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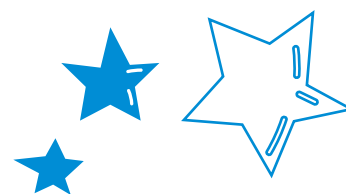
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MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT COUNCIL



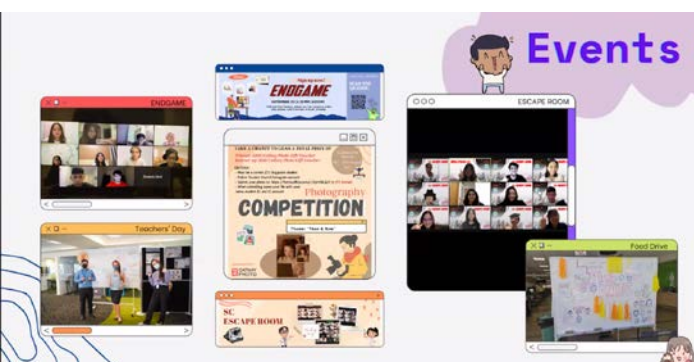
To all students and staff, welcome to Campus Bytes' March 2022 issue! I am Kim, the Student Council Vice President, who is in charge of overseeing all 22 clubs here in JCU, Singapore. I will be walking you through the highlight of everyone's start-of-trimester welcome parties by our various clubs!

Embracing the first few weeks of school can be a daunting and unpredictable experience (especially for the freshies). Most students find solace and leisure by joining our various clubs' welcome parties. From there, they get to unwind by making new friends and enjoying all the entertaining games hosted by the clubs. I have had my fair share of being a part of hosting a few welcome parties (from Psychology Society, IndoJCUs, Music Club, CF and much more)!



Kimberly Huslin

Vice President of Student Council (Student Clubs)
Bachelor of Psychological Science



Events

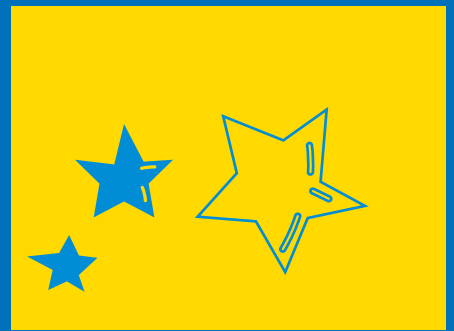
It has always been an immensely heartening experience to cordially bid everyone a warm welcome through the welcome parties of our clubs; seeing the smiles etched in everyone's faces, witnessing the new friendships forged, and being a part of all the beautiful memories made.

With that, I would like to thank all the 22 clubs for always pulling off amazing welcome parties for both our current and new students. Despite the various setbacks they have faced (e.g. being deprived of physical activities due to the pandemic), they have still managed to carry their club spirit on an online platform, and have persevered in catering only the BEST activities for our students here!

We have 5 categories of clubs that you can join: Academic, Culture, Common Interest, Performing Arts, and Sports. If any of these sparks an interest in you, come hop on the bandwagon and have fun in their welcome parties and various events (both online and physical)! I promise that you will have tons of fun and face memorable experiences there.

Have a great week, and I hope to see you in at least one of our 22 clubs.

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT COUNCIL



To all new incoming students, welcome to James Cook University, Singapore, which will be your new home for the next 2 to 3 years! We warmly welcome individuals with different cultures and values to come together and create a friendly network.

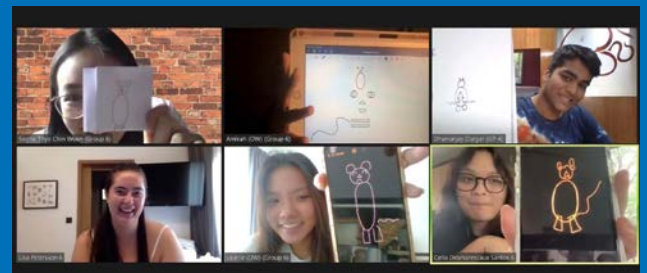
Do not be afraid of what's to come! You might be in a new environment, but we are here to help you! The orientation programme exists to facilitate a successful transition for first-year students. It has an objective to assist students to be independent throughout their JCU, Singapore journey. The orientation entails a five-day program that introduces new students to familiarise themselves with JCU's program.

The last day of the programme is rounded out with the Orientation Games Day, acting as the final step before your university journey begins. It encompasses various different games, carried out online or physically depending on the COVID-19 restrictions. Common games, but with a twist, such as escape rooms and minute-to-win-it, will relieve your stress and motivate your first day in a new chapter. Not to mention, competitive souls will be rewarded with prizes.



