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Section 1

In the Spotlight

Proud graduands at Penang campus celebrate their success with radiant smiles.



MCKL COLLEGE (PENANG, PYKETT CAMPUS) CELEBRATES INAUGURAL GRADUATION:

PIONEERING EXCELLENCE AND SHAPING LEADERS



Above: The inaugural graduating batch

Methodist College Kuala Lumpur's branch campus, MCKL College (Penang, Pykett Campus) proudly commemorated the remarkable accomplishments of its first cohort of students who successfully completed the prestigious Cambridge A Level and Australian Matriculation (AUSMAT) programmes during a momentous graduation ceremony held on Saturday, 20th January 2024.

The event marked a historic milestone for the institution as the graduating students showcased their diverse talents and exceptional achievements, showcasing the success of the Cambridge A Level and AUSMAT programmes at the Penang campus.

MCKL's Chief Executive Officer, Dr Chua Ping Yong, addressed the graduating class, emphasising the core values that have guided their academic journey. "This ceremony symbolises years of hard work, dedication, and commitment, shaping you into the accomplished individual you are today. At the heart of your endeavours is Honouring God, directing us toward a life of integrity, empathy, and compassion. Carry this commitment forward, manifesting goodness, kindness, and humility," remarked Dr Chua.

For over a decade, MCKL has consistently produced award recipients and maintained an average 100 percent pass rate for the Cambridge A Level programme. For the inaugural graduation, notable achievers from MCKL Pykett Campus include Tung Ze Rui and Wong Ching Shuen, Top in the World for AS Level Law and AS Level Physics.



ACHIEVER HIGHLIGHT

Wong Ching Shuen

Cambridge Outstanding Learners Award

based on Cambridge A Level June 2023 Exam SeriesTop in the World AS Level Physics

MCKL Graduation January 2024

based on Cambridge A Level November 2023 Exam Series

- Outstanding Achiever Yin Kam Yoke Award 2024
- Overall Academic Performance Pure Science 2024
- Subject Prize Winner 2024 for Biology, Chemistry & Physics
- Excellence Award Achieved CGPA3.70 and above
- Outstanding Scholars Achieved 3As and above

Wong Ching Shuen, the Top in the World for AS Level Physics recipient, is also the Outstanding Achiever and the Yim Kam Yoke Award winner as the overall Best Performance in GCE A Level Examination November 2023. "These awards are a concrete recognition of my efforts and a confidence boost that will aid me in reaching greater heights in the future. These awards serve as a constant reminder for me to stay humble and grateful for everyone here at MCKL College (Penang, Pykett Campus). The community here is the launch pad that got me and my peers soaring." Wong Ching Shuen is currently enrolled in Monash University studying Medicine.

It is an honour to be part of the

first batch of graduating students

from MCKL College.





ACHIEVER HIGHLIGHT

Tung Ze Rui

Cambridge Outstanding Learners Award

based on Cambridge A Level June 2023 Exam Series

• Top in the World AS Level Law

MCKL Graduation January 2024

based on Cambridge A Level November 2023 Exam Series

- Subject Prize Winner 2024 for Law
- Outstanding Scholars Achieved 3As and above

"The competitive environment at MCKL College (Penang, Pykett Campus) pushed me towards academic success. The challenging academic atmosphere fostered a culture of excellence, compelling me to strive for my best. Engaging with high-achieving peers not only provided a benchmark for my own performance but also encouraged a healthy competition that fuelled my motivation. I had to constantly be a better version of myself come every exam. This, in turn, has shown me the power of self-competition. I am sanguine this growth mindset I have fostered here will serve me well in university," mentioned Top in the World for AS Level Law achiever, Tung Ze Rui.

The graduates' outstanding performance in their respective programmes serves as a testament to MCKL's enduring reputation for 40 years of excellence in education. The graduation ceremony signifies a symbolic milestone, encapsulating the institution's commitment to a values-based approach that fosters academic excellence and shapes future leaders, innovators, and change-makers.

Dr Gerard Boey, Principal of MCKL College (Penang, Pykett Campus) and Academic Dean of MCKL, expressed immense joy and pride for the students who have etched their names in the institution's history. "Their commitment and willingness to go beyond have contributed significantly to the success of MCKL Pykett Campus students."



ACHIEVER HIGHLIGHT

Chan Yue Wen

MCKL Graduation January 2024

based on AUSMAT November 2023 Exam Series

- Achieved ATAR 93.00
- Excellence Award Achieved CGPA3.70 and above
- Outstanding Scholars Achieved 3As and above

Chan Yue Wen, one of the Excellence Award recipients from AUSMAT, graduated with an outstanding 93 ATAR score and has been accepted into the University of Melbourne, Australia, to pursue a Bachelor of Commerce. "It is an honour to be part of the first batch of graduating students from MCKL College. This experience was quite difficult as we did not have the advantage of learning from seniors, but this holds significance as we are the pioneers, paving the way for future students. It also sets the standard for future students, showcasing their potential."

During the ceremony, Dr Chua highlighted the significance of the inaugural graduation held in a heritage building, the former Pykett Methodist Primary School, built in 1937, with the same rich history of Methodist education. Today, the MCKL Pykett Campus provides higher education opportunities for school leavers and adult learners in Penang and the northern region.

The graduation ceremony was even more special with the inspiring speech by Prof. Emeritus Tan Sri Dato' Sri Ir. Dr Sahol Hamid bin Abu Bakar, the Vice Chancellor of UNITAR International University and an esteemed alumnus of Pykett Methodist Primary School. His address was filled with nostalgic insights and valuable wisdom, leaving a lasting impression on the graduates.

