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DUSA Project 2016

NTU College of Science
International-Local Student Buddy
Program 2016

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Project Summary

Project Title: NTU College of Science International-Local Student Buddy Program

Aim of project: This project is a Singaporean-International Student Buddy Program which aims to broaden the academic and social experiences of both local and international students by providing them with an opportunity to foster and establish meaningful friendships and networks in NTU.

Participants: 50 international and local students from NTU College of Science

Collaboration: Collaborated with NTU OGEM Club

Date/period of project: 15/08/2016 – 15/11/2016 (Semester 1 of AY2016-2017)

Tropical Fruit Tasting Session (16/09/2016)

The purpose of this session is for international students to try local tropical fruits (Durian, jackfruit, putusan, long kong, etc).



Tropical fruits tasting session is starting



Let's tuck in



First time trying a durian for Caroline



The durian tastes good



Opening a jackfruit



The fruits taste weird to a Korean like me

Orchard Road Trip (17/09/2016)

The purpose of this trip is for international students to get to know more about Singapore's Central Business District.



Welcome to ION Sky Orchard



A picture for the buddies



Another picture for the buddies



Visiting the Opera Gallery in ION Orchard



The end of our Orchard Road trip

Sentosa Trip (05/11/2016)

We brought international students to Sentosa beaches for picnic, local food and to watch Crane Dance performance.



Visiting Sentosa Beaches



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A picture at the Merlion



Trying local food



Watching crane dance performance



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Buddy Initiated Events



Amanda bringing her buddy to Marina Bay Sands



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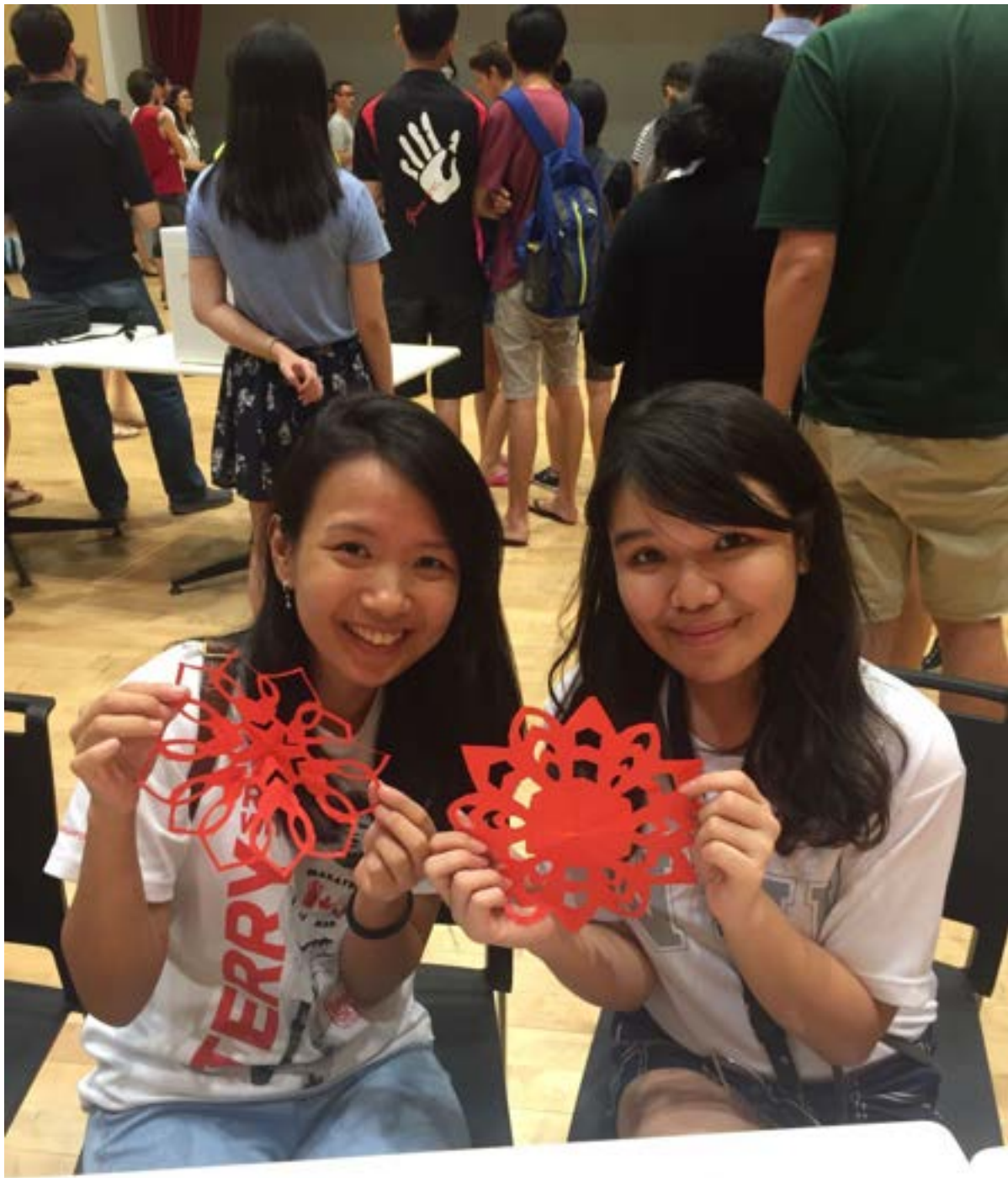
Xueshi bringing her buddy to MacRitchie Nature Reserve



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Xueshi bringing her buddy to Chinese Society Cultural Night



Buddies celebrating Halloween together



Buddies celebrating Halloween together



Buddies celebrating Halloween together

Farewell Dinner (07/11/2016)



Getting ready for the farewell dinner



Buddies writing farewell messages to one another



Buddies writing farewell messages to one another



Starting the farewell dinner



Buddies interacting with one another



Buddies interacting with one another



End of the farewell dinner

Selected Testimonials from Participants

1. "This is something I wish I had when I was on exchange!" (Luo Xue Shi, local student buddy of School of Biological Sciences)
2. "The program is really good as it let us guide the exchange students and know more about their culture." (Zhuang Yixin, local student buddy of School of Biological Sciences)
3. "Nice to meet international students and interacting with them!" (Tan Hui Min, local student buddy of School of Physical and Mathematical Sciences)
4. "My buddy was really nice. It was great to be paired up with a local student." (Paul Arthur Chery, exchange student from France, studied in School of Physical and Mathematical Sciences)
5. "I made a lifetime friend through this program! Please continue it!" (Caroline Jane Skran Duncombe, exchange student from United States of America, studied in School of Physical and Mathematical Sciences)
6. "I consider my buddies as family and I am so thankful to have been given the chance to meet them." (Gruta Beatrice Cassandra Osorio, exchange student from Philippines, studied in School of Biological Sciences)

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