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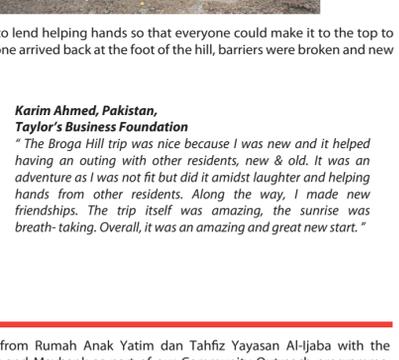
Hello once again to all our current residents and to all newcomers, a warm welcome to your 'Home Away from Home'. At Taylor's Hostel Management (THM), we provide comprehensive Resident Welfare Support that focuses on your individual Emotional Wellbeing and Physical Wellbeing. We are committed to support you through your studies here at Taylor's by helping you adapt into your new living environment, reduce anxiety and homesickness. More importantly, we provide a space where you can meet new friends and build your social network. We hope you have a great time bonding with your hostel and housemates. Here's are some updates of our exciting residential programmes and activities. Enjoy!

Resident Programmes

RESIDENTS WELFARE 'Emotional Wellbeing & Orientation'

Recently, we were excited to welcome 99 new international residents from China, Korea, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Indonesia and Africa here at U Residence.

We guided them through our Orientation programme which introduced modules such as International Buddy System and PODz that were specifically designed to help these individual personalities settle in to their new living environment as well as educate them on how to manage personal challenges.



RESIDENTS WELFARE 'Morning Hike up Broga Hill'

At 5.30am on 1st April 2017, our residents and staff began hiking up Broga Hill led by Anik, our SRC member from the American Degree Transfer Program. This was the first Physical Wellbeing activity attended by over 60 new residents who had just joined us at U Residence and other off-campus accommodations.



Many stories were shared as unprepared residents gave their all to lend helping hands so that everyone could make it to the top to witness the sun rise over Klang Valley together. By the time everyone arrived back at the foot of the hill, barriers were broken and new friendships were forged.

Bilal Tahir, Bangladesh, Foundation in Science
"I just grabbed opportunity to go for this trip along with other new residents like me. It really made a positive impact on my day and I easily made friends with residents from different ethnicities and backgrounds throughout the hike. What was fun was the fact that we hiked as a group and helped each other. The staff who came along were so helpful and supportive. It was a positive experience and given a chance, I would sign up for the next trip."

Karim Ahmed, Pakistan, Taylor's Business Foundation
"The Broga Hill trip was nice because I was new and it helped having an outing with other residents, new & old. It was an adventure as I was not fit but did it amidst laughter and helping hands from other residents. Along the way, I made new friendships. The trip itself was amazing, the sunrise was breath-taking. Overall, it was an amazing and great new start."

LIFE SKILLS 'Iftar and Raya Celebration'

On 26th May 2017, our SRC members co-hosted 34 orphans from Rumah Anak Yatim dan Tahfiz Yayasan Al-Ijba with the participation of Taylor's University scholars from Petronas, KYKB and Maybank as part of our Community Outreach programme. We warmly welcomed the orphans as they arrived, and guided them in making their own creative Raya greetings.

Then, the kids were led through a group sharing session with our international Muslim residents from Zimbabwe, Maldives, United Arab Emirates and even China. As the session progressed, the kids warmed up to their fellow Muslims with sharings of Eid and Ramadhan experiences from back home. After that, the boys were invited to fulfilsthal while the girls were hosted to a tour of U Residence & the surrounding campus with selfies galore. At the end, our SRC members proudly distributed RM2,200 worth of donations as duit raya, raised together with the residents of U Residence.



Special thanks to the Scholarship Team for inviting us to co-host the children and to the Taylor's University scholars for participating.

RESIDENTS WELFARE 'Peer Support & Learning Initiative a.k.a. PODz'

This year, our PODz programme has benefited residents from, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Kazakhstan, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Brunei and even the USA. The programme helps residents address personal challenges and concerns in an atmosphere of trust and confidentiality. Each PODz session consists of 6-10 residents and are moderated by Ms Rani Kaur, Manager of Resident Relations & Development. Eventually, these sessions evolve into self-sustaining peer support groups with authentic communications that build trust in order to overcome (or at least manage) areas of concern in a positive manner.



Listen to what our participants had to say about their new discovery:

Ibrahim Muan, Maldives, Bachelor of Business (Hons) Human Resource Management
"A completely new and amazing experience for me. It allowed me to explore and understand myself from a perspective I never had before. This self-actualization helped me understand my strengths and weaknesses and in turn, helps me to use them to my advantage and for me to work on my weaknesses to reach my true potential."

Qamarul Arifin, Singapore, Bachelor of Culinary Arts & Foodservice Management (Hons)
"The session helped me understand and be aware of my emotional strength and capabilities. The session also encouraged me to empower my inner strength in order to face challenges in the near future. The affirmation session allowed me to recognize what I needed to work on immediately. With this support, I hope to overcome it as I think it really will be hard to do on my own."

