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Find out what students want the most in their student space!



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NOTE

Dear readers,

Welcome back to the second semester of this academic year! A new year signifies new beginnings, and I hope you're excited to start afresh this school term.

Before entering university last August, I wondered how school life would be. As it turned out, there's much to look forward to as an NIE student! Besides the daily grind of lectures and tutorials, there were often exciting events organised by the various clubs. From the welfare pack giveaway (p.8) to the 3600 seconds of learning during Repario (p. 18), NIE was definitely abuzz with activities throughout the semester.

As student teachers, we strive to create the best learning environment for all types of learners. For teachers-to-be who are wondering how to teach students with special needs, we have a special feature (p. 7) that will give you some tips on what to look out for!

Last December, we also posted a poll on our Facebook page (do like our page at www.facebook.com/niettc if you haven't!) to find out what students want to see in their student space. Check out the results on page 4.

I hope you enjoy this issue! As poet E. E. Cummings said, "The most wasted of all days is one without laughter." So challenge your limits and strive to achieve more, but above all, remember to find joy in the little things. Have a great semester ahead!

Choo Mei Fang

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7 QUESTIONS WITH THE DEAN

Dean of Office of Teacher Education A/P Liu Woon Chia shares with VOICES about her love for nature, having a work-life balance, and setting New Year's resolutions.

If you did not become a teacher, what career path would you take?

My dad wanted me to be a doctor, and my mum thought that I should be a lawyer. But I would probably become a vet, because I really love animals!

What do you like the most about working in this office?

The work is meaningful. We constantly strive to refine our programmes, and bring teacher education to the next level. It's nice working with a passionate group of people who share a common vision. That keeps me going. I also treasure the interaction with student teachers. I used to teach in schools, so the interaction is something I really enjoy.

If you had one superpower, what would it be?

I don't really need any. Some might want teleportation- it sounds interesting, but I like travelling and I find that the joy is in the journey! So it won't be fun if I miss out too much. Others might like time travel- it lets you bypass certain situations, but I think every experience makes you the person you are. Life is about

experiencing both the good and bad parts.

What do you do in your free time?

I'm an outdoor person. I love doing things like trekking and scuba diving. If I have the chance, I would go to nature and places where I can walk. In fact, in December 2014, we brought our 12-year old twins to trek in Nepal.

Are you a workaholic?

No, I am not! I work very hard, but I also play very hard. Every 10 weeks or so, I try to take a break, either by travelling or doing something different. I would switch off from office work. We all need to recharge.

Do you have any 2016 resolutions?

I don't make New Year resolutions because I never keep them! [laughs] But there are certain things that I hope to work on in different areas of my life. As a mother of 14-year-old twin boys, I think about the sort of mother I want to be. Just like being an educator, there has to be a balance between how much structure you put in, and how much autonomy you give them.



On the NIE front, in 2016, we want to focus on building the Enhanced Degree Programmes and the Teaching Scholars Programme. Our pioneer batch of degree students in the new programmes is moving on to Year 3 this year. They will be going for their semester exchange and international practicum. We want to continue to explore new placements for them in countries with strong education systems.

In addition, NIE has recently partnered the Academy of Singapore Teacher in the setting up of the Centre for Teaching & Learning Excellence in Yusof Ishak Secondary School. The development of the center will be an exciting time for NIE and our student teachers!

Complete the sentence: Life is all about...

Making a difference. I love the song 'Find us Faithful'. For my children, I hope the memories that they have of our time together can guide them in their life journey.

NIE BY THE NUMBERS

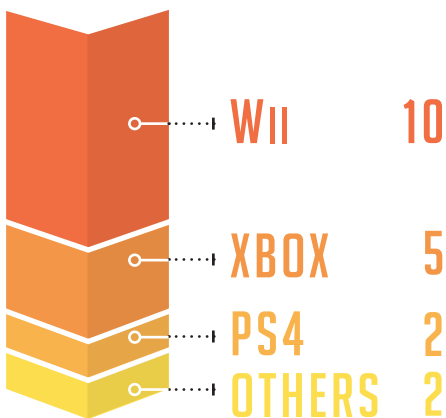
GRAPHICS: MARCUS LIANG

In this issue, we surveyed the NIE population to find out what they wanted in their **student space**, and here's what they said:

