



Welcome to the latest issue of the U Connects newsletter, where we bring you all the latest hostel-related updates and happenings. For those of you who will be moving on the next phase of your lives (locally or overseas), we wish you all the best in your future endeavours. To all our returning residents, we look forward to welcoming you back to your Home Away From Home. To all our new students, get ready for the Best Living Experience at Taylor's Lakeside Campus. Enjoy!



From all of us at  
**TAYLOR'S  
HOSTEL MANAGEMENT**

## Resident Activities

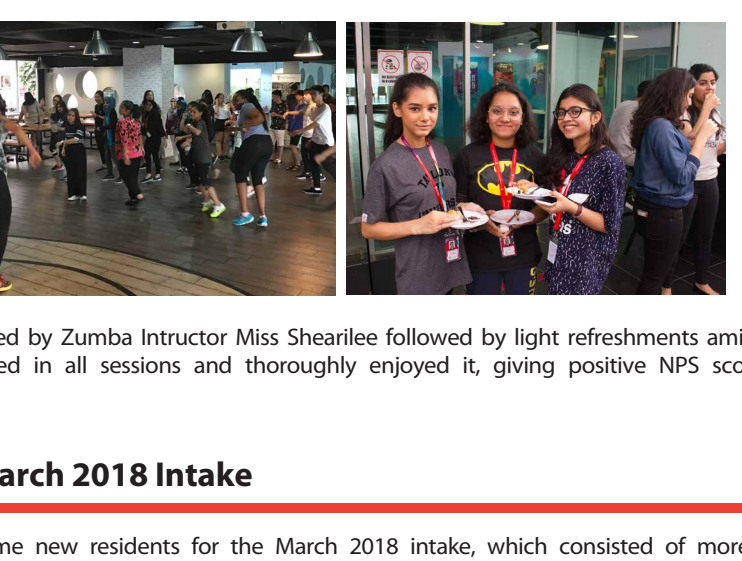
### EMOTIONAL WELLBEING 'A Gift of Hope for Christmas'

Christmas is a time for sharing and giving. Every year, our residents alongside THM staff participate in the Gift of Hope project with the aim of making Christmas memorable for those who are less fortunate. A collection box is set up amidst the Christmas decorations, providing a convenient place for the Taylor's community to drop off their presents and items for donation. The project collected nearly 200 presents and items to be donated to the following orphanages:

- House of Joy
- Rumah Kids Subang Jaya
- Pietas Foster Home



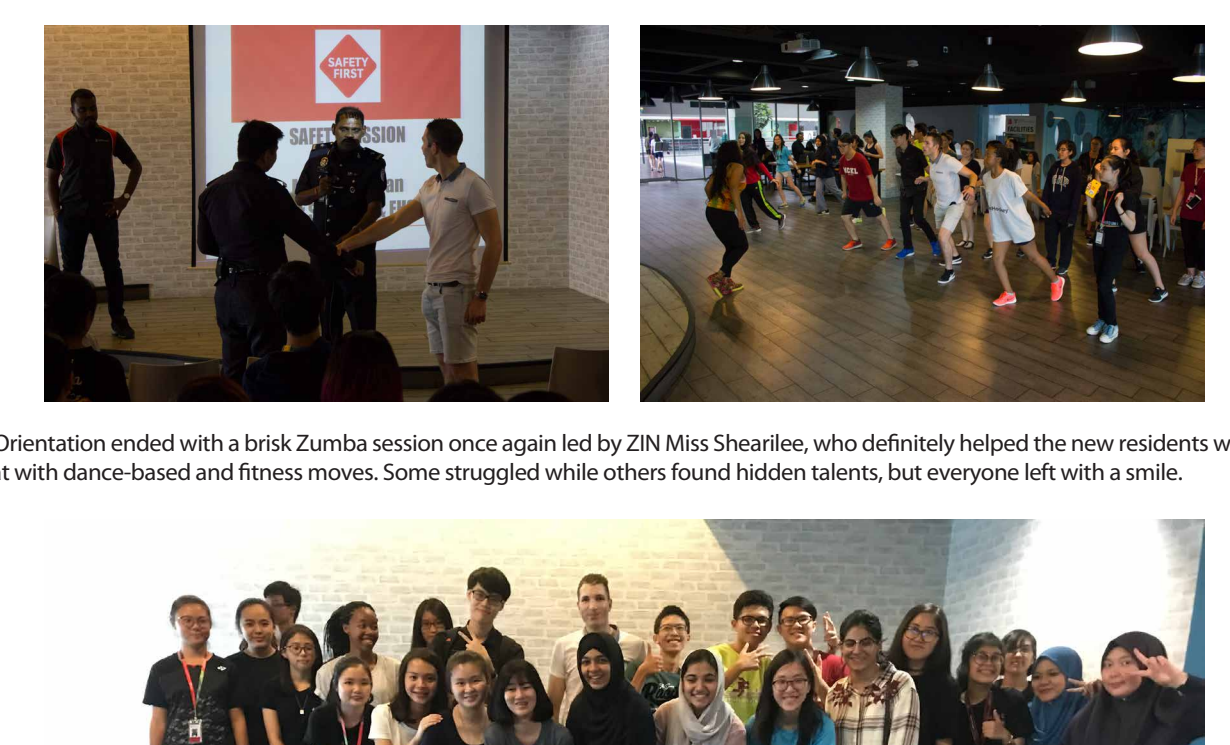
Several groups of residents and staff also paid a visit to each of those homes. They brought gifts, played games and sang songs to spread cheer and laughter, but most of all, to remind the children that they were not alone or forgotten, and to thank their caretakers for their hard work and dedication to the children.