LIFE SKILLS 'Quick Bites'

It is a common misconception that students living in a hostel environment often develop unhealthy eating habits. To address this concern, the Quick Bites programme helps to educate our residents about taking ownership of their own health and proving that healthy eating is possible on a tight budget. The sessions are led by current resident chefs Rahimi and Syafa'at, who are also Presidents of Matisse Hall and Mondrian Hall respectively. They demonstrate how to make meals that are quick, easy and more importantly, healthy and all under a budget of RM10 or less.



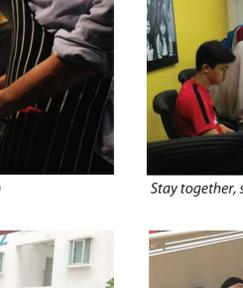
Here's what some of our student chefs had to say about this delectably-educational activity:

Fatin Husna bt Mohd Razmy, Malaysia, Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Accounting and Finance
"I struggled with meals because I spent over RM20 every day. I also ate instant noodles most of the time. I thought of buying groceries to cook in the Common Kitchen. But because of heavy assignments, I did not have time to cook. When my friend told me about Quick Bites, I thought I should attend to learn how to cook. Surprisingly, Quick Bites is fun and useful. The food there is also delicious. Yaaaay for Quick Bites!"

Miguel Ángel Pérez Brito, Mexico, Bachelor of Mass Communication (Hons) (Public Relations & Event Management)
"Quick Bites was such a fun and interesting event. The atmosphere was very welcoming and the students themselves took part in the cooking process. Afterwards, we all got together and ate the food that we prepared ourselves. It was a unique and memorable learning experience as I got to experience the cooking styles of different cultures."

Student Resident Council Updates

Words from the SRC Chairperson for 2017!



Mohammad Bashitul Islam
 Chairperson of the Student Resident Council 2017

How did this role help you grow as an individual?
 When I joined the SRC, I just contributed whenever I could and stepped up when I got the opportunity. This role has improved my confidence and public speaking skills from engaging with SRC members and residents in such a multicultural environment. I also learned personal time management to balance my time between my studies and activities with the SRC.

How do you see your role in helping the residents and contributing to the culture at U Residence?
 I lead a team full of amazing people and being a team player is crucial. I distribute SRC duties and activities to the members according to their strengths and capabilities. Our main goal is to engage the residents of U Residence and provide them with necessary support. We organize different activities to help new residents familiarize themselves with their new environment and also provide information, guidance and assistance when needed.

Would you recommend someone to be an SRC member and why?
 This is an opportunity to find out whether you have leadership skills, whether you can work as a team and manage your time efficiently. Being a part of the SRC, there will be plenty of opportunities to step up in different circumstances and what you do with that matters the most. You have to be committed. The most interesting part of being an SRC member is meeting new people.

How has U Residence been enjoyable to yourself, and why would you recommend it to others?
 As a student, living at U Residence is manageable and easy to maintain. When I chose Taylor's University, U Residence was one of the main factors due to the location and the convenience. The best part of U Residence is the U Lounge. This is the place to hangout with friends, relax in between classes and even study. U Residence also constantly upgrades their facilities, and has amazing staff members who are friendly and approachable. I like to meet new people and staying at U Residence provides me with that opportunity.

'Leadership Weekend'

On the 29th and 30th April, senior SRC members along with new recruits from both U Residence and Puncak Prima met in the U Lounge at U Residence to brainstorm programmes and activities for the rest of 2017, and how they could better serve their respective residences. Key points for discussion included challenges the team initially faced and how they resolved those issues, as well the creation of the following roles:

 <p>UR Facility Leader (Sports) Daniel (Malaysia), Vice President of Klee Hall An avid sports fan, Daniel regularly invites new residents to join them at their regular futsal & basketball sessions. He looks forward to hosting friendly sports matches amongst all residents in future.</p>	 <p>UR Facility Leader (U Lounge) Muan (Maldives), Vice President of Dali Hall Muan oversees all facilities within the U Lounge. Muan took on the responsibility to create a space for budding musicians to have an occasional jamming session with each other.</p>
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 <p>UR Facility Leaders (Parcel Collection Counter) Vanessa (Malaysia), President of Steiner Hall Isindu (Sri Lanka), Vice President of Matisse Hall Vanessa and Isindu are in charge of the Parcel Collection Counter at U Residence. Residents may collect their parcels and important letters on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 7pm to 9pm.</p>	 <p>UR Facility Leader (Common Kitchen) Rahimi (Brunei), President of Matisse Hall Rahimi is our resident Culinary student. His responsibilities include creating activities to encourage use of the Common Kitchen and making sure the rules of the Common Kitchen are adhered to.</p>
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Residents' Life @ Taylor's Hostel



Upcoming Events

- Monthly Movie Nights**
Every 3rd Friday of the month
- Trip to Central Mosque, Cyberjaya in conjunction with Hari Raya Qurban**
5th / 6th September 2017
- Music Night**
8th September 2017
- Relay For Life - Cancer Relay**
9th / 10th September 2017
- Meet & Grill**
15th September 2017
- Sports Day**
21st October 2017
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