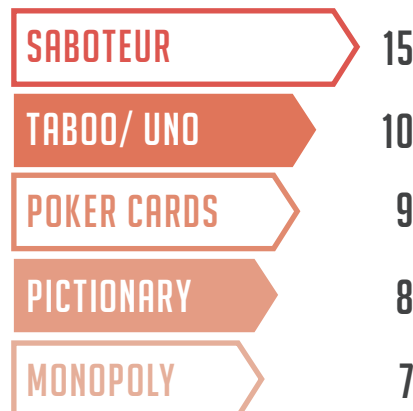
TOP 5 FEATURES : STUDENTS WISH TO SEE IN THEIR STUDENT SPACE



PREFERRED ELECTRONIC GAMES



TOP 5 PREFERRED BOARD GAMES



PREFERRED ITEMS IN VENDING MACHINE





PHOTOS: AMANDA HUANG

WELCOME TO NIE: IGNITE!

Lin Siyue

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Ex-Publications Officer | Trainee Teachers' Club

Thousands of students gathered in the NTU Nanyang Auditorium on 5 August 2015 for the NIE Welcome Ceremony.

At this event, NIE director Professor Tan Oon Seng addressed students who were about to begin their journey at NIE. These students were from the Diploma programme, the Bachelor of Arts and Science programme, as well as the Postgraduate Diploma in Education programme. Regardless of background, all of them had answered the call to be a teacher.

During his speech, Professor Tan explained how NIE students could become teachers who truly make an impact on their students. He summarised this with the acronym 'IGNITE' (see below).

This inspiring speech had a strong and relevant theme, serving as a good start and guide for all new students as they embark on the journey to become a teacher. His passionate belief in the ability of NIE's programmes to prepare students for the profession further served to excite the students about their school life.

The president of the 24th Trainee Teachers' Club, Katherine Tan, also gave an address. She shared a student's perspective on life at NIE and encouraged the audience to actively participate in NIE's many diverse clubs. Having been in the Trainee Teachers' Club for three years, she had much experience working with the other clubs. This led her to speak with conviction and passion when describing the vibrant student life in NIE.

An enthusiastic dance item presented by DanceFuzion, NIE's dance club, then provided a wonderful example of how students could make the most of their NIE experience by participating in student clubs and activities.

To all freshmen: It has been one whole semester since this welcome ceremony and from all your seniors, we hope that you have come to love NIE as much as we do. You are now a part of the family of the teaching profession – may your time spent here prepare you for this exciting and fulfilling experience ahead!

IGNITE

- I**MMERSE in the teaching profession
- G**ROW as a professional
- N**OVELTY in new experiences
- I**NITIATIVE to learn and enjoy
- T**EAMWORK with peers and friends
- E**THOS is of utmost importance

INVESTITURES GALORE

Written by: Choo Mei Fang, Nurulhaziyah Jumiran, Sin Jin Ting, Lynn Tay

With the start of a new academic year (AY), leaders of the various NIE clubs during AY 14/15 have passed on the baton to a newly elected committee. Here's how the various clubs in NIE welcomed their Executive Committee (ExCo) of AY 15/16!



..... TRAINEE TEACHERS' CLUB

On 16 September 2015, the Trainee Teachers' Club (TTC) held an investiture for the newly elected 25th ExCo. The Guest-of-Honour was Dr Chow Jia Yi, Assistant Dean of Degree & Student Life. Dr Chow also handed out certificates of appreciation to the outgoing 24th ExCo and subcommittee in the previous AY.

As the main academic constituent club of the National Institute of Education, we aim to serve, provide, and unite the student body of NIE.

DANCEFUZION

On 27 October 2015, outgoing and incoming members of the ExCo gathered to celebrate the annual Handing-Over-Taking-Over (HOTO) Ceremony. Juniors, seniors and alumni attended the event to wish the incoming committee well, and to show their appreciation for the hard work of the previous committee in running the club successfully for the past year. The night concluded with members reminiscing about their experiences and memories of performances over food and drinks.



