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MDIS ALUMNUS JOINS PAYM BUDGET POLICY FORUM

MDIS Alumnus, Sim Yee Tat, who has just recently graduated with a Bachelor of Science (Hons) International Tourism and Hospitality Management from the University of Sunderland, UK, took the opportunity to join The People's Association Youth Movement (PAYM) Budget Policy Forum on 14 March 2010. This budget forum seeks to raise the awareness of economic and financial issues to the youth community who are interested in economic policy formulation.

The highlight of the event was to receive insights from the Minister of Finance, Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, with regards to the challenges and visions installed for the Budget 2010 which touches on the main themes of productivity and economic growth prospects of Singapore for the next decade.

Yee Tat said, "During the forum, participants had a fruitful time interacting and exchanging views with youths from different schools and also youth grassroots leaders serving at their own constituency communities."

There was also a Question and Answer session which allowed many youths to participate and initiate challenging and insightful questions to the Minister. Overall, it was an enriching session as participants get to comprehend the crux of economic issues at the forefront and also to network with youths who share a keen sense of interest in matters affecting the future of Singapore.

Yee Tat also mentioned, "As a representative from MDIS Alumni, I am proud to join the forum and network with other budding young entrepreneurs and business leaders to gain valuable insights on the actualisation of economic strategies."



ALUMNI BUZZ

MDIS Alumni organises fun-loving and interesting events. We feature some of the exciting networking events for your reading pleasure and look forward to seeing you at future events.

1D Manchester United Trip

The MDIS Alumni went to Bukit Jalil Stadium in Kuala Lumpur on 18 July 2009 to catch a live soccer match between Manchester United and Malaysia XI in the Manchester United Asia Tour 2009. Alumni were seated in the first and second tier and got up close and personal with the soccer players and took memorable photographs with them. There were lots of Manchester United memorabilia on sale for avid collectors. All participants agreed that the match was awesome and they had a wonderful time.



MDIS Alumnus Toni at the Bukit Jalil Stadium

Halloween Night At Asian Civilisation Museum

About 30 members of the MDIS Alumni had a spooky time at The Asian Civilisation Museum. The tour started off with the scary exhibits of death rituals of the ancient Asian society followed by a sharing session of the paranormal sightings by the Volunteers of Singapore Paranormal Investigation. Finally, alumni were invited to indulge in a widespread of buffet accompanied with ice cream and drinks. During dinner, the 'Spookiest Dressed' contestant was crowned and rewarded with vouchers as prizes.



Participants of the 'Spookiest Dressed' competition

Relaxing Cheng Ho High Tea Cruise

About 20 alumni members gathered on 5 December 2009 at the foyer of the Hotel Rendezvous to board the coach to Marina Pier. The over-hanging clouds did not deter the group as they set sail to Kusu Island at 3pm on the Admiral Cheng Ho Junk ship, a fabulous trip that lasted almost three hours.

As the ship set sail, they were served a scrumptious high-tea with a wide selection of pastries and savories with aromatic coffee and tea. At Kusu Island, alumni members visited the temple and strolled around the island enjoying the magnificent view of the sea. It was a tranquil and adventurous trip for all.



Group photo before boarding

Chinese New Year Highlight - Singapore Flyer Sightseeing Feast!

The trip to the Singapore Flyer organised for Alumni members brought together their friends and families for a spectacular view of the cityscape of Singapore. Participants were welcomed by our alumnus, Juliana Mah, a Management Trainee at the Singapore Flyer. She graduated in 2009 with a Bachelor of Business in Convention and Event Management from Southern Cross University, Australia. Participants toured the premise while others took pictures of the auspicious trail.



Standing on the right is MDIS Alumnus, Juliana Mah

From the Singapore Flyer's capsule, participants got a bird's eye view of the construction of the spectacular Marina Bay Sands by the Singapore River, F1 racing track, Esplanade and the upscale Marina district. The day ended with a scrumptious eight-course Chinese Lo Hei dinner at the Kia Hiang Restaurant.