Felice Yang

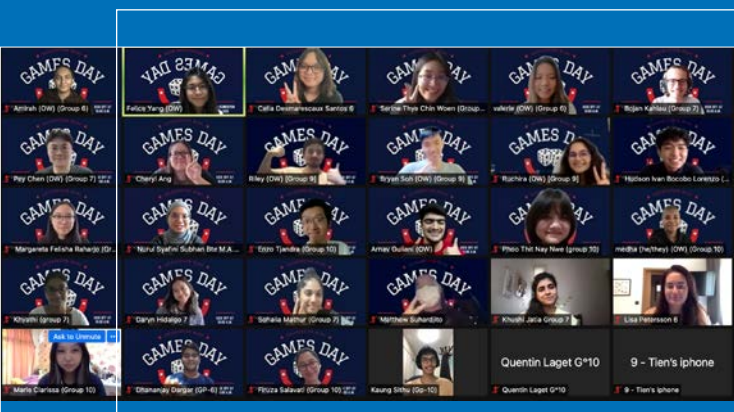
Vice President of Student Council (Orientation)
Bachelor of Psychological Science



Finally, new students can gain peer-to-peer tips on how to overcome the hardships they might experience later in their journey. You can establish new friendships and fun memories which will be kept close to heart.

A final tip is to enjoy your time here and good luck!

"The best university is the university of life." - Henrique Capriles Radonski



STUDY EXPERIENCE



Joseph Angelo
Manager Laboratory
Advisor of Aquaculture Club



Lee Sharmaine, Patricia
President of Aquaculture Club
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While JCU Aquaculture Club (JAC) has hosted a myriad of activities, today I'd like to share about 3 workshops we held during our short break — namely our Betta workshop, Terrarium workshop and Isopod workshop.

I shared with my fellow club members about background information of two species *Cubaris murina* and *Porcellio laevis* (Dairy cow) such as the geography and biology about the species, and the

maintenance process. We also had a Kahoot quiz and photo session to celebrate the end of our event.

I am very proud of my team's effort and commitment to the entire week of club activities.

Despite our academic stresses, we managed to create four events in the span of one week! We have held other activities in the previous trimesters as well, and all of it can be found on our Instagram page @jcus_aquaculture!

On behalf of the EXCO team (Geok Ting, Divagar, Akshay, Shermaine and I), we would like to thank Dr Denise Dillon, Mr Joseph Angelo, Mr Joshua Ho, and Ms Peggy Ma for their unwavering support towards our club. We hope to carry out more successful events even as we hand over our club to future committee members!

"They look like little cockroaches, only more appealing." This was my initial impression about isopods when I recently attended the Aquaculture Club's workshop that was all about these little critters. Did you know that there are approximately 10,000 different species of isopods? I did not. Of these, there are either aquatic or terrestrial kinds of isopods. Did you know that terrestrial isopods are one of the few handful of crustaceans that live on land? I did not, and — I later made the connection — this also means that they are, in fact, not at all insects as they are more closely related to lobsters and crabs than to cockroaches. I did not know that much about them before attending the workshop, so I was glad I was there.

The workshop was hosted by Sharmaine, the club's president, and I found the activity very fun and informative. It was attended by a handful of other participants, a few of which were attending over Zoom. The workshop began with some background information on what isopods are, where they are

found, what they eat, and what they can do. There were also some games with some prizes up for grabs.

At the isopod workshop, the participants also learned that they are sometimes kept as pets. I came to the realisation that the workshop was going to be my pioneering journey into the world of isopod-care.

All the participants were handed plastic containers with holes drilled out for air, filled with soil, with some rocks, and with some vegetation. We were also given cuttlefish bones that we had to crush up and sprinkle into the habitat. We were told that the isopods require the calcium from the bones in order to grow well and flourish.

We were then encouraged to choose our isopods. I chose the dairy cow isopod (*Porcellio laevis*) and I chose about 5 adult individuals. Apparently, that was a good choice as this species is notable for being quite hardy and easy to care for.

I brought them and their habitat home and the dairy cows are so mesmerising to observe! They are nocturnal so you might need to lift up some of the rocks to see them while they are inactive during the day. My son thinks they are quite cool. My wife thinks they are cockroaches and is a little less enthusiastic.

All in all, learning about and caring for isopods was (and still is) an interesting activity.



Julia Valente Rabelo Costa

President of Marketing Club
Bachelor of Business (Majoring in
Marketing for the Digital Age)

SP53 2021 was a challenge for the Marketing Club. Another trimester passed and our club members were unable to have in-person events due to COVID-19 restrictions. However, our willingness to make the best out of the situation led to the creation of incredible events for students.

The Digital Marketing Art Mart, an event hosted by the Marketing Club, proved that it is possible to still engage in an innovative, incredible business environment online. Our club members joined an event with two guest speakers who were experts in social media marketing and digital advertising. After listening to incredibly interesting speeches from our experts, participants used their marketing knowledge to recreate the identities of existing, famous brands. They created new logos, slogans and advertising pitches to promote brands like McDonald's, Victoria's Secret and Coca Cola in social media.

After sharing interesting thoughts, engaging in heated discussions and receiving feedback, one of our participants won the competition and received a prize. Marketing Club members were so happy, and this also showed that we managed to host a successful event.



Aakriti Sehgal

President of Psychology
Society
Bachelor of Psychological Science

We are often so busy in our day-to-day lives that we are unable to take a moment for ourselves, and the effects of this are exacerbated by the current pandemic situation.