For more information on DanceFuzion, check out [facebook.com/dancefuzion!](https://facebook.com/dancefuzion)



..... CLEAR CLUB

Chinese Language Education & Research (CLEAR) Club's investiture marked the handing over from the 13th ExCo to the 14th ExCo. During the investiture, the new committee was introduced to their Club Advisor and other CLEAR Club Members. Members of the 13th ExCo were also presented with certificates of recognition for their contributions to the club in the past academic year.

BA CLUB, BSC CLUB & CLUB JEUX

As Spiderman once said, "With great power comes great responsibility."

Inspired by this quote, last year's investiture for the Bachelor of Arts (BA) Club, Bachelor of Science (BSc) Club and Club Jeux is 'Superheroes'. This is to remind us of our responsibility as leaders, to lead and serve the needs of others and the NIE community.



TEACHING STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Students from the Early Childhood Special Education Academic Group, Class MSE 871

Students with special needs are wonderful, smart, and capable learners. While teaching these learners in a class of students can be a challenge, it is also important that all students are given the chance to succeed. Teachers should find ways to reach all learners, not just the ones who can do the work.

The students from the Early Childhood and Special Needs Education Academic Group would like to give you three things to know about teaching students with special needs:

PUT THE PERSON FIRST NOT THE DISABILITY

Use Person-First Language. Our learners are people first, so we need to treat them as such. It is not, “the learning disabled child”; instead, it is “the child with a learning disability”.

Using person-first language can help eliminate old, prejudicial, and hurtful descriptors. The person always comes first, the disability is second.

WHAT YOU DO FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS IS GOOD FOR ALL OF YOUR STUDENTS

Strategies used to teach students with special needs also benefit typically developing children.

For example, many students with special needs need structure, clear expectations, visual aids, kinesthetic activities, and positive reinforcement. These strategies have also proven to be effective for helping all children.

SOCIAL GROWTH VS ACADEMIC GROWTH

School should be a place that provides a sense of safety and allows students to foster positive relationships among teachers and peers. Social skill and social growth are primary and crucial to our lives as adults. It is important that we focus on these needs as well as the academic ones.

Often, social development will have a much more lasting impact on our students' overall success in life.

Finally, please remember that we all have disabilities. If you are reading this wearing glasses, your disability is easy to spot. The difference is that a problem with vision is a disability that society has accounted for, and there is no stigma associated with it.

You have **SUPERPOWERS** as a teacher- please remember to use those powers to reach and serve ALL of your students. Thank you for the work you do!

CELEBRATE THE EDUCATOR IN YOU

Seah Jin Yang
Second-Year, Bachelor of Arts (Education)
Vice-President (Support) | Trainee Teachers' Club

As the only institute for teacher education in Singapore, Teachers' Day holds a special place in the hearts of the student teachers in NIE.

On 31 August 2015, the Trainee Teachers' Club kick-started the week-long Teachers' Day celebration by distributing fresh Gerberas to all NIE academic staff.

This was to appreciate the time and effort staff have spent in helping the student body of NIE to be educators of the future. Every Gerbera came with a redemption card, which allowed staff to redeem a free t-shirt.

A booth selling flowers was also set up at the linkway between Block 2 and 3, encouraging everyone to show appreciation to their lecturers, fellow student teachers, colleagues and friends on this meaningful occasion.



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The limited edition 'EDUCATOR' shirt was introduced in this year's shirt sale. There was an overwhelming response to the new design, and shirts were sold out within an hour for all three days of sale.

We would like to thank every academic staff and student for their support in this event. Stay tuned to more exciting initiatives brought to you by TTC!

MINION OF SMILES

Amos Kow Yuan Hong
Third-Year, Bachelor of Arts (Education)
Welfare Officer | Trainee Teachers' Club



PHOTOS: MARCUS LIANG

On 28 October 2015, TTC organised a welfare pack giveaway with the theme 'Project Happiness 2015'. We wanted to serve the student population by giving out welfare packs and keep spirits up during the busy weeks of deadlines and assignment submissions.

In their packs, students received items such as face wash, lip balm, and contact lens solution. There were also food items such as raisin bread and Hello Panda biscuits. True to our theme, these packs brought smiles and happiness to the student teachers!

