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Editor's Note
If asked to sum up the Year 2007, I would say it is a year punctuated with changes. For a start, we have the retirement of Dr Law Song Seng, the Director and CEO of ITE, who is succeeded by Mr Bruce Poh. Owing to space constraint, I shall dwell only on changes that will have an impact on the Student Council (SC). So, coming up next is Ms Candice Chin, Manager of Student Services, who bade farewell to the SC during our last dialogue with D/STAS, and in her place we now have Ms Kok Kah Wan, who will be working very closely with the SC.

Finally, allow me to leap forward to something that affects all of us at College East (CE). Yes, it’s none other than the change of Principal from Mr Tan Seng Hua to Dr Ricky Tam! To pay tribute to Mr Tan and to welcome Dr Tam, this Newsletter has cast the spotlight on the two ‘protagonists’, who dominate the front and back covers of this issue of SC's Peak! For those who have not met Dr Tam, it’s easy to identify the new Man at the Helm from the horde of smiling faces on the front cover. (Pun is intended in the phrase ‘very warm’ to signify the warmth encompassing him!) The Editorial Team would like to thank all writers for their contributions; it looks like the writing fever has caught on! This time round we have an overwhelming ‘all time high’ number of articles. We apologize to those whom we have disappointed, owing to the lack of space. Nevertheless, we wish all graduating students a bright future ahead and thank you once again for all your past and present contributions.

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Upcoming Events

January 2008
7 Orientation Tour Duty
8 CCA Drive Fair
12 Forum Ignite the Flame: Creating the Spirit of Our Youth Olympics
17 Inter-School Telematch Dry Run
17 Community Outreach Dialogue
18 Inter-School Telematch
28 – 31 New Intake Interviews

February 2008
11 4pm biTE Seminar
14 Valentine's Day
20 – 21 Graduation Ceremony
29 Appreciation Night
Once again, it is that time of the year for the current Student Councillors to hand over their leadership roles and responsibilities to a succeeding batch. In this respect, I would like to congratulate Jessica Ong, the 4th President, and extend a warm welcome to her team of Councillors. I look forward to your team's participation and contributions to the events of the College. I have no doubt that you would be able to take up the challenge and perform beyond our expectations. I assure you that you will find this particular journey to be both exciting and fruitful.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate our outgoing President, Muhammad Nabil, and his team of Councillors for having done a great job during their term of office. I must say your accomplishments have well exceeded my expectations! I have seen many of you grow over the years as Student Councillors and I am sure you will agree with me that you, too, have benefited from serving as Student Councillors.

I am particularly impressed by your enthusiasm and your willingness to put in effort to ensure that your projects are completed with the highest quality. Some of the notable projects successfully completed by your team include the Dialogue Session with Minister for Transport, Mr Raymond Lim (organized in collaboration with Fengshan YEC), Interactive Session with one of the Harvard-IBM Innovations Award assessors from Harvard University, Dialogue Session with Malay MPs/Ministers, ITE CE Community Fiesta 2007 and Teachers Day Celebration 2007. I am also glad to note that many of you have grasped the opportunities provided by the College under the Global Education Programme (GEP). Many of you have participated in at least one of the initiatives under the GEP, viz the overseas student, overseas industry attachment, overseas community services and overseas sports and cultural exchange.

To all graduating students, remember that "Nothing is constant except change". So be prepared to embrace changes by constantly upgrading your knowledge and skills. After all, this is why ITE is constantly adapting itself to the changing learning needs so as to be in line with changes in economic demands. In closing, I would like to share with you a quote by Vince Lombardi – "Leaders aren't born; they are made. And they are made just like anything else, through hard work. And that's the price we'll have to pay to achieve that goal, or any goal". With that, I wish you all the best.

