



Bond
MDIS Alumni
*Exclusively for MDIS
Graduates!*

DEAR GRADUATES,

We take great pride in bringing you the latest edition of Bond, our MDIS Alumni Newsletter. Filled with exciting updates of our graduates' achievements as well as the upcoming events for our Alumni, this issue will be an interesting and fun-filled read!

To the graduating cohort of 2011, we congratulate you on your successful academic achievements and take this opportunity to welcome you as a part of our Alumni.

MDIS has progressed by leaps and bounds in recent years. The fantastic achievements of our numerous graduates, is a true testimony of MDIS' success, and we are very proud of each and every one of you.

Being part of the MDIS Family, the Alumni is where members stay connected with their Alma Mater and lecturers. More importantly, it is a wonderful opportunity for members to rekindle lost friendships and establish networks while keeping in touch with MDIS' exciting developments and events.

In the latest issue, we feature the successful careers of various MDIS Alumni: insight into an accomplished dancer whom you may be familiar with and another MDIS Alumni member who is giving back to MDIS in his own way despite his busy schedule.

As you browse through this update, we hope you will enjoy reading MDIS' latest happenings and we aim to bring you more exciting news and events in our subsequent issues and electronic mailers. We look forward to your continued support. Stay connected and bond with us!

Happy Reading!

Tan Gek Khim, PBM
Senior Director



SPOTLIGHT

About Sharon Tan

Sharon began her course from Oklahoma City University, USA at MDIS in 2001 and graduated with a Degree in Mass Communications in 2004.



How it all began

Sharon chose an education programme with MDIS because of the trusted brand and its high quality of programmes. It is universally recognised and valued. More importantly, she had no problems landing her first job upon graduation. She has not looked back since and her career path has taken her to Mary Chia Holdings Ltd where she is currently their Group Marketing Manager.

Maintaining Links

“ MDIS Alumni is a wonderful platform for classmates to maintain links with their Alma Mater and also for ex-schoolmates to re-establish long-lost friendships many years after their graduation. ”

In addition, the Breakfast Talk series organised by MDIS and opened to the Alumni also provides networking opportunities with members from different industries.

Moving forward, she would like to see cocktail events taking place for Alumni to chill out and relax in an informal setting. This will definitely create buzz and vibrancy to our gatherings.



As an Alumni

Sharon expressed her desire to contribute to MDIS in any way that she can by playing an active role in the Alumni in offering career advice to graduating students.

As Sharon put it aptly, **“ Nothing beats being able to give back to the school that nurtured me to be who I am today and at the same time, provide quality advice for aspiring graduates. ”**

SPOTLIGHT



About Priscilla Kwa

Priscilla is the co-founder of the School of Dance Sport. She has graduated with a Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Business and Management Studies.

Priscilla Kwa's Dancing Career

Priscilla started dancing at the age of six. Partnering up with Vasily Chuply in 2004, their on-stage chemistry allowed them to scale greater heights. By 2005, they had already secured their position as Singapore Standard National Champions.

After they officially secured their position as Singapore's dance champions, Vasily and Priscilla continued establishing their name in the region by winning the Malaysian Open DanceSport Championships in May 2005, and they did not stop there. Subsequently, in the same year Priscilla and her partner made it to the Finals of both IDSF Asian Championships and IDSF Asian Pacific Championships, which were proof of their tremendous success as this was the first time in the past decade that a Singaporean dance couple had managed to enter the finals of these prestigious championships.

They have also shown outstanding results while competing in the Youth category by winning at the Australia Megastars Dance Festival 2006, and Asia Under-21 Championships in 2007.

In the year 2007, Priscilla also took part in "The Dancefloor", the first reality dance show hosted by Mediacorp TV Channel 5. Throughout various episodes of the show, Priscilla and her partner showed great versatility and variations in their dance. Eventually, their popularity among the viewers crowned them as champions of "The Dancefloor".

Priscilla and Vasily have also been performing for charity on various occasions, the most notable being the President's Star Charity 2007 and the Red Cross Gala 2008.

How MDIS Played a Part in Priscilla's Dancing Career

While studying at MDIS, Priscilla was able to pursue her academic aspirations as well as continue her interest in dancing. Managing to fit her dancing schedule to her well-organised modules at MDIS, Priscilla continued to wow the international stage.

As an Alumni

Priscilla expressed her regret that a strong dance culture and active Dance Club was not available during her time as a student. With a desire to contribute to MDIS, she wants to play an active role as a member of the Alumni by offering training in Latin and Ballroom dancing to create awareness and establish a foundation for interested students.

In sharing her invaluable expertise to groom aspiring dancers at MDIS, Priscilla's connection with her Alma Mater looks set to scale greater heights.