A snaking queue started to form before the giveaway officially began. The event started with a flashmob by TTC and DanceFuzion. Popcorn and cotton candy were also given out at the event. There was even a minion mascot to hype the vibe at the free photo printing booth. It was a hit, and students had fun taking photos with it.

The event was a success as all the welfare bags were snatched up in less than an hour. We look forward to serving the student population at our next welfare pack giveaway!



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CLUBBING FOR PASSION

Choo Mei Fang
 First-Year, Bachelor of Arts (Education)
 Publications Officer | Trainee Teachers' Club

On 15 September 2015, members of the various subsidiary clubs in NIE gathered to witness the presentation of the Passion Awards and the NIE Club Awards.

Besides the Guest-of-Honour Dean of Teacher Education Associate Professor (A/P) Liu Woon Chia, associate deans, assistant deans, club advisors, and other student teachers were also present.

The Passion Award, introduced in 2005, is presented to graduand teachers for their perseverance and invaluable service to the NIE community during their course of study. The club awards are given to the outstanding clubs of NIE that have undertaken projects to serve the community within the institute.

In her welcome address, president of the 25th Trainee Teachers' Club Melissa Neo thanked all the current club leaders and alumni for the time and effort they have spent in enriching student life.

A/P Liu began the prize presentation segment by thanking the dedication of leaders in the various clubs, who stepped up to serve in the midst of their busy schedules.

When club representatives received the awards as their clubs' names were called, members cheered to show their support. All clubs that took part in the award selection were presented with a certificate of recognition.

The audience was also treated to a performance by DanceFuzion at the ceremony. The 'Clubbing @ NIE' video, which gives a glimpse into the wide range of activities planned by the various clubs, was also screened.

Congratulations to all the award winners! The Trainee Teachers' Club will continue forging strong ties with the clubs in NIE to improve campus life for our student body.

AWARD WINNERS

 <p>STRONG PARTNERSHIP AWARD Malay Language & Cultural Society</p>	 <p>PASSION AWARDS Ng Jia Jun Justin Trainee Teachers' Club</p>
 <p>ACTIVE CLUB AWARD Bachelor of Science Club</p>	<p>Perdana Putra Trainee Teachers' Club</p>
 <p>SUSTAINED PROJECT AWARD Chinese Language Education & Research Club</p>	<p>Jeremy Lim Ching Sen Club Jeux</p>
 <p>IMPROVED CLUB AWARD Physical Education & Sports Science Club</p>	<p>Quek Yi Lin Alexia Club Jeux</p> <p>Foo Shi Ping Melissa Bachelor of Science Club</p>

FRESHMEN ORIENTATION CAMPS 2015

We take a look back at the various orientation camps last August!

CAMP DYSTOPIA



May the odds be ever in your favour!" This quote from Suzanne Collins' Hunger Games reverberated in last year's Freshmen Orientation Camp (FOC). This year-long project was the brainchild of the Orientation Planning Main Committee made up by various sub-clubs in NIE who came together to give the freshmen Camp Dystopia.

The theme for this camp drew inspiration from popular dystopian literature such as "The Hunger Games" and "Divergent". A dystopian society governed by the iron fist of our very own President Snow was created for the campers. This society consisted of different districts named Aqua, Terra, Inferno and Ether.

The campers were segregated into their districts and had to perform tasks to earn points and favour with President Snow. These games included the annual Amazing Race, District Games, and performing a tribute to him during the District Night. Besides games and district cheers, they even had to navigate the school compound during Story Night and solve intricate puzzles in an attempt to save a fellow rebel. Although the camp was dystopian-themed, the mood was one of life and vigor.

Just as things were coming to an end on the final day, a final war erupted and divided the districts into two allegiances— one seeking revenge on President Snow's oppressive rule and the other pledging to protect President Snow. The victorious districts were Inferno and Terra. At the end, the true prize claimed by all the districts was the strength of friendships forged.

