKL, officiated the symposium and spoke on the future employability disruptions due to the rise of artificial intelligence technology on a global scale.

"It is not the fear and resistance to change, but rather how we adapt to it. It is not how we stop students from cheating using technology such as ChatGPT, but rather how we can include such a technology in their education," he said.

Dr. Gerard Boey, Principal, MCKL Pykett, Penang Campus and Academic Dean, encouraged educators and students to embrace digital technology and tools with an open mind to be future-ready for the 21st century and beyond.

"In today's digital age, technology plays a crucial role in education. Don't be afraid of new technology and tools such as AI and IoT. We should 'learn how to learn' and double up our knowledge so that we will not be obsolete in the future," he said.

Takshayani Nanthakumar, 18 years old and a high school graduate from SMK Convent Jalan Peel in Kuala Lumpur, expressed that Dr. Gerard's keynote address was inspiring and motivating. "Compared to other talks and workshops that I've attended before, Dr. Gerard spoke on something different such as AI and how we should embrace it with an open mind. I learned a lot on effective listening skills, body language and posture, and setting realistic goals within my capability," she said.

Takshayani has started her Cambridge A Level study in July in MCKL. As part of her preparation, she is looking through the module and syllabus to get an overview of what to expect in her studies. She is prepared to seek guidance and pick up soft skills from senior peers and lecturers.

Noor Fatimah Bt Mohd Zani and Nur Shafina Binti Mohamad, who are both counselling teachers from SMK Bukit Jambul in Penang, expressed that the symposium was insightful and engaging.

"The workshops organised were interactive and offered practical strategies and tools for the students to enhance their readiness for college. Topics such as effective note-taking techniques, critical thinking skills, research methodologies, and exam preparation were explored in depth. These workshops allowed students to actively participate, ask questions, and gain



Above: Group picture in KL, Below: Group picture in Penang

hands-on experience in applying these strategies to their own studies," they said.

These interactive sessions facilitated an open dialogue, enabling students to gain insider perspectives on college life, academic challenges, and support systems available on campus. Such interactions helped alleviate concerns and build confidence among the students, assuring them that they were not alone in their college aspirations.

The workshops also allowed educators to gain a deeper understanding of student needs, preferences, and challenges. Students were also encouraged to interact with their peers from different schools, creating a supportive community of like-minded individuals. By actively involving students through such engagements, MCKL demonstrated its commitment to student-centered education and fostering a supportive learning environment.

Additionally, symposium participants had the chance to tour MCKL's campus and network with MCKL representatives and lecturers to establish valuable connections that could provide guidance and support throughout their college application process and beyond.

MCKL's first Teaching & Learning Symposium was a resounding success, with high school students at the forefront of this transformative event. This inaugural symposium was a testament to MCKL's commitment to foster educational excellence and ensuring that students are well-prepared to embark on their higher education journey with confidence and enthusiasm.

# TWO MCKL STUDENTS ACCOLADED FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN THE NOVEMBER 2022 CAMBRIDGE EXAMINATIONS SERIES

## Dareena Kaur Kaulsay

- **Top in the World** for AS Law
- **Top in Malaysia** for AS English Literature



## Soong Jun Shen

- **Top in Malaysia** for A Level Computer Science



Two Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL) students were awarded the Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards (OCLA) in May 2023 for their remarkable success in their fields of study. Their achievements represent MCKL's continued commitment towards empowering students and providing them with top-notch educational services.

Dareena Kaur Kaulsay, 19 years old, was awarded Top in the World for AS Law and Top in Malaysia for AS English Literature, while Soong Jun Shen, 20 years old, was awarded Top in Malaysia for A Level Computer Science.

Dareena recalled that she was unsure which course to pursue after her IGCSE. She ultimately chose the Cambridge A Level (CAL) programme at MCKL due to its generous combination of subjects offered, especially for the arts stream. One of her favourite subjects was English Literature, and receiving the OCLA award for it would be one she would cherish forever.

"I have always dreamt of achieving such a prestigious award to validate my passion for the subject, and the fact that with the support of friends and lecturers at MCKL is extremely rewarding. Securing two 'Top in the World' awards proved to myself that my efforts have not gone in vain and that I could achieve anything I set my mind to!" she said.

She also thanked her lecturers and friends who have helped and supported her throughout her A Level journey. "Each and every one of my lecturers put effort into teaching us by handing out extra notes and providing feedback on every essay submitted. Considering that both English Literature and Law are fully essay-based subjects, I appreciate the time my lecturers set in marking my long essays. Of course, I cannot forget my group of friends in Literature class who have remained by my side since my very first day and have continued to motivate and inspire me every day."

Meanwhile, Soong Jun Shen explained that he chose to study CAL at MCKL for its amazing track record of academic excellence while emphasising a holistic learning experience that encompasses academic and personal growth.

"What I found attractive was the wide variety of subjects and combinations that catered to my interests and abilities. I was also given a generous scholarship on top of their affordable tuition fees," he said.

That said, he admitted that he struggled to juggle his time between the heavy workload of the subjects. "I needed to strategically plan my studies, especially before the exams, to fully utilise the limited amount of time to understand many of the core concepts and mechanisms and retain the large volume of knowledge required for the subjects."

He thanked his lecturers for being supportive throughout his A Level journey as they went above and beyond to ensure he understood the knowledge. "They would set aside time outside of lectures to give me additional feedback and guidance, especially when I was struggling to cope with the lectures," he recalled.

Jun Shen is proud to receive the award, as it has reaffirmed his passion and ability to pursue the challenging but rewarding field and motivates him to deepen his understanding in the subject through his undergraduate education.

Dareena will continue to study for a degree in Law, while Nanyang Technological University Singapore has accepted Jun Shen to study Mathematical and Computer Sciences.

The Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards (OCLA) programme celebrates the success of learners taking Cambridge examinations in over 40 countries worldwide. Cambridge places learners at the centre of their international education programmes and qualifications inspired by the best in educational thinking.





