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HALL BOOK

2024 - 2025



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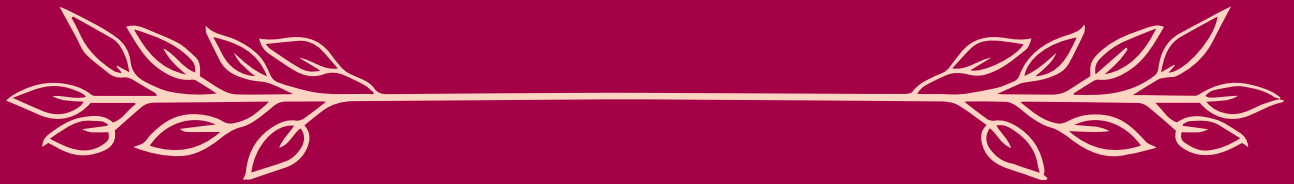
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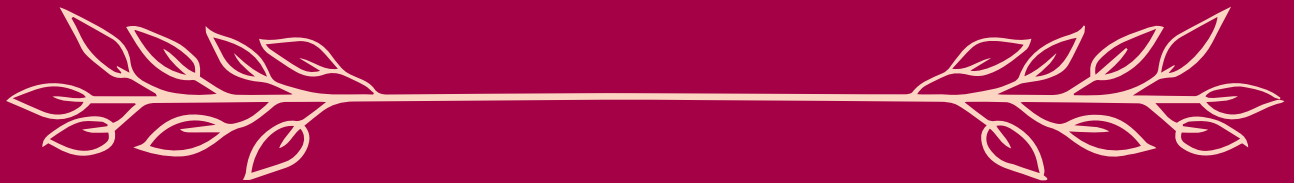
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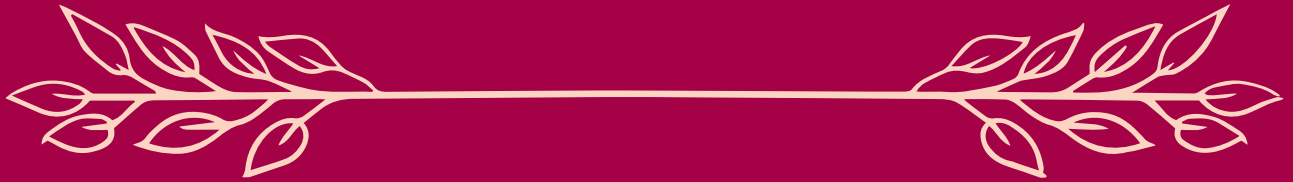
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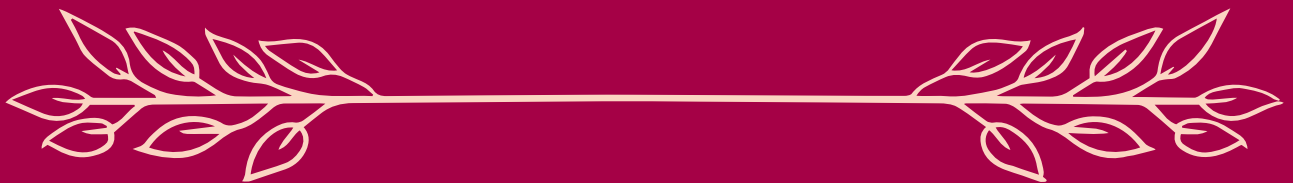
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Message From The Residence Master





This year has been truly extraordinary. Guided by our core values—the ABC Culture of Academic Excellence, Balanced Development, and Community Citizenship—our community has flourished in ways both profound and inspiring.

It is with immense pride and joy, marking not only the conclusion of another vibrant academic year but also the celebration of a significant milestone—the 20th Anniversary of the naming of Jockey Club Academy Hall (JCAC).

We celebrate a year of remarkable achievements. JCAC was crowned Champion in the Inter-Hall Table Tennis Competition, earning our first-ever gold medal in this event after the establishment of Inter-hall Contest Fun Day (ICFD)—a historic moment that will be cherished by all. Additionally, our female athletes made us proud by securing the Third Runner-Up position in the Inter-Hall Basketball Competition. These accomplishments reflect not only talent but also the spirit of perseverance and teamwork that defines our hall.



This year was also a year of meaningful firsts. With the establishment of the Ma On Shan Hostels in Whitehead, we hosted our first-ever Inter-Hall Fun Day in Ma On Shan, extending our community spirit beyond the JCAC campus. For the first time, we also welcomed postgraduate students into our residential family, enriching our diversity and academic exchange.

Another unique chapter in our hall's journey was written this

year as we operated without a formal Hall Residence Cabinet. Instead, we entrusted our students to lead through Large-Scale Activities (LSAs). Their leadership and creativity shone brightly in the successful organization of three major events: the High Table Dinner, Academian's Night, and the Poon Choi Feast in celebration of JCAC's Birthday. These events not only brought the community together but also demonstrated the strength of student initiative.



Beyond these highlights, we take pride in the 37 student-initiated activities organized in two long semesters that celebrated the richness of culture, sports, arts, and talents within our hall. From batik painting and airplane competition to fencing and Damar Kurung, these events reflected the diversity and dynamism of JCAC life.

Our heartfelt gratitude also goes to our dedicated Residence Tutors, who have played an instrumental role in fostering a welcoming and engaging hall environment.

Their efforts in organizing a variety of activities (e.g., Academians' Talks, cooking competition, and singing contest) have greatly contributed to the vibrancy of our community.

As we reflect on this momentous year, we look ahead with excitement and determination. Let us continue to strive for excellence, celebrate diversity, and build a stronger and more inclusive community together. May the spirit of JCAC continue to shine even brighter in the years to come.

**Prof Alvin LEUNG, JCAC Hall 4
Residence Master**

Message from the Student Representatives

Ayaulym Abaikhanova



I'm Ayaulym, a final-year student from Kazakhstan and JCAC's student representative. I am grateful to share a home with such welcoming and vibrant people, all from very diverse backgrounds. They have helped me through the challenges I faced, we shared moments of joy and encouragement. I have yet to see another community so engaged in building a both joyous and enriching experience for themselves and everyone else. Living in Hall 4 not only taught me valuable life lessons, it also fostered friendships that will last even outside the walls of the student residence.

I want to wish you, my fellow residents, an enjoyable time here, to make connections, and to create your own beautiful memories. I want to thank the Residence Master and Residence Tutors for the tremendous work behind making this journey possible.



Seline Hung

Hello! I am Seline, a third-year student from Indonesia and a student representative of Jockey Club Academy Hall. Hall 4 has been my home for the past two years, filled with joy and countless memories. Living here has truly been one of the highlights of my university life, allowing me to connect with residents from different backgrounds and create unforgettable memories.

I am grateful to our Resident Master, the Hall Management Team, and all my fellow residents for making my time here enjoyable and meaningful. I hope each of you has a wonderful time living in Hall 4 and makes the most of this unique experience.

Message from the Residence Tutors

Ng Chun Hei Andreas

Responsibility (RT): Event, RLA RT
Floor In-charge (RT): 1B/2

Before I start, I wish our beloved home, JCAC, a happy 20th naming anniversary!!

JCAC, to me, has truly been a home, and a place much more than a home through this 4-year ride in CityU. I can still recall how I looked, both mentally and physically, on the first day I moved to JCAC on 10th Sept. 2021: barely a university student and still very much a high school boy. 1313 days or 31,512 hours later, here I am preparing to graduate and saying farewell to this haven-like sanctuary after 4 years of residency and 2 years of tutorship. I just want to say what a mesmerizing and sweet journey it has been, where I know there in this world would not be anything even half alike to this trip where a boy has grown into a man through the thick and thin, thanks to all those who helped him to carry his cross, uphold his dignity, and forever standing firm behind that door sculpting "Jockey Club Academy Hall."

While these sentimental memories warm my heart, let's also celebrate the lighter, brighter moments we've enjoyed together this past year. The 2 LSAs, High Table Dinner and Poon Choi Banquet, have been undeniable great strides for us and indeed great highlights showcasing how we Academicians can make great things happen, too. The atmosphere was just bar none, and I am really honored to be leading and supervising the committee as the LSA Resident Tutor. Also, there were the mid-autumn and spring festival booths that were held at the start of the two semesters, respectively, presenting how talented we are to the whole CityU.

Last but not least, we cannot forget about the laughter and chants within the common room of each floor night in and night out. I cannot feel luckier to be leading the 2 lovely floors of mine, where I came across many new friends, who will both surely, remain long in my heart and this place, as certain as I will continue treasuring the bitter-sweet memories of our Mei King rendezvous after the Dai Pai Dong or board game deck, the hall hot pot, the overnight haul for assignment, the midnight deep talk that cohere with one another, etc.

To end with, I wish JCAC to go forward, not flinch nor fear, and every Academicians to be ever with heart sincere, and render with joy to your mater her due.



YERSAIYN Akgul

Responsibility (RT): Finance
Floor In-charge (RT): 3th Floor

Living in Hall 4 has been more than just a residential experience—it's been a chapter of growth, connection, and shared responsibility. As a Finance Resident Tutor, my role revolved not only around managing claims and budgets but also working closely with residents and with other HMT members.

What makes Hall 4 special, though, is its people, culture and HMT's support for residents. Already by

Message from the Residence Tutors



Adam Sutherland GEAR

Responsibility (RT): Finance & Discipline

Floor In-charge (RT): 4th Floor

Serving as a Resident Tutor (RT) at Jockey Club Academy Hall (JCAC) has been an incredibly rewarding experience. One of the highlights of the year was the High Table Dinner in the first semester—an elegant and memorable event that brought residents together to celebrate our hall's community spirit. Seeing everyone dressed formally, engaging in meaningful conversations, and enjoying the evening was truly special.

As the Finance RT, one of my greatest joys was interacting with residents who organized various hall events. Their dedication and creativity never ceased to amaze me. Whether it was cultural nights, sports competitions, or academic workshops, their efforts fostered a productive and joyful environment for all. It was inspiring to witness their passion and teamwork.

Another proud moment was celebrating JCAC's 20th naming anniversary. Reflecting on the hall's legacy while witnessing its vibrant present filled me with pride. The sense of belonging and tradition was palpable.

As this academic year comes to an end, I sincerely wish JCAC many more great years ahead. May it continue to be a home where residents grow, connect, and create lifelong memories. Thank you for this unforgettable journey!



ISLAM Ishmamul Ishmam

Responsibility (RT): ICFD & RLA

Floor In-charge (RT): 5/F

Hi CORNWALL LIONS!! As I reflect on my two years as a Residence Tutor, I am filled with gratitude for the remarkable experiences we've shared. It has been an honor to contribute to our hall life, and I am proud to have served as both an ICFD and RLA RT this year.

While managing ICFD activities, I was continually inspired by the dedication and enthusiasm of my fellow hallmates. Your commitment has created lasting memories that I will cherish. One of my proudest moments during my four years in the hall was winning the ICFD table tennis championship, a testament to the camaraderie and competitive spirit we fostered together.

As an RLA RT, I was amazed by the spontaneous and creative proposals that many of you shared with me. Collaborating with residents from diverse backgrounds enriched our activities, allowing everyone to enjoy a variety of experiences throughout the year. Your contributions made our hall a vibrant and engaging place to live.

I also want to take a moment to apologize if I ever hurt anyone during my time here. Please know that it was never my intention. As I move forward, I hope you will pray for my success, just as I wish all of you the best in your future endeavors.

I truly hope the friendships we've built will last long beyond our time in the hall. Thank you once again for making my journey at the Jockey Club Academy Hall so memorable.

Message from the Residence Tutors



VIARY Adrianus Hans

Responsibility (RT): Returning, Facilities RT

Floor In-charge (RT): 6&7

As my time as a Resident Tutor at Jockey Club Academic Hall draws to an end, I can't help but feel a wave of gratitude for the past two years. Being part of the hall management team has been an incredible experience.

Looking back on my four years in JCAC, it's amazing how much has changed! From navigating the challenges of the COVID-19 period as a freshman, to welcoming a new Hall Master, a new PS5 room, and the more recent HRC restructuring, it's been a period of constant evolution. It's hard to believe it's all flown by so quickly.

From my early days as a resident to my role as a Resident Tutor, the best part of living in JCAC has always been the people. Meeting new faces and hearing their stories – stories shaped by different backgrounds and experiences – has been truly enriching. I'm so thankful to have become a part of the JCAC family. It's an experience I will always cherish, and I'll carry the memories and connections made here with me long after I leave.



TSUI Sze Ching Irena

Responsibility (RT): Discipline

Floor In-charge (RT): 8/F

This year marked my first experience as a Resident Tutor, and it has been an incredible journey. I had the great opportunity to organize events for Hall 4 residents, such as the JCAC Singing Contest. I was so proud to witness the amazing talent and confidence of all the solo and group performers. It was especially rewarding to see one of our group performers make it to the final round of the Inter-Hall Singing Competition.

As a Resident Tutor, I was responsible for assisting the Hall Master in managing the hall. This role has allowed me to build deeper connections with Hall 4 and its residents and provided me with many meaningful moments within the hall.

Hall 4 is truly a special place, with a supportive hall management team, enthusiastic residents, and a variety of SIA events that foster a strong sense of community. I am grateful to be a part of this vibrant hall and hope that every resident creates unforgettable memories and lasting friendships during their time here.

Message from the Residence Tutors



HARNE Aastha Mukund

Responsibility (RT): Advocacy

Floor In-charge (RT): 9/F

Serving as the Residence Tutor for the 9th floor of Hall 4 over the past year has been a truly rewarding experience. Leading a diverse and vibrant community of residents, especially on our girls' floor, I've had the privilege of fostering a warm, supportive, and inclusive living environment. From casual pizza nights and spontaneous cooking sessions to meaningful late-night conversations, every shared moment helped build a sense of belonging and friendship.

In addition to my role on the floor, I was honored to lead the JCAC Publicity Team as the Advocacy RT. Managing our social media presence and promoting hall events allowed me to work creatively with a passionate team. One of the highlights of my year was organizing the Academians' Talk in collaboration with the Residence Master, which brought together students and faculty for an enriching exchange of ideas. These experiences have not only strengthened my leadership and communication skills, but also deepened my appreciation for the unique spirit of Hall 4. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to contribute to our hall community and to witness the incredible energy and camaraderie that make Hall 4 a second home.



Aruna MURATKYZY

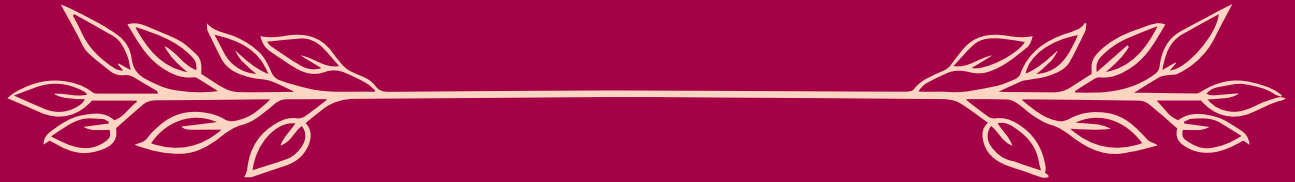
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Floor In-charge (RT): 10&11

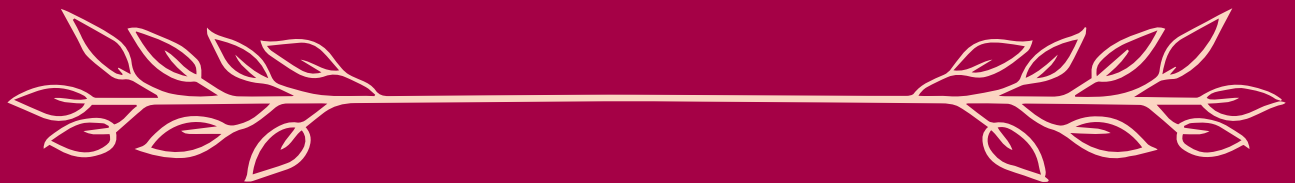
This academic year as a Resident Tutor at Jockey Club Academy Hall has been full of meaningful connections and shared growth. Beyond the formal duties, what I'll remember most are the lively gatherings where residents swapped stories, debated the best campus food spots, and sometimes even vented about midterm stress. What started as structured check-ins often turned into unexpected bonding sessions, reminding me how much community is built in the small, ordinary moments.

As an RT, I loved seeing residents support each other—whether through late-night study groups, cheering at inter-hall competitions, or just sharing snacks after a long day. One of my proudest moments was watching quieter residents gradually open up, finding their voices and friendships within our floor.

As the year closes, I'm grateful for the laughter, the growth, and the privilege of being part of JCAC's story. Here's to many more floor meetings, inside jokes, and memories ahead!



