

# JCU Singapore 10th Anniversary Celebrations January - December 2013

There were two types of activities as part of 10th anniversary celebrations in Singapore:

1. Annual activities: events organized on an annual basis with a birthday flavor for 2013. These included:
  - Agent Conference
  - Open Day
  - Graduation
  - Public Lectures and Celebrating Research Activities
  - Alumni Activities
  - Annual Staff DND
2. Specific events : events specific to the celebration. These included:
  - Staff Breakfast
  - Business Lunch
  - Chancellor's dinner with council members
  - Business Connects with AustCham

Activity descriptions are in the following pages.



## 9-11 January 2013 - 4th Annual Agent Conference

We celebrated our 10th birthday with around 140 of our international agents from China, India, Indo China, Europe, Indonesia, and Malaysia.

Conference program included information session, working groups with Regional Managers and professional development sessions.





## 19 March 2013 - Staff Breakfast

The 10th anniversary celebrations began with a special breakfast attended by staff and ex-staff members.

Vice Chancellor and President of James Cook University, Professor Sandra Harding launched the 10th anniversary book "Our Place in the Tropics" during the event.





## 20 April 2013 - Open Day (Adopt-a-Kangaroo Campaign)

JCU Singapore's Adopt-a-Kangaroo Campaign is a community centric effort to reach out and help the less fortunate amongst us. Working with the ladies from the WEworkz program, 500 toy Kangaroos were adopted during our Open Day 2013 to raise a total of \$10,000, in commemoration of our 10th year anniversary. 116 low income Kids from the Nurture Programme (funded by Central Singapore Community Development Council) were also invited to be part of the campaign. Members of the JCU Student Council also assisted to plan, half a day worth of interactive activities like face painting and balloon sculpturing.





## 15 May 2013 - Business Lunch : Industry Leaders

This business lunch with the objective of celebrating our 10th anniversary and showcasing research excellence of the campus was held at the Shangri La hotel. Total attendance were 44 including Singapore's business leaders from various industries.

Vice Chancellor and President, Professor Sandra Harding introduced the Tropical Agenda followed by inspiring ten-minute interactive sessions with JCU researchers as follows:

- Dr. Insu Song (Topic: *Cell-phone based diagnosis of pneumonia for one billion children*)
- Dr. John Vong (Topic: *Now, everyone can bank*)
- Dr. Claire Thompson (Topic : *Dementia: Can we prevent it*)



## 17 May 2013 - Chancellor's Dinner

The University's governing body – the JCU Council – met for the first time in Singapore in May. This was followed by graduation ceremonies. Council is the governing body of the University and has the primary role to oversee the affairs of the University including ensuring appropriate structures, policies, processes and planning of university activities. 18 out of 21 Council members attended this meeting.

The Chancellor's dinner was hosted at the Regent Hotel by Lt. Gen. John Grey and attended by 50 guests including the council members. Australian High Commissioner to Singapore, Mr. Philip Green and Mr. Henry Heng from Nanyang Polytechnic were among the guests.





## 18 May and 9 November 2013 - Graduation Ceremonies

Close to 1100 students were awarded their degrees from James Cook University (JCU) at three graduation ceremonies held at the Shangri-la Hotel Singapore in 2013.

For May ceremony, Australia's High Commissioner to Singapore Mr Philip Green delivered the Occasional Address at morning ceremony while Mr Bill Chua, Head, Global Financial Institutions Group, Global Markets & Investment Management, United Overseas Bank Limited (UOB) spoke at the afternoon ceremony.

For November ceremony, Mr. Daniel Quek, Vice President, Group Corporate Affairs at Cerebos and also our alumni delivered the Occasional Address.



## Celebrating Research September - November

A series of public lectures is held during this period including a research work public display. Details as follows:

- **18 September 2013:** Public Lecture - *Early Childhood Education: Why use a play-based approach to learning?* (by Dr. Robyn Anderson)
- **25 September 2013 :** My Research in Three Minutes Competition  
"My Research in Three Minutes" competition showcased academic and research communication skills. Winners of the competition : Ms Lennie Geerlings (first prize), Dr. Anita L (second prize) and Dr. Lidia Suarez (third prize)
- **22nd October to 25th October :** Research Work Public Display (Celebrating Research)  
An annual display that showcases the research work of both the academics and students from JCU.
- **24th October 2013:** Public Lecture Series - *Understanding Obesity: Risk Factors and Health Promotion* (by Dr Nicola Lasikiewicz & Dr Daniel Benjamin Fassnacht)
- **21st November 2013:** Public Lecture Series - *The Cognitive Benefits of Bilingualism* (by Dr. Lidia Suarez)





## 14 September 2013 - JCU Alumni Event @ Myanmar

This regional alumni event were attended by 40 alumni and was held Traders Hotel Yangon. Among the guests were alumni of Singapore and Australian campuses. Professor Maung Maung Aye, who graduated from Townsville shared his story of "*James Cook University " My Alma Mater, Revisited After 35 years"*".

Professor Sandra Harding, Vice-Chancellor and President of James Cook University and Dr. Dale Anderson, Deputy Vice Chancellor of Singapore campus attended this event.





## 13 November 2013 - JCU Alumni Event @ Singapore

As part of our 10th birthday, a special alumni event was held at the East Garden of Fullerton Hotel Singapore. 140 alumni attended the event including Singapore graduates from 2005 up to 2013. There were also few Australian alumni at this event.

During the event, alumni had the opportunity to reconnect with their peers. They also refreshed their knowledge about JCU in "So you think you know JCU" game. Vice Chancellor and President, Professor Sandra Harding attended this event.





## 14 November 2013 - Birthday Celebration with AustCham

We celebrated our 10th year in Singapore with the Australian business community at Lantern, The Fullerton Bay Hotel. 120 members from various sectors joined us at this networking evening organised with Australian Chamber of Commerce.





## 15 November 2013 - Staff Dinner and Dance

Staff Dinner and Dance with "Tropical Party" theme were held at the Grand Hyatt Hotel. The Vice Chancellor and President James Cook University, Professor Sandra Harding attended the dinner. Program included performances from staff, staff awards and games/lucky draw.