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# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR A-LISTERS



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## CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL GCE A LEVEL EXAMINATION JUNE 2023

### BISHOP DENIS C DUTTON SCHOLAR

Best Performance, GCE A Level Examination June 2023  
**LOO JING HERNG**

### OVERALL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Pure Science: **MAC SHAO-REI**  
Pure Arts: **DAREENA KAUR KAULSAY**  
Combination Science & Arts: **LOO JING HERNG**

### 4A\*

ASHLEY FOO SHENG MIN  
AW YONG YONG  
CHLOE WONG JIA EN  
CHONG LI  
CHRISTABEL CHONG LI ERN  
CLARICE SNG KE YU  
DAREENA KAUR KAULSAY  
ESTHER NG PEI YI  
FAITH HUI TZE HUEI  
KRISTIN TAN KAI YEN  
LEE SHU XIAN  
LIM YI XUAN  
LOO JING HERNG  
LOW WEN HUI  
MAC SHAO-REI  
MARCUS CHIN WEI YUAN  
PANG ZI YANG  
SHAWN WONG KUNG SHUEN  
TAN LE XI  
TIFFANY CHIU KE SHUEN  
TIMOTHY YAN KWANG YIH  
YANG CHANJU

### 2A\* 2A

AMANDA LOH CHU ERN  
CHANG KAI WEN  
CHONG JAY YI  
CHUA CHONG JIA  
DAREN SINGH KAULSAY  
ELIJAH INN TSIN TSERN  
ELISE TIONG WEN YI  
LIM KAI XIN  
MOO YONG WEI JIAN  
PARK HAYEONG  
TAMMY LIEW YONG JIE

### 2A\* 1A

CHI MINJING  
CHIN REN ERN  
DANIEL ONG TENG HUI  
ELISSA ANN SU-ERN  
JAYSHEN A/L RATNADURAI  
JOLENE TAN YAN YI  
LIM SHIN TIAN  
LOW WEI TONG  
MARISSA HALEY CHONG  
PANG YU HANG  
SONG SHIYI  
THING JIA PEI

### 1A\* 2A1B

BEH JUN YANG  
RACHEL KOH YIK HAN  
SUNG PIK YING

### 3A

ADRIAN NG KAI JIE  
CANDICE CHIN JIA YUE  
CHRISTOPHER JOSHUA CHONG WENG JUN  
COLIN WONG JIAN WEI  
GOO WEN ZHAN  
HENRY HON SHENG-LONG  
SOONG SUET YENG

### 1A\* 3A

CHANG YAN WEN  
JAYANTH HARIHARAN  
JOSHUA CHONG YONG PING  
JUNG WONGYUN  
SIDNEY SOH ZHI LEI

### 2A\* 1A1B

CHOOI YI KEAT  
LEONG JUN CHUEN

### 3A1B

ANDREA KAY-WEN FREDERICKS  
HONG YUN YA  
LIM JIA CHENG  
SAH WEN PIN  
VANESSA CHONG YI WEN

### 3A\* 1A

CHAN EU JUN  
CHAN KWOK CHE'NG  
CHLOE MAU JEN YI  
CHONG YEE TONG  
DARYL YONG KA WEI  
DHIREN RHENA REDDI  
JONAH YIP MATHIVANAN  
KAVVIYAH CHANDRAN  
KRISTEN SAPPHIRE YOON HUEY ERN  
NICOLE TAY SI YEN  
RAYZEL JOVINA SHANMUGAM  
WONG XIN PING XANDRA  
YAP CHEONG YOUNG  
YEE YU-QI

### 4A

ASHLEY LAU EESHIN  
CASSANDRA TOO SUM YEE  
LIM WEE HAN  
TAN LI XUAN

### 1A\* 2A

AKHILESH PRANAV SIVANANTHAN  
AMBER TAY XIN RU  
ANDREE WONG EU YENG  
CHOW KAH FAI  
ELEANOR KOH TZE EE  
ETHAN DIONG CHUAN YEW  
LEE LER ANN  
NG HUI YUE  
WONG YI TING

### 3A\*

ASHLEY ZHOU JIA QI  
CHEONG RUONGXUN FARRELL  
GOH WEI HAO  
JUSTIN LEE YUNG JIAN  
LIAN EE YIN  
NOAH YONG ZHUO  
PARK JIWON  
REMY CH'NG HAHN WEN  
RIE TSUKADA

### 3A1C

CHEN KE EN  
WONG YONG XIN

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# MCKL AUSMAT Global Achievers

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**97**

Highest ATAR Score in  
November 2022  
Examination Series

**95.35**

Highest ATAR Score in  
March 2023 Examination  
Series

**52.6%**

Students scored ATAR 80 &  
above in March 2023  
Examination Series

**95.07**

Average Highest ATAR  
Score in the past 6 years

## Datuk F R Bhupalan Award 2023

for achieving the highest ATAR with a minimum 95.00

### Lau Zi Qi

Australian Matriculation, MCKL – **ATAR 97**  
Bachelor of Biomedicine,  
University of Melbourne, Australia



"MCKL sets itself apart from other colleges by placing its focus on delivering high-quality education through experienced and dedicated lecturers rather than prioritising the appearance of their facilities or campus. The AUSMAT course particularly caught my attention as it offered a short, intensive programme that would challenge me to consistently work hard and push myself to achieve my full potential."

### Tham Ming Kit

Australian Matriculation, MCKL – **ATAR 95.35**  
Bachelor of Chemical Engineering with Honours,  
Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman, Malaysia  
UTAR Education Foundation 100% Scholarship Recipient



"Initially, I was uncertain about my future career path, but the Australian Matriculation (AUSMAT) programme offered me the same flexibility of subject options as A Levels, while also providing a 50/50 balance of coursework and exam assessment. Ultimately, I decided to enrol in MCKL due to its convenient location, situated next to a monorail station and surrounded by a variety of dining options. Additionally, I was encouraged by the fact that several of my friends were already enrolled at MCKL."