INTERVIEW

Interview with Sathick, the founder of the MDIS Football Club

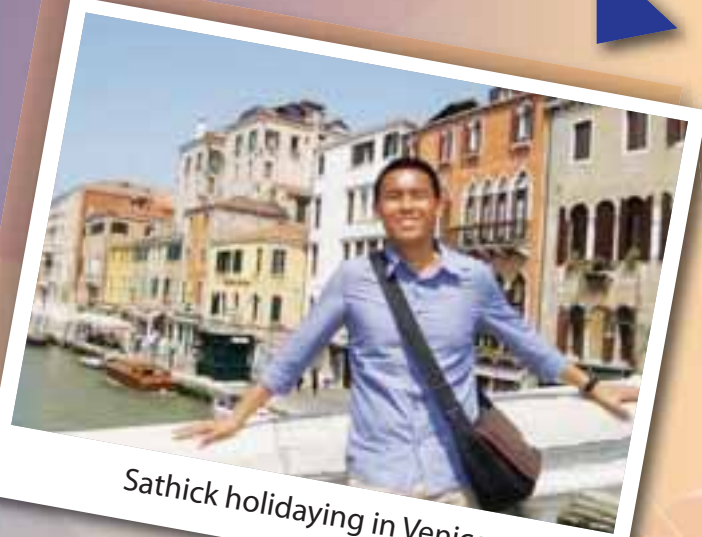
Name: Mohammed Sathick

Age: 29

Qualification: Bachelor of Arts (in Liberal Studies with concentration in Mass Communications)

Pursued the Mass Communications Programme at MDIS from the Advanced Diploma level to a Degree (2006 – 2009)

Occupation: Flight Steward



Sathick holidaying in Venice

1. Why did you choose to study at MDIS?

To be honest, an MDIS newspaper advertisement caught my attention and I strongly felt that I should pursue my interest in mass communications.

2. Why did you want to start a football club in MDIS and what were the challenges?

Football gave me the opportunity to be active in sports. At that time, there were very few sports clubs available and even football, which is a world-wide popular sport was not available in MDIS. That was why I initiated the club as it is also helps members to de-stress.

The main difficulty was spreading the word. Although many international students were receptive to this idea, roping in players was an obstacle that I faced. I finally got some friends from various nationalities and the club was formed with four people. At first, students were not convinced of the club's objectives and ideals and also the MDIS Management wanted to see that we could manage the club.

But slowly the club advanced to play in matches and leagues. And, we started making personal jerseys and even went to Thailand to source for cheap yet good football kits.

I also initiated the female football club but that was not as much of a success as there were extremely few dedicated players.

3. I understand that MDIS had sent you for a basic football coaching course. How have you benefited from it?

I have benefited a lot as I see the views of both coach and player. I was juggling between these two roles and it allowed me to understand my players better. MDIS approached me and I agreed. I coached the football team for 2 years (2007 to 2009).

4. You have continued to give your support despite your irregular working schedule. Do you have any regrets?

Absolutely not! The results over the years have shown that the club has grown tremendously. This is the first motivating factor for me to continue showing my support.

5. How has the club changed from its initiation?

My first training session was with only four members but right now, we have about forty! Last year, the MDIS football team took part in the Equatorial football league and came in seventh. This year, we have taken part in the same league and have attained the 1st runner-up position.

6. Any advice for your football juniors and new members?

Appreciate what you have now. The club has been through a long process and has undergone many obstacles to be what it is today. Give your very best and enjoy the moments of fostering friendships in the club. Football is a team game therefore it is not just one person's effort, it is the effort of the team to make this club grow.

For the new members, you must keep an open mind. MDIS has many international students who are of different nationalities. New members who join should learn to communicate with team members.



(Back row, third from left): Sathick with the MDIS soccer team



(L to R): Sathick with the School of Media and Communications staff - Farhan, Vinod, Min Latt, Sathick, Llyod

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

WEEKEND GETAWAY TO NIRWANA BEACH CLUB BINTAN

Take a break and join us for a getaway to Bintan.

Day/Date : Saturday and Sunday,
8 and 9 October 2011
Venue : MDIS Campus
Fees : Member (\$140)
Alumni (\$150)
Non-Member (\$160)

(Based on twin sharing) including:

- Return Ferry and two-way land transfer
- One night accommodation at Cabana Room at the Seaside
- Breakfast and Dinner



MDIS TALENTIME 2011

WHERE MUSIC COMES ALIVE (AUDITION)

Showcase your talent and shine like a star. This is your time!

Day/Date : Tuesday, 18 October 2011
Time : 6.00pm – 9.00pm
Venue : Auditorium, MDIS Hostel (Level 2)
Fees : Free Admission



A NIGHT AT THE OSCAR

Finally a month to relax, enjoy, chill and dance with friends! Get the tickets now! It will be an event like no other.

Day/Date : Friday, 2 December 2011
Time : 7.30pm – 11.30pm
Venue : MDIS Campus
Fees : \$15 (early bird discount before 18 November)
\$25 thereafter



BREAKFAST TALK: CLOUD COMPUTING

Learn about delivering computing as a service rather than a product, whereby shared resources, software and information are provided to computers and other devices as a utility over a network.

Day/Date : Wednesday, 9 November 2011
Time : 8.30am – 10.30am
Venue : Auditorium, MDIS Hostel (Level 2)
Fees : Free Admission



CAR BOOT SALES PRE-CELEBRATION FOR CHRISTMAS

A first of its kind bazaar right in the heart of our campus!

Day/Date : Friday and Saturday,
16 and 17 December 2011
Time : 10.00am – 7.00pm
Venue : MDIS Campus
Fees : TBA



MDIS Interest Groups

Get active in pursuing your personal interests and share sports passion with like-minded friends. Grab the chance to represent MDIS in various sports competitions or tournaments and keep yourself healthy and fit. Join us now for that spice of campus life!

Sports Interest Groups

Badminton Club
Basketball Club
Cricket Club
Modern Dance Club
Soccer Club

Special Interest Groups

Toastmasters Club
Human Capital Network Group
MDIS Drama Club

For registration and payment of workshop/activity, please proceed to Membership & Alumni Relations, Energy HUB, MDIS Hostel, Level 5 or register your interest at events@mdis.edu.sg

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