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ello everyone. We are already here in 2019. We are now entering another unpredictable year. A new chapter has just began and we are ready to dive deep into 2019 with strong enthusiasm and competitive spirit.

Last year we have seen colourful stories from all around the globe. How fascinating, amazing and dramatic events took place in 2018 that have impacted or shaped our thought and vision for the future? Well, it all depends on how we perceived, analysed and digested the events or real life episodes. By and larges we might have had learned a lot from the incidents, tragedies and narratives around us.

Tsunamis, earthquakes, fatal accidents, tragedies, and comedies - all have strengthened and enhanced our perspective on life. However, one pertinent statement that we have to realise is how lucky we are today depsite all challenges, hurdles, and difficulties that some people have to encounter. We are here in the education arena which is considered one of the noblest and oldest profession on earth. Through education we disseminate knowledge, sharing of ideas and transfer of values to the young and highy potential generations. Imagine after three or four years undergoing their studies in the university or college, they have obtained a diploma or the first degree and ready to face a new chapter in life. Perhaps in the next 10 to 15 years or probably even in a shorter period of time they will be somebody by holding senior positions or important portfolios in the government or private sector. There may be also individuals who will venture into business or corporate world and who knows, they could possibly end up as truly successful businessmen or corporate figure! Ali Baba, Bill Gates, Tony Fernandes etc. are all living examples of successful personalities in business and coprorate worlds. It's all started with good and quality education that they received from the school and tertiary level. Passion, determination and preserverance shall lead them to greater success in life!

Hence as an educator, we have a very significant and pivotal role in shaping minds and hearts of our future generations. Education is the most important medium of acquiring knowledge and essential skills. It is more than just learning from books, lectures, tutorials or lab sessions. It is an effort of the older generation to transfer their life wisdom to their offspring.

In one of the letters to an editor recently published in our daily newspaper, I couldn't agree more with the writer's candid observation on the purpose and aim of education. The writer succintly says; "Education is definitely important in one's life. A gift of knowledge can bring us to the top of our dreams. Education makes people capable of doing new interesting things that can go a long way to improving human living conditions and standards. Bear in mind that if you believe and work hard, you can achieve anything."

Year 2019 has just started and we could encounter many more challenges along the journey ahead. We may have well-written and well-crafted New Year Resolutions - our wish list and dream to fulfil. But no matter how bumpy or uncertain in life, we must strive our best to be a life-long learner, always add value to yourself, keep abreast with the latest updates, keep reading and be open minded! HAPPY NEW YEAR 2019

(By Mohd Shah Abdullah)

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS: TO A GREENER YEAR, PERHAPS?

By: Natasha Johari

New Year resolutions has become a habit of people around the world, hoping for an idyllic future. Regardless of the personal changes people decide to make in their life, New Year is also a great time to learn more about environmental issues and why they are important. Instead of just planning to cut extra fat from the waistline by hitting the gym, how about putting in effort to conserve electricity in the gym and the home by going outdoors. Go green and save money!

Another great resolution would be to start using canvas bags when out grocery shopping instead of opting for paper or plastic bags. Even better, reuse whatever bags you have at home.

Yes, yes, these may sound like typical goals, but it would definitely help our community have a better year than last year and this time it's not only for Mother Nature, but for us as well!

Remember, let others in on your green resolution so that they are aware, and you can also spread your knowledge.

Do you have any other ideas for a greener year? Let us know your resolutions by sending an e-mail to miu.hive@miu.edu.my.

WINNERS OF THE BEM STEM COMPETITION 2018

BY BRITNEY LOH

On the 5th of December 2018, five teams from the April 2018 Foundation batch of Manipal International University participated in the STEM Competition organized by the Board of Engineers Malaysia in conjunction with the National Technical Professions Day.



Three teams joined the competition to produce an eco-friendly rubber band powered car, while the other two teams joined the fruit battery competition. Both categories required participants to think creatively and practically; as well as applying their knowledge of science and technology into their project.

The fruit batteries produce were judged based on the highest voltage that could be produced.

Two teams from the fruit battery competition emerged as victors. They managed to win 1st place with 3.9 Volts; and 3rd place with 2.2 Volts in the competition. One team from the eco-friendly rubber band competition was not disappointed as they achieved 2nd place. The other two teams managed to snag consolation prizes in the competition as well. A participant also managed to win 3rd place in the Brilliant Mind Competition that was held from 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. This was an open category and brilliant mind competition. Participants were presented with three challenges that urban dwellers might face in the near future The winners were selected based on their ideas which contributed to its practicality, originality, application of STEM knowledge as well as many other factors.