## November 2022 EXAMINATION SERIES

### ATAR 90s

Chan Hoong Yuen  
Goh Aron Way Lern  
Lau Zi Qi  
Lee Bryant Tze Shen  
Loo Samuel Pong Xun  
Selvakumar Varsha

Tong Olivia Tze Yan  
Vasigaran Dharshinie  
Wong Qian Ci  
Yap Jared Xian Min

### ATAR 80s

Chan Rui Yan  
Chin Zi Xuen  
Foh Jaymie Wei-Ying  
Heng Kai Xiang  
Kwan Jorryn Xin Le  
Lee Angel Cia Thong  
Lee Zi Qian

Lim Keith Matthias  
Mok Yen Qin  
Ng Jing Jeff  
Too Clement Kai Man  
Vijayantran Pritika  
Visvananthan Sonia

### ATAR 70s

Daniel Lauren Alyssa  
Ghrici Ruqayya  
Gomez Rania Ilia  
Gooi Sha-Maine  
Khoo Sze Monn

Kong Samuel Wen Han  
Kumar Tharmalingam Navaneeta  
Leau Debbie Hsien Yee  
Mohamed Azlan Hani Afrina  
Mok Cheong Han

Pang Sydney Tze-Wei  
Rajendran Divyess  
Surpamaniam Julianne Rhesara  
Tan Le Yue  
Teng Khai Ler

Udhaya Kumar Rakesh  
Xavier Marissa Rachele

## March 2023 EXAMINATION SERIES

### ATAR 90s

Nambiar Sanjay Gopi  
Poh Andrew Yang Jun  
Tham Ming Kit

### ATAR 80s

Goh Zee Wei  
Kam Laura  
Lee Saleendra  
Lourdes Druscilla Eve

Seow Xu Juan  
Tan Liam Chun  
Tan Sarah Yu Fei

### ATAR 70s

Chua Harry Heng Li  
Kong Josephine Yin Yee  
Low Eunice Yong Zhen  
Siew Ryan Jun Wen



# DR. ERIK LINDQUIST'S VISIT TO MCKL

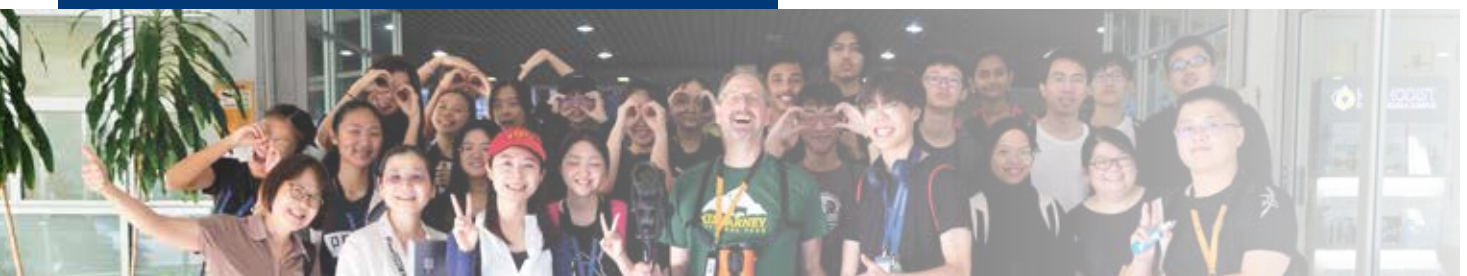
## A JOURNEY OF ECOLOGICAL ENLIGHTENMENT AND INSPIRATION



Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL) had the honor of hosting Dr. Erik Lindquist, a Fulbright Specialist and a distinguished Professor of Biology and Environmental Science from Messiah University, USA.

Dr. Lindquist's passion for the natural world inspired him to pursue a research career in environmental sciences from an early age. His childhood experiences made him intrigued by the ecosystem which eventually led him to having a career in Environmental Science. His research on biodiversity and ecological conservation is evident in his remarkable work with endangered tropical amphibians, particularly the Panamanian golden frog. His work has earned him many recognitions, including an appearance in an interview with Sir David Attenborough on the BBC documentary series, 'Life in Cold Blood'.

During his six-week Fulbright Specialist Program in Malaysia, he has shared his knowledge and valuable insights from his 20 years of experience in the field. He was here as a Fulbright Specialist, specifically in biodiversity and conservation biology. He has been teaching, conducting specialized lectures, and conducting training for faculty and staff. Dr. Lindquist is renowned for his innovative teaching methods. He believes that excellence in science instruction must move beyond the passive learning environment into a learning space that is visual, auditory, and kinesthetic that cultivates aspiration in his students to further learn about Environmental Sciences.



## FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR FORUM

A Fulbright Scholar Forum was held at MCKL on 17 June 2023 and Dr. Lindquist was the key speaker. He addressed a pressing global concern – the alarming decline of amphibians worldwide. Focusing on the critically endangered harlequin toads, he shared insights into the 25-year crisis, shedding light on the potential consequences and the urgency of conservation efforts. His presentation emphasized preserving these important species in order to maintain the balance of the ecosystem. This was a great learning session especially for environmentalists, scientists and students who are passionate about making a change to the environment.

Dr. Yong Ding Li, the Asia Advocacy and Policy Manager at Birdlife International (Asia) was also a speaker in this forum. With 15 years of experience, Dr. Yong has extensive knowledge on biodiversity and species conservation in the Asia-Pacific region. He discussed the topics of migratory birds and wetlands in Southeast Asia and the interconnection with the ecological systems. Dr. Yong emphasised the critical significance of these transnational conservation efforts.



Above: Group Photo after the Fulbright Scholar Forum

Below: Dr. Lindquist giving his advice at the Forum's Q&A session





## EMPOWERING THE MCKL COMMUNITY

With a teaching career for over two decades and mentoring more than 400 students across ten countries, Dr. Lindquist is a seasoned educator with a unique approach to science instruction. Using visual, auditory, and kinesthetic techniques, he prioritizes experiential learning, making science both informative and captivating for students.



*Dr. Lindquist with the students at Taman Alam, Kuala Selangor*

Dr. Lindquist was invited as a guest lecturer in Environmental Science course offered by American Degree Transfer Program (ADTP) at MCKL. The students were keen to gain an understanding of Dr. Lindquist's expertise and to learn more from his experiences. During the Fulbright Specialist Program in MCKL, Dr. Lindquist collaborated with the subject lecturer, Mr. Ng Di Lin for a faculty engagement session with other MCKL lecturers at Taman Tugu, Kuala Lumpur and the students at Taman Alam, Kuala Selangor. The outdoor experiences highlighted how learning in natural environments can enhance students' understanding of ecological concepts, promoting a greater appreciation for the biodiversity surrounding them. The outdoor experience truly gave Dr. Lindquist the chance to demonstrate his work for the better understanding of the students and lecturers. This experience enhanced the students' understanding and cultivated a deeper appreciation towards the ecosystem. They got the chance to ask questions and learn further about Dr. Lindquist's work and his research.

