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EDITOR'S NOTE

Violets are Blue, Roses are Red...

"I have a pen, it is blue. I have a friend, it is you". Going through my cupboards as part of my year-end spring cleaning, I came across this verse from my primary school autograph, complete with its heart, bow and arrow décor.

It makes me reminisce how communication between friends has changed throughout the years. Of course, in recent years, Facebook, Twitter, Youtube and all kinds of blogs and microblogs have taken over our communication mode. Which is great, really, as it means that anyone and everyone has access to information and can send it so easily and quickly. And so, with everyone being a cyber gymnast, adept at all kinds of information-seeking sites and devices, I hope SC's Peak still has a place in your hearts, as we try our best to engage you, students and councillors, on matters that interest you.

In this issue, we highlight our new President and Vice-President of the 6th Student Council. Coming from different backgrounds, they are a potent force with clear visions and common goals, to make College a better learning 'home'. For the 5th and 6th Student Councillors, we've specially dedicated the centre spread for you, to frame up your group pictures, after your read. And we've also devoted quite a substantial portion of this issue on several pictures of the different activities, from SC's recent investiture, to the Inter-College Telematch and to Teachers' Day Celebration. As the saying goes, a picture tells a thousand words. Pictures are but images, to capture those very moments, for remembrance. As another verse of my old autograph goes, "Violets are blue, Roses are red, I'll remember you, Happy memories in my head" Hopefully our pictures will do just that.

As the new year embraces us, let's reflect upon our achievements and make new resolutions for a better tomorrow. Enjoy reading everyone.

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GETTING TO KNOW FARIS & ISABELLA

By: Damian Tan, Nitec in Digital Audio & Video Production

A peek at the new President and Vice-President of the 6th Student Council, ITE College East, who share their visions and mottos.



LIM QI YEN, ISABELLA

Higher Nitec in Biotechnology

A committed leader who is involved in various College activities, it is little wonder that Isabella is well-known among College students. With her experience and never-say-die attitude, she wants to improve College life for her peers so that they can have a 'well-rounded College experience'.

FARIS HAEKAL LAKSMANA

Higher Nitec in Biotechnology

A born leader who is conscientious, it is no surprise that Faris was chosen by students to helm the Student Council. With his involvement in a myriad of activities during his Nitec days, this go-getter wants fellow students to be actively involved in College activities.

Our Visions

By sharing our knowledge and strengths, we can achieve our goals and be proud of our achievements.

By working together as a team, we are able to change mindsets and perspectives of our peers.

Our Mottos

To give our best and strive for a better tomorrow.

When a door closes, new doors unlock a thousand possibilities.

FROM OUR DIRECTOR

'HOME' at ITE College East

"ITE College East is a vibrant confluence where students not only learn the various vocational and technical skills but is a 'HOME' college where students meet to foster greater connectivity and nurture ties among the community."

Hello and a warm welcome to all students.

To all students, remember that when you enter ITE College East (CE), you are embarking on a new chapter and an exciting journey of your life.

Over the course of your studies, you would have the opportunity of interacting with many, whom you will share precious moments of joy, interest and excitement, along with occasional sadness and setbacks in your lives. CE is a vibrant confluence where students not only learn the various vocational and technical skills but is a 'home' college where students meet to foster greater connectivity and nurture ties among the community.

Your entry into CE will take you one step closer towards realising your aspirations. Every imagination, contribution and participation by you will make CE a special 'home' for you. Many of our student leaders in the various Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs) are exemplary lots who have benefitted greatly through their active engagement.

In particular, I am heartened to observe the fervent display of enthusiasm and love for engagement which is heart-warming and admirable in our Student Councillors. Councillors, your dedicated service to fellow students will go a long way towards building a fulfilling learning 'home'. Together, we must continue to energise and strengthen the spirit and ethos of excellence in ITE.

The famous playwright, George Bernard Shaw, once wrote: "Imagination is the beginning of creation. You imagine what you desire; you will what you imagine; and at last, you create what you will."

In CE, I am confident that, as students, all of you are able to imagine a better future. Together, we can make learning more enriching, meaningful and exhilarating.



Mr Chong Leong Fatt
Director for College Services

FROM OUR PAST PRESIDENT

A Place of **Hope & Inspiration**

“Our journey to continually build CE as a place of hope and inspiration will be one that I’ll treasure all my life.”



Muhd Riduwan Mislam
President, 5th Student Council

I remember vividly the first day I gingerly stepped into this College (CE). Seeing so many faces in such an awe-inspiring building, I felt like a little ant among the thousands in its colony. Never had I imagined that I will play any significant role in it. But how wrong I was...

With a bit of hope and imagination for engagement, I had joined the Student Council (SC) of CE. It was a turning point and the best decision that I'd ever made in my life. Mind you, being a councillor wasn't plain sailing. If anything, it was very challenging as I'd to juggle the responsibilities of being an SC President and doing well in my studies.

Being in SC, I've gained so much, but I'd like to highlight the three areas that impacted me tremendously.