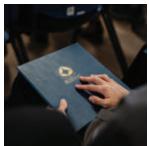
Also in attendance were the Rev. Dr T. Jeyakumar, Bishop of The Methodist Church in Malaysia; Dato' Dr Tan Kee Kwong, former Chairman of the MCKL Board of Governors; and Mr Ngu Chie Kieng, a Member of the MCKL's Board of Governors.

















ATIONS

CLASS OF 2024



Cambridge A Level Outstanding Scholars - Scored 4A*s _

ONG HUEY YIN



Cambridge A Level (Science) **MCKL Alumna**

CADEN WONG PHIN



Cambridge A Level (Science) **MCKL Alumnus**

YOON MYNG



Cambridge A Level (Science) **MCKL Alumnus** Overall Academic Excellence in Combination Science & Arts 2024

JOSIAH LOW MING EN



Cambridge A Level (Science) **MCKL Alumnus**

JOSHUA YEOH GAN SOONG



Cambridge A Level (Science) **MCKL Alumnus**

Cambridge A Level Scored 3A's and above



Cambridge A Level (Science) MCKL Alumnus Subject Prize Winner for **Mathematics**

KHOO YU EN



Cambridge A Level (Arts) MCKL Alumna Subject Prize Winner for **Economics & Psychology**

HANNAH LOKE HUIYI



Matriculation Scored ATAR 80 and above



Australian Matriculation (AUSMAT) MCKL Alumna Excellence Award (Achieved CGPA 3.70 & above) Scored ATAR 80 and above

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The Institution of Excellence for Life

Section 2

Teaching & Learning



MCKL'S BRIGHTEST CAMBRIDGE LEARNERS

IGNITING SUCCESS ON THE GLOBAL STAGE





 Top in Malaysia for A Level Mathematics

Outstanding Cambridge Learner Award June 2023 Exam Series

 Top in the World for AS Level Mathematics

Seven Cambridge A Level students from Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL) were recognised for their exceptional achievements at the Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards Malaysia (OCLA) held at Doubletree by Hilton, Shah Alam on 27 November 2023.

Top in the World for A Level Law
 Top in Malaysia for A Level Literature in English

 Top in Malaysia for A Level Further Mathematics

Organised by Cambridge Assessment International Education, the OCLA recognises exceptional achievements of students in Cambridge examinations globally. These awards, including the coveted 'Top in the World', 'Top in Country', 'Best Across', and 'High Achievement', celebrate and acknowledge the success of high-performing Cambridge learners.

MCKL has been committed to the nurturing of high achievers since 2013, and this legacy was reaffirmed with the consecutive accolades of 'Top in the World' and 'Top in Malaysia' attained by its students. This year's OCLA witnessed the presentation of eight awards to seven outstanding MCKL students, providing further testament to the college's unwavering dedication to academic excellence.

Among the distinguished recipients was Dareena Kaur Kaulsay, who achieved 'Top in the World' for A Level Law and 'Top in Malaysia' for A Level Literature in English.

"I received the same awards for my AS Level examination. I felt a lot of emotions at once. I was mostly shocked because I did not think I would get any awards. There was tough competition from my talented classmates. But when I got the award for my AS Level, it motivated me to achieve it again for my A Level," said Dareena.

• Top in the World for

 Top in the World for AS Level Physics

 Top in the World for AS Level Mathematics

In addition, two students from the inaugural batch of A Level students from MCKL College (Penang, Pykett Campus), Tung Ze Rui and Wong Ching Shuen, achieved 'Top in the World' for AS Level Law and AS Level Physics, respectively.

Tung Ze Rui said, "Receiving the 'Top in the World' award is a testament to my passion and dedication to Law. This achievement has made me more confident in my future endeavours. I am thankful to my lecturers who gave me tremendous support during my preparation for the exams. They were always eager to help, and they went the extra mile to ensure that I understood the content."

Wong Ching Shuen said, "This award is a concrete recognition of my efforts and a confidence boost that will aid me in reaching greater heights in the future. Most importantly, this award serves as a constant reminder for me to stay humble and grateful to everyone around me because MCKL and the community I had here were instrumental to my success. I have always relied heavily on my lecturers' effective teaching and concise notes. My parents, on the other hand, have always been supportive of me emotionally and mentally."



Left: Our top achievers standing alongside their biggest supporters: parents and lecturers.

EMPOWERING FINANCIAL LITERACY:

MCKL AND SBH FINANCIAL CONSULTANCY FORGE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP



Above: Representatives from MCKL and SBH Consultancy during MOU signing

In a significant move towards fostering financial education and advancing Malaysia's workforce, Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL) and SBH Financial Consultancy, the nation's premier financial consultancy, has formally entered a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on 13th March 2024.

This MOU between MCKL and SBH Financial Consultancy marks a pivotal collaboration aimed at shaping the future of financial literacy in Malaysia. This strategic partnership is designed to establish innovative pathways for higher education in financial literacy, fostering a dynamic exchange of ideas between academia and industry. Through this collaboration, both entities aspire to contribute meaningfully to the development of real-world financial solutions, addressing the evolving challenges faced by individuals and businesses.

Moreover, the MOU underscores a joint commitment to nurture Malaysia's next-generation workforce, with a particular emphasis on promoting the significance of financial technology. Additionally, this collaboration seeks to highlight MCKL as a trailblazer, being one of the private colleges offering a Diploma in Financial Technology, thereby enhancing its position as a leader in providing quality education. In 2022, MCKL proudly launched the Diploma in Financial Technology, affirming its dedication to leading educational innovation. Tailored to prepare students for the ever-evolving landscape, the Diploma in Financial Technology equips learners with essential skills and knowledge to thrive in this dynamic field.