## ENLIGHTENING THE FUTURE GENERATION

Dr. Lindquist's Fulbright Specialist Program to MCKL was an unforgettable experience, marked by profound insights, groundbreaking teachings, and an unwavering commitment to ecological conservation. His innovative teaching methods and tireless efforts in amphibian conservation serve as a beacon of inspiration for future generations.

Addressing concerns from students about the saturation of scientific knowledge, Dr. Lindquist reminded that endless possibilities lie ahead, especially in tropical places like Malaysia. Emphasizing the importance of staying updated with the latest

developments, Dr. Lindquist shared his fascination with the latest technology, particularly the use of drones for data collection in ecosystems, remote sensing, and advances in portable research equipment.

Dr. Lindquist encouraged students to pursue graduate studies with inspiring mentors, setting the stage for their future endeavors. As the MCKL community and beyond continue to draw from his wisdom, they carry with them a renewed sense of responsibility to protect our planet and its precious biodiversity for generations to come.





# STRENGTHENING PATHWAYS FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE:

## MCKL SIGNS MOU WITH UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL MISSOURI (UCM)

In a significant step towards enhancing educational opportunities and fostering international partnerships, Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL) exchanged a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the University of Central Missouri (UCM) at MCKL campus in Kuala Lumpur.

With this, MCKL's American Degree Transfer Program (ADTP) students can look forward to a seamless progressive pathway at UCM in United States of America. Ms. Khor Kheng Leik, Academic Director, Pre-U & Transfer Programmes for MCKL; and Dr. Roger Best, President of UCM, were present to witness the exchange of the memorandum of understanding.

By providing a well-defined transfer pathway from MCKL to UCM, students can seamlessly continue their academic journey without much hurdles or unnecessary bureaucracy thereby saving both time and cost.

By working together, MCKL and UCM aim to create a vibrant academic environment that nurtures intellectual growth and cross-cultural understanding. Students will gain access to a wider range of educational resources, faculty expertise, and research opportunities at UCM. This exposure will enable them to enrich their undergraduate education, deepen their knowledge, and develop essential skills required for success in their chosen fields.

The partnership also represents a renewal of the agreement for the UCM Global Partnership Non-Resident Scholarship, which is granted by UCM. The scholarship program plays a pivotal role in providing financial support to deserving students from MCKL who demonstrate excellent academic potential.



*Mr. Francis Ng Wing Wah (left), Registrar, exchanged the MoU with Dr. Roger Best, UCM President (right) for the UCM Global Partnership Non-Resident Scholarship*

The event commenced with a warm welcome address from Ms. Khor, discussing on MCKL and UCM's shared vision to establish collaborative activities and co-operation on academic programs, and offer global learning opportunities for aspiring students.

Dr. Best concurred with Ms. Khor and highlighted on UCM's commitment on academic excellence and its vision in empowering its students with diverse educational and prospective career opportunities. He emphasized the transformative impact that the partnership would have on students' holistic learning experience, enabling them to pursue their educational aspirations seamlessly and enrich their global perspectives.



*From left (MCKL Senior Management Team): Ms. Au Shieu Ye, Head, Marketing and Business Development, Mr. Leonard Lim Kok Hiang, Director, Student Services and Administration, Mr. Francis Ng Wing Wah, Registrar and Ms. Khor Kheng Leik, Academic Director, Pre-U & Transfer Programmes. From right (UCM Delegates): Dr. Phil Bridgmon, UCM Provost, Dr. Mahmoud Yousef, Professor of Computer Science, Dr. Phil Hull, Director of International Student Services, Dr. Jeff Robertson, Dean of the School of Health Sciences and Technology and Dr. Roger Best, UCM President.*



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### Section 3

# *Service Learning: The Power to Inspire*



MCKL students are actively participating in prepping meals for the homeless and poor through the PERTIWI Soup Kitchen as part of their Service Learning project



# OUR IMPACT

## MCKL SERVICE LEARNING ACHIEVEMENTS 2023



### Service Learning at MCKL

Service Learning at MCKL is a transformative educational experience, uniting academic learning with hands-on community engagement. This programme equips students with problem-solving, critical thinking, and soft skills, fostering a commitment to civic responsibility and active participation in the community. Successful students emerge as well-rounded individuals capable of making a sustainable impact, engaging in civic activities, and effectively collaborating with peers in project management.

95 

Number of Service Learning projects completed in 2023

150 

Highest number of food packs distributed for a single Service Learning project in 2023



Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) focused on the most for 2023 Service Learning projects



Top 5 themes focused on Service Learning projects in 2023

3,633 KG 

Amount of recycled fabrics collected by the Kloth Cares bin (Mar - Sep 2023)

RM 1,120 

Highest amount of funds raised for a single Service Learning project in 2023

Impact at KL Campus



Trap-Neuter-Release with Cat Potong!



Keeping it cool by building Aquaponic System

Impact at Penang, Pykett Campus



WeCare: Sheltering Heart with Penang Homeless



WeCare: Inspire Ability with St Nicholas' Homes



# SERVICE LEARNING

## HIGHLIGHTS IN KL CAMPUS

### PROJECT 1:

## Refiller Mobile Project



### When

MAR - OCT 2023

### No. of students involved

18 

### About

The Refiller Mobile Project, spanning March to October 2023 at KL Campus, engages students in packaging products using recycled plastic, aiming to heighten environmental consciousness. Involving 6 Diploma, 7 CAL, and 5 ACCA students, it began with a lecturer's introduction to the Refiller Mobile. Boasting ongoing efforts, students orchestrated booths to collect recyclables and collaborated with the truck for eco-friendly sales. Notably, subsequent groups continued the initiative in September and October, amplifying the project's impact on campus.

### PROJECT 2:

## Walk with Us: Changing Lives as a Social Worker



### When

OCT 2023

### No. of students involved

11 

### About

"Walk with Us: Changing Lives as a Social Worker," hosted at KL Campus in October 2023, culminated in an impactful event involving 11 part-time DSW students. This initiative, promoting social work awareness, united efforts between MCKL students and MASW. The collaborative forum aimed to raise awareness about social work's importance in marginalised communities, advocating for the Social Work Profession Bill in Parliament. Completed on the event day, Oct 31, this endeavor stands as a beacon of communal support for social service enhancements.

### EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

Service Learning made me realise that effective communication is the key to teamwork. We can't just expect our teammates to understand our thoughts without us expressing ourselves clearly.

”

## Lessons Learnt

### GETTING OUT OF THE COMFORT ZONE

Service Learning taught me how to get out of my comfort zone and do something that is different from my daily routine. Teaching children has been my passion since I was a kid but I never got to execute it until I conducted my project.

”

### HEART WARMING RELATIONSHIPS

One thing that I discovered through Service Learning is that people are a lot more friendlier than I expected, including the NGO that our team worked with. Everyone is so affable and down to earth, and it really touched my heart.

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# SERVICE LEARNING

## HIGHLIGHTS IN PENANG, PYKETT CAMPUS

### PROJECT 1:

## Green Gateway Camp Beach Cleaning

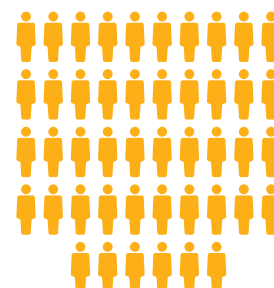


When

MAR 2023

No. of students involved

# 46



### About

The Green Gateway Camp Beach Cleaning event, held over 2 days and 1 night at Penang, showcased a holistic environmental initiative. Engaging 46 students, it commenced with an intensive beach cleanup at Pantai Kerachut, emphasising habitat preservation and cleanliness. Participants further contributed to turtle conservation by releasing hatchlings, fostering an appreciation for endangered species. The camping experience facilitated a deeper connection with nature, accompanied by educational sessions highlighting individual roles in environmental conservation. This comprehensive event harmonised practical conservation, immersive activities, and education to champion environmental stewardship and species protection.

### NEW PERSPECTIVES

I never expected to see the world from such different angles.  
It is eye-opening.



### PERSONAL GROWTH

Service learning made me realise the depth of my own  
resilience and empathy.



### BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES

I didn't think a group of students could actually change  
things, but we did.



### STRONGER RELATIONSHIPS

I didn't anticipate the friendships I'd make with both my  
classmates and the people we were serving.



### REAL-WORLD SKILLS

I learned more about project management and teamwork  
here than in any other classes.



# Lessons Learnt



**Section 4**

# MCKL Graduation Stories



*It's all smiles at the recent  
graduation held in KL Campus on  
2nd Sept 2023*



# MCKL CELEBRATES REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS OF 258 GRADUATES

IN CAMBRIDGE A LEVEL, EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION,  
AND AUSTRALIAN MATRICULATION PROGRAMMES



Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL) proudly celebrated the achievements of 258 students during the recent graduation ceremony of its Cambridge A Level, Diploma in Early Childhood Education (DECE), Australian Matriculation (AUSMAT), ACCA and ACCA FIA programmes, held at its Kuala Lumpur campus on Saturday, 2 September 2023.

The graduates' remarkable performance in their respective programmes is a testament to the institution's reputation for 40 years of excellence in education.

Speaking to the graduating class, MCKL Chief Executive Officer Dr. Chua Ping Yong emphasised the core values that have guided students throughout their academic journey: "At the heart of your

journey lies the value of upholding principles that emphasise our moral compass, encouraging us to lead lives characterised by integrity, empathy, and compassion. As you move forward, carry this commitment to goodness, kindness, and humility, using your actions to exemplify the principles that guide us towards positive and virtuous living."

The graduation ceremony not only symbolises a noteworthy achievement in the student's academic lives, signifying the culmination of years of hard work, commitment, and dedication but also serves as a testament to MCKL's mission of nurturing individuals who excel academically while being grounded in values that serve as their life compass. It is anticipated that this values-based educational approach will continue to shape future leaders, innovators, and change-makers across various fields.



*Graduating class of 2023*





## CAMBRIDGE A LEVEL EXCELLENCE

This year's graduating class attained 99.5% percent passing rate, with almost 50% of the class scoring a commendable 3As and above. In addition, 24 students were awarded the prestigious Excellence Award for achieving a remarkable CGPA of 3.70 or higher.

Among the standout achievers, Ms. Dareena Kaur Kaulsay secured the prestigious titles of Top in the World for Advanced Subsidiary Law and Top in Malaysia for Advanced Subsidiary Level English Literature. Her remarkable academic journey also culminated in the receipt of the Overall Academic Excellence Pure Arts 2023 Award.

Mr. Loo Jing Heng, another high achiever in the Cambridge A Level programme. He was honoured with the Bishop Denis C. Dutton Scholar 2023 Award and the Overall Academic Excellence Combination of Science and Arts 2023 Award for achieving the best performance in the A Level Examination conducted in June 2023. Furthermore, Ms. Mac Shao-Rei demonstrated outstanding academic prowess and was bestowed with the Overall Academic Excellence Pure Science 2023 award.



*Dareena Kaur Kaulsay gives a compelling speech on behalf of her fellow Cambridge A Level graduates.*

## OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS ACROSS PROGRAMMES

As of now, MCKL has nurtured numerous award recipients since 2013 and consistently maintained an average 100% pass rate for its Cambridge A Level programme over the past 9 years. These remarkable achievements have led MCKL students to earn prestigious titles such as Top in the World, Top in Malaysia, and High Achievements across various subjects, facilitating their admission to esteemed universities both domestically and internationally.

In Diploma in Early Childhood Education programme, nine students from the graduating class graduated with Distinctions. DECE graduate Ms. Ling Yoong Le was honoured with the Outstanding Achievement Award and Datuk Dr. Chiam Heng

Keng Award 2023, in recognition of her outstanding 3.93 CGPA.

MCKL's Australian Matriculation programme had over 46% of MCKL's AUSMAT students achieving Australian Tertiary Admission Rank scores of 80 and above. Mr. Tham Ming Kit emerging as a standout achiever, boasting an ATAR score of 95.35. Ming Kit also received the Dr. F R Bhupalan Award 2023 for his outstanding ATAR score.

The graduation ceremony also commemorated the achievements of graduates in the ACCA programme and ACCA Foundation in Accountancy (FIA) programmes, who are poised to make significant contributions in their respective industries.