Firstly, I've been privileged to make friends with so many. These friendships emerged not only through consensus but from contentions and vigorous debates.

Secondly, serving other students by

working hand in hand with staff and students has been a very fulfilling learning experience. Our journey to continually build CE as a place of hope and inspiration will be one that I'll treasure all my life.

Thirdly, it has been invigorating, meeting caring management and staff who, despite uncertainties, due to my lack of knowledge and experience, saw the potential in me. They gave me the opportunity, guidance and space that I needed, to be my best. From the bottom of my heart: "Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!"

To the 6th student councillors, all students and friends: "Grab every opportunity for a better you and I wish you all the best in your endeavours."

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Journey to Treasure Island

“Our journey has already begun. It is one of growth and self-discovery. We will succeed if everyone on deck appreciates where the compass is pointing at and works as a team to reach our goals.”

Hello fellow students and friends,

I'd like to begin by thanking all – Dr Ricky Tam, Principal of ITE College East and staff, senior and fellow student councillors, students and friends, for believing in me and entrusting me with the role of President of Student Council (SC). I'd like to take this opportunity to thank a person who is very dear to me – my mum, Rugayah Abdul Rahman, who has showered me with love and given her unflinching support through good and bad times.

As the new President of the 6th SC, I'm aware of the responsibilities that come along with it. But I'm ready to take on the challenges and look forward to your continuous feedback and strong support.

As President of SC, I see myself as the captain of a huge sailing ship who will embark on a journey to a port of call – an island laden with hidden treasures, which I call, 'Treasure Island'. In sailing this ship, I can't steer it alone. I need the help of my crew and together, be

it in calm or turbulent waters, we will stay on course in forging our common goals.

Our journey has already begun. It is one of growth and self-discovery. We will succeed if everyone on deck appreciates where the compass is pointing at and works as a team to reach our goals. I need your confidence to persevere in overcoming the challenges and uncertainties ahead.

Our island is within sight and if we're clear and united in our purpose and resolve, we'll certainly reach Treasure Island. Together, we shall work hard and with a great sense of pride, we'll unearth the hidden treasures and achieve our dreams.

So fellow students and friends, let's sail together to reach our goals!



Faris Haekal Laksamana
President, 6th Student Council



5th Student Council with Management and Staff Advisors, ITE College East



6th Student Council with Management and Staff Advisors, ITE College East

In Loving Memory of **Amelia Johnson**

By: Prishantini Kannan & Serene Zhang, Higher Nitec in Business Administration



In Memory: Councillors and friends will always remember lively Amelia.

An active member of the 5th Student Council (SC), Amelia Johnson, second-year *Higher Nitec in Business Administration* student, served in the Project Committee. A tragic accident during last year's National Day long weekend ended Amelia's and her aunt's lives. ITE College East student councillors, Prishantini and Serene, wrote in memory of their dear friend, Amelia.

We remember vividly how excited Amelia was about the Pulau Tioman trip with her brother, Jonathan Johnson, her 'favourite aunt', Anny Grace and her aunt's boyfriend,

Jonathan David. She had chatted excitedly about her plans. She didn't know how to swim, she had told us, but she was going to spend time hiking and relaxing.

We cried long hours when we knew about her tragic death. We dearly miss Amelia's company, laughter and smiles. We know that those who knew her will miss her too, but she will always remain in our hearts...

Fast and Furious at Principal's Dialogue Session

By Mohd Saiful, Higher Nitec in Electrical Engineering



Incy Wincy Spider: "When it rains, we're down. Can we have an indoor climb?" asks Sheila from the Rock Climbing Club.

The questions came rather fast and furious.

In a highly animated question-and-answer session at ITE College East (CE), on 20 November 09, student leaders came face-to-face with Principal of College East, Dr Ricky Tam.

Having, apparently, come prepared with their needs and queries, students asked questions ranging from lanyards, to the attendance machine, to an indoor rock climbing wall, to a dedicated gymnasium and to be given more rights on the booking of facilities and choice of coaches.

Dr Tam welcomed the opportunity for students to ask questions and give feedback and suggestions.

Of Applause, Pledge and Laughter

By Lim Jun Yi, Nitec in Facility Technology

The Student Council Investiture is a ceremony to officially welcome and hand over of duties to the new batch of Student Council (SC). Applauding the work carried out by the 5th SC and pledging their commitment to carry out their best by the 6th SC, it was a formal ceremony, held on 11 November 09, that was followed with much mingling and laughter. We captured these precious and memorable moments...



Movers & Shakers: Executive Committee, 6th Student Council



All the President's Men & Woman: Flanking Dr Ricky Tam are present and past SC presidents.



Time to Mingle: Past and present councillors get together.



Spicing up the Night: Delicious food beckons.



All Raise Hands: All 92 Councillors pledge commitment to their new duties.

Living Life to its Fullest @BLAZE II CAMP

By Hazelinda Mustafa, Nitec in Nursing

"The nomadic way of life seems extinct to many, or so we thought, until my friends and I took part in the race of our lives. Sweating, panting and almost in tears, I trudged on under the blazing sun..."