SBH Financial Consultancy, on the other hand, has been reshaping Malaysia's financial landscape since its inception. With a commitment to empowering individuals and businesses, SBH Financial Consultancy has consulted over 30,000 clients in overcoming financial challenges and has reached over 5 million individuals yearly on social media. This digital outreach further

underscores SBH Financial Consultancy's dedication to fostering financial literacy and empowerment on a broad scale.

"Through the harmonious collaboration between MCKL and SBH Financial Consultancy, we embark on a transformative journey to redefine financial education in Malaysia. This partnership is a testament to our shared commitment to empower individuals and businesses, fostering a resilient, profitable, and sustainable financial landscape. Together, we believe in the power of knowledge to illuminate the path to financial success, and this MOU signifies our dedication to shaping a brighter and more thriving future for all," Sam Tsen, CEO and Founder of SBH Financial Consultancy.

This collaboration shows the commitment of both organisations to fostering financial education, knowledge exchange, and the development of innovative solutions for the benefit of individuals and businesses in Malaysia.

"SBH will be great partners for MCKL as they will be able to provide industry insights. This will facilitate our academicians to plan their curriculum accordingly. By working closely together, we expect to improve what MCKL teaches and give our students practical knowledge that makes them stand out in the competitive financial world. SBH's industry know-how, combined with MCKL's strong academic reputation, will lead to exciting activities like workshops, internships, and guest lectures. This will make learning even better for our students," Dr Chua Ping Yong, CEO of MCKL.

This partnership highlights the dedication of both entities to promoting financial education, facilitating knowledge exchange, and fostering the creation of innovative solutions for the advancement of individuals and businesses in Malaysia. We look forward to navigating the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead, making a lasting impact on the financial landscape of our nation.

STRENGTHENING EDUCATIONAL BONDS:

MCKL AND UWL'S EXCLUSIVE SCHOLARSHIP FOR ADTP STUDENTS

In a landmark move, Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL) and the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse (UWL) solidified their partnership on October 13, 2023, by signing an exclusive scholarship agreement. This scholarship, designed for American Degree Transfer Program (ADTP) students, aims to recognize and support exceptional talents emerging from MCKL's academic environment. This collaboration has facilitated the smooth transfer of credits for MCKL students seeking to continue their undergraduate studies at UWL. Eight ADTP students have successfully transferred credits to UWL, laying the foundation for a successful academic journey.

The exclusive scholarship, amounting to USD7,500 per academic year, is a testament to the outstanding achievements of MCKL's ADTP students. This financial support is exclusively reserved for one ADTP student per academic year. On top of that, other eligible ADTP students who choose to transfer to UWL will still benefit from the ADTP-UWL Transfer Student Scholarship, valued at USD4,400 per year.

UWL's choice to extend exclusive scholarships to MCKL's ADTP students is grounded in the outstanding success of ADTP program. This commitment to fostering talent aligns seamlessly with UWL's dedication to providing the essential resources and facilities needed for international students. The positive feedback from MCKL students regarding UWL's robust support system further enhances the mutually beneficial relationship between the institutions, reinforcing UWL's commitment to investing in education and talent development.

Jannon Tan Wei Ren, a Marketing major, and Aaron Alymann Jeyaraj, majoring in Computer Science, both recipients of the ADTP-UWL Transfer Student Scholarship, shared their positive experiences. Jannon highlighted UWL's reputation in business programs and the welcoming community, while Aaron praised the affordability of fees, the Fast-Track master's program for Software Engineering, and the supportive environment for research projects.

All ADTP courses at MCKL have undergone pre-evaluation by the articulation office at UWL, ensuring that course equivalencies are



Dr Chua Ping Yong, MCKL CEO (L) and Heather Pearson, International Articulations and Admissions Coordinator from University of Wisconsin La-Crosse (R) during the Exclusive Scholarship Contract Exchange Ceremony

established between the two institutions. Strong academic advisors facilitate seamless enrollment in courses relevant to students' intended majors or minors. This academic collaboration enhances the overall educational experience for ADTP students.

In addition to the exclusive scholarship with UWL, MCKL has secured similar agreements with other U.S. universities, such as Messiah University, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and Virginia Wesleyan University. These partnerships further showcase MCKL's commitment to providing diverse opportunities for its students to pursue higher education abroad.

The exclusive scholarship agreement between MCKL and UWL marks a significant milestone in the institutions' partnership. It not only demonstrates a commitment to academic excellence but also underscores the mutual goal of fostering a supportive and enriching educational environment for ADTP students. As MCKL continues to forge alliances with esteemed universities, the exclusive scholarships serve as a testament to the outstanding achievements of its students and the institutions' dedication to nurturing the leaders of tomorrow.





Jannon Tan Wei RenADTP Alumnus *Cohort 2105*Marketing Major

Recipient of ADTP-UW La Crosse Transfer Student Scholarship



Aaron Alymann Jeyaraj ADTP Alumnus *Cohort 2108* Computer Science Major

Recipient of ADTP-UW La Crosse Transfer Student Scholarship

PAYING TRIBUTE TO OVER 4,000 EDUCATORS

Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL), a renowned institution with a rich history of academic excellence, is celebrating its 40th anniversary with a heartfelt tribute to the educators who have played a pivotal role in shaping the future of students and the community.

MCKL recognises the invaluable contributions of teachers to its success as an institution and to the broader development of society. In light of this, MCKL has launched an initiative to express gratitude and honour their unwavering commitment to excellence in education.

This is in line with the institution's core value of celebrating excellence.

In celebration of their dedication, MCKL is distributing almost 5,000 limited-edition canvas bags to teachers from the KL and Penang Campus feeder schools. Each canvas bag is a token of appreciation, embodying a heartfelt message of gratitude to the teaching community.