*Left, DECE alumna Ling Yoong Le.  
Right, AUSMAT alumnus Tham Ming Kit.*

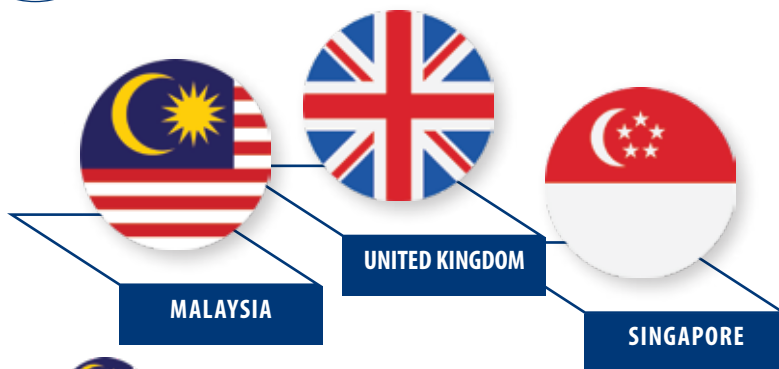
*Congratulations to all the award recipients and graduates!*

# SETTING SAIL FOR *Success*:



## CHOSEN COUNTRIES

BY MCKL ALUMNI IN 2023



ON THE LOCAL SCENE

**5** MCKL alumni  
gained admission to  
Universiti Malaya (UM)



UNIVERSITI  
MALAYA



## CHOSEN COUNTRIES

BY MCKL ALUMNI IN 2023

### LIST OF COUNTRIES



### PRO TIP!

**Understand the visa and immigration requirements**

Find out the visa and immigration requirements of the country where you plan to study. Make sure to apply for a student visa well in advance and provide all necessary documents.



## SCHOLARSHIPS

OBTAINED BY MCKL ALUMNI IN 2023

### LIST OF SCHOLARSHIPS

- NYU (Abu Dhabi) Full-ride scholarship
- RCSI-UCD scholarships (full or partial tuition)
- ASEAN scholarships
- HK universities scholarships



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APPLYING TO UNIVERSITIES



Cost of  
Living &  
Tuition Fees



Options for  
Majors &  
Courses



Prestige &  
University  
Reputation

### MORE FUN FACTS!

# 19

MCKL alumni pursued  
medical sciences

# MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

is the most popular branch among MCKL  
alumni who pursued engineering

# 60%

of MCKL alumni who pursued Law  
further their studies in the UK



# OUR ALUMNI SHINE ABROAD



## PRESTIGIOUS UNIVERSITIES

ATTENDED BY MCKL ALUMNI IN 2023



Imperial College  
London



## POPULAR DEGREES

AMONG MCKL ALUMNI IN 2023

### SCIENCES

- Engineering
- Medical Science
- Computer Science

### ARTS, SOCIAL SCIENCES & HUMANITIES

- Law
- Economics
- English Literature



## UNCOMMON DEGREES

PURSUED BY MCKL ALUMNI IN 2023



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# MCKL'S ALUMNI IN HEALTHCARE

Since 2005, over 30 MCKL graduates have been accepted to study medicine at Penang Medical College, now known as RCSI & UCD Malaysia Campus (RUMC). In 2015, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) and University College Dublin (UCD) each offered their first ever full scholarship to Malaysian students. Both scholarships were won by MCKL students, Eunice Lim and Julian Sya. Every year since then, at least one MCKL student has received the scholarship. MCKL students continued this streak and did even better this year by winning three out of the six scholarships awarded. The recipients are Chan Shu Chen, Sheena Siva Subramaniam and Engracia Yap Shi Huan. Sheena and Engracia received scholarship from RUMC while Shu Chen will be receiving hers from The Star Education Fund.

In the conferring ceremony 2023, 80 medical students were conferred doctors. Having completed a 5-year Undergraduate Medicine programme at the prestigious Irish university, these graduands which comprises both local and international students are now medical doctors who are ready to begin service as houseman within the Malaysian healthcare system or as interns globally.

Six MCKL Alumni made us proud by conferring as Doctors in this ceremony at the highest honour. Sheena Siva Subramaniam was the Valedictorian and the Prize Winner for Surgery and O&G, Chan Shu Chen was the prize winner for Medicine and Ophthalmology, Sylvia Ling was the prize winner for Psychiatry and Paediatrics alongside Joanne Tan, Engracia Yap, Lee Ren Kai, and Lim Hao Yik.

Dr. Sheena Siva Subramaniam, Class of 2023 Valedictorian, and recipient of the awards for First Place in Surgery and Obstetrics & Gynaecology mentioned that "RUMC's incredible lecturers and teachers really guided us and took the time to ensure that we were aware of our duties in the real world. This will serve as reminder for me to always learn and act practically as a clinician – which includes knowing my limits and boundaries, whilst growing and expanding my knowledge as I progress through my career in the foreseeable future".



MCKL alumni outdid themselves this year and achieved

**3 out of 6**  
scholarships awarded

From left to right: Joanne Tan, Sylvia Ling (prize winner – Psychiatry, Paediatrics), Engracia Yap, Lee Ren Kai, Lim Hao Yik, Sheena Siva Subramaniam (Valedictorian, prize winner for Surgery and O&G), and Chan Shu Chen (prize winner – Medicine, Ophthalmology).





## Section 5

# *Up and About on Campus*

*Joyton represents Malaysia for  
IChO 2023 and bagged a prize*





# CHEMISTRY AND BEYOND:

## MCKL ALUMNUS JOYTON FU HUNG LI'S INSPIRATIONAL JOURNEY TOWARDS GREATNESS

Joyton Fu Hung Li's recent accomplishment at the 2023 International Chemistry Olympiad (IChO) shines a light on both his individual prowess and the commitment of Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL) to foster excellence.

Joyton, this 19-year-old Cambridge A Level graduate of MCKL has been granted the prestigious ASEAN Scholarship to pursue Chemistry studies at the National University of Singapore. Before embarking on this new chapter, he participated in the IChO 2023 held in Zurich, Switzerland, where he proudly secured a Silver medal.