- Pang Peng Tiong
- Second-Year, Bachelor of Arts (Education)
- FOC 2015 Chairperson

“ Although I was defeated by the districts, I must say they were energetic, friendly and (...) cared for each other. As Snow, I despise all of that, but who cares, I was dead. They won. Whatever, the odds are in YOUR favour, I guess.

Seetaram 'President Snow' Panday
Year 4, Bachelor of Arts (Ed)



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2015

Tian Xiao
Third-Year, Bachelor of Arts (Education)
CLEAR Club FOC 2015 Camp Chief

CLEAR CLUB FOC

On 3 August 2015, more than 100 freshmen from the Bachelor of Arts, Diploma and Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Chinese Specialization) attended a one-day orientation camp organized by Chinese Language Education and Research Club (CLEAR Club).

The day started with a welcome speech by their lecturers, followed by an opportunity to interact with seniors and enquire about life in NIE. The freshmen then took part in games and activities that fostered teamwork and allowed them to get to know one another better.

The day concluded with many cheers and much laughter, indicative of an engaging and entertaining experience for the freshmen.



PHOTOS: CHRISTOPHER WONG, PHOEBE TOH



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PHOTOS: NURSYAZANA BINTE JAMIL

Nadzirah Binte Amir Hamzah
Third-Year, Linguistic and Multilingual Studies
President | MLCS

Every year, the NTU Malay Language and Cultural Society and NTU Muslim Society collaborate to put up a camp targeted at Malay and Muslim freshmen. Besides familiarizing students with the university system and places on campus, the camp also aims to let participants forge new friendships as they embark on their new education milestone. This time, there were close to 120 spirited participants taking part in the camp.

Guided by the theme of a crazy carnival 'madness', participants had to go through five missions in order to bring down the villain and his wingmen.

The main highlight of the camp was the night Carn-Evil which took place in the open under the stars. In conjunction with the Hari Raya season, participants, volunteers and committee members wore traditional Malay costumes to celebrate the festivity on the last day of camp.

Overall, the camp had good feedback, especially in terms of the storyline and props for the activities.



PHOTOS: AMANDA HUANG

JOIN THE CLUB!

- Tan Wenxin Katherine
- Fourth-Year, Bachelor of Arts (Education)
- NIE Club Fair Overall-in-Charge

They say undergraduate school life is just not complete without clubbing. Luckily for us, the clubbing scene here in NIE is a much happening one. On 12 August 2015, NIE students gathered at the area outside Lecture Theatre 1 to celebrate the vibrant student community and to provide the freshmen a sneak peek into the 'clubs'.

This time, the club fair took on a rather different approach, moving away from the traditional exhibition-style displays to a more interactive, activity-based carnival. Each participant was given an activity card to complete, and the first 100 who successfully collected at least eight different stickers from any of the 13 club booths could redeem a free classic NIE shirt!

Participants visiting the various booths were greeted by attractive displays, colourful helium balloons, and also the warm welcome of the various club representatives. The excitement and passion that the representatives demonstrated while sharing their club's mission and activities were so contagious that club sign-ups were overwhelming that day!

Missed the 'clubbing' session? Find out more about NIE Student Clubs via the Trainee Teachers' Club's Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/niettc/>

FIVE REASONS TO JOIN A STUDENT CLUB

- 1 Take a break from schoolwork
- 2 Make friends outside your programme
- 3 Give back to the NIE community
- 4 Hone your event planning skills
- 5 Have fun!

“The u-shaped layout of the event and its new format made the NIE Club Fair more funfair-like and also more exciting for the participants!

Denise Chng Huiru
Year 2, Bachelor of Arts (Ed)



SPICING UP SCHOOL LIFE

Who says school is boring? There's more to it than just hitting the books. Here are two ways that students make school life more exciting!

..... Creating a Special Instagram Account

Elaine Wong, BSc (Ed) (Math) (Pri), Year 1

Inspired by the wildly popular Humans of New York picture series, Elaine Wong decided to adapt its concept to create a NIE version on Instagram. After brainstorming with five other friends (below), the Instagram account 'studyinghumans' was born. It captures the lives and thoughts of various students in school, and is a platform to find out more about the people in school.

The Instagram handle is a wordplay on the word 'studying'. Elaine explains, "It comes from the idea of understanding the humans around us more, rather than just merely looking. It could also mean we are humans who are studying."