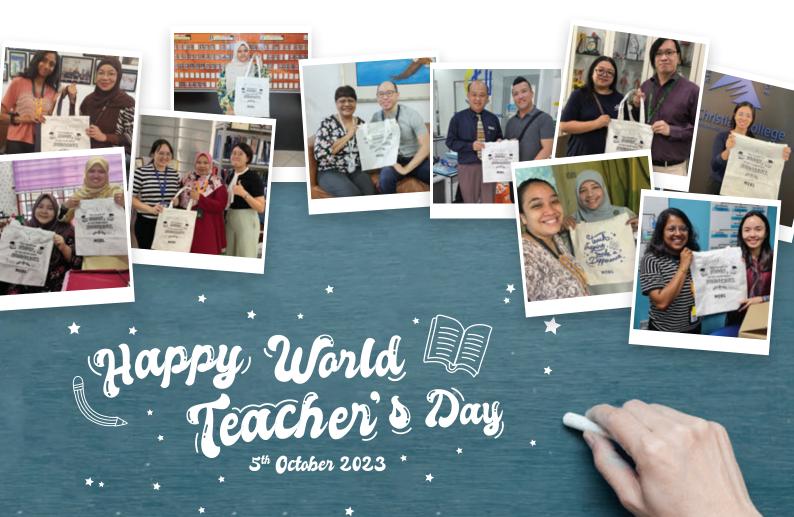
MCKL's Chief Executive Officer Dr Chua Ping Yong said, "As we commemorate our 40th anniversary, we want to express our heartfelt appreciation to educators who have been the backbone of our institution and have significantly contributed to our success. This initiative is a small token of our gratitude for their

tireless dedication and hard work in shaping the future of our students in line with our mission of nurturing a community where excellence in all its forms, is celebrated and where individuals come alive to their God-given ability to make a unique difference in the world. We believe everyday should be teacher's day."

"This initiative beautifully aligns with MCKL's core value of "Celebrate Excellence," which underlines the importance of striving to achieve one's goals through honest hard work and extending a helping hand to those in need. By celebrating the excellence of educators, MCKL is shining a spotlight on their vital role in the educational landscape and the broader community," he added.

The canvas bags come complete with thank you cards that convey MCKL's appreciation for the teachers' invaluable contributions. These cards acknowledge the teachers for their tireless work in educating and shaping the future of students and their unwavering dedication to the field of education. They serve as a symbol of respect and appreciation for the significant role teachers play in society.

MCKL's commitment to education and the role of educators is evident in this initiative, which not only celebrates their excellence but also underlines the profound impact teachers have on the lives of the students they inspire.



FROM MCKL TO IRELAND: WITH ASPIRATION TO TEACH



MCKL Diploma in Early Childhood Education Programme alumni at MTU

MCKL's Diploma in Early Childhood Education (ECE) is designed to prepare students for a career working with young children in various educational and care settings. It focuses on the development of knowledge, skills, and understanding related to child development, curriculum planning, classroom management, and creating a nurturing environment for young children.

Students will be fully equipped with relevant theoretical knowledge, teaching pedagogies, practical skills, and a holistic understanding of young children's development, learning needs and growth. Upon graduation, MCKL graduates will be able to seek employment in the ECE field as a qualified practitioner or continue to earn a globally recognised degree either in universities in Ireland, Munster Technological University (MTU) or U.K., University of Northampton, University of Gloucestershire and others. They will have the opportunity to complete their degree with only an additional year at such universities upon completing Diploma in Early Childhood Education at MCKL.

MCKL is honoured to be in partnership with MTU for over 10 years. Both institutions have mutually built a long lasting and transformative partnership to provide quality and comprehensive ECE to students to meet the ever-evolving demands of the workforce.

MCKL and MTU, Ireland first entered a partnership with the ambition of enabling MCKL students to directly enter the final year of MTU's bachelor's in early childhood education programme. MCKL's students are eligible for this express pathway due to the comprehensive selection of subjects and robust practical exposure. MCKL students are also entitled to a special discount and scholarships. Now boasting over 120 alumni, the partnership has grown from humble beginnings, with just six students in the first years.



ALUMNA HIGHLIGHT

Denise Thean Pui Yan

Recipient of

- Government of Ireland International Education Scholarship
- MCKL 100% Merit Scholarship

Denise Thean Pui Yan is one of the alumni that has continued their studies at MTU after graduating with a Diploma in Early Childhood Education. She was the recipient of the Government of Ireland International Education Scholarship and MCKL's 100% Merit Scholarship. "This scholarship and pathway eased up my parents' financial burden and it made my dream to pursue higher education at a world-renowned university come true," stated Denise. Denise shared some positive enlightenment about her journey studying in Ireland. "The constant assistance from lecturers was especially significant for me when I was studying at MTU. It helped me to alleviate many uncertainties that I had with the assessment methods adopted in Ireland. I thank God for all the positive and negative experiences that He allowed me to go through throughout my journey of study in MCKL as well as in MTU. I would say that my experience in MCKL and MTU as both fantastic and exciting".

Denise Thean is one of many examples of great achievers from MCKL. The students and alumni of MCKL aims to achieve their highest dreams and goals through their own honest and hard work. MCKL strives to deliver excellent and quality education, which ultimately serves its purposes as an institution for the community and the achievement of such students is the epitome of their values and beliefs.

For 40 years, MCKL has been providing quality higher education in the best of Methodist tradition. Besides providing top quality pre-university, diploma, American Degree Transfer Program 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.



