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*Linking alumni
together...*

MESSAGE FROM SENIOR DIRECTOR

Dear Alumni,

Has it already been a year? Time passes so quickly when you're having fun, and the alumni have certainly been having lots of that: from trips into Malaysia for durian feasts to workshops on will-writing, make-up and even terraria care, it is clear that the alumni have been keeping themselves busy!

Of course, being an MDIS alumni member is more than just about having fun together. Your relationship with the institute does not stop when you step out of our doors. Indeed, it is a continual process and an active symbiotic relationship, and one that we as an organisation take great pride and pleasure in. We are proud of each and every one of you who have graduated with us, and encourage all of you to continue being alumni members, to stay in touch with each other and - above all else - to BOND.

On behalf of the entire Membership and Alumni Relations department, I wish all of you a Happy New Year filled with good health and success.

Best wishes,



Tan Gek Khim, PBM
Editor

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"Focus on making yourself better, not on thinking that you are better."

Bohdi Sanders

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Durian and Tropical Fruits Feast

&

JPO shopping

"Durian is simply SHIOK," said the MDIS Alumni.

On 17th August 2013, MDIS Alumni went on a One-Day Durian and Tropical Fruits Feast. It was an adventure to Desaru Fruit Farm followed by shopping at Johor Premium Outlets (JPO), Malaysia. We gathered 40 participants consisting of MDIS Alumni and their family members.

Everyone enjoyed feasting on the "King of Fruits" in a kampong atmosphere. There was an

Eat-All-You-Can durian buffet that also included a variety of tropical fruits such as rambutans, mangosteens, jackfruits, etc.

The day ended with a wonderful shopping experience for the ladies, and everyone ended up meeting new friends and discovering new knowledge. It was definitely a memorable adventure for MDIS Alumni.





WILL Writing Workshop

"Making a will is essential if we want to be sure of leaving our property and possessions to our loved ones," said Mr Joseph Rozario, Estate Planner of Manulife Financial.

The will writing workshop was conducted on 16 November 2013 at MDIS Dhoby Ghaut. The speaker, Joseph Rozario, presented a normally dry and boring subject in such simple concepts, that it was easy and interesting.

The talk touched on the importance of avoiding costly mistakes in will making. Throughout the session, there was no lack of attention from the participants as Joseph demonstrated various aspects of planning a will such as preserving and distributing family wealth.

Indeed, it was a wonderful learning experience for the participants!

TERRARIUM WORKSHOP

Creating your own self-sustaining eco-environment

A terrarium is a miniature garden grown inside an enclosed container such as glass bottles. Terrarium, eco-friendly and easy-to-maintain greenery, is the latest office and home decorative craze in Singapore.

The 2-hour session equipped the participants with the necessary knowledge to personalise their terrariums. They now have a better understanding of soil and its composition to suit the different plant types.

The "Build your own mini garden in a bottle" workshop was organised by MDIS Membership and Alumni Relations on 19 October 2013 to let alumni have a hands-on learning experience.

The alumni had a great time sharing their ideas and creating their own garden in a bottle. They brought home their completed masterpieces and it was truly a well-spent Saturday morning.



Happenings

ALUMNI MOVIE NIGHT



On 31 October 2013, the MDIS Alumni gathered at Golden Village VivoCity for a movie screening of THOR: The Dark World. The event received an overwhelming response and the tickets were sold out real quick.

The highly-acclaimed film was not the only objective of the gathering as alumni members arrived early to meet with their fellow friends before the start of the movie. It was a remarkable alumni gathering as the event provided alumni members the opportunity to network with their friends and fellow classmates.

"It was an amazing experience, watching 'THOR: The Dark World' with my old mate. This alumni movie night was highly enjoyable and the location was a perfect opportunity to meet my school mates. I would definitely attend such event again!" said one of the participants.

Friday Night Out Look

Makeup Workshop



The Friday Night Out Look makeup workshop was designed for MDIS alumni who wish to learn unique makeup skills.

MDIS had partnered with Style and Beauty Experts to present an exciting hands-on experience in creating a Friday nightout look. At this interactive workshop, makeup artists Suhaila, Cindy and Fauziah demonstrated the techniques of achieving bold and subtle looks for any night parties.

It began with a basic understanding of skincare such as maintaining healthy skin, minimising pores, reducing fine lines and wrinkles, and removing dead skin cells from lips. Throughout the workshop, Alumni were taught new techniques of makeup that would be able to create their own personalised look. The participants were rewarded with a pack of complimentary Mary Kay products.

Bradford Alumni Networking



and Dean's Lecture



The Bradford Alumni Networking event on 22 November 2013 attracted alumni who were looking forward to having a great time with their mates. The networking event was held at Tropical Breeze, with an ambience perfect for socialising after a busy day.

The participants who started arriving at 7pm, looked out for some familiar faces from their past university experience.