Chong Leong Fatt
Director
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Reflections of the 4th President

Being the President of CE SC was not an easy task, especially being the first female President. As a female President, getting the respect and support of my fellow Student Councillors would be a challenge. When the election results were announced, it was shocking news for me, and I wondered whether I should cry or smile. Eventually I cried, but with delight! I knew life ahead would not be easy, but I was certain this would be a memorable learning journey for me as I would acquire useful skills that would help me in the future.

I know that true leadership comes with great responsibility and that I have to juggle between studies, SC duties and my other commitments. Nevertheless, I would like to thank the College Management for giving me this opportunity to serve the student body, not forgetting the students who had voted for me. Without their support, I would not be what I am today. So I will do my best and even go beyond my limit for the welfare of the students. I believe that in everything I do, I should do it with sincerity, and things will be in place for me. Let this be the guiding principle of the SC – something that we should aim for and be proud of.
24 November 2007 was an unforgettable day for Councillors of ITE College East as it was the time for the handing over of leadership roles from the 3rd to the 4th batch of Student Councillors. Congratulations to Ya Da Nar Moe Jessica, the 1st lady President of ITE College East. The turnout on the day was overwhelming despite the fact that it was a Saturday morning! As usual, the audience eagerly awaited the recitation of the SC Pledge, led by the newly appointed 4th SC President, with the full support of her Exco and team of Councillors.

Nabil and his team of Councillors from the 3rd batch, presented a video clip which took us down memory lane. The pre-recorded messages came deep from their hearts and they encouraged all SC members to continue the learning journey with words of inspiration, wisdom and motivation. The video presentation was followed by singing and dance performances by the 3rd SC Exco.

Overall, our hard work paid off and we enjoyed ourselves thoroughly and had a great time together. In conclusion, I would like to express my sincerest thanks to our Principal, Mr Tan Seng Hua, and everyone present for making this event a success.
On 20 July 2007, MENDAKI organized a Malay MPs' dialogue with ITE students held at ITE College East. The panel of speakers was led by Associate Professor, Dr Yaacob Ibrahim, Minister for the Environment and Water Resources and Minister in charge of Muslim Affairs.

The other speakers were Mr Abdullah Tarmugi, Speaker of Parliament; Mr Zainul Abidin Rasheed, Senior Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and Mayor of North East District; Mr Zainudin Nordin, Mayor of Central Singapore District and Dr Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim, MP for Marine Parade GRC.

About 100 CE students spent a fruitful afternoon with the MPs, discussing and debating various issues ranging from Challenges Facing Our Youths of Today to Raising the Awareness of Malay Youths and how they could contribute to and participate in globalization. The 20 SC members definitely gained a better insight from the discussion.

On 21 July 2007, 120 Student Councillors were honoured to have Mr. Raymond Lim, Minister for Transport, and Dr Ang Seng Bin, Chairman of Fengshan Youth Executive Committee and other distinguished guests to conduct a dialogue session on "Youth Challenges, Finance, Peer Influence and Society Acceptance".

He shared on the principles of youth and peer influence, as well as common issues encountered by today's youths. This dialogue drew active participation from Councillors representing the four schools of College East, who appreciated the opportunity to interact with and tap on the valuable experiences of Dr. Raymond Lim and Dr Ang.
On 30 May 2007, a special event was held at College East Auditorium to recognize outstanding achievements and contributions of ITE students in various CCA. On this special occasion, CCA Medals, Arts Excellence and Sports Excellence Awards, as well as the Lee Kuan Yew CCA Awards were given out. The Guest-of-Honour, Mr Bruce Poh Geok Huat, Director and CEO of ITE, gave a short speech, which was followed by the singing of the ITE song. Next, the Chairmen of ITE Arts and ITE Sports Councils presented their respective Reports. Then came the ITE Student Award - an award given to outstanding students who had displayed high levels of involvement in their CCA's and demonstrated qualities of leadership and organizational abilities in major College events.