Overall, the students of Manipal International University were outstanding in their respective competitions and has made Manipal proud. This has been a great achievement for not only our fellow foundation students, but also for the university as well.

YELW 2018 Well Received At MIU



MIU, Nilai: The Young Executive Leadership Week She added that the support and participation of students (YELW) 2018 was held from Dec 5 to 12. The week-long event organised by MIU's Business and Mass Communication students was well received by students from the School of Management and Business. Several events were conducted including a SPSS workshop for research students, Business Plan Competition, Business Talk, Entrepreneurship Bazaar and Treasure Hunt.

YELW event manager Viknes Rao Suria Rao said in an interview that the event was a big project for them as it combined the effort of five classes, with approximately 110 students involved. Lecturers Wan Kamariah Wan Mahmood, Shuhaimi Haji Mohd Sauh and Siti Nurakmar acted as advisors throughout the whole programme and guided the students to ensure a smooth event.

Kamariah, who is Acting Head of Students Affairs, said she hopes students can develop their skills and talents by doing such events. Experiencing pressure and completing their tasks on time may push them to achieve more success in the future.

"Togetherness and teamwork are a major aspect in event planning and the business talk will not be complete without mentioning each and every committee member involved, as well as the participants gathered," she said.

is even more valuable for the events and the response received for the programme was satisfying.

Meanwhile, Nurakmar expressed her thoughts about the crowd at the bazaar. "It is good see students of Manipal join hands to support the event for a week with us. It all started with a spark and that became a fire of each and every our students' effort to make the event more successful."

The seniors played a huge role guiding their juniors o focus on each part of the event to ensure they learn efficiently and effectively.

The event's head advisor, Shuhaimi, said that the seniors know the process of event planning, which makes it easier for them to help in organising this one.

"Juniors are like the people go into a cave but do not know the way out and seniors are their guides. This event is like a cave and both of the parties will work together as a team to make it useful to make the way tout," added Shuhaimi.

During the event's closing ceremony, Kamariah lauded the student's efforts and believes that they are capable of organising bigger and better events in the future that will contribute to the university and its students.

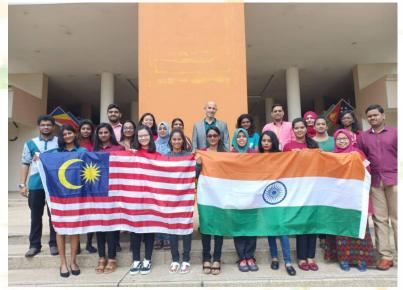
Experience Education: Student visit to TAPMI & MAHE, India

In a first ever international visit, 24 students of the BBA IB and BACC programs from the School of Management and Business, MIU visited the home campus in India in Nov'2018. Facilitated by MIU and supported at the host country by TAPai Management Institute (TAPMI), one of India's premier business schools and the Business school of MAHE, India, this tour provided the MIU students an exposure to global standards of learning in Business Management.

The 6 day tour was entwined with academic and co-curricular activities including interactive sessions on Leadership Assessment, Portfolio management, Marketing strategy, Sustainability development and Business Research. The experience at the TAPMI Finance Lab which is equipped and powered by the Bloomberg terminals was the key focus of this tour. The hands on experience at the Finance Lab as cited by the students has been a 'remarkable and enriching learning experience'.

Monitored by the faculty and implemented completely by the student groups at TAPMI, the MIU students witnessed motivation, self-discipline, time-management and enthusiasm for knowledge from their peers (at TAPMI) giving them a better edge in learning with a complete out of the classroom experience.

The students also interacted with student teams at the Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), the parent campus in Manipal and were delighted to learn about the student projects like SOLAR MOBIL-the solar vehicle built successfully by the students of the Automobile Department, MIT; the TEAM MANIPAL RACING- the team that constructed an All-Terrain Vehicle and PARIKSHIT – a satellite developed by the team of engineering students.



Manipal Academy of Higher Education, India is among the top 3 institutes of eminence of the country. Manipal Academy of Higher Education is synonymous with excellence in higher education. Over 28,000 students from 57 different nations live, learn and play in the sprawling University town, nestled on a plateau in Karnataka's Udupi district in India.