Semester A



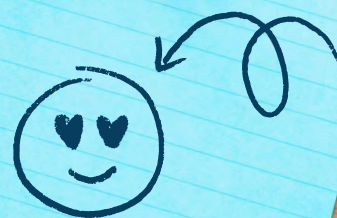
HALL INDUCTION

Academicians Reunited

On the evening of September 11, 2024, Multifunction Hall C buzzed with energy as Academicians gathered for the inaugural academic year event, the 'Hall Induction.' This special occasion provided new members with a comprehensive introduction to Hall 4, ensuring they felt at home in their new environment. The event also served as a platform for the community to unite and welcome the fresh faces joining our hall.



Warm Greetings from our RT and RM



The evening began with a game led by our Resident Master, where official hall merchandises were distributed as gifts, adding a sense of belonging among the Academicians. Next, a review of the hall's achievements and past events from the previous academic year was shared, showcasing the collaborative spirit and creativity of the Academicians.



WELCOME TO HALL 4

Transitioning to the information session, our Resident Tutors took the stage, covering essential topics, such as hall rules, the SIA (Student Initiated Activities), and our hall's signature events, the High Table Dinner and Poon Choi, a traditional feast. These introductions ignited enthusiasm among the Academicians, encouraging their active participation in future activities. Ending the session, a detailed explanation of the return process was held to ensure that the Academicians were equipped with the necessary knowledge to embrace the community life within Hall 4.

PRIORITIZE

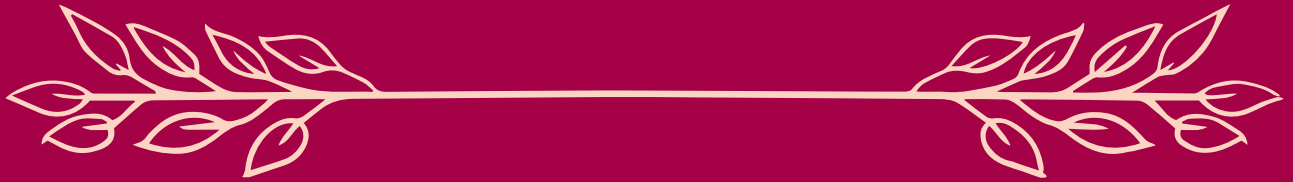


Ending the night with
delicious treats!

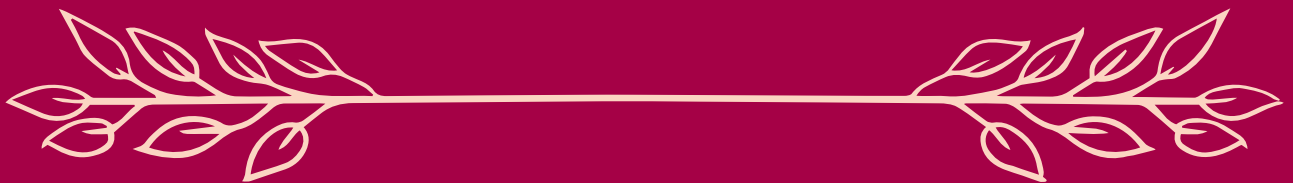


Hall Induction would not be complete without adding delicious food and refreshing drinks while mingling and forging meaningful connections. Academicians were also seen seizing the opportunity to connect with their Resident Tutors and Resident Master. This gathering marked just the beginning, signaling the start of many more memorable and exciting events ahead.





INTERHALL CONTEST FUN DAYS



TUG-OF-WAR



ON 3 OCTOBER 2024, THE INTER-HALL EVENT—TUG-OF-WAR HAD BEGUN. AS ONE OF THE MOST REMARKABLE INTER-HALL EVENT IN SEMESTER A, OUR TEAM HAD UNDERGONE DOZENS OF TRAININGS, PULL OUT ALL THE STOPS IN PREPARING THIS DAY.

MEN(10X10)

FOR OUR MALE TEAM, AGAINST HALL 10, STARTING FROM THE BEGINNING, THEY HAS SHOWN THEIR COHERENCE AND TEAM SPIRIT BY SHARING THE SAME CATCHWORDS, PULLING AT THE SAME SPEED. THEY HAS CREATED A CLOSE-KNIT GROUP IN WHICH THEY WORKED TOGETHER HARMONIOUSLY TOWARDS THE COMMON GOAL. OUR MALE TEAM HAS UNDERGONE A TOUGH FIGHT AND UNFORTUNATELY THEY HAD BEATEN OUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, WHILE THEY HAD WELLY PERFORM UNITY AND RESILIENCE DURING THE MATCH. IN FACT, IT IS SURE THAT OUR HALLMATES ARE MOTIVATED WITH THEIR PERSEVERANCE AND DEDICATION.





WOMEN (10X10)

OUR WOMEN TEAM HAS ENTERED THE QUARTERFINAL, COMPETING WITH HALL 12/13. AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MATCH, THE TEAM HAS APPLIED STRATEGY AND TECHNIQUES, STRIVING TO WIN THE GAME. DURING THE WHOLE COMPETITION, THEY HAS SHOWN THEIR BONDING IN FOLLOWING THE PACE OF ONE AND ANOTHER. DESPITE THEY HAD BOW OUT TO HALL 12/13, TEAM SPIRIT HAS REFLECTED WITHIN THEIR PERFORMANCE. EACH OF THE MEMBER HAS COMMITTED TO THE TEAM, IF NOT DEMONSTRATING DEVOTION TO THE TEAM. BOTH OF THEM HAS SPARE NO EFFORT IN ACHIEVING GREATNESS TOGETHER.

TUG-OF-WAR IS NOT ONLY ABOUT PHYSICAL STRENGTH, BUT ALSO A SHOWCASE OF TEAM SPIRIT, STRATEGY AND UNITY. IT IS WITHOUT SAYING THAT OUR HALL TEAM HAD COMPLETED THE GAME WITH COMMUNITY SPIRIT. A ROUNDED APPLAUSE SHOULD BE GIVEN TO ALL OUR OUR ATHLETES, CREDITING TO THEIR DECENT PERFORMANCE. LAST, BUT NOT LEAST, WE SHOULD ALSO THANK TO OUR CHEER TEAM, CRYING AND CHEERING FOR OUR HALL TEAM, WHICH PROVIDE AN ENGAGING AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR ATHLETES. REGARDLESS THE RESULT, TUG-OF-WAR HAD FOSTER THE SENSE OF UNITY AND CAMARADERIE BETWEEN JCAC HALL. THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR GREAT SUPPORT, SEE YOU AT THE NEXT GAME!





INTERHALL COMPETITION FUN DAY - TABLE TENNIS

The highly-anticipated Table Tennis Interhall Contest has finally arrived! The second ICFD for this semester is table tennis, which was held on the 19th and 23rd of November, 2024. The first round was held in Kowloon Tong on 19th November, and our Cornwall Lions won the second round, which was held in the Ma On Shan student residence on the 23rd of November. These competitions had various categories, including singles and doubles matches for both males

HALL 4 REPRESENTATIVES

For this year, our hall has brought compatible players as the hall representative. In total, we have 16 players, 8 males and 8 females. Those players are Ken, Timur, Maple, Will, Bryan, and Stan for the males and Hayley, Erin, Alice, Annie, Michelle, and Jessica as the female representative. We also have our supportive cheering team, who cheered throughout the competitions.

19TH NOVEMBER 2024 - FIRST & SECOND ROUND

For the first-round match, we played against the hall 6. The game was pretty intense as we lost during the first game, which was the male single. Points are catching up with each other where 3 sets were played. Next, we move on to the second match of the first round, the female single. For the first two matches, we lost against Hall 6. Moving on to the third game, which was the male double, The game was pretty intense as this was the chance for us to pursue the next round due to the game system where we had to win 3 out of 5 games. With the confidence and strength of our hall representative, we managed to snatch a 3-win streak for the last 3 games: all the double games. These were played by Timur-Maple, Hayley-Alice, and Alex-Erin. The second round was much less relaxed than the first one, where we snatch a 3-win streak from all the 3 first matches. Wrapping up the 19th November match, we managed to proceed to the next stage on 23rd November in Ma On Shan Student Residence.

23RD NOVEMBER 2024 - SEMIFINAL AND FINALS ROUND

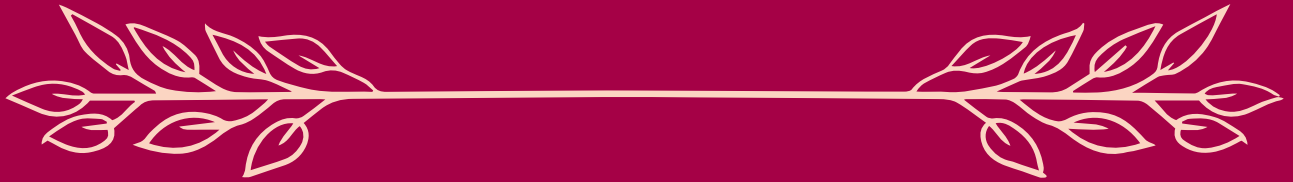
As we continued to the next stage, we proceeded immediately to the semifinal stage, competing with hall 1; the competition was pretty intense, and we managed to play all the sections of the matches from single males to double mix. We managed to win the 3 matches out of 5. All the supporters were delighted as we managed to play in the final matches.

Coming to the final match, our compatible player managed to play the intense matches where we got to win the single males first, which hyped up the tension of our final matches competing with hall 5. We lost in the double male. However, we managed to win the intense match of double females. The points were trying to catch up all the time. Then, we managed to win the champion position.

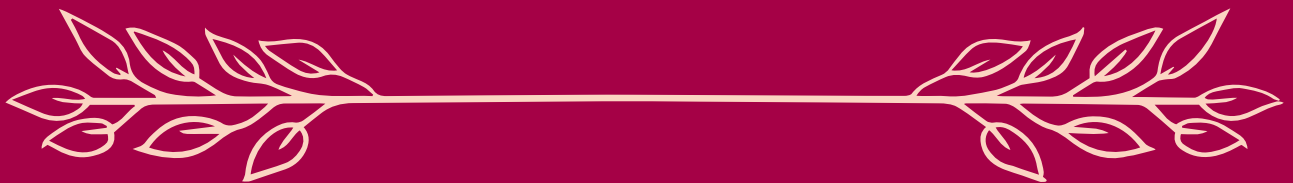
WRAPPING UP

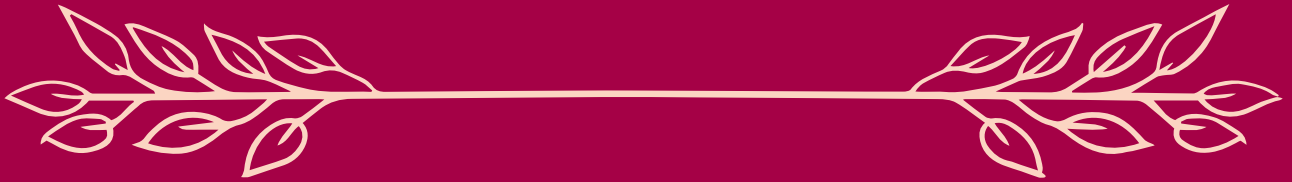
The highly anticipated table tennis was successfully held on the 19th and 23rd of November, 2024. With the strong participation of our valuable players from the Hall 4 Cornwall Lions and the support from the Hall 4 residences, we managed to snatch the championship place.



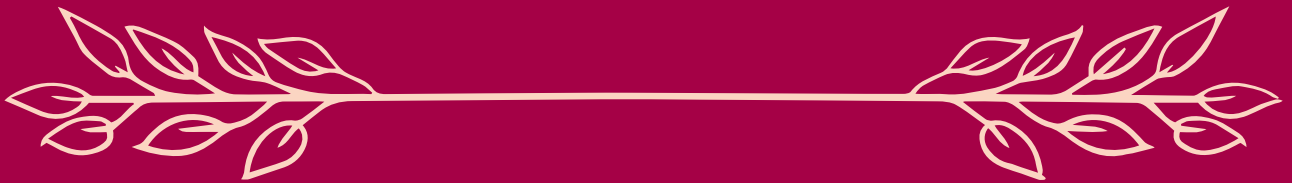


STUDENT INITIATED ACTIVITIES





CULTURAL



BATIK DAY

Celebrating the Beauty and Significance of Indonesian Textile Art

With a warm welcome from the student organizers, Krista and Calysta, and a crowd of over 15 participants, the event celebrates Indonesian culture of Batik Day. Attendees were excited to learn about this UNESCO-recognized cultural heritage from Indonesia.



Introducing Batik

Through an engaging ten-minute presentation, Krista and Calysta explained the art of creating batik fabrics and clothing. They described the traditional wax application method, dyeing process, and the skilled craftsmanship in each step. The visual aids displayed on the slides and the clothes brought by them to vividly illustrate the art form, leaving a lasting impression on the attendees.



Joyful experience of drawing batik pattern

After seeing different batik patterns, participants engaged in drawing batik patterns on paper using colored pencils. This creative activity allowed everyone to explore the intricate designs and vibrant colors characteristic of batik art. As we immersed ourselves in the artistic process, we also enjoyed refreshing fruit drinks from Indonesia, adding a tropical touch to our experience.



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Additionally, this event was enriched by the diverse backgrounds of our participants, who came from Malaysia, Mainland China, Hong Kong, India, Korea, and other regions. This diversity sparked fascinating conversations about different languages and cultures, fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation of our unique heritages. Together, we shared and embraced cultural diversity while admiring and exploring various batik patterns. It was a day of learning, laughter, and a shared love for the beautiful art of batik.



Appreciating batik

At the end of the lively cultural event, the hall's security guard selected the most exquisite batik patterns. The vibrant and diverse artistic abilities of Hall 4 residents were on display, creating a friendly and encouraging atmosphere. The winner received an authentic Indonesian snack, promoting cultural exploration and appreciation.



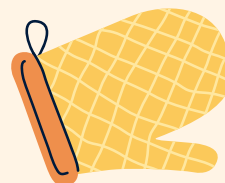
This event, organized by Krista and Calysta, involved students in celebrating and preserving this UNESCO-recognized cultural heritage and fostered a sense of community and cultural appreciation among attendees.

MAKE YOUR OWN BAKSO

INDONESIAN WAY OF MEATBALLS



On 13th November, 2 Academians from Indonesia, Jessica and Fransiska, have introduced their home country's traditional food to other hall 4 residents. Participants got a chance to encounter this delightful dish and experience a different culture.



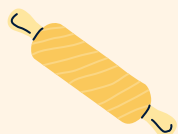
INTRODUCING BAKSO

In the beginning of the workshop, Jessica and Fransiska briefly introduced Bakso to everyone. Most of the participants, who have yet to see this Indonesian dish, are thrilled to have such an opportunity to glimpse and try this exotic cuisine. Bakso, also known as Baso, is an Indonesian meatball or a meat paste made from beef. Its texture is similar to that of the Chinese beef ball or fish ball. In Indonesia, this dish can easily be found in local restaurants and is quite common amongst the locals. Other than meat balls, there are plenty of types of Bakso in Indonesia, such as Bakso Beranak, Bakso Bakar and Bakso Aci etc.



MAKE YOUR OWN BAKSO

With the ingredients that Jessica and Fransiska brought, participants can tailor-make their own Bakso, which is not limited to the original shape of meatball. After making the meatballs, participants can put them inside the boiling soup. During the cooking process, the scent of simmering broth and spices wafted through the air, teasing everyone's taste buds, making all of us excited to have a taste of the final product.



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Mongolian Milk Tea Station Brings Warmth and Culture to JCAC Residents

Today, the ground floor of the JCAC was abuzz with excitement as a special Mongolian milk tea station was set up to provide an exam energizer for the residents. The initiative, led by a group of enthusiastic girls, aimed to offer a taste of Mongolian hospitality and culture to the community.



Residents passing by were treated to homemade Mongolian-style milk tea, a unique blend of tea, milk, and salt that is both comforting and invigorating. Alongside the milk tea, the girls also served fried rice, adding a savory touch to the delightful experience.



In addition to the delicious treats, the station featured an array of Mongolian keychains and ornaments. These cultural artifacts provided residents with an opportunity to learn more about Mongolian traditions and craftsmanship.

Writer: Mary Photographer: - Editor: Xavier, Jess Designer: Pan



The event was a resounding success, bringing warmth and a sense of community to the JCAC residents during the stressful exam period. It was a wonderful way to share and celebrate Mongolian culture, leaving everyone with a smile and a newfound appreciation for this rich heritage.



May the comforting taste of Mongolian milk tea and the spirit of community support energize and inspire you to excel in your studies. Remember, you have the strength and resilience to overcome any challenge. We wish all the residents the best of luck with their exam revision and the upcoming exam period. Good luck to everyone!