Ten of the ITE CCA Medals went to members of the 2nd and 3rd CE SC, namely, Chew Mei Lin, Chong Hui Xian, Goh Kuan Chuan, Hor Ting Ting, Kwok Pui Lye Deidre Hannah, Mohammad Lokman Bin Saibolbahri, Muhammad Saifullah Bin Kamaludin, Neo Guat Chiu, Suhari Muslim Bin Mustafa and Valberg Kimberlyn Bernice. Our 2nd SC President, Marcus Chia, won the prestigious Lee Kuan Yew Model Student Award - an award for students/trainees who had performed consistently well in their courses and had displayed outstanding conduct and attitudes worth emulating. Next was the MINDEF Physical Fitness Performance Award - a cash incentive scheme to encourage final-year ITE students to perform well in their NAPFA tests; CE won the Merit Award.

We were indeed grateful to our 4th SC Deputy President, Jeffery Ng, for giving us the privilege to attend this event, which enabled us to interact with Mr Bruce Poh and our CE Principal, as well as principals of ITE College Central, College West and VTC recipients and guests. Through this event, we managed to improve our social interaction and communication skills.

College East (CE) Student Council
4th Presidential Election 2007

by Norfadilla Bte Mohamed Nasir
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Three large banners were hung at the Amphitheatre to officially mark the start of the presidential election campaign from 15 to 19 October 2007. It was a challenging and exciting day for the three presidential candidates (short-listed from a list of 12) vying for the position of President of the CE Student Council. They were: Jessica Ong from the School of Business, Jeffery Ng from the School of Engineering and Veerapandian from the School of Info-Communication Technology. Apart from trying to convince their schoolmates of their suitability for the coveted post, they had to reveal their plans for the betterment of the College.

To attract students to the Amphitheatre, there were activities and performances lined up for the spectators. The crowd was pleasantly surprised to see Jessica Ong performing a graceful ballroom dance! The three presidential candidates were first introduced by the emcee before they each took turns to present their campaign speeches. The Committee helping the candidates went around distributing flyers and sweets to encourage students to vote online from 17 to 24 October for the candidates whom they deemed most suitable for the post.

On the second and third days of the campaign, equipped with a master time-table to schedule their class visits and one or two Committees assigned to each, the three candidates went from class to class between 0800 and 1200 hours to promote themselves. After the e-voting week, the results were released on 26 October and Jessica Ong was officially appointed the 4th President of the Student Council of College East on 24 November. Congratulations to Jessica on being elected the 4th SC President!
I attended the 3rd CE SC Camp, which was held from 18 – 20 June 2007. The activities were organized by Adam Khoo Learning Technologies Group. The camp, held at Salvation Army, Bukit Timah, was aimed at building teamwork and communication through games and exercises.

On 18 June, the whole SC ‘battalion’ set off for the campsite. Spirits were high as we sang our way to the campsite. Once there, we had ice-breaking games to create an identity for each team, with a name, logo and cheer to present to the rest. Everyone had a part to play; we made mistakes along the way, but we learned from them as well. Then we had Team Building games, whereby blind-folded team members tried to overcome obstacles set up at five stations. Although each team had to redo several times, we encouraged one another to persevere regardless of the number of failures. At last, we completed the game, which made us realize the importance of communication and team work.

The next activity was a jigsaw puzzle game. The objective was to test our patience. At first, we felt comfortable in the air-conditioned rooms despite the difficulty of the puzzle. Then the air-conditioners were switched off and we began to feel hot and stuffy and some of us became frustrated, while some persevered. Finally, we finished the puzzle, but ended up helping other groups as we were told that we could shower only after every group had finished.

On the second day, after morning exercises, we were rejuvenated by the fresh air and were ready for more activities. We played a hybrid game of “win, lose or draw” and charades, where we had to draw objects based on a team-mate’s description. We even got to invent games that pit us against the other teams, and everyone had a ball of a time. The last activity was a skit based on the themes Finance, Housing, Education, Government and Health. My team selected the last topic. As a Guest-of-Honour was invited for the skit, we all worked very hard. I had to prepare an emcee script with my partner as we were appointed emcees for the activity. Fortunately, everything turned out well and everyone enjoyed the skits!