We at the Psychology Society understand this. Thus, our team organised the "Happy Heart Project"! This was a self-care

project organised by the Psychology Society held from 16th to 19th November 2021. Participants were given one self-care activity to engage in each day, such as having one's comfort meal, cleaning one's room, creating a bucket list, among others. At the end of the event, participants were provided with adorable self-care goodie bags, with hand lotion, teabags, cake, and more, which were lovingly prepared by our team.

In the hustle and bustle of trying to stay alive, we often forget to realise and live every moment. It's in these moments that we must pause, take a breath, and enjoy a slice of life every once in a while.

We are happy that we made this journey together, and are excited for future iterations of the project!





Ayumi Khosugi
Bachelor of Psychological Science

When I first entered James Cook University in Singapore, as with most of the other freshmen, I was very unsure on how to approach my assignments. As a psychology major, most of my assignments are (very gruelling) essays. To all the freshmen out there, I'm sure you can attest to this: What on earth is APA 7? Why are there so many strict requirements and rules to follow in my essays? What are citations and references and how do I write that? So, first I needed to learn the numerous rules of

APA 7 formatting (there is even a manual for it, by the way), and now I must learn how to write literature reviews and laboratory reports?

My first literature review was honestly a pain to complete because I just did not understand what was supposed to be in it. I was also so clueless over how to format my essay in APA 7 and it was just so confusing. Fortunately, JCU, Singapore offers learning support through an organisation called the Learning Centre. After learning about their service, I started sending my essays to them for feedback before submitting it to my teachers. They gave me a thorough feedback on both my sentence/ paragraph structure and APA 7 format. It is also very convenient because I can simply send them an email of my draft on weekdays they would always get back to me within 24 hours, so I did not have to rush to complete a draft early before the actual assignment deadline. I also attended their workshop on writing literature reviews and it gave me a clearer picture on what they are supposed to look like and

how to approach them. I frequently consult the academic, learning and writing resources that they put up on LearnJCU as well, which are very helpful when I need guidance on how to format citations on various types of sources, appendices, numbers, laboratory reports, etc.

Ever since I started seeking help from the Learning Centre, my essays have definitely improved and I'm much more confident in my APA 7 formatting.

I've learnt a lot from their feedback, and I'm able to apply what I've learnt to my future essays. Kudos to the Learning Centre for my consistently perfect/near-perfect scores on my assignments' APA 7 rubric!



Than Shermaine
PR Specialist & Project
Manager of Aquaculture Club
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Aquaculture Science and Technology)

As Aquaculture and Environmental students, it is very important for us to have a broad understanding about the biodiversity and organisms found on our Singapore



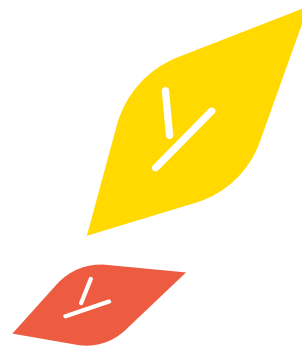
shores. Recently, we hosted a Squid Dissection session for our members to understand the anatomy of the squid, their functions, and most importantly, how to make a good meal out of it!

Our members were encouraged to bring their own squid to dissect it with us, but those that did not still enjoyed and learnt a lot about the squid. We went through the external and internal organs, and how to identify its gender. We also tried to look at the stomach to

see if we could find any tiny fishes, indicating what the squid ate before it was caught. Lastly, we used the "back bone" of the squid, also known as the pen, to burst the ink sac and used it as a pen.

Through this simple yet fun session, the members were able to learn so much more about the squid. As a club, our goal is to keep sessions educational yet fun, so that our members can take home more than just knowledge.

STUDENT LIFE

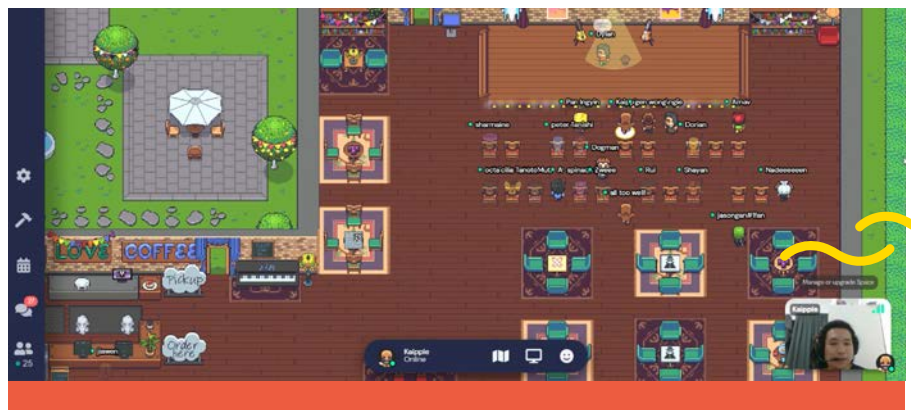


As a performer and audience, finding a platform and means to capture audio and videos of online performances is undoubtedly a great challenge.

