

THE TMC GAZETTE



LATEST NEWS

We are pleased to announce that TMC has short listed in several of the Singapore Education Award categories. 'Best International Marketing Effort' and 'Friends of International Students', where Anthony, Gevelle, Irene, Susan and William have all made the final stage. Singapore Education Awards 2009 is organized by Singapore Tourism Board (STB).

Also congratulations to Vo Anh Khiem, TMC's Ambassador for Vietnam, on being chosen by STB to help promote Singapore Education in Vietnam.

It is hard to believe but the first two weeks of Semester 4 are already over. It is surprising just how quickly time passes, so make sure you keep yourself organized, and make the most of your classes.

I also need to make yet another reference to plagiarism and

copying. Yet again we have a small number of students who persist in copying material and passing it off as their own. The end result is that they fail the module.

Please don't do this, it is not very clever and with Universities all using software programmes to identify such practices you are bound to be caught.

On a brighter note the Student Club is organizing a Christmas Party on the 13th of December. They are also launching a **'Snap+Shoot, Cam Can Create'** competition. So keep an eye out for more details on what is bound to be an exciting competition.

Finally just to remind everyone that the Deepavali holiday is on Monday the 27th of October.

Dr Michael Cope
Academic Director

Special points of interest:

Message from the Academic Director

Student Club Activities

TMC Ambassador Vietnam

LJMU win Excellence Award

TMC Alumni—Ruthania Martinely

Launch of the IT Club

Student Interns—IT

TMC STUDENT CLUB ACTIVITIES

Snap+Shoot, Cam Can Create

A TMC Create_(ivity) Celebration Competition

Categories include Photography Editorial and Short Film. Keep an eye out for the competition posters

Year End Christmas Party—13 December

Expect a fun filled activity + gift exchange + food (bbq, potluck, etc.).

TMC AMBASSADOR—VIETNAM

TMC is proud that our **TMC Ambassador for Vietnam - Mr Vo Anh Khiat** - was chosen as one of the 4 main students featured in the publicity materials promoting Singapore Education at the recent Singapore Education Exhibition held in Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi in Vietnam. The remaining 3 students are from public institutions in Singapore. TMC was featured prominently in Mr Vo's interview on the local main newspaper *Tuoi Tre* as well as within the exhibition venue. This is a great further testament to TMC's achievements and reputation in the education industry.

LJMU NEWS

Liverpool John Moores University has been awarded the British Quality Foundation **'UK Excellence Award'** for 2008. *LJMU were one of only three organisations in the whole of the UK to be given this award in 2008. LJMU is the first and only UK University to achieve this level of business excellence.*

TMC IT CLUB

The IT School is starting a student IT/Gaming Club which will be open to all students who have an interest in IT or gaming. The actual name of the club will be decided by the members.

Interested? Then contact either Herlina (herlina@tmc.edu.sg) or Ser En (low.ser.en@tmc.edu.sg)

WANTED

The IT School is looking for several students to act as interns to help in a range of different activities, including e-notice board, IT School blog, and the websites
Interested? Contact Pauline at Pauline@tmc.edu.sg.

TMC ALUMNI - RUTHANIA MARTINELLY

For those who have doubts about pursuing their degrees at two different venues, Ruthania Martinelly has the answers. Ruth attained her first class honours degree from *Liverpool John Moores University* and has experienced on campus study in the UK and off campus learning at TMC. She joined TMC in April this year as Program Advisor and Study Abroad Executive.

How did the decision to study at 2 different places for 1 degree come about?

When I looked at the *Liverpool John Moores University* (LJMU) programmes offered by TMC, I was attracted by the mode of study which was partly in Singapore and partly in UK. I knew some of my friends were also doing off-campus studies and this was something that excited me. It was a worth-while experience you can enjoy real campus atmosphere and at the same time learn something.

How did you handle the cultural differences at the 2 places?

I researched using the University's official website about student life on campus. From there, I had a picture of the learning environment and what the students usually do. Cultural differences were one of the main issues on my mind before I went overseas from my home in Jakarta – Indonesia to Singapore and the UK. I was concerned about not being able to adapt to their environment as well as the local people. As time went by, I managed to adjust to the culture and exercised more flexibility. I tried to pick up their accent when I speak to them during daily conversations. What I've learnt was that cultural differences can actually be overcome and is worth being exposed to them. Having a wider circle of local friends is also one of the ways to adapt to their culture.

What was the experience like studying at the 2 places?

Studying at these two places was amazing and yet challenging. It has helped me broaden my knowledge and perspectives, not only about the subjects I've studied but also about the two different countries - their culture and characteristics.

How has studying at TMC benefited you and what were the highlights of studying there?

TMC made my dream come true. Besides giving me a strong foundation in my study of mass communication, TMC stayed true to their motto "Every Step with You" through their service and discipline. If I had not studied in TMC before, I wouldn't have been able to achieve my first class honours degree and excel in the higher diploma course offered by TMC.

How did you handle the 2 different modes of study?

TMC and LJMU actually adopt the same approach in terms of studying. In terms of higher education, every student would need to be more serious with their work to do well in their project and assignments. Learning makes you a more disciplined and mature person. I strived to submit my assignments and projects on time and by doing so, I've also learned how to manage my time productively and be more disciplined than I was before.

What is your advice to students facing similar situations?

Always try your best. This applies not only to studying, but also in every aspect of daily life. Look at all angles of every situation and not just one. The key is to give your best shot at everything you do and persevere.