The last day gave us a chance to show the instructors how much we had learnt, and we went against them in a vicious game of dodge-ball, whereby both sides had to defend themselves and destroy the enemy’s kingdom by hitting them with balls. The instructors posed quite a challenge, but through teamwork and scheming, we managed to beat them. We graduated from the camp with flying colours!

Finally, all too soon, it was ‘home, sweet home’. I really enjoyed this Camp, where I learned to lead as well as follow – through games. We also learned that everyone could be a leader, depending on whether we were willing to take the initiative or wait for others to do the job.
The D/STAS’s dialogue with the SC (a bi-annual session) was held on 16 July 2007. On this day, students could bring up issues that they would like clarified or give suggestions to make College East (CE) a better place to study in.

The dialogue session took off with Sumathi, the emcee for the occasion, welcoming Mr Chong, D/STAS, Ms Chin, former Manager, Student Services (M/STSS), Staff Advisors and all SC members. The SC also welcomed Ms Kok, the new M/STSS, who was unable to attend the session. Mr Chong addressed the audience with words of praise for the Councillors for their efforts in organizing and implementing events and activities for CE, and urged them to keep up the good work. After that, a few Councillors were invited to share their experiences with regard to the various programmes /activities which they had participated in and benefited from.

The first to share were Muhd Akhimuth from the House Committee and Heng Mun from the P&C Committee, who together gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Student Leadership Development Programme, BLAZE I, and showed us many interesting pictures taken during the Camp. Then Ghazali and Fitri from the Project Committee shared with us pictures taken of the activities conducted during the Student Council Team Building event, which clearly illustrated the strong bonding within the SC team. After that, we had Saiful from the CCA Committee to share with us his learning experience from the ITE-VTC Student Seminar in Hong Kong. Lastly, Zi Ming, from House Committee, shared with us his first-timer impressions of the ITE Student Seminar held in Hong Kong. From the pictures, I could see so many students from all over the world who had participated in the seminar. Our College students were so fortunate to get a chance to join them.

Then came the Question-and-Answer Session, during which many interesting questions/issues were raised. Mr Chong replied to all in a professional manner, giving satisfactory explanations where suggestions were not feasible. Towards the end, Ms Chin was invited to give a brief farewell speech and was presented with an artistic token of appreciation for her guidance and support since the SC’s inception. It was a huge, hand-drawn portrait of Ms Chin by one of the Councillors and autographed by all other SC members, with well-wishes from each and every one!

Thank you, Ms Chin, for your guidance and support! We’re going to miss you for sure!
1st SC Fun Fiesta 2007

On 28 July 2007, our 1st SC Fun-Fiesta was launched at the Student Activity Centre (SAC). It was an event jointly organized by the CCA and House Committees. It took us a month to do the planning and layout with the help of 40 SC members! I was in charge of games and my Committee aimed to attract about 100 participants and we decided to have games such as Uno stacko, Scrabble, Carom, PSP, and Chinese and Western chess.

When the event started, the SAC was transformed into a vibrant scene where the majority of students participated in competitive games like Carom and Uno stacko, while the minority preferred Chess and Scrabble. Prizes were awarded to winners of these games. There were also games that students played just for fun, as in five stones, limbo, bowling, hit-the-cans and many more!

Everyone had a wonderful time as everything went smoothly as planned and we were sure this event would be repeated.

Food Survey at Café 1 & Café 2

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While most students do not mind waiting for their food, they certainly care about the quality, taste and price they have to pay for their meals. As such, the SC Welfare Committee decided to conduct a student feedback survey on Café 1 and Café 2. Twice a month, two separate teams of Student Councillors would join the lunchtime crowds at both cafes to collect feedback from students.