The account mostly features freshies or mutual friends. Although she would like to approach people around school and ask them for an insight into their lives, there is a fear of rejection. She adds, "We want genuine answers, and we don't know if people will be open if we approach them out of the blue."

Although the frequency of posts slowed down after school workload started increasing during the semester, there are plans to revamp it this year. Elaine says, "We'll up our game for this account really soon, and feature more seniors!"

"Hopefully this account will also be known to the freshies in the next intake, so that they can read it and feel more at home here."



PHOTOS: ELAINE WONG, INSTAGRAM



@STUDYINGHUMANS

If you would like to be featured, send your pictures to studyinghumans@gmail.com!

Creating a Class T-Shirt

Chen Guan Zhong, PGDE (PE) (Sec), Year 1

While walking around campus, you might have noticed students in a maroon shirt emblazoned with the phrase 'The Physically Educated Person'. This shirt was created by Chen Guan Zhong for his class.

"The class was very supportive about the idea," he says. "Some of us found the material and cutting of the PESS tees a little uncomfortable... (We) can also use this shirt during lessons or future competitions as our 'team jersey'."

The phrase on the shirt came from an assignment title in one of their modules. The class felt that it was apt to have it on their shirt, as it reminds them that Physical Education is not just about playing sports, but education through physical activities. The colours were also selected as it was "outstanding and unique".

Guan Zhong shares that wearing the shirt shows solidarity and their close bond. It creates a sense of pride within the class as well.



PHOTO: CHEN GUAN ZHONG

He adds that his class is fun-loving, saying, "We get along very well with one another."

"Our WhatsApp chat group can be flooded with 200 over messages if you leave your phone unchecked for 30 minutes."

CULTURAL COVERAGE



RAYA HAVOC

Nadzirah Binte Amir Hamzah
Third-Year, Linguistic and Multilingual Studies
President | Malay Language and Cultural Society

On 19 August 2015, the NTU Malay Language and Cultural Society held a Hari Raya Celebration concert for the student teachers in NIE. It was conducted in English so that everyone could attend the show to learn more about the Malay culture and customs. Professor Paul Teng and other staff from the Asian Languages and Cultures (ALC) Department at NIE graced the event.

The celebration incorporated a game show concept where there was a battle between the sexes. Participants had to compete in three rounds of games that tested their skit improvisation skills, creativity and ability to interact with the audience. The members of the audience became judges for the games, where they voted by raising the red (representing the female group) or blue (representing the male group) pieces of paper placed at their seat.

At the end of the show, 20 lucky members in the audience went home with a green packet that had been placed under their seats prior to the event. The celebration drew to a close after serving the ALC staff and audience with various Hari Raya delicacies.



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MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL

Lau Kai Jing
First-Year, Bachelor of Arts (Education)
Secretary | CLEAR Club



PHOTOS: LIM NATALIE, MAGDALENE LIM

DEEPAVALI DELIGHT



PHOTO: M SATHEESWARAN

WHAT IS...

Thoranam: hanging decorations tied at the entrance during auspicious occasions

Rangoli: floor patterns created using coloured rice, dry flour, coloured sand or flower petals

Naadaswaram: a double reed wind instrument

Miruthangam: a wooden double-headed drum

Kuthuvilakku: a traditional Indian lamp

A Halima Begum
First-Year, Post-Graduate Diploma in Education
Publicity and Publications Officer | Tamil Language Club

The Deepavali celebration has been organised annually by the Tamil Language Club since 2003. This event was held on 4 November 2015, and the venue was decorated with thoranam and rangoli. Traditional instrumental music, played using the naadaswaram and miruthangam, also livened the atmosphere.

The guest-of-honour Dr Chow Jia Yi, the Assistant Dean of Degree & Student Life, was warmly welcomed with sparklers. The event commenced after Dr Chow lit the kuthuvilakku together with Associate Professor (A/P) Hadijah bte Rahmat, the Covering and Deputy Head of the Asian Languages and Culture Academic Group, and A/P A Ra Sivakumaran, the Head of the Tamil Language and Culture Division.