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It also has nearly 2500 faculty and almost 10000 other support and service staff, who cater to the various professional institutions in health sciences, engineering, management, communication and humanities. Students visited the Experience Theatre, the Anatomy Lab, the World's class gymnasium and the schools of interest during the campus tours. While at TAPMI the students also spent time in both sports and cultural activities.



This visit to the parent campus and a week's interactive study at TAPMI will be an annual feature for all the final year students of the BBA and BACC programs. The School of Management and Business and Manipal International University is committed to bringing new knowledges to student learning.... Experience Education as we say!.



Experience Education: Student visit to TAPMI & MAHE, India



This study tour to TAPMI India was filled with amazing student leaders, friendly professors, astonishing handson Bloomberg experience, amusing activities, great vibes, fantastic hospitality, and wonderful memories - Yifei Chong

Manipal International University provided me with an opportunity to explore a new study environment by letting me to join the study tour to TAPMI, India. The faculty over there seemed to genuinely care about what I wanted and who I was, which was really important to me. They care so much about your progress as a student and present you with ample opportunity to get hands-on experience. I am so thankful for the opportunities I received during my time at TAPMI. Kavithira Rajan





I've learned so much from TAPMI! It was an amazing opportunity to visit the well-known business school in India. The main purpose of the trip was to attend the Bloomberg Training at TAPMI, which is the largest terminal in their country but I too had the opportunity to experience their inspiring school culture, breath-taking environment, highly effective learning classroom, sociable committees and so on and so forth. Extremely interested in bringing the same culture in MIU. - Sharvini Manimaran

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A great journey of academic! New experience in-term of culture, clubs, networking and studies. On-hand training in the bloomberg lab was a good thing. Before entering the MBA life you gets to feel it.

Narvind Rao





The most exciting part of this tour was Bloomberg session which was host by Bloomberg Champions and the CEO , many informative ideas were shared regarding a visual introduction to the financial markets which included economic , currencies and investment woven together from Bloomberg data, news, analytics and television. It still feel surreal to be part of a participant there . Overall , it was truly an amazing tour . Ravina Kumari

"Well presented and very enthusiastic environment at TAM-PI. Great Knowledge base. Very valuable insight into the needs of businesses and how to develop a strategy to connect with businesses. Excellent resources, up to date examples to reinforce tips and concepts provided throughout the activity session. Very glad I joined. It was more specifically useful that I expected " - Bloomberg Training 2018 (Study tour to India) - Kreessen Lsk



TBT: Christmas Thoughts

Christmas is a widely loved celebration that is celebrated worldwide every 25th December. There are so many things to love about Christmas, like the hundreds of sales that entice buyers to shop for gifts not only for their loved ones, but also for themselves.

Pine trees, Santa hats, ornaments and Christmas tunes are also synonymous with the festivities. Even fake pine trees are fun to decorate. The excitement of putting up decorations, even on a small tree gives people much joy.

Shops like Mr. DIY sell cute Santa hats and reindeer clips from RM3. Such an affordable price for anyone to dress up in the Christmas spirit!

And what is Christmas without Mariah Carey and Jingle Bell Rock? From 1st December, malls play Christmas hits on loops, especially Carey's All I want for Christmas which can be considered as the Christmas 'national anthem'.



Let's not forget about The Grinch. He quickly became famous this year, thanks to the famous SICKO mode meme. It's a little scary how well it suits with the song.

In Malaysia, Christmas is not hugely celebrated compared to other 'main' festivals such as Deepavali or Hari Raya. The road to Christmas is more hyped and happening compared to Christmas Day itself.

We don't have Christmas mornings or tree shopping in Malaysia but then again, we don't even have snow so who's to complain, am I right?

The decorations in shopping malls for Christmas nowadays are beyond amazing. It's even more extravagant compared to Deepavali decorations. Well, there actually wasn't any sort of decoration for Deepavali this year but we'll talk about that in another issue.

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"In conjunction with Christmas celebration on 25 December, students and staff of Mass Communication Division has arranged gifts exchange event. The programme is led by Mass Communication students and supervised by Senior Lecturer, Ms Elillarasi Kuppusamy. The gift exchange reflects spirit of solidarity, respect and bonding among students and staff. They also hope Christmas celebration and New Year 2019 brings greater happiness, prosperity and stability."