There were two separate surveys - the first was held on 3 May, and another on 19 July 2007. Stalls were assessed and graded by their respective customers according to four categories - Excellent, Good, Fair and Need Improvement. The theme for each survey would differ from week to week. For instance, the theme for the first survey was based on ‘Hygiene’, and for the second survey, it was “Customer Service”. This was a great challenge to the stalls as they knew it was very important to provide good customer service. All our members did their best to get the students’ support. We explained the themes to the students and advised them how to go about it. The response was overwhelming for the second survey. Within an hour, we had collected more than 300 feedbacks and would have done better had we not run out of star stickers.

At the end of the project, we had a meeting to evaluate the results. The Most “Hygienic” stalls in Café 1 were Muslim Delights & Japanese Food, and for Café 2, it was the Indo/Thai stall. The stalls with the ‘Most Outstanding Customer Service’ turned out to be Noodles Delights and Japanese Food in Café 1. At Café 2, it was the Western Food and the Malay Stall that had the best results.

On reflection, it was really heart-warming to see so many students participate in the surveys, which showed that the students appreciated and understood our intention to improve their welfare. This certainly made our efforts worthwhile!
I attended a Fun-Learning Photography Workshop organized by the P&C Committee, held at College East to learn the basic fundamentals of photography. The workshop instructor, Nur Annisa, was a highly experienced photographer and the Vice President of the Photography Club.

**Fun-Learning Photography Workshop 2007**

The day was definitely well spent as I not only learned how to use the various modes, but also to let go of my fear when taking photos. And I finally had a chance to hold the Nikon D90 camera! It really helped me understand photography a lot more than before even though it was just basic knowledge. I really appreciate it and put it to good use daily at home using my dad's digital camera. In summary, I would like to share that “Good photographers will take every chance they have to capture every moment and sometimes that moment is one of the golden moments…”

We will continue to learn so as to remain relevant in our profession.

Above all, we will seek to win the trust and support of the industry, parents and the community to achieve our mission.

On 31 August 2007, while the audience was slowly filling up the seats at the Auditorium, the Councillors and AVA crew were busy getting ready backstage - all for one event, specially dedicated to the teachers of College East. This event provided great opportunities for the Councillors to show off their talents at skits, singing, dancing, etc.

I participated in the opening act, which was followed by a video presentation, whereby selected classes expressed their gratitude towards their beloved class advisors and lecturers. Then there was a ball game, in which all teachers had to take part. It was somewhat like musical chairs. Following that, we had a skit performed by our talented Councillors. Then came the song items - a song entitled ‘Young Ones’, sung by Kamsani, a rap by Saifulah and Ghazali and finally, a closing act.

Oh yes, as with previous years’ Teachers Day Celebrations, the highlight of the event was a Teachers Commendation Award, which recognized teachers for their hard work and for showing care and concern towards their students. The celebration ended with the reciting of the Teachers’ Pledge, led by the award recipients.
The Basic Leadership ActivitZE (BLAZE) Camp, under the Student Leadership Development Programme (SLDP), was back again! More than 50 student leaders attended Camp 1 from 24 to 26 September 2007 at the National Community Leadership Institute. It was a challenging experience for Muslim students as we could neither eat nor drink since the date coincided with the Muslim fasting month.

We assembled at 10am at the Function Hall for the ice-breaker session and were divided into four teams - Teams A, B, C and D. I was in Team A and we named ourselves 'Aces' and introduced ourselves and exchanged information on our hobbies.

SLDP BLAZE I Camp
Leading From Within

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Theory lessons were conducted by CE Lecturers and the topics covered were: Understanding Ethical Leadership, Leading by Serving and many more. We viewed some movies and were asked for our views and suggestions. We also had group discussions and each group had to put up a skit. As with all camps, we played Team Building games such as The Amazing Race, Water Bomb and many more. I liked the 'Raft Race' most, which my team won! It was fun as we had to cross a distance of 20 metres walking along a plank, which really required teamwork and motivation from all our cheering team mates!

