



THE TMC GAZETTE

The examination results from the 1st Semester will be released in early May.

To assist in accessing the examination results we have created a site on eCampus. To access the results go to eNotice > Exam Related Info > View Exam Results.

I would though like to take this opportunity to give some feedback on some of the key issues affecting student performance.

The first issue is English, many students need to improve their writing skills as this is a contributing factor in getting low marks.

For Diploma students please pay more attention to the study skills classes as these

will help. Also if you are concerned about your English then write more essays and get feedback from your lecturers.

In the Higher Diploma, for some students English remains an issue, however it was also noted that weaker students were not referencing their coursework, and a number had issues with plagiarism.

Students really need to pay more attention to the Research Unit. Remember that the examiners will be expecting to see what you learnt in the Research Unit reflected in your coursework and exams.

Michael Cope
Academic Director

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STUDENT CLUB ACTIVITIES

Basketball Results

In all 15 teams took part in the rain delayed Basketball tournament, the semi-final was an all Indonesia affair, with FBK running out winners.

Street Soccer Tournament

5 aside Street Soccer 9.00 a.m to 6.00 p.m on the 26th of April at Leng Kee CC.

Attractive prizes to be won.



Ms Yeow & the students during the commendation session on 27th Feb 2008.

We would like to express our appreciation to the group of students who have assisted in the *Singapore Education Specialists' (SES) Site Visit* on 21st February 2008. During the session, they interacted with the SES & shared their learning experiences in TMC e.g. Orientation, Student Club Activities & classes. As many came from non-English speaking background, the SES were very impressed when all of them presented in fluent English.

Examination Results

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TMC/LJMU Symposium on Research Methods

TMC and Liverpool John Moores University organised a joint Symposium in Singapore on 29th March 08. The symposium was open to staff. Academics from Business School and School of IT benefited as audience.

The Symposium theme was "Trends in research". Ms Nickianne Head of Department, CMS, LJMU presented the opening note while Prof. Dr Gina Wisker from the University of Brighton concluded with the closing address. Eight papers were presented during the FOUR hours symposium. From TMC, Ms Irdawati presented a paper on Measurement and Evaluation in Public Relations and Ms Maimona a paper on Sports as a Global Phenomenon. The range of topics included Ms Eve Smith (LJMU) presenting a paper on Reading Terry Pratchett's *Discworld: Using on-line surveys to research fantasy audiences*.

TMC Alumni

JOURNEY OF A STUDENT TO EMPLOYEE

While waiting for the TV serial to start, on came a commercial for TMC Educational Group in Xian. A promising teenage girl, Hou Xin was impressed by the advertisement, and told her parents. In the early spring of 2002, Hou Xin together with her parents visited the College and enrolled for Diploma in Business Administration & Marketing. With great enthusiasm and hard work, she completed the 8 modules course with 6 distinctions in one year.

In order to fulfill her aspiration to have a degree, she took a step further to continue her education with TMC International College, Xian. She continued her good performance in the Higher Diploma in Accounting, achieved 10 distinctions in the 21 modules course. Having such a success in her studies, it was naturally for her to continue her education, and look towards an undergraduate degree.

It was a case of choosing between Australia or Singapore, with cost an important consideration. As an avid TV viewer, she had seen documentaries on the developing economy and prosperity of Singapore. She also gathered that the place was a clean garden city, a peaceful place to live and study. The decision was made to study in Singapore with TMC Education on their Bachelor of Commerce, Deakin University programme. So, she left her home in the cold month of November 2004 to journey to Singapore, looking forward to the road to success.

On arrival at the Changi International Airport, Hou Xin was met with a warm welcome by representative from TMC and proceed to the hostel. At the hostel she met other foreign students who studied at TMC and guided her to Capitol Centre. She commended the good service from student services. In the following few months, she got to know students from our neighbouring countries who attended the same course. She enjoyed the friendship so much so that she joined them, when they are back to their home.

Hou Xin achieved her goal graduating in February 2007. With many years of bonding with TMC, from Diploma to the final achievement of a degree she now wanted to work in TMC. As luck would have it, our finance department was looking for an executive to cover the area of accounts payable. A new chapter in her life started when she decided to settle down here with the job. Asked about her future plans – she disclosed that she applied for permanent residence. Guess what next? Congratulations, you are welcome on 7 April 2008 as a permanent resident here.