MCKL CELEBRATES EXCELLENCE:

A COMMEMORATION OF GRADUATES' ACHIEVEMENTS
ACROSS DIVERSE PROGRAMMES





Above: Another batch of students successfully graduated from KL Campus. Below: First batch of students graduating from the Diploma in Digital Business, Diploma in Computer Science, and Diploma in Information Technology launched in 2021

Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL) proudly celebrated the achievements of the KL Campus students during the recent graduation ceremony of its Cambridge A Level, Diploma in Early Childhood Education, Australian Matriculation (AUSMAT), ACCA and the first batch of graduates from Diploma in Digital Business, Diploma in Information Technology, and Diploma in Computer Science.

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

Among the Cambridge A Level achiever, Salome Toh and Aryan Sunilkumar stood out for earning the prestigious title of Top in the World for AS Level Mathematics, ultimately receiving the Overall Academic Excellence Pure Arts 2023 Award. Notable mentions include Ng K-Yang, Soh Chien Ci, and Ivan Chok, each recognised for their exceptional achievements in GCE A Level examination November 2023.

15 • MCKL Graduation Stories



For the past decade, MCKL has maintained a 100% average passing rate for A Level, with nearly 40% of this year's graduates achieving 3As and above. MCKL's consistent success has resulted in students earning titles such as Top in the World, Top in Malaysia, and High Achievements across various subjects, facilitating their admission to esteemed universities globally.

In the Diploma in Early Childhood Education (DECE) programme, Caitlyn Cheong Ka Ling stood out, receiving the Datuk Dr Chiam Heng Keng Award 2024 for outstanding achievement. Chin Lee Jae, another high achiever in DECE, passed with distinction. In the Australian Matriculation (AUSMAT) programme, over 50% of students achieved an impressive ATAR score of 70 and above. Chim Wing Sern received the Datuk F R Bhupalan 2024 for the highest ATAR, and Amber Ong Sze Qi was recognised as the Subject Prize Winner for Mathematics Application.

This graduation ceremony held extra significance as it marked the first batch of students graduating from the Diploma in Digital Business, Diploma in Computer Science, and Diploma in Information Technology, launched in 2021. Their success demonstrates the pioneering spirit and resilience of this graduating class, setting a high standard for future students. The ceremony also commemorated the achievements of graduates in

the ACCA programme with student who have completed their ACCA professional papers.

As the graduates join the MCKL alumni community, they are encouraged to use their skills for personal success and contribute to society positively. The institution emphasises values such as service, leadership, and making a difference, urging alumni to employ innovative solutions, ethical business practices, and community engagement to effect positive change.

Moving forward, the guiding principles of love, compassion, and humility are offered as a beacon for the graduates. Just as they tackled academic challenges, they are encouraged to face life's obstacles with resilience and faith, grounded in their beliefs. The graduates are urged to honour God through their actions, respect their surroundings, cherish relationships, celebrate diversity, and embrace life's journey with unwavering trust in something greater than themselves.

Heartfelt congratulations were extended to all award recipients and graduates, marking the end of their academic journey at MCKL and heralding the commencement of the next chapter in their lives as empowered, values-driven contributors to society.







Congratulations to all the award recipients and graduates!







Unlock Your Future

Exclusive Scholarships for MCKL Students!

Discover a world of opportunities with exclusive scholarships available for Cambridge A Level and Australian Matriculation graduates from both campuses. Your hard work opens doors to financial support for your future studies.



Full Scholarship

UNM-MCKL Scholarship

by University of Nottingham Malaysia

Full Tuition Scholarship*

Limited to 2 MCKL Students per year

HERIOT WATT UNIVERSITY

UK | DUBAI | MALAYSIA

HWUM-MCKL Scholarship

by Heriot-Watt University Malaysia

50% Tuition Fee Waiver*

Applicable for September 2024 Intake Limited to 2 MCKL Students

*T&C apply



Careers, University Placement and Alumni Relations Department (CUPAD)



MCKL partner universities offer a plethora of exclusive scholarships and other merit-based scholarships for our ADTP students transferring to the USA. Receiving such scholarships signify academic excellence, boosting a student's resume and opening doors for further academic and professional opportunities.

MESSIAH UNIVERSITY

Moey-Phipps Scholarship of Distinction

by Messiah University

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

University of Wisconsin Eau Claire

UWEC-MCKL Merit Scholarship

by University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

\$8,000 + \$1,000 off Tuition Fees*

Limited to 2 MCKL ADTP Students per academic year, starting Fall 2024

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN LA CROSSE UWE

UWL-MCKL Merit Scholarship

by University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

\$7,500 off Tuition Fees* Limited to 1 MCKL ADTP Student per academic year, starting Fall 2024



4 Types of Scholarships

by Virginia Wesleyan University

- 50% off Tuition Fee Waiver* for all MCKL ADTP Students
- 65% off Tuition Fee Waiver*
 for all MCKL Pre-U Students
- 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



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The Institution of Excellence for Life



Section 4

Up and About on Campus

Our students embody the spirit of victory as winners of the Bronze at the prestigious ASEAN Sustainable Future Leaders competition.



EMPOWERING FUTURE LEADERS:

MCKL TRIUMPHS IN THE ASEAN SUSTAINABLE FUTURE LEADERS 2023



Above: The national champion! (L-R) Francis Paul, Nurazani Intan, Mr Ben Chan, John Prasanth and Aghilan Naythean

In a bid to empower the younger generation, schools, colleges, and universities across the ASEAN region are embracing the ASEAN Sustainable Future Leaders (AFSL) competition. This groundbreaking event focuses on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), challenging participants with SDG-related cases through five-minute video presentations, pitching, and intensive question-and-answer sessions. The competition serves as a platform to nurture and shape the leaders of tomorrow, fostering skills that promise a positive impact on society.