And at last, for the first time in a long time, things felt like normal again — people standing in the spotlight singing Christmas songs, with the audience cheering song after song. We felt the solidarity of our small community, where we eagerly and wholeheartedly performed to entertain our audience, and we as an audience

Jefferson Yuvens Wibowo
Mentor of Music Club
Bachelor of Arts (Majoring in Psychology)

Hello there, my name's Jeff. I'm an exco in the Music Club and I've been performing for Music Club through various events and performances for the longest time. Recently, we held our annual Christmas performance. However, due to the pandemic, we conducted our performance in 2021 online via Gather Town — a virtual space where people can create avatars and commune within the virtual space, to converse, to play and to perform.



However, this time we learnt to adapt and use an incredible platform, with an intuitive interface and a stable connection, and so we created a virtual space — a mini stage to perform on and interact with people.

watched the incredible display of talents from our own friends.

This Christmas performance is a testament to our perseverance, we will always find a way to show our passion for music.



Swann Yoon Myat @ Julie
Secretary of Yoga Club
Bachelor of Business (Majoring in
International Business and Digital
Marketing)

Most of us see yoga as a workout to make you more flexible, relaxed and alert, but there is a lot more behind

it. We created a survey and asked our participants what the main reason for joining our club is, and the majority of them choose this as the answer: "Yoga gives me a break from my hectic schedule."

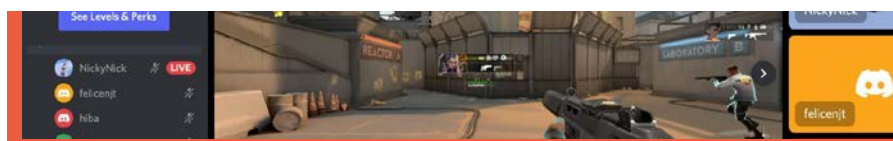
When I am doing yoga, I do not need to focus on anything else, just on the workout itself, so it makes me feel somewhat relaxed and gives me a break from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. I can see the reason why Yoga club gains a persistent number of participants every trimester, and that yoga's gentle movements are one of the reasons it became so popular. I can certainly say that after joining the yoga club for more than a year, my stamina and balance have improved a lot. This is especially

crucial amidst the pandemic, where we study by sitting in front of a desk all day long. At a certain point, I feel back pains and muscle stiffness, but our yoga instructor (Ms Nicole) taught me to sit upright and how to gain good posture over time to cope with back pain.

While we have been holding online yoga sessions for three trimesters consecutively, now that restrictions are easing in latter-2021, I really hope that we can hold face-to-face yoga sessions in the upcoming trimester. Meanwhile, we will keep trying our best to organise better events in the future, and deliver students an outstanding experience from joining our club.



Benjamin Ho
President of Student Council
Bachelor of Commerce (Majoring in
Financial Management)



The JCU Student Council held its first-ever e-sports competition on 10th December 2021. Four popular games were offered: League of legends, PUBG Mobile, Mobile Legends, and Valorant. It was an exciting night where students got together in teams and battled it out against each other. The competition was a one-day event and winners for each game went home with a \$50 gift voucher. The competition was held with 3 different rounds, round-robin style.

Naldo, a Bachelor of Business student commented, "The e-sports event was amazing; it was entertaining, and I would gladly participate again. I'm looking forward to seeing more and more challenging players there!"

The Student Council would love to hold more of such events, and we would like to call out all gamers! Do reach out to us so that we can have a better sense of what the student population enjoys and better our events!



Chew Wanying
President of Dance Club
Bachelor of Psychological Science

The Dance Club has organised a dance event named "Dance It Off" during the crunch period of the campus trimester.

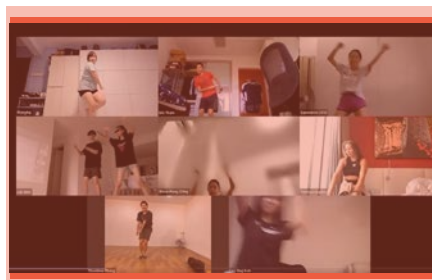
We have found dance to be something that can help us de-stress during stressful periods, and we were hoping that this event could allow everyone else to feel the same too. The objective of this



event was for all of us to step away from life stressors for that one hour, and get the adrenaline in us pumping.

The event was well received among participants of different backgrounds; JCU students and non-JCU students, with and without dance backgrounds. During the event, warm-ups were done before

participants began learning a short dance routine. Since the main aim was to let loose and have fun, the dance moves were simple enough for everyone to follow. Throughout the event, participants were also encouraged to just party around if there were times where they forgot what the next move was. During the last round of dancing, everyone was dancing and enjoying the time together (virtually) and

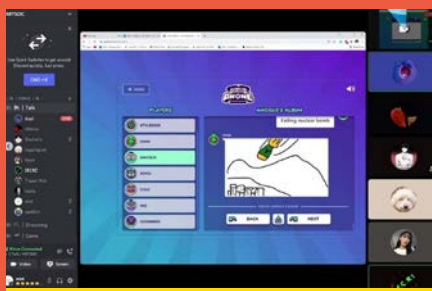


this connection made the event a lot more meaningful, with all of us knowing that we were not alone.