A NIGHT OF CULTURE, CONNECTION, AND CRAFT AT THE

KIPAS BALI WORKSHOP

— 21ST NOVEMBER 2024 —

On the evening of Thursday, November 21st, 2024, the common room was buzzing with energy and filled with the sounds of laughter and smiling faces as Academicians got ready to unleash their creativity at the Kipas Bali (Bali Fan) Workshop. Organized by our fantastic Academicians, Jessica and Fransiska, who were dressed in traditional Indonesian attire. The table was adorned with art supplies, reminiscent of everyone's school art classes.

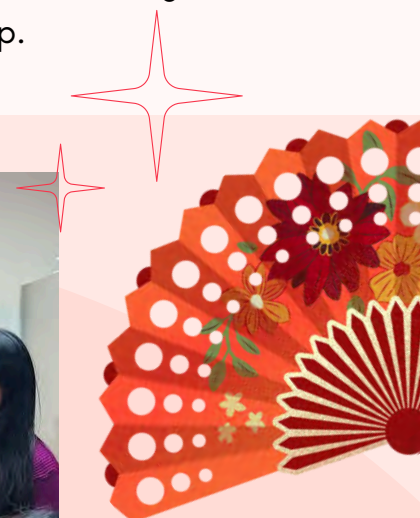


At the same time, the TV screen displayed a vibrant backdrop, setting the scene for a night immersed in Indonesian culture. Moreover, the workshop comes at a great moment when everyone is swamped with revisions, group projects, and assignments.

The workshop started with an enlightening introduction to Indonesian culture, focusing on the significance of Kipas Bali in traditional Indonesian dances and events. This introduction broadened the participants' perspectives and enriched their understanding of the world. The highlight of the evening was the Kipas Bali crafting session. Participants were given materials such as paper, colored pencils, glue, and scissors to unleash their creativity. They decorated the fans with adorable cartoon characters, intricate patterns, and charming drawings while engaging in casual conversations and sharing life updates with one another, creating an inclusive and positive environment. Above all, participants were able to keep their unique Kipas Bali as a souvenir and a lasting memory of the event.



The workshop is a much-needed respite during these stressful times, offering a break before the final exam season ramps up. A special thank you goes out to the two organizers who dedicated their efforts to hosting this engaging and enjoyable workshop.



Designer : Marisa
Writer : Pai
Photographer : Miki

EXPLORING MALAYSIAN CULTURE THROUGH 'BATU SEREMBALL'

On 2nd December 2024, the common room on the ground floor was alive with the sound of laughter and chatter as Academians came together to delve into the colourful tapestry of Malaysian culture through a traditional game called "Batu Seremball" or '5 Stones', thoughtfully brought by our 2 wonderful Malaysian Academians. The room is abuzz with the joy of learning and sharing as everyone immerses themselves in this cultural exchange, connecting over shared experiences and newfound knowledge.

The event began with a lively presentation about Batu Seremball, a classic Malaysian game featuring 5 small triangular cloth bags filled with sand, rice, or beans. While our hosts explained this game, participants from various countries also shared stories of similar games from their own cultures. They talked about how in their traditions, they use different objects to represent the 'Stones' such as rubber or metal balls, creating a cosy atmosphere of cultural exchange. Following the introductions, it was time for the event's highlight: creating the cloth bags.

This activity required everyone to showcase their sewing skills with precision and care, urging them to concentrate and remain patient. The first step involved folding the cloth and sewing both sides before filling the bag with dried beans and sealing it shut with stitches. While this process may have seemed straightforward, it posed a challenge for some participants who had never tried sewing before. The task enhanced their craftsmanship and offered a refreshing break from the intensity of studying for the upcoming final exams. As the night concluded, participants enjoyed a delightful treat of Milo snacks originating from Malaysia, adding a touch of sweetness to their stressful day.



The gathering was more than just a platform for cultural learning and exchange; it served as a special occasion for Academians to come together, share their hectic schedules, engage in meaningful conversations, and offer each other support.

Designer : Dreisty
Writer : Pai
Editor : Avery & Xavier
Photographer: Anna

A FESTIVE EVENING OF CHINESE LANTERN DIY



On the evening of January 15th, 2024, the common room was filled with creativity as it eagerly embraced all our residents for a special gathering. Our talented community members, Linda and Sophia, assembled the 'Chinese Lantern DIY' event, overflowing with enthusiasm from participants. This event was not just about crafting lanterns but also an opportunity to embrace the upcoming Chinese New Year celebrations. To ensure all Academicians could appreciate the forthcoming festivities, the organizers explained various customs associated with the holiday. They explained the Red Envelopes, Lion and Dragon Dances, and Firecrackers. Additionally, they shared intriguing insights about Chinese Lanterns, highlighting their symbolism of good luck, happiness, and prosperity. This informative session ignited Academicians' excitement to make their Chinese Lanterns.



During the DIY session, Academicians were presented with Chinese lantern shapes. The 'Fan-shaped Lantern' symbolized warmth, celebration, and elegance. The 'Flower-shaped Lantern' symbolizes hope, success, and happiness. Moreover, the 'Moon-shaped Lantern' symbolized themes of reunion and hope. Each Academician enjoyed constructing their lantern from scratch, gluing the pieces together to illuminate their creations. Every step of the process reflected determination and excitement for the anticipated Chinese New Year.

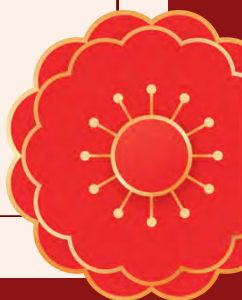


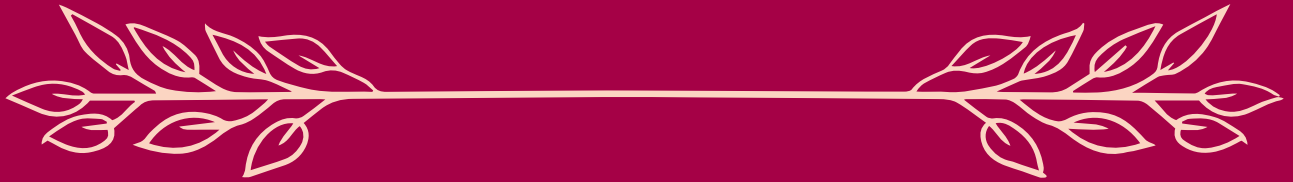
Not only does this event instill the holiday spirit among Academicians, but it also gives them a sense of self-pride. By creating traditional Chinese Lanterns during the event, they could craft pieces of art that could be used to decorate the doors of their rooms, symbolically welcoming another year filled with abundant opportunities, happiness, and success.



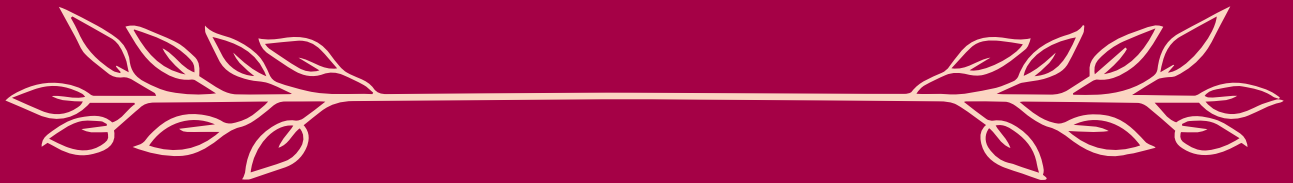
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GAMES



FUN MENTAL MATH GAME

Driving Minds Through Numbers

On 25th October 2024, Ken and Pan hosted a math competition that would entertain and stimulate critical thinking and problem-solving skills among its participants called the 'Fun Mental Math Game'. The common room buzzed with anticipation as Academians gathered, eager to engage with challenges and become the winners of the Hall's first-ever math competition.

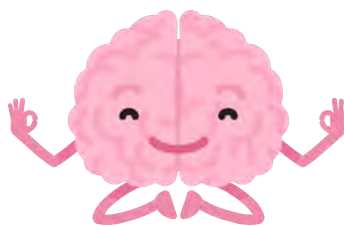


Introducing the game

Beverages and snacks were spread out on the table to create a welcoming ambiance for the participants to unwind and connect. This encouraged everyone to mingle, enjoy refreshments, and engage in friendly conversations with one another. The event started with the organizers explaining how the game worked. It was easy - you received four random numbers and had to use all of them in math operations to reach the target number 24. Even though the instructions seemed simple initially, figuring out the best way to use the numbers and get the right answer was like a fun brain workout.

Time for the challenge

Before the official competition began, participants were provided with 8 warm-up questions. These were a practice round to help everyone get comfortable with the game's tricks and techniques. It was also a way to warm up their brains and prepare them for the actual competition ahead. Even during the practice round, everyone could sense each participant's focus and determination, creating a competitive atmosphere. Eventually, it was time for the actual competition, featuring a total of 10 questions, with 2 special questions carrying extra points. These questions were special because they had a different target number than the usual 24. Each question also had a time limit of 90 seconds for participants to showcase their quick thinking and problem-solving skills under pressure. As the challenge went on, tie-breakers were also needed to decide the winner of the sessions.



Ending the day

The organizers were delighted to see participants eagerly engaging in critical thinking during the competition. Each answer the contestants provided impressed and surprised the organizers with their unexpected and innovative solutions. Lastly, Ken, the organizer, said "We hope you will get a good night's sleep after exercising your minds today!" as the ending remark for the event.



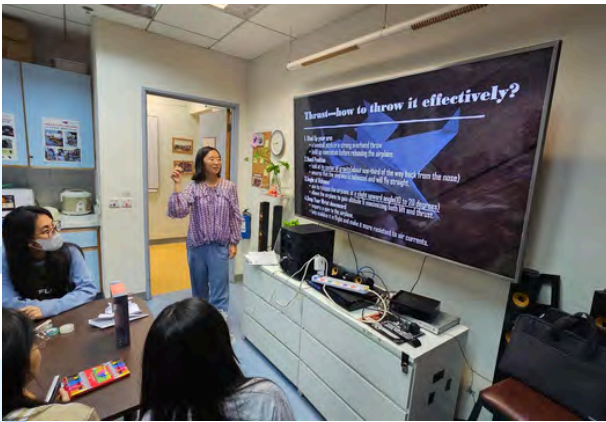


FIRST PAPER AIRPLANE COMPETITION AT JCAC:

SOARING NEW HEIGHTS

On November 15th, the JCAC community witnessed an exhilarating event that gave an experience of fun, learning, and a touch of friendly competition. The event attracted our talented residents who are eager to showcase their creativity and understanding of aerodynamics.

The event kicked off with an informative session led by our organizers, who explained the fascinating science behind how airplanes work. They delved into the principles of aerodynamics, highlighting how different features such as wing shape, weight distribution, material choice, and thrust can significantly affect the distance a paper airplane can fly. This educational segment not only set the stage for the competition but also provided valuable insights for the participants to apply in their designs.



Participants then had the opportunity to put their newfound knowledge to the test. Armed with sheets of paper and a wealth of creativity, they crafted their airplanes, each hoping to achieve the longest flight distance. The atmosphere was charged with excitement as each contestant took their turn, launching their creations into the air and watching them soar.



Despite the rainy weather outside, the common room on the ground floor was filled with laughter and joy as participants tested out different designs. The room buzzed with energy as everyone shared tips, celebrated successful flights, and learned from each other's attempts. It was a heartwarming sight to see the community come together, united by a shared passion for flight and innovation.

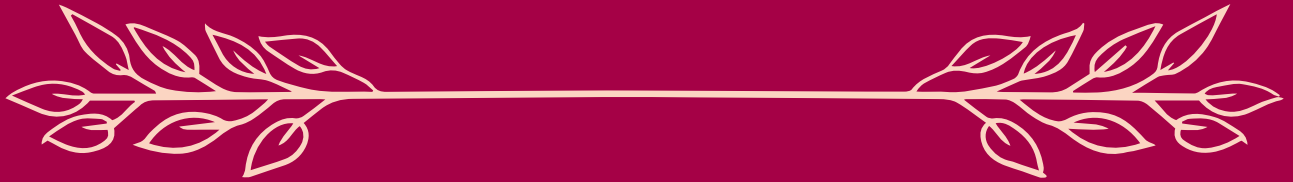


The competition focused solely on achieving the longest flight distance. The participant whose airplane flew the farthest was awarded a drone as the grand prize. Cheers erupted from the crowd as the winner was announced, celebrating the impressive achievement. Each session concluded with one winner, ensuring that the excitement and anticipation remained high throughout the event.

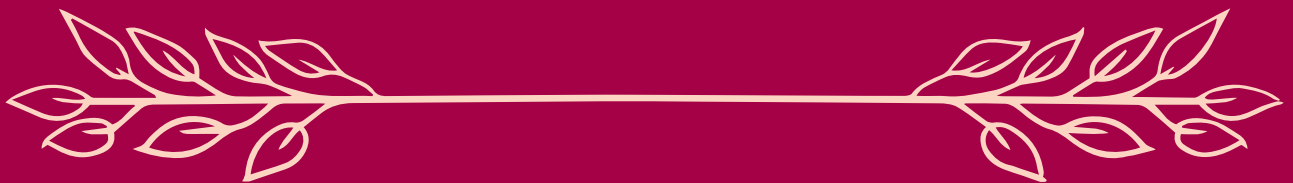
One of the highlights of the event was the diversity of designs. From sleek, streamlined planes to intricate, artistic creations, the variety was a testament to the participants' ingenuity and enthusiasm. The event not only fostered a sense of community but also encouraged a deeper appreciation for the principles of flight.



In the end, the First-ever Paper Airplane Competition at JCAC was a resounding success. It brought together students, faculty, and community members in a celebration of creativity, learning, and friendly competition.



SEM A'S SPECIAL EVENTS



The Joy of Mid-Autumn Festival celebrations

Welcome, Treats, and Ambiance

On September 12th, our student residence was joyful and excited as students from Kowloon Tong and Ma On Shan compounds gathered to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival. Upon entering the festival's main gate, attendees were greeted with a free mooncake, symbolizing the essence of the Mid-Autumn Festival. The area was also decorated with hanging lanterns, which fostered the festival atmosphere.

JCAC Booth

Upon entering the main gate, each of the eleven halls had its unique booth, offering a variety of games and activities with exciting prizes. Our hall, hall 4 booth, in particular, was decorated nicely. Our booth stood out with its riddle-solving games. Participants who successfully answered the riddles will be awarded delicious small mooncakes, adding an element of fun and challenge to the games.

Performances

Throughout the middle of the event, performances were presented to the audience. There was a traditional dance, modern dance, and singing performance, and last but not least was the impressive dragon dance, which brought the cultural heritage of the festival to the dormitory atmosphere. These performances successfully brought a sense of unity and traditions related to the Mid-Autumn Festival.

The event was finally successful and ended at 8 p.m. when all the participants seemed to enjoy the event with a bucket of snacks and prizes to bring back to their homes!



Happy Mid-Autumn Festival, everyone!
Cheers from the JCAC Hall!

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Writer : Krista
Photographer : XinXin

ACADEMIANS' TALK INSIGHTS BY PRECURSORS



On the evening of October 28th, 2024, Multifunction Hall A lightened up as eager audiences gathered to acquire fresh knowledge while speakers stood enthusiastically, ready to share their passion with the audience. Apart from that, delicious treats were also provided for participants to lift up their moods and refresh their minds after a long day.



Inspiring story to find life's quests



The session started with the sharing by Calysta Angesti Pratana with the topic "Unlocking Life's Side Quests: Discover Unexpected Achievements". The talks centred around the combination of the power of embracing opportunities that lead to unlocking life's hidden missions and the recent innovation in the renewable energy sector.

In the case of Calysta, she shared her insights about finding her passion for research and development, finding compassion in discovering alternative ways to achieve sustainable renewable energy. The talk ended with an informative Q&A session with an interesting question the audience raised regarding Calysta's opinions on big technology companies using nuclear power to build facilities. This sharing not only inspired everyone to challenge themselves continuously and step out of their comfort zone, but also shed light on the significant increase in carbon dioxide emissions.

Groundbreaking technology



The next talk is by Liu Yingge (Linda) on the theme of "CCUS: Unlocking the Green Innovation Road in the Era of Carbon Neutrality", revolving around the new innovation - CCUS, which could be the potential solution to climate change. This technology was eye-opening for many participants since its main functionality includes absorbing, trapping, and collecting carbon dioxide, hence preventing it from emitting into the atmosphere.

However, Linda also pointed out the constraints of this technology, stating that development is still needed to achieve higher efficiency and lower costs. All in all, Linda's sharing was highly informative and allowed the audience to immerse themselves in the sustainable energy world, gaining valuable insights into today's recent innovations.