Some key highlights of the event included the dance, drama and songs performed on stage by our very own student teachers. The audience also participated enthusiastically in the Deepavali quiz segment. Majidah Binti Ramli, a first-year student taking a PGDE in Malay Language and Literature, said, "The programme was very entertaining as it allowed non-Hindus to understand the culture and true spirit of Deepavali."

The celebration was rounded off with a sumptuous Indian lunch buffet, which consisted of a variety of dishes. Overall, it was an enriching and memorable experience.

The morning of 23 September 2015 was a special one as the Mid-Autumn Festival was celebrated here in NIE. In Chinese custom, the Mid-Autumn Festival is a time of reunion with loved ones. Hence, members of the Chinese Language Education and Research (CLEAR) Club put together a heart-warming event where lecturers and students could gather to enjoy a morning of melodious tunes, games and fellowship.

After a grand opening for the event, the audience revelled in familiar tunes performed by our Postgraduate Diploma in Education (PGDE) Primary student teachers and Lecturer Lim Tiew Ling. Next, some members of the audience were invited on stage to participate in our annual pomelo peeling competition. All participants walked away with vouchers and big smiles.



The audience waited in anticipation as the last stage was set for our PGDE Secondary student teachers. One of the performers, PGDE Secondary student teacher Huang Huang, amazed the crowd with her ocarina rendition of the hit song "Endless Love" by Jackie Chan and Kim Hi Sun. The event ended with a lucky draw where our audience held on nervously to their lucky numbers in hopes of winning the grand prize of a Fujifilm Instax Printer. In all, it was a memorable morning at NIE and a job well done by the CLEAR club members!

SHARIN-G

THE LOVE FOR TEACHING

What is it like having a sister in school? VOICES checks out the quirky relationship between the Sharin sisters, and how they support each other in their journey towards becoming teachers.

Nadia Binte Sharin Year 4, BA (Malay Language) (Sec)

Nadirah Binte Sharin Year 1, DipEd (Home Economics) (Sec)

What are your positions in your family dynamics?

Nadia: Naturally a leader and reliable. I am the first child, so I was brought up to be independent, strong and responsible. I usually make decisions for my siblings.

Nadirah: Playful and troublemaker. As the second child, I receive lesser discipline by my parents. But I know my limits and I usually seek help from her to back me up when anything happens!

Did both of you expect to embark on the same career path?

Nadia: No! [laughs] It was my childhood dream to be a teacher. I remember vividly my sister wanted to be a doctor.

Nadirah: I wanted to be a doctor! But after getting my 'O' level results, I changed my career path because of a teacher who inspired and helped me a lot.

What is it like having a sibling in the same school as you?

Nadia: We have been in the same school since primary school. The only time we were not in the same school was when I entered a junior college and she entered a polytechnic. Now, besides being in



NIE, we are also roomies in hall. Hall becomes a second home. I don't feel so apart from home, unlike the past three years that I've stayed in hall. And well, we know each other friends too. Everyone is like a mutual friend!

Nadirah: She's a senior, blood-sister, and room-mate! We help each other out and share ideas, especially for classroom activities. Being roomies motivate me, and I don't feel so homesick especially when I was battling with 12 modules last year.

Do both of you share the same teaching philosophy?

Nadia: Mine is to make a positive difference to my students' lives. I want it to be a domino effect, for my students to pass on the values, skills and knowledge they have gained to other people around them.

Nadirah: For me, I want to teach from the heart and impart the knowledge to my students so that it guides them to make a positive difference to the people around them.

What kind of teacher do you think your sister will be?

Nadia: I think she will be a cool teacher. She is very creative and has a lot of ideas!

Nadirah: Honestly, I think Nadia will be a very strict but caring teacher. She is very serious when it comes to doing work but cares a lot though she is not very expressive!



Nadirah (L) and Nadia (R). PHOTOS: NADIA BINTE SHARIN



DANCEFUZION PRODUCTION 2015

- Poh Yanghan
- Fourth-Year, Bachelor of Arts (Education)
- Ex-Chairperson | DanceFuzion

Held on 22 August 2015, DanceFuzion's 6th dance production 'D.finition: Sonder' was envisioned as a commentary of how we get so caught up in our own lives that we miss the other stories that are developing around us.