The Bradford School of Management's newly appointed Dean, Professor Jon Reast, was there to share the past 50

years of the University of Bradford's development. This was followed by a guest lecture on "Relationship Marketing". The alumni were drawn especially to the topic where Professor Reast shared many experiences related to the different marketing perspectives between the East and West.

During the refreshment break, Professor Reast had cosy chats with the alumni. The event extended into the night, and alumni shared that they hope to see more of such networking events in the future.





The spectacular Trevi Fountain, one of the most famous fountains in the world.



The glorious view of Colosseum in Rome.



The statue of the First Roman Emperor, Augustus



The Holy Church of Rome.



At St. Peter's Basilica Church, one of the largest churches in the world.



A snapshot of Rome's artistic heritage, Piazza Novona.

Roaming in Rome

They say that when you're in Rome, you do as the Romans do. But if you get a chance to visit the city of Rome, the one thing you are likely to find yourself doing is marvel at the remains of a city filled with rich history and glory.

Great works of architecture, sculptures and paintings adorn the city at every turn and hours are easily spent gazing at them. If Roman history and the Catholic religion happens to be your subjects of interest, then there is no better place to receive a good education than in this beautiful city. At most places of

interest, one can easily find a well-informed tour guide who will not only bring you to important areas but also provide a detailed description of its history and fun facts. A good place to start will be the Colosseum, an ancient battleground where gladiators fought not just for their own survival, but most importantly to entertain a demanding crowd. What remains of this epic arena is a textbook example of how an incomplete building can look close to perfection.

If the mere mention of violence overwhelms you, then simply head over to the Trevi Fountain

or the Spanish Steps for some romantic moments where you can easily spot couples gathered in the crowd and enjoy a sweet moment or two. But be warned, you will be approached countless times by sellers offering stalks of roses at astronomical prices and cash in via the unsuspecting crowds.

When the city has quenched your thirst for sightseeing, head on to the city within the city: the Vatican City that is a place where thousands of Catholics and tourists throng in by the bus loads and form queues that will shame even the

ardent Hello Kitty fans to get entry into St. Peter's Basilica. The church, which is the highlight of the Vatican City, houses not only the works of Michelangelo but various other contributors whom were responsible for creating a grand hall of statues and paintings which will leave the viewer in absolute awe.

So feel free to drop by Rome and make it your next European holiday destination. Cause if you have seen Rome, you have pretty much experienced Europe.

This article is contributed by Mohammed Sathick, MDIS Alumni member.



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Jan to Jun Activities

18 JAN

Coffee Appreciation and Networking

Coffee is simply about pleasure. Be inspired by the art of coffee making while enjoying a customised cup of premium coffee.



25 JAN

Photography Club Outing

Capture the busk and vibrancy through the lens as we explore ChinaTown in the festive season.



15 FEB

Photography Club Outing

Come and join us as we explore Singapore Botanic Gardens and know more about macro photography.



22 FEB

Dessert Making Workshop

Join us and learn from the instructor of Singapore Junior Chef's Club on how to make dessert for your family and friends.



22 FEB

Professional and Etiquette Seminar

This seminar combines the essential nature of both style and substance that will help you convey credibility, confidence and competence in all business aspects.



7 MAR

MDIS Members' Day

MDIS proudly presents our first MDIS Members' Day which will be a full-day myriad of talks.



8 MAR

MDIS 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

Calling all basketball enthusiasts to form teams and showcase your skills. Winners will walk away with attractive prizes.



23 MAR

Photography Club Outing

Explore Jurong Bird Park and learn how to capture these winged creatures through your lens.



29 MAR

A Short Alumni Getaway

A truly must have activity to break away from your busy schedule. Bring your loved ones to enjoy a weekend of food and shopping.



18 APR

Basic Archery for Beginners

This activity is to sharpen your archery techniques to become more consistent and accurate in shooting.



18 APR

Driving Adventure

Bring the driving experience to the next level. Join ours to feel the difference!



19 APR

Photography Club Outing

Another fun-filled photo outing! We are heading to Pulau Ubin to capture breathtaking images of the wooden house villages and untouched nature.



17 MAY

Photography Club Outing

We are going to Bukit Timah Hill to capture the natural landscape, flowers and plants. You will learn how to use the right settings and compose a natural shoot.



17 MAY

Travel Challenge

Take up the challenge to explore local delicacies and win attractive prizes.



22 MAY

Alumni Movie Screening

You are invited to the highly anticipated blockbuster movie screening with your MDIS buddies.



1 JUN

5-A-Side Futsal Tournament

Are you up for the Futsal challenge of the year? Put on your soccer jersey and take up the challenge to be the champion.



20 JUN

Photography Club Outing

Come out for a day of fun at the Singapore Zoo. You will be able to capture stunning animal shoots in their natural habitat.



21 JUN

Trishaw Ride

Experience travelling around Singapore in a different way. Join us on a trishaw ride around downtown area.



