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MDIS ALUMNI CARD

A card that connects... and more



Dear Alumni,

Welcome to the Alumni Community of the **Management Development Institute of Singapore (MDIS)**. Enjoy an array of benefits with the new MDIS Alumni Card (MAC), including exclusive invitations to activities, Alumni event updates and discounts from our partners.

We look forward to seeing you at our MDIS Alumni Community events where you can keep in touch with your classmates and stay connected with your alma mater.

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The MDIS Experience

The current volatile market has made finding employment challenging. Hence, I am heartened to know that our graduates have successfully found employment within six months of their graduation, especially in the hardest hit industries such as oil and gas, manufacturing and even retail sales.

Our Alumni continue to play an active role in MDIS, sharing our heritage and traditions with current students. Many alumni members have demonstrated high versatility and adaptability in the corporate world and we are proud of each and every one of them. An alumnus showcased in this issue of Bond, is Megawati Wijaya. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Accounting and Finance from the University of Bradford last year. Megawati shares with us her experience at MDIS and how her studies helped her land a job in the oil and gas industry. Like her, many other alumni have benefited greatly from our academic programmes and involvement in interest groups.

Alongside our alumni association, the various interest groups in the Institute allow our students to cultivate leadership and soft skills, which will serve them well in their careers.

If you haven't been to campus in a while, you can still be a part of MDIS by participating in Alumni activities organised by MDIS Membership and Alumni Relations. There is no better opportunity to establish friendships and expand your network. I am encouraged that we will continue to successfully enhance your connections to one another and the world.



Tan Gek Khin



A Walk Down Memory Lane

MDIS Heritage Gallery now open



This year, we celebrate 60 years of MDIS' rich history and heritage – from its humble beginnings in 1956 as the Supervisory and Management Training Association of Singapore (SAMTAS), to what it is today. Formed primarily to address the needs of the nation's workforce during the early years of Singapore's economic development, the Institute was subsequently renamed the Management Development Institute of Singapore (MDIS) in 1984 and has since grown exponentially.

Launched to commemorate our 60th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee, the Heritage Gallery is where you will learn all about MDIS' rich heritage, its significant milestones, achievements and successes over the last six decades. Take a quiz at the interactive Touchscreen Quiz station to discover how much you know about MDIS and win a PRIZE! (You may redeem the prize from the Reception Counter at MDIS Lobby).

Come visit the MDIS Heritage Gallery for an enriching experience!

Location:

MDIS Campus, Blk C, Level 1
(next to LR-C1015)

Opening Hours:

Mondays to Fridays: 9am - 8pm

Saturdays: 9am - 3pm

Closed on Sundays & Public Holidays



MDIS Sling



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Visit our Heritage Gallery and enjoy a mocktail of your choice at the MDIS Tropical Breeze bar!

For more information on how to redeem your mocktail, simply contact Membership & Alumni Relations at 6473 5885.

Bonding Over Bowling



Bowling has a long and rich history, and today it is one of the most popular sports in the world. It remains one of the most popular and inexpensive activities to bond with friends over. MDIS' Membership and Alumni Relations organised Bowl & Strike, a friendly bowling session for 30 students and alumni to strike a few pins on 9 April 2016. The event got off to a great start with participants

illuminating the lanes with their enthusiasm. Despite the subtle air of competitiveness amongst teams, all players had plenty of fun. As they cheered each other on, laughter could also be heard over impressive strikes and gutter balls. The happy mood and closeness participants felt when they enjoyed the time together gave new meaning to 'company' and 'friendship'.

Nature Explorer Series

Well-received by both students and alumni, our Nature Explorer Series takes participants on treks through nature. Last April, a group of alumni had a great time at our Southern Ridges walk which was a 10km long trek connecting parks such as Mount Faber Park, Telok Blangah Hill Park, HortPark, Kent Ridge Park and Labrador Nature Reserve. The Southern Ridges is a popular trek for walking enthusiasts, avid photographers and nature lovers as they can come up close with a wide array of flora and fauna.

Check out the monthly newsletter by MDIS Alumni Relations for more upcoming treks! Don't miss the next trek on 27 August 2016 at Coney Island. Please register your interest via email to alumni@mdis.edu.sg.





Movie Night: Star Wars

Last December, the newly-renovated MDIS Dhoby Ghaut premises received over a hundred alumni, students, members and their families for our ever-popular Movie Night. Apart from the screening of *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*, they tucked into a sumptuous 11-course Christmas dinner treat. A Star Wars ‘Best Dressed’ winner was crowned (dressed as Luke Skywalker) and a lucky few even went home with prizes from our lucky draw.



Movie Night: Captain America, Civil War

This was another sold out movie-night! Over 120 alumni and students packed the theatre at Vivocity on 4 May 2016 to catch the latest instalment of the action packed crime-fighting superhero movie. The blockbuster follows Captain America as he leads a new team of Avengers against a new villain while navigating increasing political pressure to install an international system of accountability to govern the deployment of the Avengers. The Avengers are forced to pick sides, leading to fractures within the team.