Exploring the world of data



Finally, Gizatulin Timur captivated the audience by unfolding the fundamentals of data structures and graphs under the theme "Graphs are everywhere!". He explored the nodes and edges within data networks, offering practical examples that participants could relate to in their daily experiences.

To enhance comprehension, he brought Rubik's cubes to visually depict data networks, a method that deepened the audience's grasp of the subject. Overall, this presentation undoubtedly made a lasting impression on the audience, prompting them to explore the unique presence of graphs in their daily lives.

Ultimately, the event served as a platform for not just learning but for building a community bonded by shared experiences and passion.

HALLOWEEN DOOR

DECORATION COMPETITION

In late October, one of the remarkable festivals is Halloween.

Looking through the doors of our hall, dark and spooky Halloween decorations are attached. Our residents eagerly celebrate Halloween by participating in the Halloween Door Decoration Competition. Residents unleash their aesthetics and creativity within the theme of Halloween.



Resident Explore their Creativity and Innovation

Residents are given 1 week time to decorate their door with unlimited methods and materials with the theme of Halloween.

Academicians have shown their enthusiasm, creating lots of unexpected and endless meaningful design. Their creativity has made the whole hall get into the spirit of Halloween.

Fascinating Design Contributed by Winning Residents

Our residents, Tan Yu Xuan and Tan Zi Ching have won the competition with a spooky design. In their design, there are full of bats and spiders as one of the main characteristics. One of most eye-catching elements would be the ghosts made by white fabric hanging on their door. What's more, matching the wicked Halloween creature, warning stickers are attached on the door to enhance the horrible feature of the whole decoration.

**Writer: Bernice
Photographer: Miki
Editor: Jess, Avery
Designer: Kimberly**

For the design of the second place are credited to Jessica KRISTY and Fransiska Tabita LARASATI who have contributed an unique design with a witch theme, using a purple base and adding elements, such as witch hats and witch pot. Making the witches more realistic, for the dress of the witch, they have applied a tassel design, which has made the whole decoration more attractive and inspiring.

Yosepha Krista and Calysta Angesti Pratana won the third place of the competition. Placing some silhouettes on the door, with the pattern of pumpkins, bats, spiders and ghosts. By looking at their design, it can be closely linked to Halloween, which has a festive and spooky theme. On top of their ghostly design, it has also captured the joyful and lively part of celebrating Halloween with friends.

Last but not least, we thank all the support from participants and voters to the events. A round of applause should also be given to the organizer for creating such an event that can not only get as much as residents involved in such a remarkable and cheerful festival, but also provide a platform for academiians to showcase their ingenuity. Happy Halloween and wish you all to enjoy this meaningful celebration!



HALLOWEEN FUN AT JCAC HALL:

A NIGHT OF SPOOKY WOLF AND CHOCOLATE

On 30 October, the MFH-C was buzzing with excitement as residents from JCAC gathered for a special event: a game of Werewolf. This social deduction game, known for its thrilling mix of strategy and deception, was the perfect choice for a spooky evening.

The event kicked off with a warm welcome from the organizers, who had thoughtfully prepared chocolates as a sweet treat for everyone. As the game began, the hall was filled with laughter and discussions. Students took on various roles such as witches, hunters, shadows, and of course, werewolves. Each role brought its own unique challenges and strategies, making the game both engaging and unpredictable.

One of the highlights of the evening was the way the game brought everyone together. After the stress of mid-terms, it was a wonderful opportunity for residents to relax, bond, and enjoy each other's company. The atmosphere was lively, with players eagerly debating and trying to outwit each other. The event was a resounding success, leaving everyone with fond memories and a stronger sense of community.

In the end, it wasn't just about who won or lost the game - despite that our werewolves won at the end leaving villagers confused and everyone laughing - but about the connections made and the joy shared. The Werewolf game at JCAC Hall was a night to remember, and a testament to the power of games in bringing people together.

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WRITER : MARY
PHOTOGRAPHER : FRANSISKA





Dress to Impress



JCAC Annual

HIGH TABLE DINNER

As the night fell on November 8th, 2024, JCAC residents came to the CityU Lodge Bistro in their finest attires, the air was filled with an infectious energy, enhanced by the sound of laughter and animated conversations. Friends reunited, exchanging stories and memories, while new acquaintances were made, fostering a sense of camaraderie among the attendees. This gathering was more than just a meal; it was a heartfelt celebration of community and connection, where each person's unique personality shone through, contributing to an overall ambiance of joy and togetherness.



The festivities started with a warm and inviting reception that set a delightful tone for the evening where a fan with LED lights showcasing "JCAC" was distributed to everyone as a little gift. Soon, with a warm greeting from our emcees of the night Dumi and Nathaniel, the event commenced. Firstly, Krista, our enthusiastic LSA organizer representative, took center stage, her energy was infectious. She welcomed everyone with a heartfelt speech, infused with gratitude and warmth, making each attendee feel cherished and important.





Following her, Dr. Alvin Leung, the esteemed Residence Master and Chairman of the JCAC Alumni Association, captivated the audience with motivational remarks. He inspired the crowd to adopt a proactive mindset, encouraging them to view challenges as thrilling opportunities for personal growth rather than obstacles to overcome. Professor Leung delved into the significance of cultivating a business mindset with passion, underscoring how this perspective is vital for navigating life's complexities. His words resonated deeply, as he urged everyone to embrace resilience and adaptability, painting challenges as stepping stones to success in a rapidly changing world.

The evening truly sparkled during a joyous ribbon-cutting ceremony where our honorable guests, Wilson, Kimi, and Alvin, cut the ribbon which marks the formal beginning of the high table dinner. Their enthusiasm was contagious, symbolizing the grand kickoff of the dinner and embodying the spirit of togetherness that makes the JCAC community special. From that moment on, the atmosphere was electric.



As the entertainment unfolded, the audience was entranced by a spectacular array of performances. Residents took to the stage, showcasing their skills and creativity, including magic tricks as well as music and singing performances. The room was filled with cheers and applause, celebrating the incredible talents of the JCAC family.

And then came dinner—a feast for the senses. The delightful culinary offerings from CityU Lodge tantalized taste buds, each dish crafted to perfection and inviting guests to savor every bite. As they enjoyed their meals, the excitement continued with engaging activities. The Met Gala Bingo game as an icebreaker game encouraged all participants to enjoy the games and learn the fun facts about our hall.

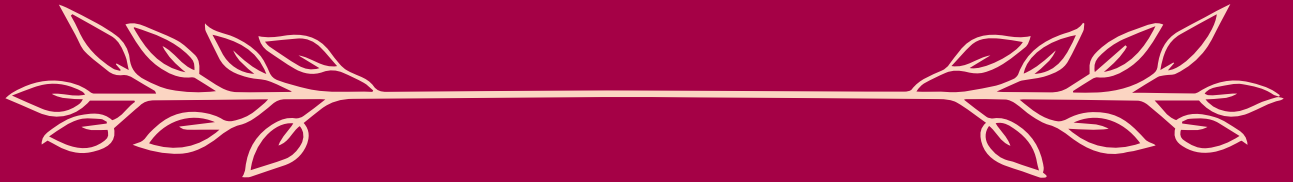


As the evening approached its conclusion, residents gathered for a spirited group photo session, capturing smiles and camaraderie against the backdrop of a night filled with cherished memories. This moment solidified the bonds forged throughout the evening, a testament to the heart of the JCAC community.

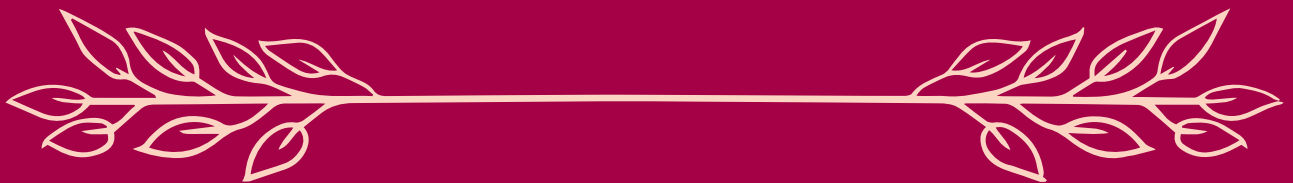


Overall, the event was a triumphant success, seamlessly blending elegance, entertainment, and heartfelt connections. The magic of the night will surely linger in the minds of all who attended, a reminder of the power of community and celebration!

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Semester B



HALL INDUCTION

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As we embark on the beginning of the new semester for the 2024/25 Academic year, we extend a warm welcome to all our new residents joining us for Semester B. This year was filled with new opportunities for growth, friendship, and unforgettable experiences.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR RESIDENCE MASTER

To begin the hall induction, our Residence Master, Alvin Leung, is thrilled to welcome our new residents; our hall is not just a place to live but a community where all residents will create lasting memories and friendships through the activities.



MEET THE RESIDENT TUTOR

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HALL RULES AND RETURNING POINT BRIEFING

Next is the Returning Point Briefing from one of our resident tutors, Aruna. She briefly explains the hall rules and scheme for returning points so residents will fully understand how to be able to stay for the next academic year.

Last but not least, we got an explanation from our resident tutor, Ishmam. He briefly explains the scheme for hall activities such as Student Initiated Activities, Large Activities, and Interhall Competition. He also invites residents to contribute and organize the hall activities.

CLOSING SESSION

To wrap up our induction session, we had an amazing time chatting and eating together. Residents are served pizzas and drinks from the hall. We are excited to have all the residents joining us to begin our Semester B at MFH A.

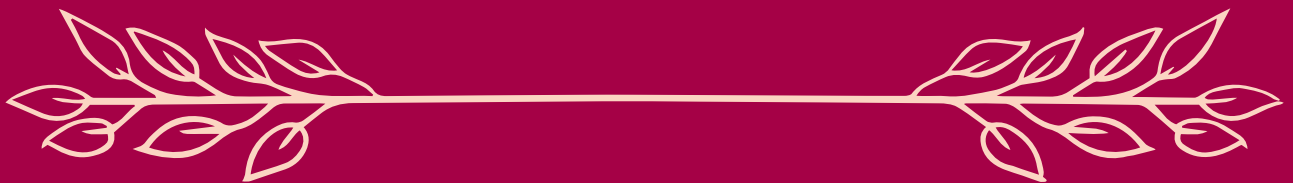
Together, let's make this a memorable and enriching experience.

Welcome home!



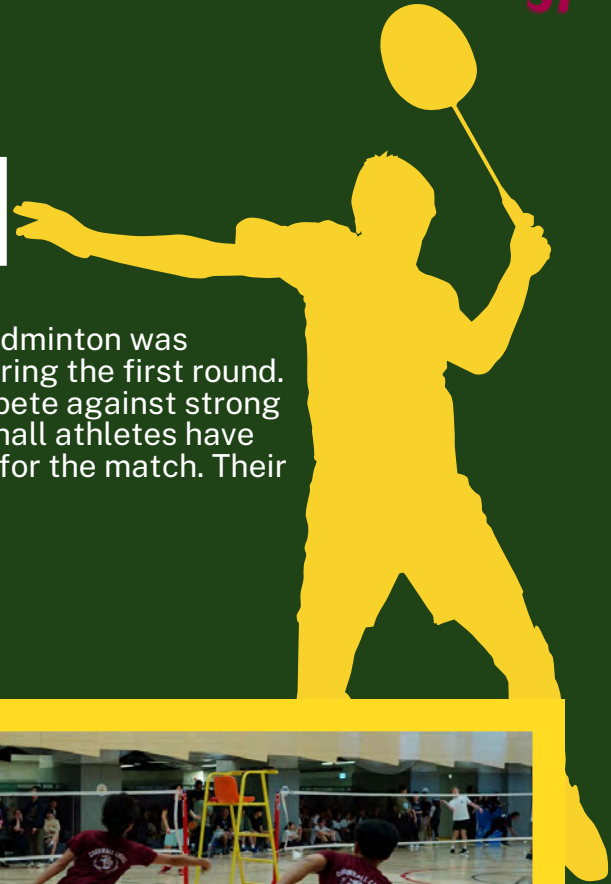


INTERHALL CONTEST FUN DAYS



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BADMINTON



On 15th February 2025, the Inter-Hall Contest Fun Day: Badminton was completed. This year, our hall has competed with Hall 7 during the first round. Despite our athletes sparing their effort, they cannot compete against strong opponents, ending this year's journey at 3:1. However, our hall athletes have made every effort, leaving no stone unturned in preparing for the match. Their dedication and perseverance are appreciated.

DOUBLED BADMINTON GAME

In the double game, our team showcased remarkable teamwork and communication. Both sides of the ball court exchanged powerful shots and agile footwork. During the Men's double, 2 of our players quickly found their rhythm, stoking the ball and returning the ball, hitting from the opponent. Until the final moment of the match, the final score was tight; tension was palpable. However, with our duo players' effort, we scored the winning point, successfully winning one match. In the Female double, our player strives to find a breaking point. We lost the game despite the end, and our athletes showed teamwork and coherence.



SINGLE BADMINTON GAME



Our female and male players overcome a decisive match in the single's games. In the female game, our female player worked hard to exchange shots back and forth and return the opponent's powerful shots. Despite our athlete's best efforts to rally back, the final point is met with a smash from our opponent. During the male game, we were surrounded by an intense atmosphere; our player spared no effort to respond to every shot and adjust his strategy. The match is completed with an exciting competition.

Once again, we must thank our hall athletes for their hard work, regardless of the result. They have contributed significantly to this competition. Besides, we must thank all cheerers for coming to MOS and supporting our athletes. With your enthusiastic support, our athletes' spirit has been uplifted.

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Basketball Competition

The basketball team's preparation for the Interhall Competition reflected teamwork and dedication. Players trained 2-4 times a week in the weeks leading up to the games, transforming from individual players to a team. Each training session was tailored to work not just on physical skills but also to internalize the ins and outs of the game. Practice went far beyond just drills. Hours were spent refining technical skills, practicing dribble moves, mastering shooting techniques, and learning sophisticated defensive strategies. The coaches were interested in more than just athleticism; they built a culture focused on mental resilience, tactical intelligence, and team communication. As the tournament drew near, the chemistry of the team became more evident. Players could foresee each other's actions, talk seamlessly on the court, and complement one another in difficult situations. Their exhaustive training included a thorough study of game rules, strategic meetings, and rigorous physical training.

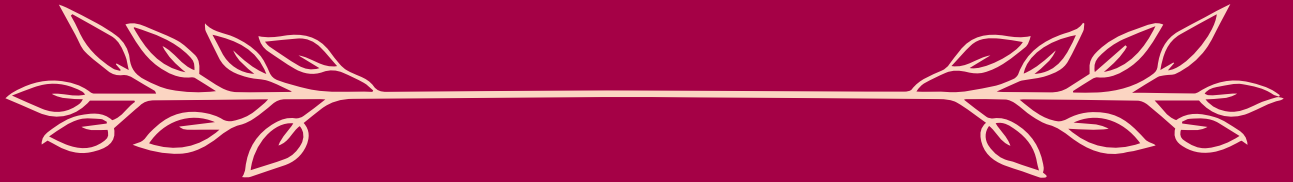
The tournament itself was a true testament to their hard work. The women's team demonstrated remarkable talent, fighting through to the semi-finals of a series of challenging games. Their third-place game against Hall 6 was particularly one to remember, ending in a heart-stopping 6:5 score that demonstrated their sheer determination and skill. The play by the men's team on March 8th, which resulted in a loss of 46-33 to Halls 12 & 13, was equally astonishing. Their behavior throughout the match demonstrated sportsmanship and strategic insight that ultimately outweighed the bottom line.



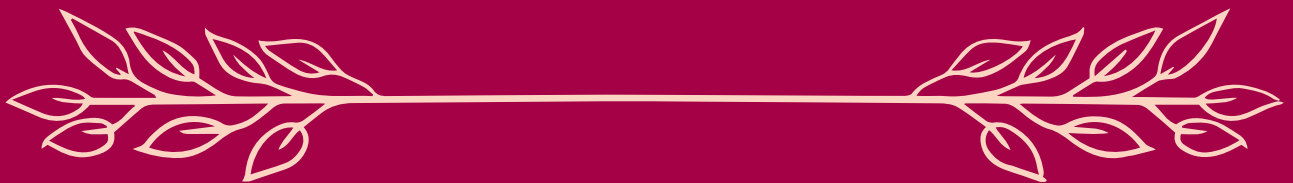
It wasn't just this team's strength that truly differentiated them; it was also the team spirit of the athletes, the encouragement they gave each other from the support of the cheer team, and the enthusiasm from the community made these games so unique.