Zhao FangLue, Axel
President of Art Club
Bachelor of Information Technology

I'm Axel, the President of the Art Club, also known as Art Society. The club was established this trimester



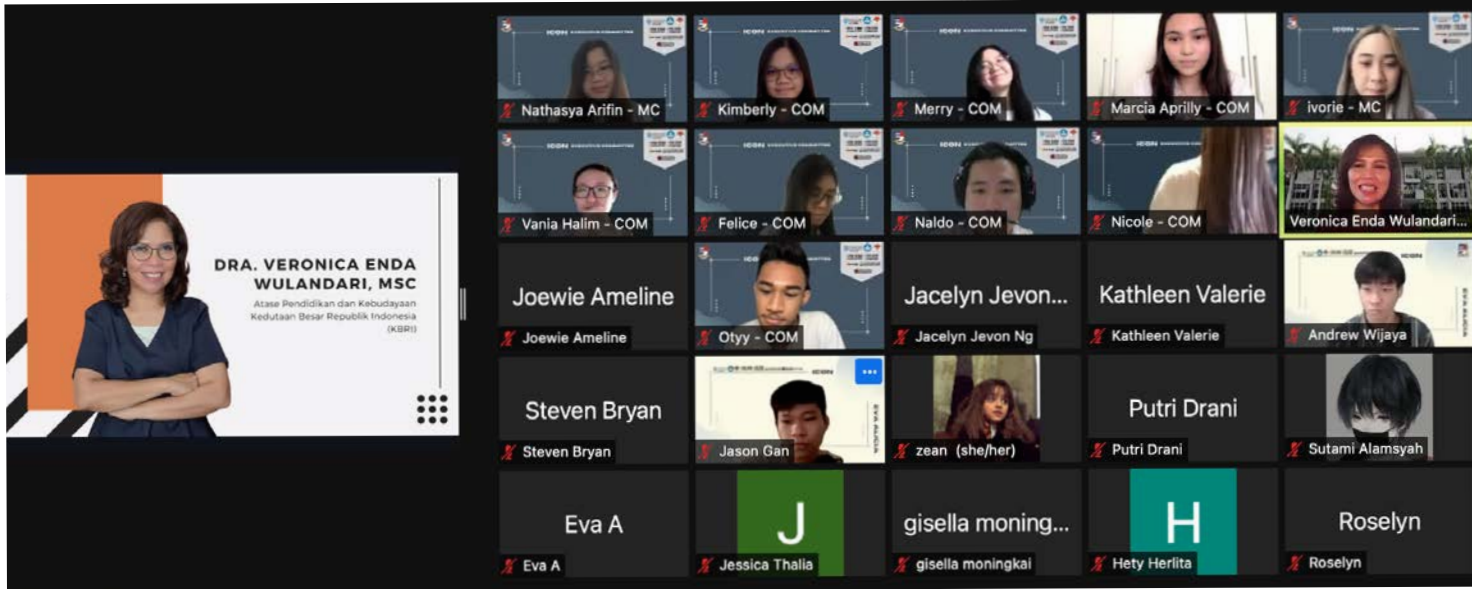
in order for us to paint the town red *SFX: Ba Dum Tss*. We emphasise having fun while connecting with people who share similar interests with us.

Our first official event was an online welcome party to get to know one another. What better way to get to know each other than coming up with mind-boggling drawing topics

that would make anyone reading doubt their comprehension of the English language? So that's exactly what we did on Gartic Phone! We managed to successfully conclude our first event with our members managing to make friends with the people in the same course as them, staying true to our club goal of connecting people.

As the club grows, I plan on hosting physical get-together events, such as end-of-trimester parties and other similar opportunities for members to get to network with other like-minded people. If this sounds like your cup of tea, feel free to join us, I promise we won't bite.

CULTURE



Ivorie Leony
Vice President of IndoJCUS
Bachelor of Business (Majoring in Marketing)

On 18 December 2021, IndoJCUS (Indonesian Club in JCU, Singapore) held our first ever talk show event, ICON. ICON stands for IndoJCUS Creating Opportunities for Networking, which aims to give Indonesian students both inside and outside JCU to gain insightful knowledge from experts. In this very first ICON, we decided to invite Eva Alicia, an Indonesian

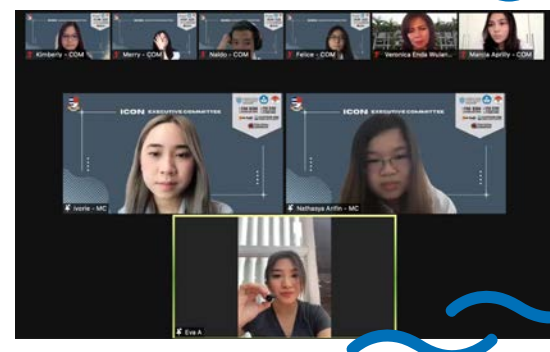
influencer and business owner who has inspired a lot of youth in Indonesia. We believed that Eva had a lot of stories to share due to her journey as a businesswoman and the youthful spirit she can provide to people.

I was given the opportunity to host the event alongside my friend, Nathasya Arifin, the President of IndoJCUS.

It was a new experience for me and I learnt a lot from interviewing the speaker.

Eva gave a lot of new insights about business, and shared her inspiring journey on how she first started her business in elementary school up till her current successful business. As an owner of both She Wears Gold and He Wears Gold, and being both an influencer and a painter, Eva shared her struggles and worries with us and gave us tips on how she overcame those struggles.