Catch the next Movie Night screening in November!



Talk on Positive Aspirations

On 12 March 2015, over 30 alumni attended a talk by accomplished public speaker, trainer and MDIS alumnus, Mr Tan Kwan Hong. Notable topics at the talk included ‘proven systems that discover one’s wildest passions’ and ‘how to uncover your deepest values’. The audience was also introduced to the principles of the four “P”s which are essential when developing your career.



1 Day Johor Bahru Chinese New Year Shopping Trip

On 23 January 2016, which was two weeks before Chinese New Year, 20 students and alumni went on a pre-festive shopping trip day trip to Johor Bahru, Malaysia. Apart from visiting snack factories, the group went on a shopping spree at Johor Premium outlets where they enjoyed savings of up to 65% on luxury goods. The trip concluded with a seafood dinner.



Embracing Versatility

Megawati Wijaya landed her first job in an oil and gas firm after her graduation in 2015. She shares with Bond how the MDIS experience contributed to her people skills at the workplace.



Having graduated in 2015 with a Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Accounting and Finance from the University of Bradford, Megawati Wijaya now works in the oil and gas industry. Her role requires her to contribute actively to the organisation's administration, finance and human resource functions.

"The market was grim when I graduated, so it was a blessing to have been offered a job in one of the hardest hit industries," Megawati remarked. She recalls how her time at MDIS was beneficial, where her peers were from all over the world and she was exposed to a rich cultural experience.

The lessons from interacting with her schoolmates of various nationalities proved its worth at work. "My employer has offices across the region; I have to work with people from different countries. I report to my finance manager who is based in the Middle East. Working across regions is not a barrier for me as my intercultural exposure at MDIS taught me how to work well with people from different countries," Megawati noted.

On campus, Megawati honed her communications skills by serving in the MDIS Business Club as an Executive Secretary supporting the President. Megawati's active involvement in various

affiliations, such as the MDIS Business Club and Badminton Club, strengthened her leadership and interpersonal relation skills, giving her an added edge when she was looking for a job.

"While fresh graduates get their experience only from internships, my involvement in the various Interest Group Club activities at MDIS has equipped me with the necessary interpersonal and leadership skills in preparing me for the workforce. I will always cherish the accessibility and willingness of my lecturers and schoolmates at MDIS who have helped make connections and secured many of the opportunities I had with potential employers," she remarked.

Additionally, Megawati's involvement in the interest groups at MDIS and the interaction with peers from various nationalities helped her become more versatile. She believes this is a quality that will give graduates a headstart in developing soft skills, especially for those who may not have professional experience apart from internships.

For aspiring graduands, Megawati has this piece of advice to offer: "Learning is a journey. Enjoy your time on campus and use every opportunity to do your best."



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- Effective Communication for Managers
- Essential Managerial Skills
- Team Management Skills

Team Leadership (4)

- Effective Change Leadership for Managers
- Effective Team Leadership
- Lead Your Team with Confidence in the 21st Century
- Leading High Performance Teams

Communication – General (8)

- Conflict Management Skills
- Effectiveness and Etiquette on the Phone
- Excellent People Skills at Work
- How to Work More Effectively with Others Using the MBTI
- Influencing Skills
- The Art of Persuasion at Work
- Understanding Behaviour Styles for Improved Relationship
- Winning with Difficult People

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- Effective Telemarketing Techniques
- Winning Customers with Relationship Marketing
- Understanding Customers Decision Making Process
- Effective Events Management
- How to Write and Design Effective Brochures
- Marketing for Non-Marketing Professionals
- Strategic Marketing for Competitive Advantage
- The Craft of Copywriting

Communication - Spoken (6)

- Advanced Presentation Masterclass
- Assertiveness Techniques and Approaches
- Becoming a Polished Presenter
- Customer Care Excellence through Professional Phone Etiquette
- Effective Communication for Better Workplace Efficiency
- Effective Presentation Skills

Communication - Written (6)

- Basic English Business Writing
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- Writing Effective Reports
- Writing Good Minutes

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- Internal Controls Masterclass – Implementing Effective Controls to Prevent and Detect Fraud
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- Effective Costing, Cash Flow Management and Budgetary Control
- Finance for Non-Finance Professionals
- Implementing Effective Financial and Investing Strategies
- Understanding and Analysing Financial Statements

Emotional Intelligence (EQ) (2)

- Better Working Relationships through EQ Skills
- EQ Skills for Team Leaders and Managers

I.T. Short Courses (17)

- MS Excel 2010 – Level 1 to 5
- MS Excel 2013 – Level 1 to 5
- Data Management Analytics with Pivot Tables (Excel 2010 & 2013)
- MS Word 2013 – Level 2 Advanced
- MS PowerPoint 2010 – Level 1 & 2
- MS PowerPoint 2013 – Level 1 & 2

