

THE TMC GAZETTE

First of all, let me warmly welcome the new students to our TMC Family, a family formed over the past 27 years. I am sure you have enjoyed the week long indoor and outdoor orientation programmes specially arranged for you including talks, visits, treasure hunt and teambuilding activities. I would also like to welcome back all our other students and trust that you have had a good rest. It is now time to commence the term which starts this week. Do remember that education is an on-going necessity and learning must never stop.

Traditional education focuses on teaching, not learning. At TMC, besides teaching, we offer a variety of ways to learn. We adopt participation-based and student-centred learning to motivate students to seek active involvement in class activities and take the lead in discussions. We encourage students to form study groups and share ideas and learn together with their fellow classmates. We foster a spirit of real learning and sharing and gear you to be independent thinkers and learners, in other words, we empower you to learn.

On your part, you should develop good study habits such as regular attendance, class participation, use of tutorials to develop better understanding and

continuous preparation for assessments. The 10-week term can be quite demanding and you must not lose your enthusiasm, the most contagious spirit that will help to propel you to excel.

Having said that, of course, you must set aside time to socialise and make new friends to forge bonds with your peers in TMC. Indeed, you will learn a great deal interacting with others informally. Our Student Club organises many activities for students and alumni such as sports events, talent contests, career talks and festive functions. We encourage you to come forward to participate in these meaningful activities, showcase your talents and make TMC a lively and fun place to study, share and play, and more importantly to connect with our alumni, fellow students, faculty and staff. It is important to forge the kind of friendships and ties that continue beyond graduation.

I trust that you will do your best and I hope to see you having a good time both in and out of the classroom. I look forward to the day that you graduate.

Best Wishes!

Ms Yeow Cheng Khim
Executive Director

Special points of interest:

Message from the Executive Director

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Dr Ha Huong in Vietnam

TMC IDOL

Congratulations to Mayah on winning TMC Idol 2008. This years competition set a new benchmark for future competitions. A special mention has to go to San Win Htike for his violin recital.

More TMC Idol photos can be found on page 2.



TMC IDOL 2008



English Workshop in Vietnam

Hawthorn Singapore made a recent trip to Tra Vinh city, Southern Vietnam for an 3-day English Teaching Strategies Workshop. This workshop was organised in conjunction with Vietnam Association of Community Colleges (VACC) and hosted by Tra Vinh University (TVU). The 24 attendees were English teachers from 3 universities: TVU, Dong Thap University and Hau Giang University. The workshop was conducted by Mr John Leyland from Hawthorn and all the teachers said that they are looking forward to more such workshops.



Vietnam Singapore Education Exhibition

Dr Ha Huong – Dean of TMC School of Business – was recently invited by the Singapore Tourism Board to give a seminar at the annual Singapore Education Exhibition in Sofitel Plaza Hotel Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam on 21 September. The topic of the seminar was The Business Landscape and Studying Business in Singapore. Dr Ha gave an impressive presentation using English powerpoint slides but Vietnamese verbal presentation due to the crowd makeup. Response from the audience was enthusiastic as Dr Ha engaged them actively throughout the 45 minutes seminar. We are proud to note that Dr Ha was one of only a few speakers invited from Singapore for this event.

TMC FACES OF YEAR

Congratulations to our 4 winners.



From left to right Phillip from Myanmar, Hendry from Indonesia, Navas from Singapore and Roy from Indonesia. We know that they will all be great Ambassadors for TMC.