ICON went on for about 2 hours, with a total audience of 70 people. The event was considered a success despite the connection issues that were inevitable. A Q&A session was also held, and audiences from different universities participated and asked Eva some interesting questions. In the giveaway session, we also got the chance to briefly talk to the winners and all of them answered enthusiastically as they won vouchers for Eva's jewellery business, She Wears Gold. IndoJCUS hoped that ICON could give insightful knowledge and was beneficial for the participants, while also hoping for success for the future ICON.



Dear fellow students, staff and readers of Campus Bytes, my name is Tun Wai Yan Lin and I am the president of Myanmar Community Club.

My club and I recently celebrated an online Christmas party event, Christmas with Myanmar Community Club.

I would like to share with all of you some of the memories and amazing experiences we had at the event. The event was held on the 22nd of December through Zoom as some of our members aren't physically in Singapore, and also due to the current safety



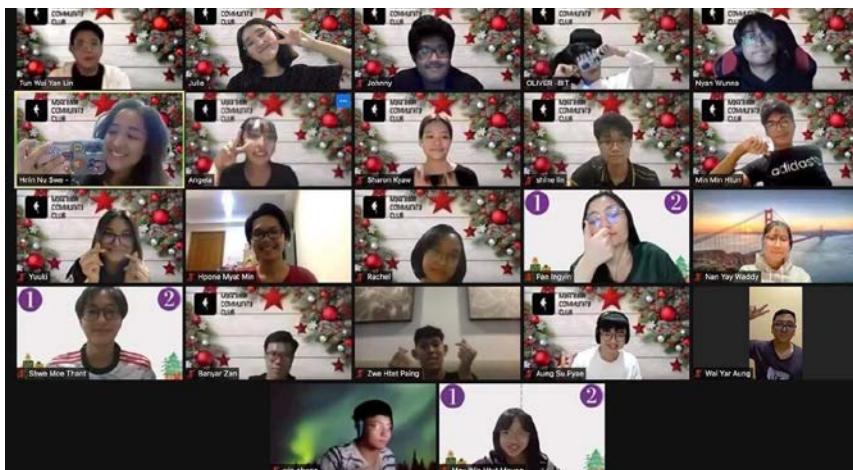
Tun Wai Yan Lin
President of Myanmar Community Club
Bachelor of Business (Majoring in International Business and Marketing)

restrictions. Nonetheless, we had a blast conducting and participating

in multiple activities. The exco members prepared heart-warming videos of themselves wishing the members well wishes for Christmas, and we all watched them together. They also prepared and sang a few Christmas songs for the members.

Afterwards, we had a karaoke session where we all sang Christmas songs together. Trying to get all of us in harmony through Zoom was a real challenge, but it was worth the effort as we had so much fun!

Next, we played a few games, such as "This or That" and "Guess the Song," as team bonding activities, and also wrote secret letters to each other. Overall, it was a very successful and memorable event to close the year with.



Hans Lee
PR Representative of Nuri
Bachelor of Psychological Science

Squid Game is a drama that got the inspiration from traditional Korean children's games and culture, and

became one of the most talked-about dramas around the world. This gave us an idea to create an event for the school that could spread knowledge about Korean culture, which is usually not talked about, in a very fun and engaging manner.

So, we created an online event that gathered people from our school, and had different games based around the theme of Korea and squid game. It was such a fun time engaging with everyone that joined our event, laughing about the smallest things that happened during the event.

We first started by breaking the ice by playing a game called Gartic Phone, and had so much fun laughing

at how the drawings transformed from the most normal phrases or sentences to something unrecognisable. We also played Jeopardy, themed after Squid Game and childhood games from Korea.

I thank everyone who showed up for our event, and hope you all had a good time playing the games with us! We are hoping that we get the chance to have more offline events so that we can really meet and interact with everyone soon!





Kiatiwongse Jaruwat
Regional Manager Central Asia,
South Korea and Thailand

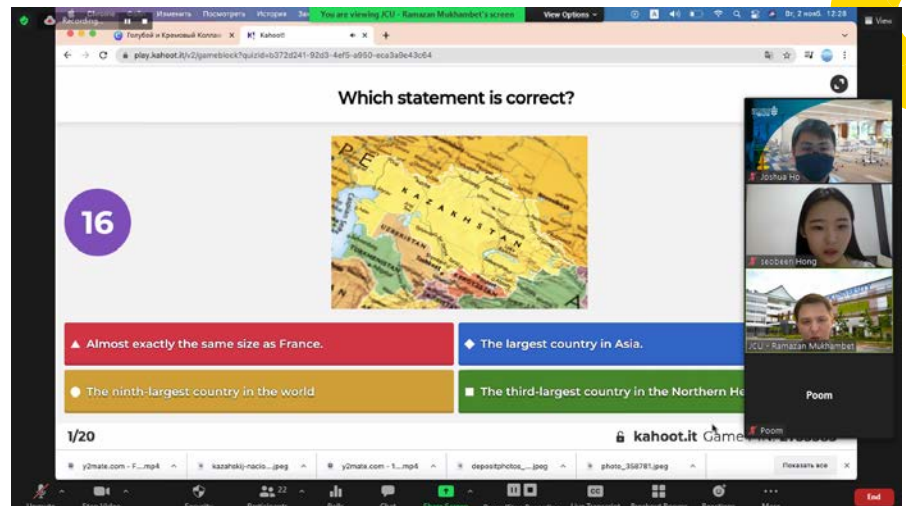
On 2 November, the Introduction to Central Asia Culture webinar was jointly organised by the Kazakh Culture Club and Campus Activities. Activities include a presentation by JCU's In-Country Representative for Central Asia covering interesting facts and various different aspects of the culture.