The Interhall Basketball Competition was something beyond games. It was a personal and team-building experience, an affirmation of the possibilities when extensive training, mutual support, and eager commitment come together to shape a collection of individual players into a truly superior team. No trophies were earned, but the team gained something far more valuable—a deep understanding of teamwork, individual resilience, and what competitive sports are all about.



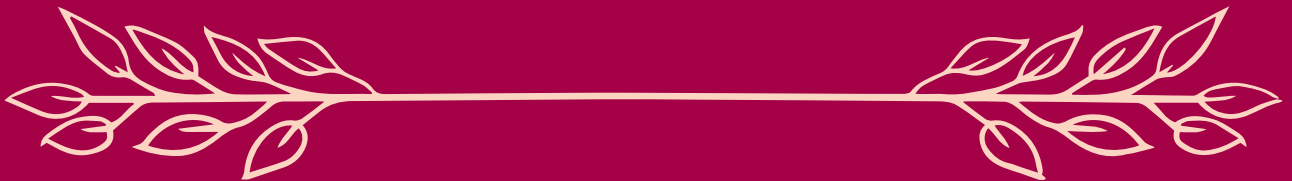


STUDENT INITIATED ACTIVITIES





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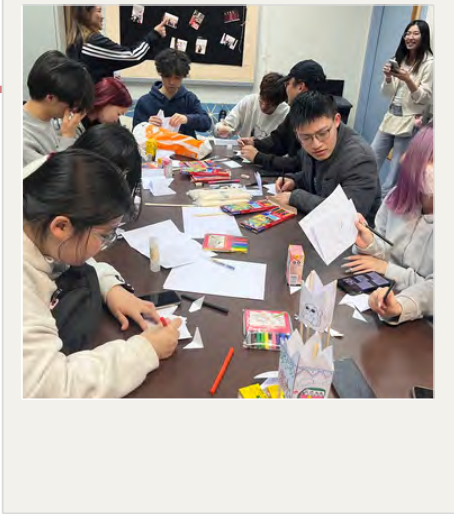


EXPLORING INDONESIAN CULTURE THROUGH DAMAR KURUNG LANTERNS

On the night of 18th January 2024, Academians gathered in the G/F common room to catch up with fellow hallmates and expand their understanding of Indonesian culture at the event 'Damar Kurung' hosted by the talented Indonesian Academians Krista and Calysta. The organisers created an atmosphere where participants could not only socialise but also broaden their perspectives on Indonesia's diverse and vibrant cultural heritage.



The table was full of an array of decorative items and crafting supplies, including paper, scissors, and various colourful markers, along with refreshing beverages for the participants to enjoy. As the event approached, the room buzzed with anticipation and excitement, setting the vibe for an evening filled with energy and enthusiasm.



The event started off with a little informative yet fascinating session led by the organisers, providing insights into the significance of 'Damar Kurung'. This introduction aimed to enrich participants' understanding of the cultural relevance of the activity, ensuring that everyone not only engaged in crafting lanterns but also deepened their knowledge of how this tradition reflects the beauty of Indonesian culture.

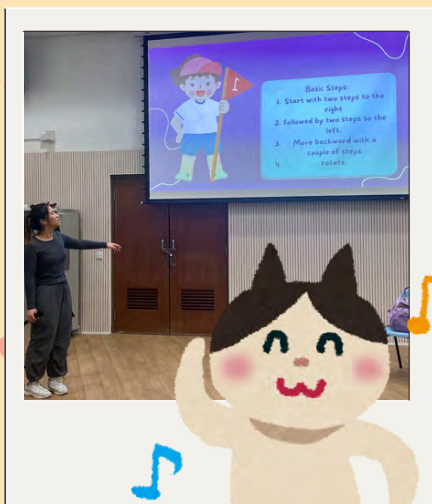
Here are a few intriguing details about Damar Kurung lanterns: firstly, these lanterns embody Indonesia's rich tradition of craftsmanship and artistry; secondly, they are frequently illuminated during cultural festivals to enhance the atmosphere and aesthetic of the event venues; and lastly, these lanterns symbolise light in the darkness, often interpreted as representing hope, positivity, and enlightenment. The participants enjoyed customising their lanterns, adding their creativity, uniqueness, and personality. Crafting these lanterns becomes a way of self-expression, fostering connections among the community.

The 'Damar Kurung' event provided participants with a unique and engaging opportunity to relieve stress by freely expressing themselves by drawing on their lanterns in a welcoming atmosphere. Special thanks to Krista and Calysta for putting their efforts into organising such amazing events and for sharing their cultural traditions.



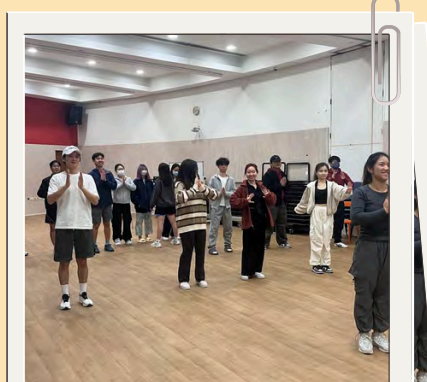
MOVE YOUR BODIES AND DANCE

SENAM POCO-POCO



On January 24, 2025, the residents of Hall 4 gathered at the vibrant MFH-C for an exhilarating and energetic event that promised to bring everyone together—Senam Poco-poco, an Indonesian line dance celebrated for its infectious rhythm and lively choreography. The atmosphere buzzed with anticipation as Krista and Calysta, our talented hosts, took centre stage to introduce this delightful dance.

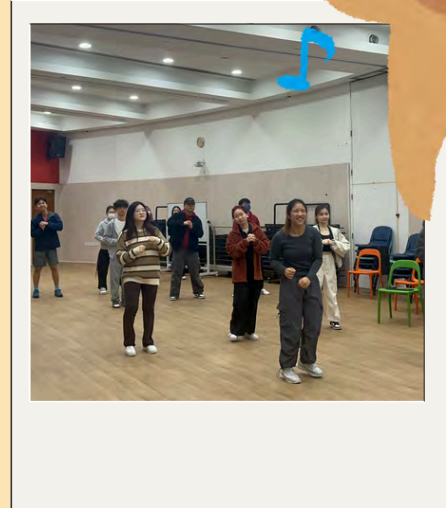
With their infectious enthusiasm, Krista and Calysta began the event by explaining the cultural significance of Senam Poco-poco, emphasising its role in promoting social interaction. The residents listened intently as they learned about the origins of the dance and how it became a beloved favourite in various communities throughout Indonesia and beyond.



As the music kicked in, the hall transformed into a dance floor filled with eager participants. Krista and Calysta expertly guided everyone through the lively steps, breaking down the movements to ensure even the most novice dancers could follow along. The initial hesitance quickly melted away, replaced by laughter and excitement as residents began to feel the rhythm, their spirits lifting with each beat. The sense of community was palpable as neighbours cheered on one another and moved in harmony, creating a joyful and inclusive environment.



Once everyone had mastered the basic steps, the energy in the hall soared as the dance became a spirited celebration. The fun didn't stop with the dancing; afterwards, participants engaged in a lively Kahoot game where they could test their knowledge about Senam Poco-poco. This interactive quiz revealed fascinating facts, including anecdotes about the dance's remarkable performance at the World Cup, where world leaders—including even the president—were seen joining in, and its rise in popularity during the late 1990s as a cultural phenomenon.



As the evening progressed, it became clear that this event was more than just a dance session; it was a successful gathering that fostered connections among residents. With each dance move and shared laugh, friendships were strengthened, and new memories were created. The event underscored the influential role of dance in uniting people, demonstrating how it can bridge gaps and bring diverse individuals together for an unforgettable night of rhythm, learning, and companionship. The harsh winter weather outside was forgotten as the warmth of community spirit filled the hall, marking the Senam Poco-poco event as a resounding success.



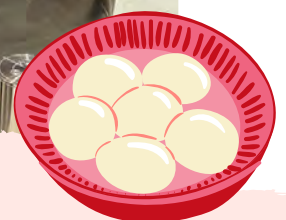
A Night of Flavor

Yuanxiao Tasting at Hall 4



On the evening of February 5th, the lobby of Hall 4 was filled with excitement and the delightful aroma of Yuanxiao as residents gathered for a festive tasting event. Yuanxiao, a traditional Chinese dessert made from glutinous rice flour and typically filled with sweet pastes, took center stage as everyone celebrated this time-honored tradition.

The lobby buzzed with cheerful chatter and clinking dishes as the event began. It was a perfect blend of culinary exploration and cultural celebration, featuring a variety of Yuanxiao flavors ranging from classic sesame and peanut fillings to more innovative options like matcha and chocolate.



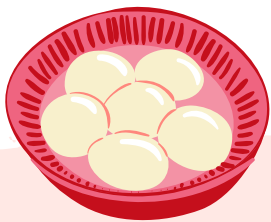
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Residents took turns sampling the different flavors, sharing their favorites, and discovering new ones. The atmosphere was warm and welcoming, with everyone coming together to enjoy the rich history and delicious taste of Yuanxiao. For many, it was an opportunity to reconnect with their heritage and share it with friends and neighbors.

Yuanxiao, also known as Tangyuan in some regions, is a presentation highlighting the dessert's role in the Lantern Festival, which marks the end of Chinese New Year celebrations. This tradition is associated with the sweet treat, adding depth and meaning to the evening.



The Yuanxiao tasting at Hall 4 was not just about enjoying good food; it was about building community and celebrating culture. The event successfully brought together residents from diverse backgrounds, creating a sense of unity and shared joy. As the evening ended, there was a palpable sense of satisfaction and contentment, with many residents already looking forward to next year's celebration.

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COUPLETS OF PROSPERITY

On 6th February, 2 of our residents, Will and Emily, held couplets writing events, spreading such a historical Chinese tradition to all of our residents. Centering around writing couplets was a vibrant gathering of seasoned poets, Chinese calligraphy, and art. Knowing that writing couplets and sticking to them is one of the cultures of the Chinese New Year, which some of our foreign residents have not experienced, provided an excellent chance for them to embrace the festive atmosphere of the Chinese New Year.



INTRODUCING THE HISTORY OF CHINESE COUPLETS

Before participants got a chance to write their couplets, the Organisers introduced us to Spring Festival Couplets' history and components. It is noted that there are vertical and horizontal scrolls. A vertical scroll is usually two long, narrow red pieces of paper with matching verses. In contrast, horizontal scrolls are shorter pieces placed above the doorway, typing the verses together, if not other than couplets that contain calligraphy; it is quite often that images of zodiac animals or prosperity symbols are included in the couplets. The introduction provided some insights for participants in designing their own couplets.

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WRITE YOUR OWN COUPLETS

After the introduction, the workshop transitioned into practical activities, and red papers were given to participants. There is no limit on paper each participant can take, which allows them to write as many as they want. Besides, other than traditional quotes, participants can create their own lines, writing whatever they want. The room was filled with the sound of pens scratching on paper and the occasional burst of laughter as people shared their drafts. The diversity of voices and themes was striking, as many academicians wrote heartfelt and creative expressions, crafting witty observations about everyday life. Some are about GPA, some are about health, and some are about love, etc.

The couplet writing event was not only a workshop but also a celebration of creativity and the Spring Festival. It is sure that participants left feeling inspired and empowered, equipped with new skills and a deeper appreciation for the art of calligraphy and Chinese culture. Here, we have to thank 2 of our dedicated academicians for holding such a meaningful activity. Hope this will become one of the unforgettable experiences for academicians

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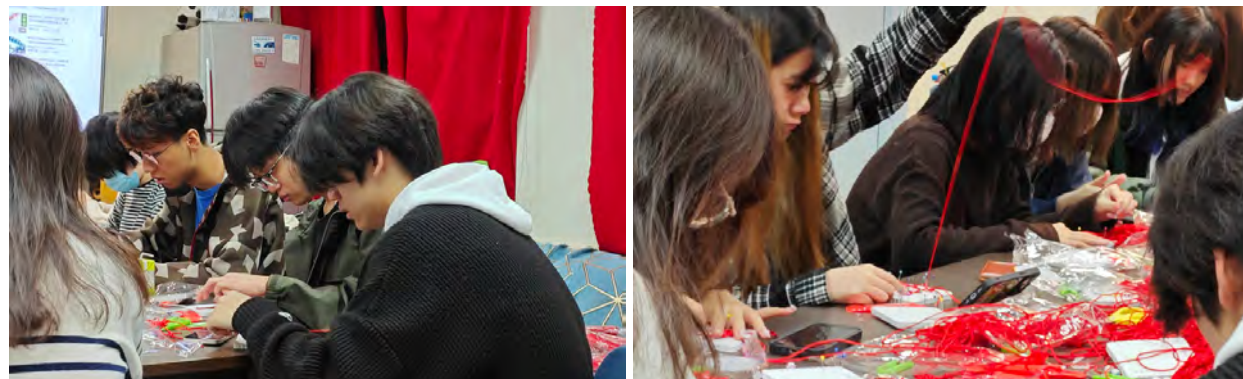
Chinese Knot Creation

An Evening of Cultural Artistry

The Chinese knot-making workshop was held in the common room on the first floor in two consecutive sessions from 20:00 to 21:00 and on March 6 from 21:00 to 22:00. The master class allowed students to experience a close connection with Chinese culture through the ancient art of tying knots.



The event began with the organizers introducing participants to their roots or foreign students to this ancient art form. Chinese knot weaving is a centuries-old art form rich in cultural traditions, which includes creating intricate knots using silk, cotton, and nylon. These knots in Chinese culture symbolize love, harmony, and fortune—more than a beauty value.



Determination and laughter soon filled the room as most members struggled with the intricate directions at first. But this effort ultimately made the completed knots more precious, each one not just symbolizing beauty but personal achievement.



Each member had a personal kit containing red strings, tweezers, needles, beads, and other decorations. The organizers demonstrated a series of techniques to create several Chinese knot designs, guiding the members through video lessons step by step.



The organizers themselves participated in tying their knots, serving as models, and observing those needing assistance. They offered helpful advice and guidance throughout, enabling all to progress regardless of ability. The group environment produced cultural awareness and community connection.



Time simply flew as the participants revealed in this reflective craft—a testament to the interactive quality of the activity. The Chinese Knot Creation workshop successfully combined cultural education with creative hands-on exercise, allowing participants to take home not only a beautiful handmade product but also an appreciation for this aspect of Chinese cultural heritage.

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A Taste of Kazakhstan

Boursaks and Milk Tea Delight at the Lobby



Last Sunday, the lobby of Hall 4 was transformed into a vibrant hub of cultural exchange and culinary delight, thanks to the efforts of Tomiris and Alfarabi. They brought a slice of Kazakhstan to life by preparing and distributing traditional Kazakh boursaks and milk tea, much to the delight of attendees.



Boursaks, often referred to as "Kazakh doughnuts," are small pieces of fried dough that hold a special place in Central Asian cuisine. These golden, puffy treats are not just a staple at festive gatherings but also a symbol of hospitality and unity in Kazakh culture. Paired with the rich and creamy Kazakh milk tea, the combination offered a warm and comforting experience that resonated deeply with everyone present.



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The event was more than just a culinary showcase; it was a celebration of Kazakh heritage and a testament to the power of food in bringing people together. Attendees had the opportunity to learn about the cultural significance of boursaks and milk tea, which are often served during special occasions as a gesture of goodwill and respect.



Tomiris and Alfarabi's initiative was met with enthusiasm and appreciation, as the aroma of freshly fried boursaks and the soothing warmth of milk tea created an inviting atmosphere. Their efforts not only introduced many to the flavors of Kazakhstan but also fostered a sense of community and shared experience.

As the last boursak was enjoyed and the final cup of tea poured, it was clear that this event had left a lasting impression. It served as a reminder of the beauty of cultural diversity and the simple joy of sharing a meal.

BINGTANGHULU: A CULTURAL TREAT

The organizers conducted a relaxing Bingtanghulu-making activity on 12 March in two sessions with 10 residents per session. The traditional Chinese candied fruit skewer-making activity provided the residents with hands-on experience in making the well-liked treats.

All of the participants were given a variety of fresh fruits such as strawberries, blueberries, cherry tomatoes, and grapes to add to their own skewers. The most interesting thing at the session was watching the amazing process of how the caramelized coating was made. Several of the guests were pleasantly surprised at how simple and easy the process was and that they could easily make these treats in their own living rooms.



It was a matter of briefly submerging the fruit skewers in a solution of sugar, then releasing them directly into a bowl of cold water to close the candy coating. This clever and simple process turned the common fruits into sparkling, crunchy-coated treats that thrilled all who indulged.

Both sessions were casual and enjoyable as students tasted their works. The activity effectively integrated culinary art and cultural appreciation, enabling dormitory residents to get a taste of authentic Chinese street food while learning a new skill they could utilize in the future.