Teamwork: Is the name of this game.



All Excited: This team sets off for the race of their lives.

Years have passed since the nomads travelled across the seven seas and the overlying hinterlands, looking for places to settle and making a living - living life to its fullest. The nomadic way of life seems extinct to many, or so we thought, until my friends and I took part in the race of our lives, the 'Nomadic Race'. Sweating, panting and almost in tears, I trudged on under the blazing sun, as team members encouraged each other, despite the fact that they were as exhausted as I was.

Nomadic Race was one of the highlights in the Blaze II Camp which was held from 28 September to 1 October 09 at Desaru, Johore, for 40 student councillors and leaders from the various CCA groups.

What had I learnt from these challenging activities during the camp? Lots. I believe I'm a better person now as I am more aware of my personal strengths and weaknesses. I have also developed a better understanding of interpersonal and teamwork skills. And most importantly, I learnt about determination and endurance and how to live a greener life.

TRIUMPH OF THE TRIUMVIRATE

By Siti Halijah Ridzwan, Higher Nitec in Accounting

"The games were tiring but great fun. It was also a time for all of us to make friends and weave bonds."



Bonding Time for All: Principals from the three colleges (in ties) joined councillors and staff for the Inter-College Telematch.

It was the triumph of the triumvirate, of sort, when student councillors from the three ITE colleges got together during an Inter-College Telematch on 24 September 09.

Comprising 30 councillors from each college, participants were divided into four teams. Teams planned and strategised to champion over 'rival' teams, through exciting games such as Caterpillar Walk, Long Rope Skipping and the Bottle. The white team emerged the winner.

First year Nitec in Digital Audio & Video Production from ITE College Central (Ang Mo Kio), Jeslyn Tan, from the champion team, remarked: "The games were tiring but great fun. It was also a time for all of us to make friends and weave bonds."

THE REASON IS YOU

M Riduwan Osman, Nitec in Electronics

'Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.'



THE REASON

I've found a reason for me
To change who I used to be
A reason to start over new
And the reason is you

I've found a reason to show
A side of me you didn't know
A reason for all that I do
And the reason is you

(Excerpt from Hoobastank¹ lyrics)

Teachers Day Celebration 09: Lecturers enjoy the belly good food with winsome smiles.

I came across these lyrics from Hoobastank while goggling and thought it apt to share with all on how I feel for my lecturers at ITE. I believe many students share this feeling.

What better ways to express our appreciation to our lecturers on Teachers Day Celebration than to entertain them! We did, on 30 August 09, at the auditorium with colourful display of lights, tantalising fusion dance, creative sand animation and soulful show choir performance. It was also an occasion for our Principal, Dr Ricky Tam, to commend lecturers

for the long list of College East's achievements. These achievements were attained due to the hard work and dedication of our lecturers.

And exemplifying these qualities was Mr Boi Kwong. With the motto, *'Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.'*² Mr Boi, a lecturer from the Digital Audio

& Video Production, shared his heart-tugging life story and how he involved his students into hands-on and real world learning experience, through the film production, 'The Days'.

Teachers' Day Celebration 09 was also a time where staff and students mingled as they enjoyed the scrumptious lunch.

¹ hoobastank is an American rock band, best known for its 2004 hit song, 'The Reason'.

² Quote from Benjamin Franklin, an American leader, writer, diplomat, scientist and philosopher (1706-90).

WHY I LOVE COLLEGE EAST

By Rehana Praveen, Nitec in Chemical Process Engineering

ITE College East: Beautiful landscape evokes emotions to its magnificent architecture.



“One of the most popular spot is the amphitheatre where students mingle and relax during breaks. I especially love to watch the little fountains at its centre. Sometimes as I watched in silence, I’d swear I saw the dancing fountains winking at me!”

The moment I saw College East (CE), I fell in love with it – that was two years ago when I was still in secondary school. Call it what you may – but I decided there and then, that this was where I was going to, after my secondary education.

At CE, one thing is for sure – the students are spoilt for choice; from courses, to activities, to food and to cosy study and chill corners. But mind you, competition into the more popular courses can be really stiff. I’m delighted to say that I’ve got into the course I’m interested in. And so, my

journey began when I was accepted in January 2009.

There are two main things that really make a difference to my student life here. First, is the caring and friendly staff who make time for their students. I am touched by their warmth and concern for us. Second, at CE, you’re in constant view of its beautiful surroundings. Walk up to the higher levels that faces the stadium and you can see white beds of cotton cloud nestled in clear blue skies. I love this view and in between breaks, I’d always make a point to stand at the balcony,

just to enjoy the wonderful sights; of roaring trains, graceful planes and even chirping birds. And embracing this magnificent architecture are beautiful gardens, ponds, fountains and luxurious open spaces. CE is a great place to enjoy nature!

One of the most popular spot is the amphitheatre where students mingle and relax during breaks. I especially love to watch the little fountains at its centre. Sometimes as I watched in silence, I’d swear I saw the dancing fountains winking at me!

Perseverance

Responsibility

Excellence

Dignity

Integrity