Here is the country background.

Kazakhstan is the largest economically-developed country in Central Asia. National traditions and culture of the Kazakhs can be attributed to the nomadic past of their ancestors, who were roaming by whole tribes from one place to another in horizonless Kazakh steppes. An interesting image of modern Kazakhstan is the result of Russian and Islamic influence,

making continue to develop in the republic, as well as the global appeal of rock, pop, and jazz.

Kazakh cuisine traditionally has a lot of meat dishes. The main traditional dish of the Kazakhs is *besbarmak* — boiled horse meat or lamb with small pieces of dough boiled in broth. Hospitality is the main character trait of the Kazakh



oriental mentality and modern trends of globalisation.

At the present stage of development in Kazakhstan, a branched structure of musical culture has been formed. Here, everyone can find what they like. Along with performing and composing creatively in European genres, traditional forms of music-

people.

Even if you "run in" to a Kazakh house for a minute and on a very important matter, the owner will still seat you at the table and offer fragrant tea with sweets. If you want to know more about the Central Asia culture, join our Kazakh Community Club!



COMMUNITY



Seah Fu Mei

Secretary of Student Council &
President of Volunteer Club
Bachelor of Psychological Science

As we approach the season of giving, JCU, Singapore organised our annual JCU Christmas Community Project once again in 2021.

This initiative enables JCU Staff and Students to give back to the warm and welcoming residents in the neighbourhood of our Sims Drive Campus.

Through the generosity of our JCU, Singapore Staff and Students, we were able to bless the residents with 148 gift contributions, ranging from NTUC vouchers and book vouchers to standing fans and more. On the evening of 21 December 2021, JCU, Singapore Staff and student volunteers, together with

It was a really meaningful and fulfilling experience that we were able to make such a contribution to the community, especially during the pandemic, and make a difference in the residents' lives through loving gifts. It was indeed a memorable Christmas for them in 2021.



Dr Wan Rizal, Grassroots Advisor of Kolam Ayer, and Sims Vista RC Representatives, **helped to distribute the 148 gifts to the residents.** It was so heart-warming to see the smiles on their faces as the residents received their gifts.

We just wanted to say a big thank you to everyone that helped to play a part in this! Your contributions have touched the hearts of all the residents and they really appreciated this!



Swan Yee Myint Swe (Ryan)
Head of Sports Wing, Student
Council & President of Volleyball
Club
Master of Psychological Science
(Majoring in Business Psychology)

***Several of our students
and staff members
volunteered for the
Standard Chartered
Singapore Marathon 2021,***

which took place over the course of two days on the 4th and 5th of December. This marathon, which used to be held annually pre-covid around the Singapore city centre in both full (42km) and half (21km) marathon distances, serves as tradition for all avid runners, marathon enthusiasts and interested individuals within the Singapore running community to participate — be it to challenge themselves or to simply enjoy a run with other like-minded participants. After a year of hiatus in 2020 due to Covid-19, the organisers managed to rekindle the event just in time before the end of 2021, albeit in a revised format such as having shorter distances of 10km and 5km races with social distancing and staggered starting times instead of the usual full and half marathons. In addition, they had a Virtual Reality (VR) run for



those that wished to participate online from the comfort and safety of their homes, particularly with all these measures being implemented to curb the spread of Covid-19, while also making sure that every participant has an inclusive, safe and enjoyable run.

As for us volunteers, it was definitely an experience that was out of the norm, seeing runners wearing masks in their running attires and us as volunteers having to usher and separate them into groups apart from each other (for social distancing reasons) near the starting line before the start of the marathons. As the marathon distance was reduced, along with its intensity, whole families and their children also came to participate, especially for the shorter 5km runs, where some smaller kids barely in their teens crossed the finish line before the taller, more athletic and experienced runners, which was certainly an amusing sight to witness.

***Overall, volunteering
for this event has been
a very fruitful learning
experience on how the***

***organisers adapted to
make the marathon
a success amidst a
pandemic.***

It was also humbling as us volunteers got the opportunity to interact with some of the runners after their race, where they shared their stories and the various reasons for participating in this Standard Chartered Singapore Marathon 2021. Most of their answers revolved around running being their source of livelihood and happiness, and also an escape from the daily stresses of life and work.