This Bingtanghulu workshop not only fulfilled sweet cravings but also constructed communal bonds in the shared gastronomical experience. The savory taste of the newly created goodies and the delight of the creative process made for a fun dorm activity that will long be remembered by its participants.



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An Evening of Fun and Laughter: Indonesian Traditional Game

INDONESIA

On the night of the 24th of February 2025, the Indonesian Traditional Game student-initiated activity was held at the G/F common room. It provided insight for our curious academicians to learn about the traditional games that are often played in Indonesia. Hosted by Calysta and Krista, the Indonesian traditional game introduced 3 interesting games for our academicians to play, which consisted of "Congklak", "Bekel", and "Stik Eskrim". It was definite that all the participants had a great time playing all the traditional games that were provided.



The first game that was introduced to the academicians that joined the Indonesian Traditional Game activity was "Congklak".

Congklak is a traditional Indonesian mancala game played on a wooden board with 14 pits and two larger "home" pits, using small shells, seeds, or stones as counters. The objective is to collect the most counters in your "home" by strategically distributing them across the board in a counterclockwise direction. As it was a paired game, the academicians joined in pairs to battle each other out in the ultimate fight of strategy, counting, and patience, to end up having the most beads in their home pit. Overall, this game was extremely engaging and fun for everyone to try, especially how this game had numerous other variations that are also played in other countries.



Taqiya

JCAC HALL 4

A Journey into Kazakh Cultural Heritage

The dormitory ground floor common room was transformed into an active workshop of cultural exploration and creativity on March 4th as participants gathered for the Taqiya crafting session.

The event began with an instructive overview of the subject, explaining the historical function of the Taqiya within Kazakh culture. Though it's common for most to refer to Central Asian traditional headwear in general as "tyubeteika," each nation's version has its own unique title and characteristics—in Kazakhstan, for instance, it is referred to as "Taqiya."

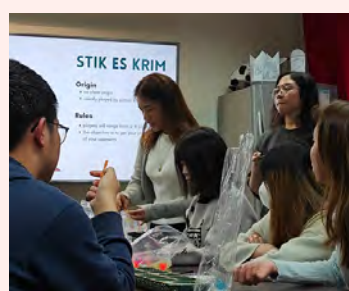


Participants learned that traditionally, patterns on a Taqiya would indicate the social standing, profession, and clan or family membership of the wearer, making such traditional hats more than mere ornamentation but as important cultural markers.

The second game is also a game that has been seen to have its own style in other countries, which is called “bekel”. Bekel is a traditional Indonesian game played with a rubber ball and small metal objects called bekel pieces. The objective is to bounce the ball while picking up the metals and being able to catch the bouncing ball, requiring both dexterity and coordination. The game will get harder, as the current round number you are playing indicates how many metal pieces you need to pick up whilst the ball bounces. This game can also increase in difficulty if academicians choose to use smaller balls which makes them harder to catch while bouncing.



The final game also did not disappoint as it was the most nerve-wracking game that the academicians played. It was “stik-es krim”, which directly translates to Ice cream stick. The game is a popular children's game, usually played by primary school students. It is played by having an ice cream stick, hitting the ground using your hand, and creating a force to flip your ice cream stick forward. The game is won when you flip your ice cream stick on top of your opponent's ice cream stick. Despite the game sounding silly, it is a fun game to play, when you are looking to cool off after a long day at university.



The Indonesian Traditional Game student-initiated activity was a delightful evening that brought laughter, excitement, and cultural appreciation to the G/F common room. Through games like Congklak, which tested strategy and patience, Bekel, which challenged dexterity and coordination, and the lighthearted yet thrilling Stik Es-krim, participants not only had the chance to immerse themselves in the charm of Indonesia’s traditional games but also created memorable moments of fun and camaraderie. Hosted brilliantly by Calysta and Krista, the event succeeded in fostering curiosity and joy among all academicians, leaving everyone with a deeper appreciation for Indonesia's rich cultural heritage.

Following this instructive introduction and assisted by refreshments provided by the organizers, the creation process started. Students engaged in working with cloth, cutting pieces according to the parameters provided. The outer surface of the Taqiya was embellished with the traditional "OYU" ornamental designs made from contrasting materials and colors. The dome and base pieces were fastened together with the help of staplers.



While most participants chose to create their caps individually to match their personal preferences and measurements, several pairs opted to collaborate, assisting each other throughout the process. The organizers provided step-by-step guidelines and troubleshooting support to ensure smooth progress for everyone involved.

One of the most enriching aspects of the activity was the cultural exchange that naturally took place during the crafting process. Students discovered that Indonesia shares the same headgear due to Arabic influences but with innovative design variations—highlighting the fascinating cross-cultural links within Asia.

The Taqiya crafting event not only exposed participants to Kazakh traditional crafts firsthand but also built community relations and cultural appreciation within our multicultural dormitory community.

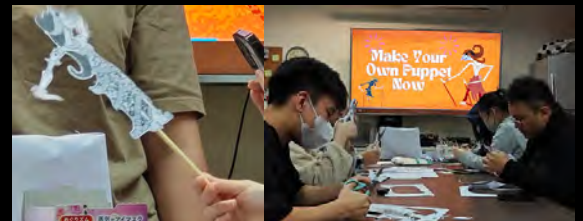
Shadows in Motion

The spotlight turned to the ancient art of Wayang Kulit as a special workshop brought this traditional form of shadow puppetry to life. Held in an intimate setting, the event celebrated culture, storytelling, and the craftsmanship behind this centuries-old performance art.

Wayang Kulit, originating in Southeast Asia, is renowned for its intricate puppets and captivating shadow play. Participants in the workshop were given a rare opportunity to explore the history and significance of Wayang Kulit while also diving into the hands-on process of creating and animating their own puppets.

The workshop began with an introduction to the origins of Wayang Kulit, showcasing its deep roots in storytelling and its role as a medium for conveying moral lessons and cultural narratives. The organizers guided attendees through the delicate art of crafting intricate puppets, emphasizing the attention to detail required to bring these characters to life.

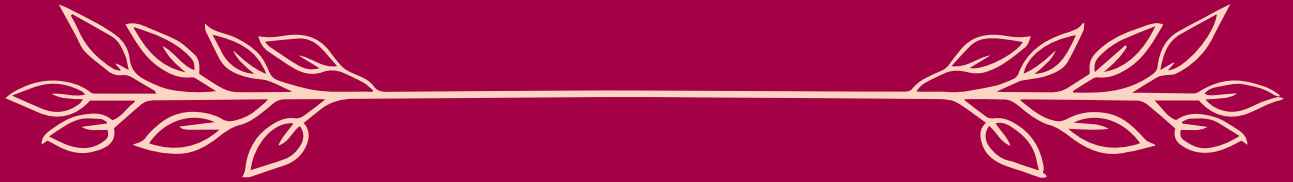
Wayang Kulit Workshop



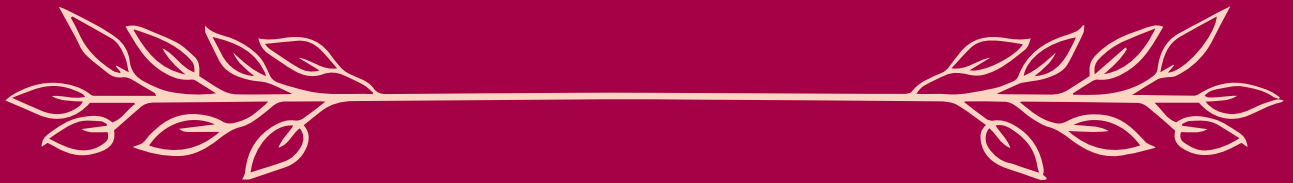
As the workshop progressed, participants practiced manipulating the puppets, mastering the coordination needed to create fluid movements and lifelike expressions. The event's highlight was a collaborative storytelling session, where attendees used their newly crafted puppets to perform a brief shadow play, showcasing their creativity and newfound skills.

The workshop was a resounding success, offering a unique blend of education and entertainment. Attendees left with a deeper appreciation for Wayang Kulit and a tangible reminder of their experience—a handcrafted puppet to cherish.

This event served as a poignant reminder of the importance of preserving and sharing cultural traditions with new generations. Through initiatives like this workshop, the timeless art of Wayang Kulit continues to inspire and bring communities together.

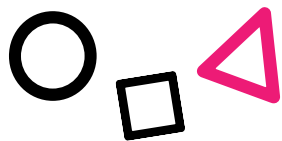


GAMES



SQUID GAME-NIGHT

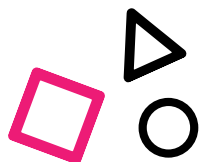
at Hall Four



A Thrilling Evening of Competition and Fun



The atmosphere in Hall Four buzzed with excitement as participants gathered for an unforgettable Squid Game Night organized by Alfarabi and Tomiris. Embracing the spirit of the hit series, players faced off in challenges like "Red Light, Green Light," Dakji, Dalgona, and Marbles, showcasing their skills and resilience.



The night began with the iconic game, "Red Light, Green Light."

Players moved precisely, freezing in place at the organizer's command of "Red Light". The tension in the room was palpable as participants fought to remain motionless, earning admiration from their peers.



Next was the Dakji challenge, where players showed off their skills in flipping traditional Korean paper tiles. This game required strategic thinking and quick reflexes, as each participant tried to outmaneuver their opponents and score a win.





Following that was the Dalgona challenge, which demanded meticulous concentration and a steady hand. Contestants worked diligently to carve intricate shapes from honeycomb candy, which tested their patience and creativity. The crowd enthusiastically cheered for each successful attempt, adding to the event's camaraderie.

In the night's final game, players paired up for the Marbles challenge. This test of trust and cleverness had teammates strategizing to outwit their opponents and secure their marbles. The competition brought out the competitive spirit in everyone, culminating in an exciting showdown. After two sessions of Squid Game Night, the winners are Yip Chung Hon and Mary.



Overall, the Squid Game Night at Hall Four was a resounding success, uniting participants for an intense competition and enjoyment evening. The event highlighted the spirit of the community, leaving everyone eagerly anticipating the next game night. Whether participants left as winners or relished the thrill of the competition, the memories created during Squid Game Night will surely last a lifetime.

JCAC SPEED POOL

A Refreshing Night

for academicians



On the night of the 21st of March 2025, Jason and Nathan held the JCAC Speed Pool competition on the ground floor. A total of 32 participants showed their skills in playing the billiard game. In this edition of speed pool, each player was allocated 15 seconds to take their shot, with the match capping at 5 minutes. A player progresses if they manage to slot all their balls in alongside the black eight ball or whichever player has scored more at the end of the 5-minute match timer.



The total prize pool of the competition was 300 HKD in taste vouchers, breaking down to 150 HKD for the champion, 100 HKD for the first runner-up, and 50 HKD for the second runner-up. The first match started at 19:05 pm, which included the match-up of Woo Wing Shan and Wang Xinan. To accommodate the small pool room whilst also providing entertainment for the waiting players and audiences that want to see the action, Jason and Nathan provided a live broadcast they set up using cameras and laptops, displaying every shot each contestant took. Despite only having 15 seconds to think and line up their shot, each player played beautiful takes, either going for a score or just positioning the white ball against their opponent.



PLAY





Despite several technical issues that caused the schedules to be pushed back a few minutes, it was evident that the participants had enjoyed a great night of fun and competition. The real thrill was being able to perform under pressure, both from the brief time limit and being watched by people in the common room. It tested the academicians, needing their composure and critical thinking to strategise and progress to the next rounds.



After numerous battles, Maple played the game for third place, which ended in Maple winning after a well-fought battle by both parties. Finally, the last game was to be played, with high stakes. It was Aryank vs Kwok Tsz Kit, fighting for the first-place title and prize. In the end, Kwok Tsz Kit managed to clinch the champion title, also winning a total of 150 HKD worth of taste vouchers, leaving Aryank with the first runner-up and 100 HKD of taste vouchers.



In the end, it was visible that the participants enjoyed a good laugh, as the speed pool event was a success. Despite some technical problems and scheduling delays, Jason and Nathan managed to serve the academicians with a great night, to refresh, as academicians will be entering their midterm period. Hopefully, many more exciting and fun events will be held, reminding you that in the busy and challenging times at university, hall life will always welcome you in warm arms.



A BATTLE OF MINDS CHESS COMPETITION

Sunday, 19th January 2025, was a day full of excitement and enthusiasm as some of our residents organized the very first chess competition of this academic year. From 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm, the room was filled with the silent sound of tension surrounding the MFH C.

FIRST ROUND

Participants are engaged in a series of chess activities where each player can finish their game within 10 minutes with no time increment. The first round started with some players playing against each other to get four pairs of players to play in the quarter-round. The first round started at 7.15 pm sharp and ended at 8 pm.



QUARTER ROUND

Luckily, some players who lost during the first round got the chance to make it to the quarter-round. Hence, the quarter-round became more thrilling as participants watched.

SEMI-FINAL ROUND

The semi-final round was just as tense, where two pairs of participants matched to compete and snatch the final round.

FINAL ROUND

As the clock struck 9 pm, all eyes were on the final game, where the top contenders battled it out for the prize of 150 HKD. After a series of intense moves and calculated strategies, Timur managed to seize the champion position, with Alfarabi as the second winner and Tommy as the third winner.

CHESS CLOSING NIGHT

Chess night at Hall 4 was both a competition and a celebration of the timeless game and the community it brings together.



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HALL 4 FIFA NIGHT

A THRILLING TOURNAMENT

First day of The Tournament

The first day of this SIA started with Round 1 and Round 2. Where those who won would immediately go to the second round, and those who lost would be directly eliminated from the whole game. The first round of FIFA night was divided into two teams, with 20 people playing the games in total. Those who won and were able to strike the second round were paired up randomly to be able to play to the quarter round and get more opportunity to strike the Champion and win the 150 HKD. The tense atmosphere surrounding our G/F Common Room as round two started, where some pairs could not score during the play time and had to play under pressure to score in the penalty round. At the end of the first round, the penalty was quite intense until we finally found the last winner of round 1 to manage to play in the second round.



As the clock showed 8 PM sharp, it remarks the start of the second round. The second round has narrowed into 8 pairs. Participants competed fiercely to snatch the top prizes of first, second, and third winners. The second round was full of more excitement. The atmosphere charged as players showcased their skills and strategies, making it a memorable event for all. The tournament's first day ended with 8 participants able to play on the second day.

Second Day of Fifa Night

The second day of the Fifa Night started with a quarter-final round. The first pair matched up at 6.10 PM sharp. The quarter-final round started with more tension and excitement than the first day, as people were getting more excited to get the prizes. Moving forward to 7 PM sharp, the semi-final round officially started with more tension. The online format added an extra layer of excitement, as players could connect and challenge each other. The semi-final round brought new surprises and thrilling moments.



Coming to the half-end of the session. The final session started where it left only 2 pairs to compete. The match lasted longer than the previous games that participants have been through. The first pair was the one who snatched the champion and second place. The second pair was the one who snatched the last place to be able to get the prize. Those who were able to snatch the prizes were Benson, Timur, and Li Tsz Hin.



Closing our FIFA night for these two days, all the participants were excited to foster friendship among the Hall 4 residents.

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JUST DANCE



LAST SATURDAY, THE VIBRANT ENERGY OF HALL 4 WAS PALPABLE AS RESIDENTS GATHERED FOR THE HIGHLY ANTICIPATED "JUST DANCE SHOWDOWN." PARTICIPANTS COULD SHOWCASE THEIR DANCE SKILLS SOLO OR IN GROUPS, GROOVING TO AN ARRAY OF ENERGETIC TRACKS FROM THE JUST DANCE PLAYLIST.

THE ATMOSPHERE WAS ELECTRIC AS FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS CHEERED AND ENCOURAGED EACH PERFORMER, CREATING A SUPPORTIVE AND SPIRITED ENVIRONMENT. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EVENT INCLUDED IMPRESSIVE SOLO PERFORMANCES, AS WELL AS DYNAMIC GROUP ROUTINES THAT LEFT THE AUDIENCE IN AWE.



AS THE NIGHT PROGRESSED, THE SENSE OF COMMUNITY GREW STRONGER. IN THE GRAND FINALE, EVERYONE HIT THE DANCE FLOOR TOGETHER, DANCING TO THEIR FAVORITE SONGS AND HAVING AN ABSOLUTE BLAST. IT WAS A NIGHT FILLED WITH LAUGHTER, CAMARADERIE, AND UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS.

AT THE END OF THE EVENING, RESIDENTS HAD THE FUN AND CHALLENGING TASK OF VOTING FOR THEIR FAVORITE SOLO AND GROUP DANCERS. EXCITEMENT HUNG IN THE AIR AS THE VOTES WERE COUNTED. THE WINNERS, A TALENTED SOLO DANCER WHO WOWED EVERYONE WITH A COMPLEX ROUTINE AND A SPIRITED GROUP KNOWN FOR THEIR INFECTIOUS ENERGY, WERE ANNOUNCED TO APPLAUSE AND CHEERS, THEIR HARD WORK AND CREATIVITY CELEBRATED BY THEIR PEERS.