Participation in AFSL not only provides a unique learning experience, but also positions schools and universities as leading institutions dedicated to producing job-ready professionals with cutting-edge skills. Beyond the educational realm, the competition acts as a catalyst for fostering engagement among ASEAN countries, offering students the opportunity for cross-cultural experiences and potential exchange programmes, enriching their overall academic journey. Ultimately, AFSL 2023 aspires to mould the next generation of leaders equipped with skills and experiences grounded in the principles of SDGs.

Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL) proudly emerged as a standout participant in AFSL 2023. Four Cambridge A Level students—John Prasanth, Aghilan Naythean, Nurazani Intan Natasha, and Francis Paul—led by MCKL's Physics Lecturer, Mr Ben Chan, demonstrated exceptional prowess at the competition held at UNITAR International University.

At the National Levels, the MCKL contingent strategically focused on influencing policy makers, drawing inspiration from Bhutan's successful model for positive change. Out of 30 Malaysian teams, MCKL clinched the gold, securing their advancement to the prestigious ASEAN Level. Mr Ben Chan, reflecting on the journey, remarked, "It started with me posting in my class, seeking willing participants. Our initial goal was to win Nationals and gain exposure. The team excelled; I provided the starting point, and they took it from there. The online announcement of MCKL as champions was met with excitement in the classroom."

Advancing to the ASEAN Level, MCKL stood out as the only college-level team. Their presentation focused on policies addressing inequalities, particularly in education and energy resources. Remarkably, out of the six teams at the ASEAN Level, MCKL secured the Bronze.

Mr Ben Chan noted the distinctive experience at the ASEAN competition, highlighting the youthfulness of MCKL's pre-university students compared to university-level competitors specialising in sustainability. Despite these challenges, the team's third-place achievement stood as a testament to their dedication, relying on online research and interviews with friends.

Aghilan recalled the euphoria of being announced National Champions, emphasising the unexpected victory and the ensuing celebration in the room. MCKL's success in national competitions resonates with the institution's core value of "Celebrating Excellence," showcasing not only victory through dedication but also a commitment to the highest academic and personal standards. The resilience and work ethic of MCKL's pre-university students are the culmination of the culture of excellence fostered within the MCKL community.

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ADTP AT MCKL:

A DECADE OF GROWTH AND COMMUNITY



Above (left to right): Reverend Kwong, Ms Khor, Ms Veronica (Messiah University), Dr. Chua, Ms. Heather Pearson (University of Wisconsin – La Crosse), Ms. Kerryn Johnson (University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire), Ms Tahani Sofia Abdul Hamid (Education USA)

Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL) American Degree Transfer Program (ADTP) celebrated their 10th Year Anniversary on March 2024!

The anniversary celebration, held on 8th March 2024, was a moment of pride and reflection, attended by representatives from University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Messiah University, and EducationUSA Malaysia. The unveiling of the new backdrop in MCKL's Main Lobby symbolized the significance of the occasion, serving as a visual reminder of the enduring bonds forged through a decade of collaboration and shared aspirations.

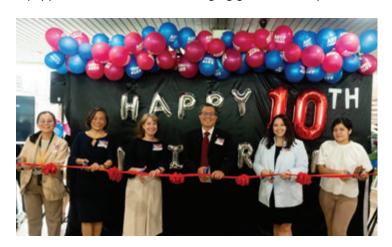
This milestone marked not just a commemoration of a decade-long journey, but also a testament to the enduring partnership between MCKL and esteemed universities across the United States. The event was not merely a reflection of past achievements, but a resounding affirmation of the collective dedication and vision that have propelled ADTP to its current stature of excellence.

Throughout the past decade, ADTP has evolved into more than just an academic pathway; it has become a beacon of opportunity for Malaysian students aspiring to pursue higher education in the United States. The support and commitment of our U.S. partners have been instrumental in shaping the academic trajectories of countless individuals, paving the way for them to realize their dreams on an international stage.

Over these years, MCKL partner universities have offered a plethora of exclusive scholarships and other merit-based scholarships for our ADTP students transferring to the U.S. Receiving such scholarships signifies academic excellence, boosting our student's resume and opening doors for further academic and professional opportunities.

A Decade of Growth and Community encapsulates the essence of the celebration. Beyond its academic achievements, ADTP has forged a robust alumni network that spans various professions and industries. Our alumni, scattered across the global landscape, exemplify the program's effectiveness in preparing individuals for the challenges of today's interconnected world. This network serves as an inspiration for current and future ADTP students, showcasing the vast possibilities that lie ahead.

MCKL graduates have made significant strides in diverse fields, becoming ambassadors of excellence, and embodying the program's commitment to academic and personal growth. To name a few, two of our ADTP Alumni is working for Microsoft upon graduation. Laura Tan has received bachelor's degree from Messiah then continued her postgraduate at Duke University. Jie Anne is in Clinical Psychology at Wheaton College upon completing her bachelor's degree in Messiah. These alumni and many other who follow the same pursuits exemplify the program's ethos of excellence and resilience, serving as ambassadors of MCKL's commitment to nurturing future leaders equipped to thrive in an ever-changing global landscape.



During the celebration, Ms Veronica Yap, Southeast Asia Admissions Coordinator at Messiah University, expressed her admiration for the meticulously designed program and course structure of the American Degree Transfer Program (ADTP) at Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL). She emphasized that the program's effectiveness is evident in the achievements of students during their tenure at American universities. Ms Yap also voiced her desire for MCKL to continue fostering partnerships to facilitate seamless transitions from ADTP to universities in the United States.