On the second night, all participants had to dress up in costumes during the theme party 'My Hero, My Leader' and we had to give a speech as to why we chose the hero to be our leader. Each team also had to perform on stage, such as dancing and singing.

On the last day, I left not only with a Certificate of Achievement, but also the fond memories I had together with my team mates. After having gone through the camp, I now understand better what leadership is, which gives me the confidence to take up my current leadership position!
On 23 September 2007, our team, comprising two staff members and 22 students from the four different schools of College East, set off for Yunnan, China. When we stepped out of Kunming airport, one thing that caught our attention was the sight of mothers carrying their children around, begging for money. It was natural to feel sorry for them, but we were helpless having been cautioned beforehand not to give any money to beggars. The whole journey was an eye opener! There were very few traffic lights and what annoyed everyone was the incessant sounding of car horns! We soon learned from our driver that it was their way of greeting one another! What a unique culture! Another culture shock that greeted us was the "open concept" toilets with no doors, flushing systems, or adequate lightings which most of us took for granted in Singapore. However, when it came to food, it was stunning! For every meal, we had seven dishes and one soup, six of which were vegetables, which naturally disappointed the meat eaters!

Our first assignment was to climb up the mountains, which was both physically and mentally draining. It took one-and-a-half hour to reach our worksite, and some of us fell ill along the way, but we encouraged one another throughout the journey. Our task for the next ten days was to help them build a road there to start a drainage system. However, due to bad weather on certain days, we were unable to continue work at the worksite. The other assignment was to visit nearby elementary schools. We were divided into the Health Education, Cultural, Basic English and Sports teams, each with different responsibilities. During the days spent at the worksite and school, the bonding was very strong as we cared for and supported one another, especially when one fell sick. Although the time spent at the schools was short, all of us had good rapport with the kids within the two days. When it came to parting, most of us broke down and the children cried along with us, and even asked for our autographs!

The last few days were rather enjoyable for the team as we went horse-riding and had a unique shopping experience. When the 15 days came to an end, most of us were rather reluctant to leave the scenic country with its stress-free culture. During the flight back to Singapore, we were concentrating hard on completing our journals! We both agreed that this was really a fruitful trip as we learned a lot - from independence to teamwork, to understanding one another better, maturity in thinking and expressing ourselves, self-confidence and contentment, and finally, sparing a thought for others. We also learned to give and accept criticisms and most importantly, we learned not to be judgmental. Lastly, we hope the team spirit built in China will continue and remain strong always.
On 24 September, together with 24 students and 2 teachers, I took off for India from Changi International Airport at 0600 hours! Throughout the 12 days, we stayed in an Orphanage called Mizpah Home, located in Ooty, south of India. The flight to Bangalore Airport took four hours, but the journey by bus lasted about eight hours! Along the way, we passed their mini Safari and caught glimpses of many types of animals. Being tired, most of us fell asleep, but when we reached the orphanage, impressions totally changed as the place was not as bad as we had imagined! For one, the air was cleaner and fresher. Although the afternoon sun was visible, we still had double layers of clothes on. Sleeping at night became a norm for us after two days. We had adapted ourselves to sleeping on hard, cemented floors without carpets, and gradually learned to appreciate the ‘natural air-conditioning’, such that no matter how cold the night, everyone would still be heard snoring away, snuggled up in their sleeping bags.

Much of our time there was spent on getting to know the kids, assisting them in their studies, constructing chairs and tables, building a roof over their playground, fixing a solar water heater for them, painting railings, sanding their playground to prepare it for a new coat of paint, installing pipes for transferring water from the well to their designated areas, helping their neighbourhood plant medical saplings in their school compound and conducting hygiene workshops for the students. The kids there were very warm and friendly and we had lots of fun getting to know them, their ambitions, friends, etc. We even learned how to cook and appreciate Indian food!