The IChO is an annual event gathering the world's brightest chemistry students, providing a rigorous platform for them to showcase their knowledge and skills. Competing in teams of up to four students, the participants face an arduous five-hour laboratory practical, and an equally challenging five-hour written theoretical examination. Eligibility requires participants to be under 20 years old as of July 1 of the competition year.

Representing Malaysia, Joyton earned a Silver medal (ranking 99th out of the Top 100), emerging as the sole Malaysian within the Top 100 at this year's IChO. Having previously participated and secured a Bronze medal last year (ranking 160th), Joyton is settling into his next phase of life in Singapore.

Amidst this transition, he graciously imparts his insights and reflections on his journey through the IChO with us.

I am incredibly proud to have the opportunity to

**represent Malaysia**



Above: Joyton's bagged a silver! Below: Group picture before flying off







# POST COMPETITION INTERVIEW

## WITH JOYTON FU

***Congratulations, Joyton! How does it feel to have won Silver at IChO 2023? Can you describe your emotions and thoughts when you learned about your ranking?***

I am incredibly proud to have the opportunity to represent Malaysia and achieve this victory! I am also thankful for the consistent support from MCKL and the invaluable guidance provided by my lecturers, specifically Dr. Yau Ching Koon and Dr. Teh Swe Jyan.

Despite the tinge of disappointment from not securing a gold medal, my Olympiad journey has humbly motivated me to support and mentor aspiring chemistry Olympiad students, in the hopeful anticipation that they might achieve that distinction.

***What motivated you to participate in the Chemistry Olympiad, and how did you first become interested in chemistry?***

One day, it struck me that chemistry is literally everywhere in our daily lives and is essential to human existence. That is when I realised my genuine interest in the subject. However, it was not until a few months later, after being encouraged by one of my close friends, that I started preparing to take part in IChO.

***Could you share some insights into the challenges you faced during the competition? How did you approach difficult problems and maintain your composure under pressure?***

The most significant challenge during the competition revolves around effective time management. Even though we had five hours each for the lab practical and the written exam, it might seem like a lot, but it is not. It is crucial to remain composed, stay collected, and begin by tackling the simpler questions. Equally important is avoiding undue pressure, as excess stress can trigger panic and hamper clear decision-making.

***How did your mentors, lecturers and peers support and guide you throughout your preparation and participation in the Olympiad?***

My lecturers, Dr. Yau Ching Koon and Dr. Teh Swe Jyan, have been extremely generous with their wealth of guidance, particularly concerning the practical paper. Moreover, my practical trainings at MCKL has equipped me with the skills to devise and refine my own experiments, a capability that significantly aligns with my career aspirations.

***Besides the Chemistry Olympiad, have you been involved in any other scientific or academic pursuits that you would like to share?***

I previously participated in the Malaysia Astronomy Olympiad, securing a Gold ranking in the initial selection round. Although I did not advance in the subsequent round, the setback did not weaken my determination, instead, it fuelled my resolve to surpass my previous performance.

When you are learning something,  
do not merely accept it at face value. Instead, strive to

**connect it with  
real-life phenomena**

***How has your overall experience in the Chemistry Olympiad impacted your personal growth and development as a student and individual?***

I have learnt to be resilient and independent through my experiences. Participating and engaging in an international Olympiad demands formidable dedication, with most participants investing two to three years to secure their place.

*Below: The Future of Chemistry*



I strongly believe that

# chemistry can play a powerful role

in addressing challenges like climate issues, famines, diseases, and resource depletion.

More often than not, we are compelled to navigate intricate concepts independently, due to the limited educational resources within the Olympiad framework. This invariably hones our capacity for critical thinking, empowering us as to be adept problem solvers.

***Have you had a chance to reflect on your performance and identify areas for improvement in your chemistry knowledge and skills?***

There was a time when I struggled with certain physical chemistry concepts like thermodynamics and kinetics. I managed to overcome this by doing extensive practice and ensuring a solid grasp of the fundamental principles behind each problem.

***As an MCKL alumni and successful participant in the Chemistry Olympiad, do you have any plans to mentor or inspire younger students interested in chemistry?***

Yes, I do! The best advice that I can offer is to maintain a sense of passion and curiosity. When you are learning something, do not merely accept it at face value. Instead, strive to connect it with real-life phenomena or even question the validity of the concepts.

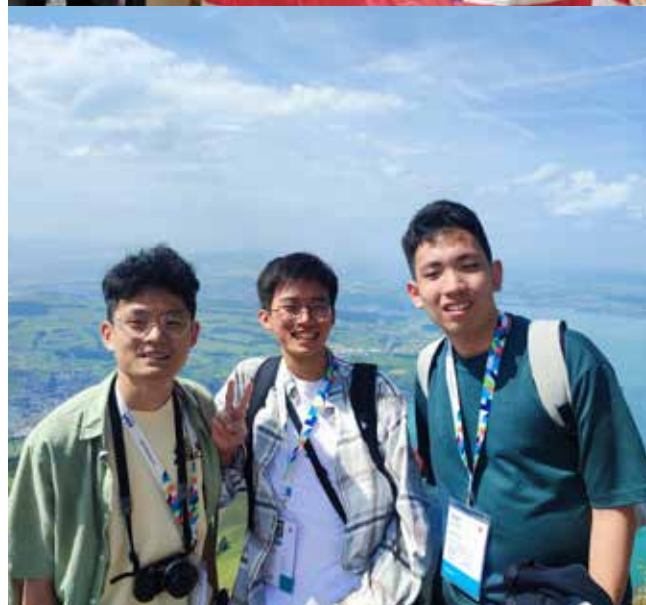
***We understand that you will be based in Singapore for a while to further your studies, what are your plans and aspirations? How do you see your achievement in the Chemistry Olympiad shaping your professional path ahead?***

I am dedicated to enhancing my knowledge and research skills across diverse areas of chemistry. I strongly believe that chemistry can play a powerful role in addressing challenges like climate issues, famines, diseases, and resource depletion. It is my aspiration to make a meaningful contribution in these areas. Through my participation in IChO and being active in the Chemistry Olympiad community, I have gained insights into multitude of global research opportunities and simultaneously bolstered my theoretical concepts, which I can effectively apply in future research endeavours.