Hoe Geok Ting

Vice President and Treasurer of
Aquaculture Club
Business and Environmental Science
(Majoring in Aquaculture)

The club co-organised a coastal clean-up at Ketam Beach in Pulau Ubin, and *it was a great experience bringing our foreign students from abroad to explore the island and have a hand at cleaning up our coast!* It enabled us to see the anthropogenic effects that our actions have had

on the environment. Our friends from Germany, Norway and even South Korea enjoyed exploring Chek Jawa, a wetland that has a coastal boardwalk which allows us to observe various intertidal flora and fauna. We also walked through the mangroves and saw various types of roots and plants that play

were recorded for research purposes. The most unusual thing found was a tire buried in the sand, and our friends managed to dig it out for proper disposal!

It was a very meaningful event that gave us the



a part in protecting our shores from strong waves and erosion! While exploring, we also walked up to an observatory tower which had great views overlooking the treetops of the island. During the clean-up, our friends and members collected a variety of different trash washed ashore by waves and winds that

opportunity to connect, exchange cultures and participate in a cause that enhances the conservation of our environment.





**Nuryn Aqidah Binte
Mohammad Adib**

Graduate of Bachelor of
Psychological Sciences (Honours)

Looking for a job is no easy feat in the current pandemic. As we are facing the great resignation, companies are looking towards automating their processes to cut back on human resources. This makes it all the more important for us — fresh graduates — to seek out innovative ways to showcase our unique skills and abilities beyond our resumes and cover letters.

Believe it or not, I had no clear goal of where I wanted to go after graduation. The only thing that worried me was being unemployed for months following my final

semester in James Cook University, Singapore. Luckily for me, I was offered a role as a curriculum developer intern in a start-up company one month after my last semester in JCU, Singapore.

I was very eager to start my job, hoping that I would be offered a full-time role in the company — which eventually I did land.

Being involved in a start-up company taught me plenty of lessons that I found useful in both life and work. Most importantly, I realised that not all jobs would be suited for a specific person. Here are some tips for you when you're looking for your next job:

1. Get the Bigger Picture

- Before applying for a job, make sure to do thorough research on the company to learn more about their mission and vision, and see if it aligns with your career goals. You may also want to look at reviews of their customers or employees to see how different individuals experience interacting with the company.

2. Take Time Off

- Don't rush into starting a new job as soon as you graduate. Taking at least a month's break after graduating from JCU, Singapore may be an excellent decision for you to take care of your mental health and prepare yourself for your full-time career given how you've been intensively studying for a few years in university.

3. Be Open to Different Experiences Outside of Your Comfort Zone

- Even if you land a job that may not be something you seek, embrace the experience that the role provides you with, so that you can cultivate your talents and skills.

All in all, I was very grateful for the opportunities provided to me by my former company. As I embark on a new journey as a behavioural therapist this coming February, I remind myself to keep my mind open so as to learn as much as I can from the new role. As long as I put in my 100% into the job, I am sure I will enjoy the work and realise the potential I have to make a difference in the lives of the people around me.



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After I graduated from JCU back in 2018, I wanted to start my own business because it would give me a sense of freedom to work



on my own as well as financial freedom. One day, I realised that there was a dish that was trending all over Indonesia, but it was not in Singapore yet — called Ayam Geprek. Locals might assume it is similar to Ayam penyet, but it's a whole different concept. Thus, I decided to team up with my best friend, who is now my partner and husband. He had experience working in commercial kitchens and was also a degree holder in Accounting from JCU, Singapore; his name is Tarun Chandiramani. So, we decided to divide our duties.

I would be in charge of

the marketing and hiring (HR), while he focused on operation management and reporting. We did a lot of research for the recipes, target market, locations, and even how to incorporate a company in Singapore.

Then, in late 2018 we incorporated Papa Food Singapore Pte. Ltd., and in February 2019, our first Papa Ayam (the brand name) outlet opened in 313@Somerset, becoming the first Ayam geprek brand in Singapore. Our concept is one-of-a-kind, as we make the sambal (chilli sauce) traditionally by mortar and pestle in front of the customers. The sambal comes with a range of spiciness from level 1-15. This is the way we make sambal in Indonesia, especially my hometown. Thus, I find it joyful to be able to share how Indonesians traditionally make sambal. It is a

new concept that is not offered anywhere yet in Singapore. We are glad that it is accepted by locals who are spice lovers and non-spicy takers. Our most popular item is Ayam Geprek Indomie, it is so irresistible to have Indonesians' favourite noodle with spicy ayam geprek. With great support from our customers and our team, we currently have three branches in Singapore and one franchise outlet.

The initial stage of my entrepreneurship journey has become one of the most difficult because we have to do more research about Singapore regulations, law, and so on. My father supported our company from the beginning in terms of capital and mental support, even



though my family's financial condition wasn't good at that time because my mother got diagnosed with cervical cancer (she is doing fine now). It was tough. But that moment is the reason for me to keep moving forward. I do have bad days or times where I feel like giving up, but that stage of my journey reminds me why I started this.

Our next goal is to have more outlets in Singapore and to do overseas expansion in countries such as Malaysia, Australia, and Canada.

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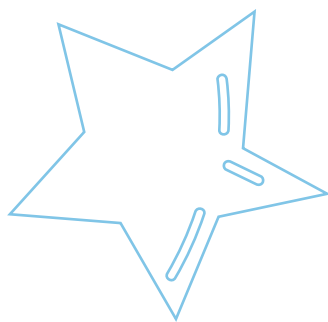
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