Ms Heather Pearson, International Articulations and Admissions Coordinator at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse lauded the ADTP as a pathway conceived to offer the American Dream to Malaysian students. She expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to participate in celebrations alongside longstanding partners, highlighting a decade of collaborative efforts. Ms Pearson's sentiment underscored the significance of the ADTP in promoting educational opportunities and cultural exchange between Malaysia and the United States.

ADTP has achieved numerous milestones, boasting partnerships with over 60 articulation universities. Your unwavering support has facilitated seamless transfers for ADTP students offering exclusive scholarships and merit-based opportunities. This has significantly eased the financial burdens of pursuing undergraduate degrees in the United States.

As we look ahead to the next chapter of ADTP's journey, the program remains steadfast in its commitment to excellence and innovation. This commitment is reaffirmed by all involved, emphasizing excellence, collaboration, and the pursuit of knowledge. Together, they aim to continue empowering the next generation of leaders and trailblazers, ensuring that the legacy of ADTP at MCKL in the years to come.









GLOBAL STEM COMPETITIONS



Above: Student Yap Cheong Yeong achieves double medals from Kangaroo Math Competition and Beaver Computational Thinking Competition

In the ever-evolving landscape of education, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) stands out as a key player in fostering creativity and innovation. It encourages students to approach challenges with a creative mindset, promoting the exploration of new ideas and solutions. Mathematics, a crucial component of STEM, thrives on continuous practice through various means such as quizzes, exams, and competitions. One such notable competition is the Kangaroo Math Competition, which has emerged as the world's largest math competition, bringing together millions of participants from around the globe.

KANGAROO MATH COMPETITION: A GLOBAL SHOWCASE

The Kangaroo Math Competition, established by the Association Kangourou sans Frontieres (AKSF) in France, has grown into a massive event. It is currently the world's largest math competition with almost 6 million participants from 98 countries in 2023. From Malaysia, there were more than 47,000 participants representing over 1,552 schools.

MCKL'S SUCCESS AT KANGAROO MATH COMPETITION

Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL) excelled in this year's competition. 28 students participating in the competition, showcasing their mathematical prowess. The results were impressive, with the MCKL contingent securing 3 Gold Awards, 4 Silver Awards, 3 Bronze Awards, 13 Honourable Mentions, and 5 Certificates of Participation. Lim Ming Zheng Sean, one of the Gold Medallists, expressed his satisfaction, attributing his success to consistent preparation and hard work.

Ms Oh Hui Xin, the lecturer overseeing the competition at MCKL, emphasised the collective effort that led to this achievement. She acknowledged the support from the Math lecturers in MCKL, who played a crucial role in imparting knowledge and motivating students. Ms Oh also highlighted the students' dedication and cumulative knowledge in Mathematics as key contributors to their success.

THE BEAVER COMPUTATIONAL THINKING COMPETITION: NURTURING COMPUTER SCIENCE TALENTS

In addition to the Kangaroo Math Competition, MCKL Pre-University students also participated in the Beaver Computational Thinking Competition, designed to introduce computer science concepts and logical problem-solving. With nearly 2.8 million participants from over 60 countries in 2023, the Beaver Competition has become a significant platform for students to showcase their computational skills.

MCKL'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN BEAVER COMPUTATIONAL THINKING COMPETITION

Nine MCKL students participated in the Beaver Computational Thinking Competition, achieving notable success with 1 Silver medal and 7 Honourable Mentions. The students were led and mentored by Mr Jeremy Tan, the Programme Leader for Diploma in Financial Technology. Yap Cheong Young, a Cambridge A Level student, distinguished himself by clinching a gold medal in the Kangaroo Math Competition and a Silver medal in the Beaver Computational Thinking Competition. As he concludes his participation in these competitions, Cheong Young reflects on the invaluable experience that has prepared him for future educational endeavours, aspiring to pursue a degree in either Physics or Engineering.

MCKL'S COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

The success of MCKL's Pre-University students in these global STEM competitions exemplifies the institution's core value to "Celebrate Excellence." These students not only pursued victory through dedication and honest efforts but also demonstrated a commitment to the highest standards of academic and personal achievement. Their resilience and relentless work ethic have not only brought them success but have also set a shining example for their peers, inspiring a culture of excellence within the MCKL community.

EMPOWERING TOMORROW'S LEADERS:

MCKL'S BUILD LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE INSPIRES YOUTH



By: Amarleen Kaur Sandhu

In its ongoing commitment to fostering leadership qualities among young minds, MCKL has concluded its second BUILD leadership conference on 9 September 2023. The acronym BUILD stands for "Build Unwavering Impactful Leaders," encapsulating the essence of the conference's mission. The event aimed to empower the youth by providing insights from successful leaders, reinforcing Bill Gates' vision that future leaders will be those who empower others.

Distinguished speakers at the conference included Dr Goh Chee Leong, CEO of HELP University; Ms Siti Syamin, Director of Development of Higher Education Malaysia Association; Ms Sarah Yong Li-Hsien, Chairperson of the Bar Council Technology, Cyber, and Privacy Law Committee; and Ms Chan Yen Ping, Training Specialist for Teach for Malaysia.

This year's BUILD conference saw an impressive attendance of 250 students from MCKL's sister schools across Malaysia, including Seremban, Penang, Klang, KL, Ipoh, and Bandar Seri Coalfields. The gathering provided a platform for students to connect, learn, and be inspired by the experiences of accomplished leaders.

In interviews conducted with attendees, students shared their transformative experiences. Kimberley Chee Mei Kay expressed finding a sense of fellowship among peers who, like herself, had faced challenges in leadership. She left the conference with newfound confidence, motivated by her peers to persevere despite obstacles. Kimberley emphasised the importance of

balancing academic and extracurricular commitments, highlighting that success extends beyond academic achievements.