Joyton's remarkable journey in the 2023 International Chemistry Olympiad reminds us of the strength of commitment and the influence of true talent. Amidst his successes, the unwavering support from MCKL shines brightly. The Silver medal and Top 100 ranking he earned on the global stage not only celebrates his personal victory, but also highlights the transformative opportunities nurtured MCKL.

As Joyton embarks on his next chapter at the National University of Singapore, his story resonates as an empowering beacon for aspiring students. It shows that remarkable achievements are within reach through persistent passion, resilience, and an insatiable thirst for knowledge.

Congratulations once again, Joyton. MCKL sends you our best wishes!



Above: Gallivanting around Zurich



# Highlights of the Day!

**Registration**



**Launch Ceremony  
Performance**



**Launch Ceremony**



**YB Daniel Gooi visits the  
Education Fair booths**



**Captain Ball**



**Football**



**Basketball**



**Mini Stage Performance**



**Food Trucks**



**Bazaar Bonanza**



**Robotics for Children**



**Artful Colouring**



**Football Winners**



**Captain Ball Winners**



**Basketball Winners**





## The inaugural #MCKLFestforChamps 2023



L-R: Dr Chua Ping Yong, CEO of MCKL; YB Daniel Gooi Zi Sen, Mantan ADUN Pengkalan Kota; Mr William Phua, Member of MCKL Board of Governors and Dr. Gerard Boey, Principal of MCKL College (Pykett Campus, Penang) and Academic Dean of MCKL officiating #MCKLFestforChamps 2023

**W**hat an event that was! #MCKLFestforChamps on 22 July 2023 at Pykett Campus, Penang is still fresh in our memories. It was a great kick start to MCKL's 40th Anniversary Celebrations. MCKL Pykett Campus was decked out with colourful carnival flags that elevated the carnival feel even more. With students coming in from break of dawn, Pykett Campus was buzzing with excitement, joy, and cheer.

This inaugural event was launched by Yang Berhormat Daniel Gooi Zi Sen, the former ADUN of Pengkalan Kota alongside Mr William Phua, Member of the MCKL Board of Governors; Dr Chua Ping Yong, the Chief Executive Officer of MCKL and Dr Gerard Boey, the Principal of MCKL College (Penang, Pykett Campus) and Academic Dean of MCKL. Following the opening ceremony, YB Daniel Gooi Zi Sen was given a campus tour and experienced first-hand the facilities and resources available to MCKL Penang Pykett campus students.



During the Education Fair



The carnival featured diverse and fun activities, including sport games like Captain Ball, Football, and Basketball. A total of 175 school and college students came to join in on the activities. They came from all over, mainly from Wesley Methodist School Penang (International), SMJK Chung Ling, Han Chiang High School, SMK Bukit Jambul, SMK (P) Methodist and students from various institutions made the carnival even more energetic. This was a great chance for our MCKL students to interact and participate alongside other students. This enabled them to celebrate the friendship they made and learnt to compete in a healthy and constructive way.

Food trucks, pop-up bazaars and a colouring contest was enjoyed by all. There was also a hands-on robotics showcase in collaboration with Inteltek Education that conducted thrilling robotics workshop for all the bright and curious children aged 4 to 6 years old. Their enthusiasm and creativity blew us away! It was such a joy to see them learn and play with the robots. This ensured that family members of all ages can join in on the festivities. Students, as well as their parents, connected with representatives from 12 esteemed local and private universities in Malaysia, including German Educare, gained valuable insights into potential education pathways for their future. We welcomed a generous number of outsiders that visited the education booths during the Education Fair.

Overall, it was a great event that brought together MCKL students, high school students alongside their parents and friends. A great shout out and appreciation to the wonderful team that put this together, namely Denise Yap, Wayne Lim, Benjamin Cheah, Cindy Leong and many more that has dedicated their time and effort to make this event a success.

We were blessed with fantastic participation and great weather, and we thank God for answering our prayers to be able to reach out to those who walked through our doors.

It was an amazing kick off to Pykett's #MCKLFestforChamps, and the visitors got the chance to see the iconic campus. We look forward for the next #MCKLFestforChamps, next year!



*During the cheerleading performance*



*The food truck serving delicious food*



*Happy faces during Artful Colouring*



# TAN EU WEN'S VICTORY AT INTERNATIONAL HACKATHON

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST)'s Entrepreneurship Centre is the home to the record-breaking hackUST 2023. It is an annual hackathon that was first initiated in 2014 and aims to cultivate student's innovation and entrepreneurship through providing a platform for both technical and non-technical students with like-minded interest to tackle problems with creative ideas and solutions. The hackUST is more than a platform for the students to tackle problems but a platform with a pool of talents with an entrepreneurial mindset who are potential candidates sought after by organisations that are looking for new recruits and creative solutions adaptable for their operations. It is also one of the most sought-after hackathons by university students around the world.

MCKL's very own Tan Eu Wen won the HackUST 2023 award – Web 3.0 Creative Application Awards. Tan Eu Wen, the Diploma in Information Technology student joined HackUST 2023 with the interest to learn and learn more about Web3. "In this Hackathon, I was hoping to tackle the current issues in Web3 and the research theories that can be implemented in to the Web3 environment. "The theories that we came up with during the competition as well as the prize we won "hackUST Web3.0 Creative Application Awards" while working on the topic "Universal Anonymously Membership is what I considered my greatest achievement.

Tan is currently undergoing his internship at BASF under the Supply Chain division. Upon graduating his diploma in MCKL, Tan is looking forward to further his education at UNiSA, undertaking Degree in Information Technology, majoring in Cybersecurity.

MCKL is incredibly proud of his achievement and eagerly looking forward to even more great things from him!

## Hallo Universität!

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### MCKL's alumni heads off to German universities

Best wishes to our students starting at German universities! Your hard work got you here—now dive into this new chapter with excitement. May you learn lots, enjoy every moment, and make unforgettable memories. All the best!







# MCKL STUDENTS IN ACTION

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

- 1-2 MCKL Sportsmania on Pykett Campus
- 3-4 MCKL Sports Carnival on KL Campus
- 5 The recent Orientation Camp
- 6 Dance The Night Away event
- 7-10 MCKL BUILD Leadership Conference have participants from KL and Pykett Campuses, as well as WMS Penang, Ipoh, KL, and Klang.





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— ABRAHAM LINCOLN