THE EVENT WAS MORE THAN JUST A DANCE COMPETITION; IT CELEBRATED COMMUNITY SPIRIT AND THE JOY OF DANCE.

BOARD GAMES AND BONDING

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

8TH FEB 2025 | 18:00 PM

On the cold winter evening of the 8th of February 2025, a fun and cheerful board game night was held at the ground floor common room, well hosted by our amazing academicians from Kazakhstan, Alfarabi, and Tomiris.

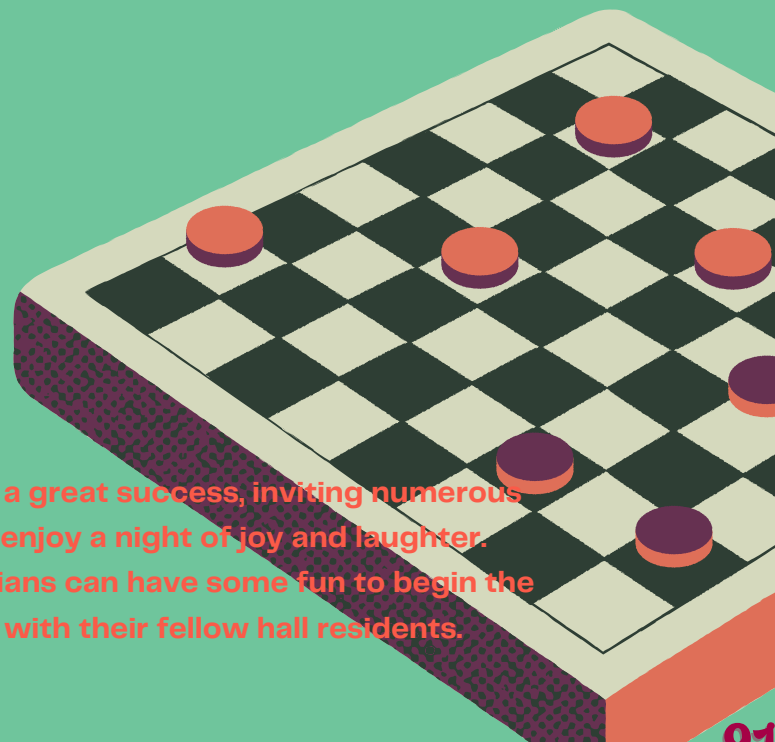


The room atmosphere was filled with interest and friendly competition, with board games requiring stability and patience, such as Jenga, alongside strategic planning, such as battleship. The board game night was made to induce a bonding session among academicians, providing a chance for all academicians unfamiliar with several games. Furthermore, the great spirit of all the participating academicians made every game extremely enjoyable.

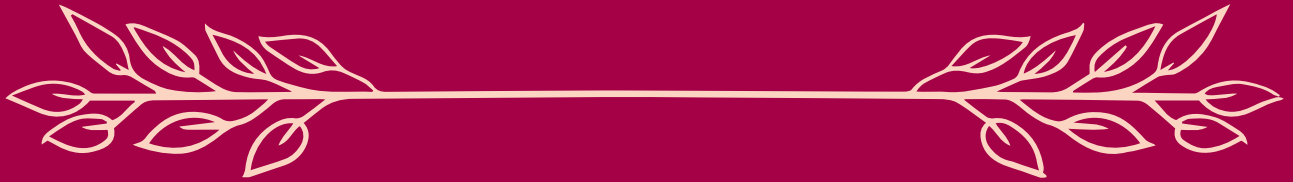


During the board game session, academicians had an array of board games from which they could choose. For starters, academicians could play an intriguing board game called “Jenga.” Essentially, 3 – 4 players could take turns taking blocks from a constructed tower, needing to gently remove from the middle or bottom part of the tower, and replacing that block on top of the tower, ensuring the tower does not break and fall. If academicians prefer a calmer yet competitive game, they could resort to Uno or Monopoly, a common and popular board/card game worldwide.

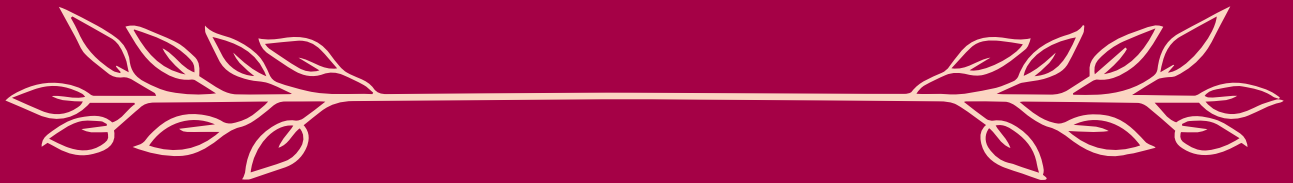
There was also a makeshift battleship game, where two players, with their printed 10x10 battleship grid paper, would take turns shooting and guessing where the opponent's battleships were placed until all of their battleships had been shot down and sunken. This also induced academics to think critically, strategically allocating their battleships into devious positions while eliminating all possibilities of where their enemy ship would be. Finally, Alfa and Tomiris also provided some strategic card games, including actions to attack or defend against opposing players. Despite most participants not ever hearing of the board game, it turns out it is quite popular among young players in mainland China. Alongside refreshing beverages and some Rémi cards, the board game night successfully bonded academics.



Overall, JCAC Board Game Night was a great success, inviting numerous academicians to come together and enjoy a night of joy and laughter. Hopefully, through this event, academicians can have some fun to begin the long semester ahead and enjoy it with their fellow hall residents.



SEM B'S SPECIAL EVENTS



ACADEMIANS TALK SERIES



The Tech Nexus: Decoding AI, Quantum Computing, and Data Analytics.



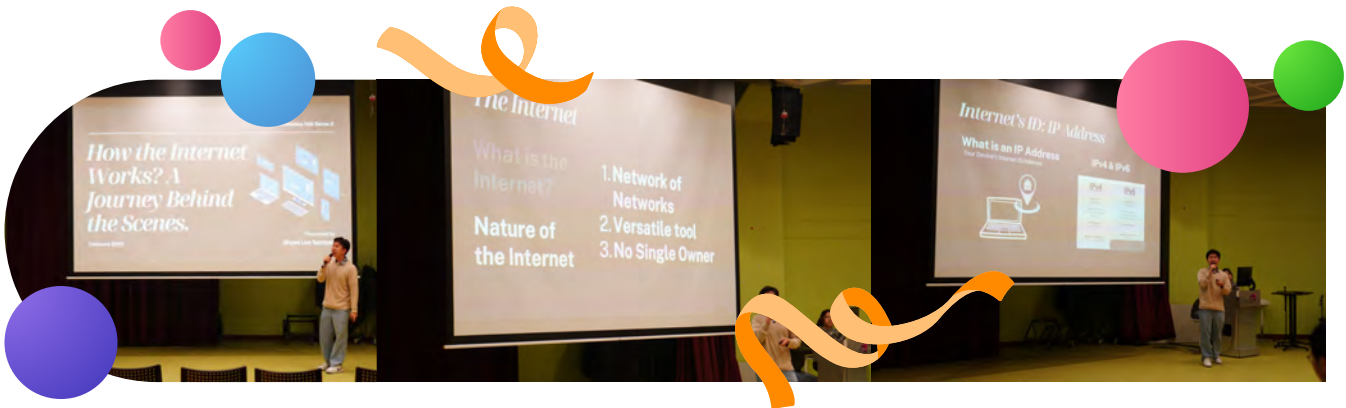
On the night of 18th February 2025, the 2nd series of the Academians Talk was held at Multifunctional Hall - A, with the theme "The Tech Nexus: Decoding AI, Quantum Computing, and Data Analytics." The multifunction hall was filled with many academians wanting to hear some insights about the latest advancements in technology. Our Residence Master, Alvin Leung, also sat in during the talks to hear from our four brilliant academians from the computer science department, Tomiris Sarsenbayeva, Blatbek Alfarabi, SANTOSO Bryan Lee, and SUSANTO Jason Raphael. All 4 of our dearest academians provided their best insights into their fields.



The first talk was given by Tomiris, with her bringing the talk "Behind the Scenes of ChatGPT: How Large Language Models Work." She described the advancements of large language models, how the generative AI used today works, and their rapid advancements in recent years. She provided an interesting and detailed talk about the current viral large language models such as ChatGPT and DeepSeek.



The second talk was given by Alfarabi, where he brought up the topic "Quantum Computers: How Do They Work and Why Do We Care?". Alfa brought up quite a deep topic, talking about how quantum computers differ from the usual computers we use day to day and how these quantum computers are integrated into our society. He also included quite a detailed explanation of the science and math behind the development of quantum computers.

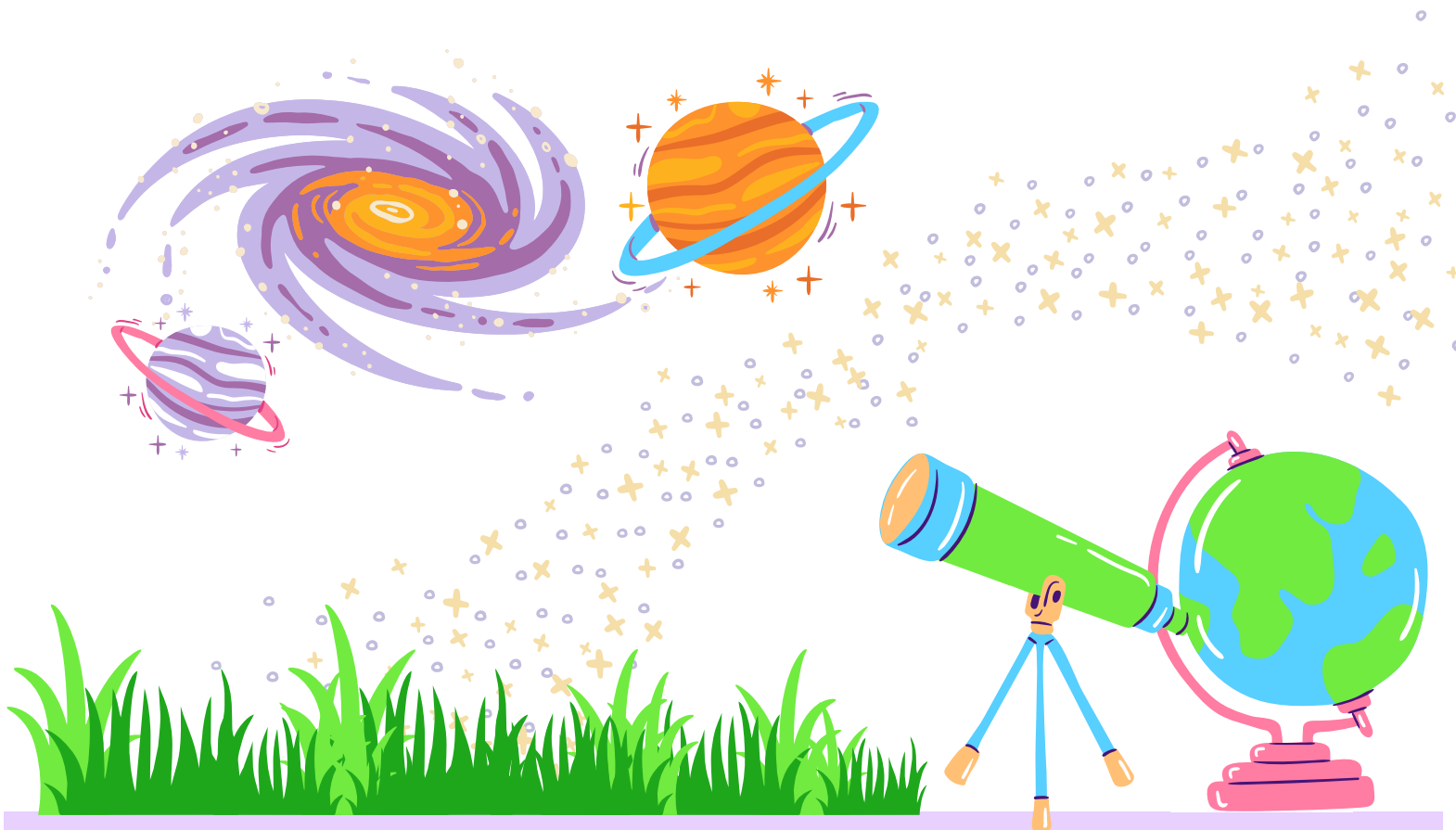


Followed by Alfa was the third talk given by Bryan, talking about "How the Internet Works? A Journey Behind the Scenes". This talk focused more on explaining the process behind how webpages, content, and the internet are displayed on our phones and laptops. He also discussed the internet's nature, details, and features, such as cybersecurity. Finally, it was concluded by discussing several developments in the internet and online connections worldwide.





Jason gave the final talk, "Formula 1: A Sport of Data". Perhaps a more different talk, Jason provided the academicians with insight into how data analysis and machine learning were implemented in one of the world's hottest and most competitive sports, Formula 1. He gave examples of how data recorded from lap times at specific parts of the track was affected by driver decisions and car builds, allowing race engineers and race managers to make accurate time decisions. He also showed how an AI model could be created to make more objectively beneficial decisions for the team.



Overall, the talk was fascinating, about the numerous advancements of technology in all the different fields, giving an excellent place for academicians interested in how great technology works behind the scenes, presented by the brilliant academicians indulged in the topic.

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Fun, Talent, and Celebration Academians Night 2025

On the night of the 13 of March 2025, the JCAC Academians Night was held at MFH-A, providing a glamorous night of fun and laughter among academians. Numerous activities were held, which consisted of several mini-games that academians could play and win prizes for, impromptu karaoke and just-dance performances, and also scheduled performances by our talented academians. Overall, it was a joyful night for all academians, especially in the midst of the challenging midterm week.



The organizers of the academians night designed a great and fun “coin system”, which essentially provided a carnival-like mini-game theme, where academians could play a game, and win coins based on their performances in each game. Academians could then collect coins, and head over to the prize booth, where there is a selection of prizes to claim, in exchange for the coins they have collected. Prizes ranged from a grand prize of laundry pods with a price of 30 coins, to as small as a Kitkat bar, for a mere single coin. Academians could choose from a selection of games. There was a bracelet-making activity, which allowed academians to make their bracelets.



A deconstructed game of Connect 5, which encouraged academicians to challenge their peers to through ping pong balls from a distance and land their balls in an egg carton shell, to construct a 5-in-a-row ball line. Furthermore, there was a fast cup-stacking game, testing their cup-stacking performance against the clock. Also, a ring toss game, highlighting their accuracy of throwing rings, alongside a “hole in one” golf challenge, which required academicians composure to strike the golf ball with patience. All the games were enjoyed by the academicians and prompted them to collect as many coins as possible.



Besides the games, there were impromptu performances by academicians, a selection of karaoke performances, or joining the occasion “just-dance” games. Academicians could earn an extra 3 coins if they joined either performance, and there were performances ranging from Western songs, mandarin songs, and Cantonese songs. Finally, there were great performances by our most talented academicians. It was kicked off by Alfa, performing a great piano solo playing the song “Claire de lune”, followed by Yip Chung Hon, giving an intriguing magic show with cards. It was then followed by Tomiris, which provided a wonderful fan performance. Next was Thu Shoun Haythi Saing, performing “Just the Two of Us”, ending it off with a group performance consisting of Calysta, Nathan, Bryan, and Darren, giving a beautiful version of “Rewrite the Stars”. It was an amazing night, where a lot of talented academicians displayed their confident skills.



The JCAC Academicians Night was a memorable success, bringing fun, talent, and camaraderie to the community. The creative “coin-system” and variety of games kept everyone engaged, while the performances showcased the incredible skills of the academicians. During midterm challenges, the event provided a joyful escape and a night to remember for all who attended.



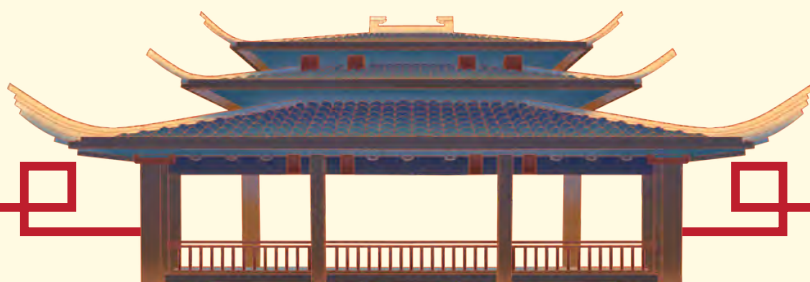
HALL 4'S 20TH NAMING ANNIVERSARY POON CHOI

A NIGHT OF FEASTING, LAUGHTER, AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT

JCAC Hall 4 residents came together in grand style on Friday evening 21st of Marche to celebrate their hall's 20th naming anniversary with a spectacular poon choi banquet. The event, held in the MFH A in the City University of Hong Kong student residence, transformed the space into a vibrant celebration venue complete with festive decorations and a warm, communal atmosphere.