Alumni members enjoying Lo Hei Dinner at Kia Hiang Restaurant

SPOTLIGHT

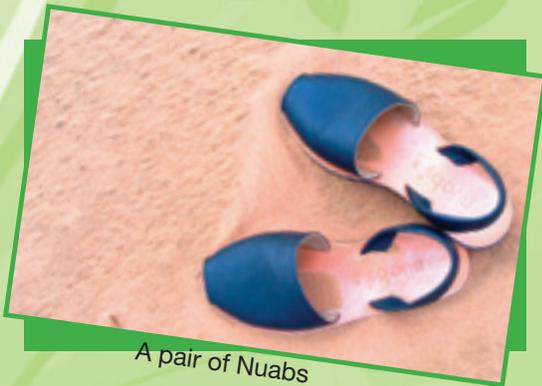
About Vernice Chua

Vernice graduated in 1998 with a Master of Mass Communications from Oklahoma City University, USA, at MDIS.



Inspiration from Cambodia

Vernice ventured into a footwear business, Nuabs. Nuabs was formed after her chanced experience during backpacking along Mekong River a few years ago. She chanced upon a very unique and organic way of making footwear. Farmers would pick up pieces of discarded tyre rubber and cut them to the size of one's foot. Thereafter, they would then use any material at home such as rice sack cloth, where they will sew over the rubber tyre and secure the footwear with a back strap.



A pair of Nuabs

Vernice decided to introduce this very interesting pair of footwear to the urbanites living in the cities. After all, Nuabs' mission is to build common grounds among people in this world. What better way to build common ground than by introducing a common footwear. After all, it has been said: "You can only understand someone after walking a mile in his shoes."

Vernice said, "We try to keep the design as simple as possible, cut out all the unnecessary bits like artificial padding, etc, and keep it as close as we can to how farmers make their footwear. Instead of shoe boxes, we have shoe bags to double up as handy packaging as well as a reusable bag for easy packing when travelling."

Common Grounds

MDIS Alumni brings people of various backgrounds together while Nuabs focuses in creating common 'grounds' for people.

Success Lies in Belief

Vernice shared, "As an entrepreneur, my emotions are like a roller coaster ride. There is hope, doubt, despair, frustration, anger, grief and joy, all packed into one body. There are always ups and downs, million and one battles to face and thousands of hurdles to overcome. But all these become insignificant when you see Nuabs on the feet of a human being walking down the street. You start to believe in yourself again."

“ Start a business only because you strongly believe in it and are truly inspired by it. Inspiration and hope can carry you through a lot of tough times. ”

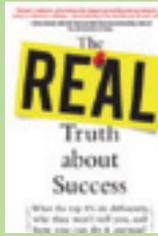


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Vernice added, "With a strong MDISAN, I believe that every alumnus and alumna can make a difference in shaping and building a better future for themselves."

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ACCOLADES

“MDIS Alumni provides an opportunity for students and alumni to connect and strengthen relationships with its graduates and encourage social networking. Through the exclusive programmes and activities, alumni members can enhance their knowledge and experience by interacting, exchanging and sharing ideas.”



Sameer Shekhar,
MBA, University of Wales, UK
Express Courier Service and Freight Forwarding Company

“MDIS Alumni committee are friendly and helpful in organising events which are interesting, fun and provide networking opportunities with other MBA Alumni from diverse backgrounds.”



Vivian Too,
MBA, University of Bradford, UK
Credit Manager
DBS Bank, Financial Institution

UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

From Zero To Hero - Money Talk Board Game

Learn insights to financial prudence through our fun and engaging boardgame session! Come network with fellow students and alumni members! Buffet lunch will be provided.

Date : 5 June 2010 (Saturday)
Time : 9.30am – 12.30pm
Fee : \$20 (Alumni)
\$25 (Member)
\$28 (Guest)



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