With this in mind, the production was presented through six separate dance items— the individual stories of six people who happened to be together at a particular moment in time. The dance choreographies were conceptualized by DanceFuzion's resident dance choreographer, Chua Choon Hui, as well as student and alumni choreographers.

SONDER
Taken from the Dictionary of Obscure Sorrows, a compendium of invented words written by John Koenig, Sonder expresses the realization that each random passerby is living a life as vivid and complex as one's own.

For the production, DanceFuzion decided to push herself in the element of performance, putting up more complicated routines that required the dancers to combine

a number of styles in a single choreography. Through intense practice, the dancers managed to achieve the vision that the choreographers had.

D.finition: Sonder was a platform to showcase our dancers' efforts and passion for dance as well as our growth as a club, as we strive for more experience and exposure in dance. As the last notes of the final song played and the curtains came to a close, the months of hard work

that everyone had put in came to fruition. It was definitely a memorable experience for those involved.

DanceFuzion would like to thank everyone who helped us in making the showcase a success, with special mention to OTE, our support team comprising of the technical crew, photographers, and videographers, as well as TTC for their valuable contributions towards the showcase.

“ I am really thankful to be part of this, as it allowed me to further explore the art of dance. My heartfelt thanks to the choreographers and planning committee for going the extra mile for our welfare all the time!

Ng Aik Song
 Year 4, BA (Ed)



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REPERIO 2015



Nurulhaziyah Jumiran
Second-Year, Diploma in Arts (Education)
Chairperson | Bachelor of Arts Club

Bachelor of Arts (BA) Club is back with our annual learning festival, Reperio 2015! This time, we collaborated with six other NIE clubs. The NIE community supported the hour-long event by participating in the various activities offered by them.

As the main host of the event, BA Club held two different activities – the Art Jamming workshop and Henna Drawing booth.

“The art jamming was a stress reliever! It feels good to paint with other student teachers, meet new friends and simply enjoy the arty session.

Nur Syazwani
Year 2, Dip in Art (Ed)

Club Jeux, known for their board game activities, carried out two different games. Student teachers got to acquire ideas on how board games can be used in the classroom. DanceFuzion got participants in the groove with their dance steps.

The English Language and Literature Club came up with an interesting drama workshop called ‘Capture it!’. It opened up a discursive platform for participants to delve deeper into their calling as future teachers.

Family and Consumer Sciences Club conducted a cooking workshop, where student teachers learnt how to bake ondeh-ondeh cupcakes as well as muah chee.

The Malay Language and Cultural Society filled the U.iD with the sounds of two Malay percussion instruments, the kompang and rebana. Students



joined them at the space and learned a beat or two. Lastly, the Physical Education and Sports Science Club created fun and laughter by conducting traditional Danish games in the open space outside U.iD.

BA Club looks forward to organising another exciting Reperio event this academic year!

OMNIKIN, GO!



Ferdinand Mar Xie Fai
First-Year, Bachelor of Science (Education)
Sports Officer | PESS Club

The inaugural NIE Sports Carnival was held on 28 September 2015, with over 80 participants turning up on the first day of recess week to engage in a series of sports and games.

Organised by the Physical Education and Sports Science (PESS) Club, the carnival featured Bubble Soccer, Kin-ball and Captain's Ball.

Besides giving students the chance to work up a sweat and take a breather from their hectic school assignments, the carnival also allowed them to interact with fellow student teachers across the different programmes in school. Participants included students from the Post-Graduate Diploma in Education, Diploma in Education, as well as Bachelor of Science/Arts (Education).

The Sports Carnival is a culmination of the PESS Club's mission, which is to promote sports and sporting culture within and beyond the NIE student community.

With the success of this event, PESS Club hopes to see you at our next Sports Carnival in 2016. Stay tuned!



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NIE INSTALIFE

Check out what's happening around campus through the eyes of our students on Instagram! From coordinated outfits to batik lessons, looks like the NIE community had a great time in school. Hashtag #myNIElife on your photos and they might be featured in our next issue!





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