A Feast to Remember

At precisely 7:30 PM, MCs Isaac and Mary officially commenced the celebrations, welcoming over 70 residents and alumni to the much-anticipated dinner. The star attraction was undoubtedly the magnificent nine-layer poon choi, featuring premium ingredients. The communal dining style perfectly embodied Hall 4's spirit of togetherness, with residents sharing both food and stories across the tables. To enhance the joyfulness of the night, some residents performed to showcase their talent through their beautiful voices.





A Legacy Continues

The night concluded with a group photo with all the participants and Mr. Alvin Leung as the Residence Master of the JCAC Hall 4. This celebration isn't just about our past 20 years, but about the strong community we're building for the future.



The event successfully blended tradition with modern hall spirit, creating unforgettable memories for all attendees. With full stomachs and happy hearts, residents departed already looking forward to the next milestone celebration.



Q & A COMPETITION



The Q&A competition was successfully held on the 17th of February. Our academicians have showcased their knowledge, intelligence, and quick thinking. The atmosphere is charged with anticipation, and every moment is filled with excitement and pressure. All participants are engaged in the competition, hoping to gain more points for their team.

Rules of the competition

There are five types of questions for participants to choose. Each category of questions consists of various difficulty questions. The more complicated the questions, the more points the team can get if they answer them correctly. Points of question range from 200, 400, 600, 800, 1000, and 1200. The team can feel free to choose any question they want. There is no deduction if the team has answered the question wrong. The competition is divided into three parts. For the first part, questions are categorized based on their theme. In the second part, questions are random, regardless of their category. In the last part of the competition, one of the team members has to list as many subjects as they can based on the topic they have chosen. Only the first two teams can enter this showdown stage.



The Rapid Fire Rounds

As the competition begins, the air is thick with tension. The sight of eager faces in the audience and the sound of buzzing anticipation create an environment where everyone is on edge, waiting for the first question. Within the short thinking time, contestants have to quickly sift through their knowledge, recalling facts amidst the swirling thoughts of anxiety.

As the competition continued, the differences between each team became really close, and teams were required to select more difficult questions to find a breakthrough. Every single question can become a turning point for the victory. All participants do their best to fight for their team, showing all they get.



The intensity of a Q&A competition is a unique blend of pressure, excitement, and camaraderie. Each participant experiences a rollercoaster of emotions, from exhilaration to anxiety, all in pursuit of knowledge and recognition. This vibrant competition has tested their mental agility and fostered a deep appreciation for learning and competition.

Minibus DIY: A Creative Exploration of Hong Kong Culture

Creative Exploration

On February 20th, Hall 4 residents gathered in the standard room on the ground floor to participate in a delightful DIY workshop. The event centered around creating a minibus route in a plane, celebrating the unique charm of Hong Kong's traditional transport system.

Behind the Art

Participants meticulously painted the names of various bus stops and lines using water brush coloring techniques, replicating the familiar sights of Hong Kong's bustling streets. The gentle strokes of the water brushes brought to life the vibrant colors and intricate details of the city's minibuses. Where red and blue colors are used to represent the route and lines.

This hands-on workshop allowed residents to explore their artistic talents and fostered a sense of community and appreciation for Hong Kong's transportation, which is the minibus. The atmosphere was

Closing Remarks

As the minibus routes took shape, each plate reflected the vision and connection to the city. The event was a resounding success, leaving participants with beautiful keepsakes and lasting memories of a well-intended evening.



JCAC SINGING

Singing Through the Spotlight

COMPETITION:

On the night of 1 March 2025, the JCAC Singing Competition was held in light of the upcoming Inter hall singing competition. This internal competition provided a platform for our dearest Academians to showcase their exceptional singing skills, allowing choices of either singing solo or with a group. The event was held in MFH-A from 7:30 to around 10 pm, when the judges, our Residence Master, Alvin Leung, one of SRO's representatives, Ms Kimi Lo, and two of our amazing residence tutors, Hans and Irena, announced the winner of the JCAC Singing Competition. It was an incredible night of performance, with numerous talented singers showcasing their singing capabilities.



The solo category had some stunning singers performing to their best. The first place was taken by Chan Hu Wing, where she performed "If I Were a Boy". She dazzled the judges with her braveness in showcasing her high-pitch capabilities, ultimately edging her way to victory. Following her outstanding performance was the first runner-up winner, which was taken by Ye Yu Yuk Ava, where she performed "Can You Feel The Love Tonight", which was accompanied by her suitable piano skills, helping her sing her song. Both academians showed extraordinary ambition in the singing competition.



The group category also did not disappoint, where they had the crowd entertained with their singing and stage performances. The first winner was taken by “DANANTARA”, singing the song “A Million Dreams”, which consisted of Bryan, Nicho, Krista, Calysta, Jason, and Nathan. They displayed a fantastic stage performance, which complemented their amazing ability to deliver the song and provide a magical touch. The second place for the group category was taken by “抱著殘像”, which comprised WONG Sam Yee Sammie, WONG Ho Him, ZHANG Jin Xin, Chow Hiu Yeung Sunny, and Lo Shing Sum. They sang “羅生門”, which brought an incredible group performance.

All the performances had given the JCAC Singing Competition an incredible vibe, giving an experience for Academians never to forget. Hopefully, there will be more activities for academians to showcase their skill.



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FENCING WORKSHOP AT HALL 4 RESIDENCE: A NIGHT OF FUN AND SKILL

Residents of Hall 4 enjoyed an exciting evening on Tuesday as Mary hosted a two-hour fencing workshop in MFH C. The event, held from 8:30 PM to 10:30 PM, combined history, interactive learning, and hands-on practice, making it a memorable experience for everyone.

HISTORY AND INTRODUCTION

Mary started the workshop by sharing the fascinating history of fencing, from its origins as a combat technique to its evolution into a modern Olympic sport. To make the session more engaging, she organized a Kahoot game, where participants tested their knowledge of fencing trivia. The competitive atmosphere was lively as residents raced to answer questions and claim the top spot.



LEARNING THE BASICS

After the history lesson, Mary introduced the group to basic fencing movements. Participants learned key terms like en grade, pret, Allez, lunge, salute, move back, and move forward. Mary demonstrated each movement clearly, and everyone practiced in pairs, getting a feel for the sport.

HANDS-ON FENCING PRACTICE

The highlight of the evening was the one-hour hands-on session. Equipped with fencing toys, residents took turns practicing their moves. The hall was filled with the sounds of clashing foils and laughter as participants tried lunging, moving forward, and stepping back. Mary guided everyone, offering tips to improve their form and technique.



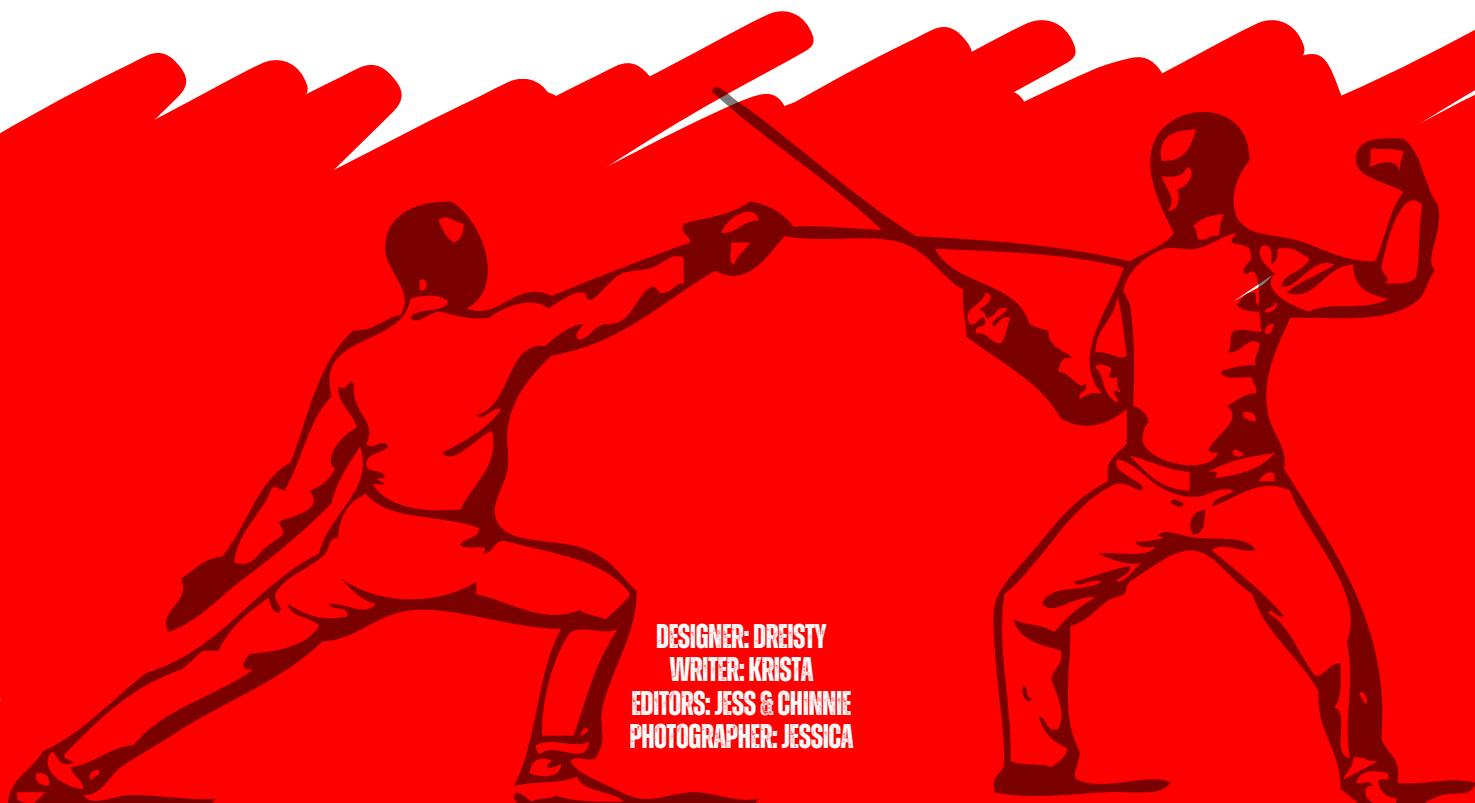
A NIGHT TO REMEMBER



The workshop was a huge success, blending education, physical activity, and fun. Residents left with a newfound appreciation for fencing and a sense of accomplishment. Many expressed interest in future workshops and were eager to continue learning.

Mary's passion for fencing and her ability to make the sport accessible made the event truly special. As the clock struck 10:30 PM, participants left MFH C with smiles, already looking forward to the next Hall 4 event.

Whether you're a sports enthusiast or just looking to try something new, this fencing workshop proved that Hall 4 is the place for unique and engaging activities. En garde, prêt, allez—let the fun begin!



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Valentine's Day

ON FEBRUARY 14TH, THE HALL 4 RESIDENCE CELEBRATED VALENTINE'S DAY UNIQUELY AND HEARTWARMINGLY. RESIDENTS WERE GIVEN TIME TO SPREAD LOVE AND APPRECIATION WITH AN ANONYMOUS ACTIVITY TO CONNECT THEM TO THEIR FRIENDS.

THE CELEBRATION KICKED OFF IN THE GROUND FLOOR COMMON ROOM, WHERE ORGANIZERS HAD SET UP A SPACE FOR RESIDENTS TO WRITE THOUGHTFUL NOTES FOR ONE ANOTHER. THE IDEA WAS SIMPLE BUT IMPACTFUL, WHICH WAS TO WRITE A MESSAGE, AND IT WOULD BE DELIVERED BY THE ORGANIZERS DIRECTLY TO THE DOOR OF THE PERSON IT WAS INTENDED FOR.

WHETHER IT WAS A COMPLIMENT, A SIMPLE "THANK YOU," OR WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT, THE NOTES SERVED AS A REMINDER OF THE KINDNESS AND COMMUNITY WITHIN THE HALL 4 FAMILY. SOME RESIDENTS CHOSE TO MAKE THEIR MESSAGES ANONYMOUS, PROVIDING A CHANCE TO MAKE SOMEONE'S DAY A LITTLE BRIGHTER.

THIS HEARTFELT INITIATIVE ALLOWED RESIDENTS TO EXPRESS GRATITUDE AND KINDNESS TO ONE ANOTHER AND ALSO HELPED STRENGTHEN THE BONDS BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY NOT HAVE INTERACTED MUCH BEFORE. IT FOSTERED A SENSE OF CAMARADERIE, MAKING VALENTINE'S DAY MORE ABOUT FRIENDSHIP AND SUPPORT THAN JUST ROMANTIC LOVE.

THE ORGANIZERS WERE DELIGHTED TO SEE SO MANY PARTICIPATE, WITH THE STANDARD ROOM WALLS FILLED WITH HEARTFELT MESSAGES WAITING TO BE DELIVERED. AS RESIDENTS RECEIVED THEIR NOTES, SMILES AND LAUGHTER FILLED THE HALLWAYS, REMINDING EVERYONE THAT SIMPLE GESTURES CAN SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACT SOMEONE'S DAY.

OVERALL, THE VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATION AT HALL 4 RESIDENCE WAS A HUGE SUCCESS. IT ALLOWED RESIDENTS TO SPREAD POSITIVITY, CREATE CONNECTIONS, AND CELEBRATE THE JOY OF KINDNESS. IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL REMINDER THAT LOVE COMES IN MANY FORMS AND CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE'S LIFE, BIG OR SMALL.



Create Your Own Coaster!

HALL 4 JCAC

You can create your own Coaster in simple ways!

At the Coaster DIY workshop, our Hall 4 residents tapped into their creative sides and crafted unique, personalized coasters. The workshop provided a hands-on experience where everyone could explore their artistic abilities and have a blast while doing it.

To start, the organizers provided wooden plates as the base for the coasters. These sturdy, versatile pieces served as a blank canvas for each participant's imagination. Next, we incorporated small mosaic tiles, which added vibrant colors and intricate patterns to the coasters. These tiny tiles brought a touch of artistry and elegance to each piece.

In addition to the mosaic tiles, we offered a variety of other decorations, such as beads of different shapes. These embellishments allowed participants to experiment with different textures and designs, making each coaster truly one-of-a-kind.



One of the most exciting aspects of the workshop was using plaster. The plaster provided a smooth, durable surface for the coasters, ensuring they would last for years to come. Participants learned how to mix and apply the plaster, adding a professional touch to their creations.

Overall, the Coaster DIY workshop was a fantastic opportunity for individuals to express their creativity, learn new skills, and create beautiful, functional art.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Easter festivities are in full swing at Hall 4 Residences, and the celebration's highlight is the annual Easter Egg Hunt. This beloved tradition has residents excitedly buzzing as they prepare for an evening of thrilling discoveries and friendly competition.

The hunt spans the entire building, from the ground floor standard room to the 11th floor, with plastic eggs cleverly hidden in corners and some unexpected spots. As participants embark on their quest, they'll need sharp eyes, quick thinking, and a bit of luck to uncover the eggs.

The hunt is divided into two sessions to accommodate everyone: the first begins at 7:00 PM, and the second at 8:00 PM. Each session gives participants 30 minutes to search for eggs. Those who collect the most eggs will be awarded a cash prize of HKD 100.

Some participants team up to increase their chances of victory and collect their eggs together. Teams add excitement to the hunt as friends work together and cheer each other on. Others, however, prefer the thrill of going solo, relying on their instincts and determination to outshine the competition. The decision to team up or go solo adds a strategic element, making the hunt even more engaging.



The atmosphere during the event is electric, with laughter echoing through the corridors and participants sharing tales of their discoveries. The spirit of the hunt fosters a sense of community, bringing residents together and creating unforgettable memories. Whether it's the joy of finding an egg in an unexpected spot or the camaraderie of working with a team, the Easter Egg Hunt offers something for everyone.

But the fun doesn't stop there. The Hall Council has also hinted at surprise twists and bonus prizes hidden among the eggs, adding an extra layer of excitement to the event. With every egg discovered, participants are reminded that the hunt is not just about the prize—it's about the thrill of the chase, the joy of teamwork, and the celebration of the season.



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