On the whole, we picked up many service skills throughout the entire expedition and time was fully utilized. Moreover, we have definitely learnt to be more appreciative of the luxury we have in Singapore. If given an opportunity, I would love to go back and continue from where we have stopped. And I can say the same for the rest as I am sure they will not think twice about going back there again. Such is the charm of Ooty!
Under the Social Entrepreneurship and Community Service Programme, I spent 8 days in Laos from 27 September to 4 October 2007, interacting with the local villagers, in a mixture of teaching the children and selling trinkets to the locals in a social entrepreneurship exercise. The culmination of our trip was a cultural show which we had to put up for the locals.

As the appointed cameraman for the trip, I was initially rather reluctant as I doubted my own abilities, especially when I had to take pictures and videos of an entire football match with the locals, though I was not even a football fan! Although I encountered difficulties, I was especially proud of my efforts in the end as I told myself that no matter how much I disliked the task, I had to do my best. When it came to compiling songs for the cultural show, I learned to compromise and not flare up, as the differences in opinions resulted in many changes and frustrations. I learned another valuable lesson when I started teaching – that patience was no greater a virtue than when we were with children! Instead of having to shout, I got them to settle down after many patient attempts. “Bribing” good behaviour with jigsaw puzzle games seemed to work well!

On the entrepreneurial side, we had to sell trinkets to the locals. The Laotians drove a hard bargain, but I adapted to selling to them. Like everywhere else, the customer ‘is’ king, and I practised this when dealing with a difficult customer by keeping my cool and smiling my way into the customer’s heart (and wallet, too).

In the end, every exercise taught me lessons in responsibility, patience and how to adapt effectively to different situations. Hence, Laos was more than just a trip for me (and I believe, for the other participants as well). Apart from the experiences gained and the lessons learned, it certainly brought out a better me!
On Friday, 14 December 2007, the Student Council bid farewell to Mr Tan Seng Hua, their beloved outgoing Principal, who had given his support to the SC since the day of its inception. During this last dialogue session, the new P&C Committee caught up with him during reception for a quick interview before he was whisked off for a farewell session with CE staff. Captured below were abstracts (non-verbatim) from the brief interview:

Farewell Dialogue Session
With Mr Tan Seng Hua, Principal/CE
by NorFadilla Bte Mohamed Nasir [PU07011B]

Q3: If given the opportunity to come back and be our principal again, what changes would you make?
I'm not sure at this stage whether I will have any opportunity to return to CE. I have to admit that age is catching up on me - I'm already 54 years old! Nevertheless, CE will always remain in my memory. As such, I will visit CE from time to time even after I've left.

Q4: Before you leave, do you have any words of advice for our 4th batch of Student Councillors?
Carry out your responsibilities as Student Councillors to the best of your abilities so as to connect well with the student body. Organize events and activities that give you opportunities to learn. And don't forget self-development. Make sure you grasp the opportunities available to you to attend the various student leadership development programmes, but do not neglect your studies. After all, your studies should be your main objective for coming to ITE, so as to attain self-fulfilment and satisfaction.

On behalf of the SC of CE, I wish to thank you very much for your precious time and advice, and for all your guidance and support in the past few years since the inception of the CE SC in 2005. We wish you all the best in your new posting.

A Vote of Thanks to All – Nabil, 3rd President

First of all, I would like to congratulate the P&C for this 3rd issue of SC’sPeak! Well done! I would also like to congratulate Jessica Ong on being elected the 4th and the first lady President of ITE College East!

The 3rd SC is very special in that each Committee has developed and implemented initiative/s that the SC is proud of. This is definitely the result of continuous commitment and dedication of the members led by the efficient team of Exco! These achievements cannot be attained without the support and encouragement from the College Management.

All of you will agree that you have benefited from this invaluable and dynamic experience that has contributed to your personal growth. With BLAZE training and various other exposures, we have gained a lot together.

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