Service Excellence (6)

- Building a Customer-Focused Service Team
- Exceptional Customer Service
- Handling Difficult Customers and Complaints
- Managing Expectations of Internal and External Customers
- Rendering Total Service at Every Level
- Saying "No!" Positively

Personal Effectiveness & Productivity (2)

- Root Cause Analysis
- Taking Initiative

Event Calendar 2016

**29
JUL**

MDIS Talk: Kindness @ Work

Date: 29 July 2016
Time: 3pm - 5pm
Venue: MDIS Campus
Fees: Complimentary
(Students/Alumni/Members)
Public: \$80



Find out more about the transformative effects of graciousness in the workplace which can bring forth more fulfilling working relationships, plus the benefits of greater synergy, employee engagement and loyalty.

**13-14
AUG**

MDIS KUMIS Badminton Tournament 2016

Date: 13-14 August 2016
Time: 9am - 5pm
Venue: MDIS Campus,
SAMTAS Hall
Singles Category:
\$15 (Students/Alumni/Members)
\$25 (Public)
Doubles Category:
\$30 (Students/Alumni/Members)
\$40 (Public)



Come have a great time as you pit your skills against friendly competitors at our annual MDIS KUMIS Badminton Tournament! Winners stand to take home prizes worth up to \$2,000 and all participants will receive a MDIS Goodie bag.

**30
JUL**

Make Your Mini Garden

Date: 30 July 2016
Time: 11am - 1pm
Venue: MDIS Campus
Fees: \$15
(Students/Alumni/Members)
Public: \$30



Learn how to make a mini garden and display it at home! A simple, quick and fun activity that will not just add a decorative touch, but also a dash of zen to your desk.

**20
AUG**

Kayaking Workshop

Date: 20 August 2016
Time: 9.30am - 12pm
Venue: PAssion Wave @
Marina Bay
Fees: \$10
(Students/Alumni/Members)
Public: \$15



Looking for something exciting to do on a Saturday afternoon? Bask in the sun as you learn to kayak at the scenic Marina Bay!

**27
AUG**

Nature Explorer Series : Coney Island

Date: 27 August 2016
Time: 9am - 1pm
Venue: Coney Island, Singapore
Fees: \$3
(Students/Alumni/Members)
Public: \$5



Urbanites can get a respite by exploring the charming Coney Island - Singapore's latest nature destination that has just reopened to the public. The rustic, ecologically sustainable Coney Island park on the island is home to a wide variety of habitats and diverse flora and fauna. This is a 'must-visit' if you like trekking and being around nature.

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Bintan Lagoon Resort

Discounts and Privileges

- 2D1N stay in a villa of your choice
- Buffet breakfast
- Return ferry tickets to Bintan from Singapore
- BBQ Set including salad, sumptuous grills, sides & dessert (email vendor to request for menu)

Terms and Conditions

- Quote 'MDIS2016' when making a reservation. Your MDIS Membership card / Staff Pass must be presented upon payment and check-in.
- Not valid with any other promotions, discounts or privileges.
- Other terms and conditions apply.

Contact Details

Tel: +65 6223 3223

Email: reservations@bintanlagoon.com



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- Present MDIS membership or staff pass upon check-in.
- Additional surcharge is applicable to festive season and Formula One Grand Prix.

Contact Details

Tel: +65 6827 6666

Email: reservations@moon.com.sg



Silos Beach Resort, Sentosa

Discounts and Privileges

- Preferential room rates for MDIS members and staff
- Superior Room : \$170++ per room night

Terms and Conditions

- Only valid from Sundays to Thursdays
- Blackout dates apply

Contact Details (For reservations)

Tel: +65 6722 3310

Email: enquiry@silosobeachresort.com



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Hotel 1929

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- Preferential room rates for MDIS members and staff, starting from \$130 onwards.

Terms and Conditions

- Inclusive of daily breakfast.
- Complimentary WIFI access and non-alcoholic mini bar.
- Subjected to 17.7% prevailing taxes.

Contact Details (For reservations)

Tel: +65 6579 2026

Email: H1929-Res@unlistedcollection.com



Wanderlust Hotel

Discounts and Privileges

- Preferential room rates for MDIS members and staff, starting from \$140 onwards.

Terms and Conditions

- Inclusive of daily breakfast.
- Complimentary WIFI access and non-alcoholic mini bar.
- Subjected to 17.7% prevailing taxes.

Contact Details (For reservations)

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Email: WLH-Res@unlistedcollection.com



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Discounts and Privileges

- Preferential room rates for MDIS members and staff, starting from \$220 onwards.

Terms and Conditions

- Inclusive of daily breakfast.
- Complimentary WIFI access and non-alcoholic mini bar.
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(*MDIS Graduate Surveys conducted during MDIS Graduation Ceremonies 2013-2015)

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