Tan Ming Reo from MCKL College (Penang, Pykett Campus) learnt about being a "flexible and adaptable leader," recognising leadership potential in everyone. Christie Song Chern Ai echoed this sentiment, emphasising that accomplished leaders inspire by acknowledging the potential in others. When asked to describe leadership in three words, students used terms such as "compassion, respect, and courage," underlining the significance of empathy and dedication in leadership.

Students also shared their personal role models, ranging from public figures like Sylvester Stallone and Malala Yousafzai to personal inspirations like fathers and teachers. These role models embody qualities that students aspire to incorporate into their own leadership journeys.

Reflecting on the impact of the conference, attendees expressed a desire to attend future BUILD conferences, citing an increased passion for leadership. Ng Yuan Xin encapsulated this sentiment, stating that the event made participants "more passionate about leadership."

In conclusion, the BUILD leadership conference proved to be a memorable and impactful event, leaving a lasting impression on the students. MCKL believes that everyone has the potential to lead, and these conferences serve as a catalyst for discovering and nurturing that potential in the leaders of tomorrow.

MCKL'S STUDENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME:

BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN EDUCATION AND INDUSTRY



In the dynamic landscape of education and career development, internships play a crucial role in preparing students for the challenges of the professional world. The August 2023 and January 2024 internship sessions at Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL) witnessed the involvement of diligent students from the Diploma in Information Technology (DIT) and Diploma in Computer Science (DCS) programmes. This article explores the details of their internship experiences and how MCKL's preparation has facilitated a seamless transition into the working world.

The August 2023 Session marked the commencement of the internship journey for Tan Eu Wen, Sivananthan Lee Jayapalan, and Elvin Ng Kian Hou. These students undertook their internships at reputable companies such as BASF Asia Pacific Service Centre Sdn Bhd, Avinity Analytics Sdn Bhd, and NEC Corporation of Malaysia Sdn Bhd, respectively, from 28th August 2023 to 19th November 2023.

MCKL's commitment to education and the role of educators is evident in this initiative, which not only celebrates their excellence but also underlines the profound impact teachers have on the lives of the students they inspire.

In the subsequent January 2024 Session, Malcolm James Tan, Caleb Lim Shian Zer, Ryan Lee In Zer, Su Jing Keat, and John Chew Chin Han embarked on their internship endeavours from 22nd January 2024 to 14th April 2024. Noteworthy companies hosting these interns included LE Global Services Sdn Bhd (LGMS), Firmus Sdn Bhd, Studio Twenty Sdn Bhd, NEC Corporation of Malaysia Sdn Bhd, and QL Maxincome Sdn Bhd (FamilyMart).

This internship experience plays a crucial role in shaping the future of these students by equipping them with valuable skills and insights. It prepares them for their degrees and future careers in various ways. Interns can apply the theoretical knowledge they gained in their academic studies to real-world situations, bridging the gap between classroom learning and practical application. The internship provides exposure to specific industries of interest, fostering an understanding of industry dynamics, challenges, and trends, giving students a head start when entering a more advanced academic setting. They also develop a wide range of skills, including technical, communication, teamwork, and problem-solving skills. These skills are not only beneficial for academic success but also serve as a strong foundation for future career endeavours. Moreover, internship experiences also help students clarify their career goals and make more informed decisions when selecting a degree programme or specialisation.

The success of MCKL's internship programme is attributed to the meticulous preparation conducted by the Career, University Placement, and Alumni Relations Department (CUPAD). The department initiates the process by briefing students on the procedures for seeking and applying for internships. Additionally, workshops focusing on crafting effective resumes are organised to enhance the success rate of job applications.

MCKL maintains a comprehensive list of industry partners, regularly updating it to encompass a broader range of fields and options for students. While students are encouraged to explore these recommended partners, they are also free to approach and apply to any reputable company of their choice.

Upon securing positions, CUPAD coordinates with the companies to formalise documentation, solidifying the acknowledgement between the company and MCKL. Academic supervisors are then assigned to each student, serving as a point of contact for any issues encountered during the internship, ensuring smooth progress. Site visits are conducted during the internship period to ensure that students are working in a suitable environment.

MCKL's commitment to preparing students for the professional world is evident through its well-structured internship programme. The valuable experiences gained during internships not only enhance academic learning but also equip students with the skills and insights necessary for a successful career journey. As these students' transition from classrooms to workplaces, MCKL's holistic approach to education continues to bridge the gap between academic knowledge and real-world application.



Above: Sivananthan Lee completed his internship at Avinity Analytics Sdn Bhd

Below: Elvin Ng Kian Hou completed his internship at NEC Corporation of Malaysia Sdn Bhd

Opposite page: Tan Eu Wen completed his internship at BASF Asia Pacific Service Centre Sdn Bhd

















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Explore MCKL in pictures! From academic success to campus fun, catch a glimpse of our vibrant community.













- 1. MCKL BUILD Session
- 2. Orientation camps in progress
- Service Learning Fundraising Day on Pykett Campus
- 4. Alpha Weekend Getaway Camp in session
- Heading outdoors with the Alpha Weekend Getaway Camp
- 6. Chinese New Year celebration on KL campus by the Chinese Cultural and Connectivity Society
- 7. The annual Easter Rally by Christian Fellowship
- 8. Worship service in the Easter Rally

- Students affiliated with German Educare has landed in Germany! Let's wish them a successful study ahead
- 10. ADTP Spring Transfer students
- 11. Raya Fiesta on Pykett Campus
- 12. MCKL welcomes the visit of Elder Shue Chi Kong, Member of the Trustee of Columbia International University
- 13. MCKL welcomes the visit of Professor Karen Morgan, President of RCSI-UCD
- 14. MCKL Elevate series in session







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