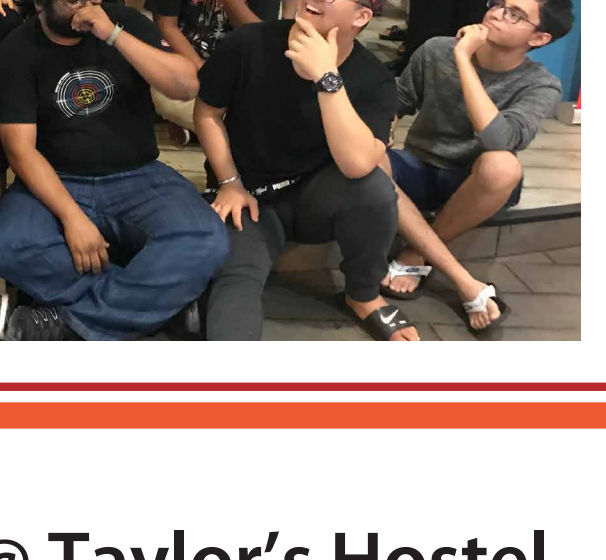
If you would like to donate for the next Gift of Hope, or need ideas for gifts or donations, speak to **Ms Nurul** or **Ms Shirley** at Helpdesk for more details. Let's give more children a reason to smile.

### PHYSICAL WELLBEING 'Orientation for January 2018 Intake'

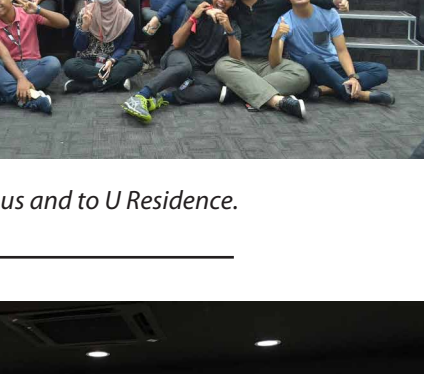
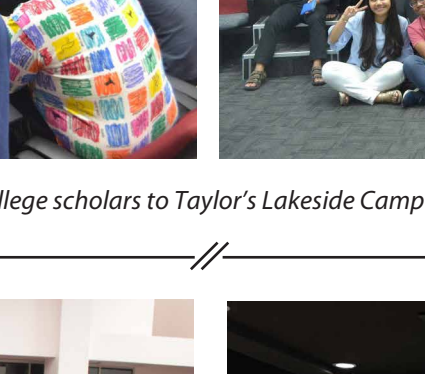
Earlier this year, we welcomed a total of 66 new residents from the January 2018 intake along with 26 international students from around the world. To ensure that they take their first steps towards adapting into their new living environment, we organized an Orientation session which also served as a platform for the new residents to kickstart their social networking by meeting new friends and the staff of Taylor's Hostel Management.



During the Orientation session, residents were introduced to the Taylor's Hostel 'Living Right' programme where they were enlightened on tips to overcome challenges they may face while living on their own as well as engaging activities that will boost their life skills such as communication, cooperation and teamwork.



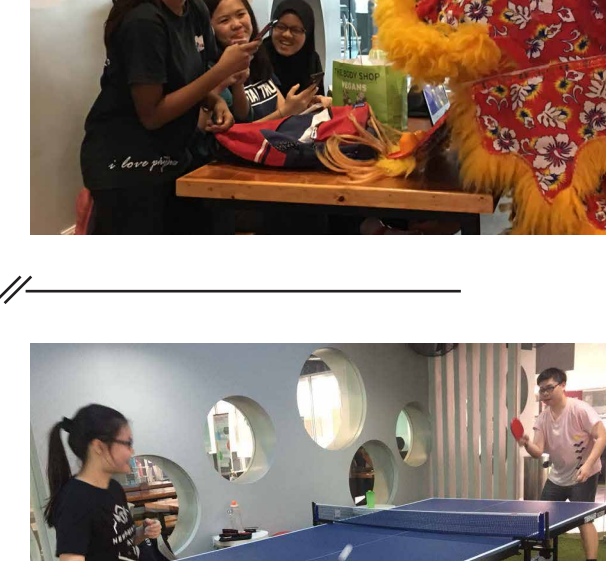
On top of this, residents also participated in a 'Safety Workshop' session by Mr. Rave, a Certified Crime Prevention Specialist (CCPS) where he shared safety tips and defense techniques that were both crucial and useful. He demonstrated some basic defense skills to protect themselves in emergencies. Mr. Guna from the Emergency Response Management Team (ERMT) did a briefing on fire drills, specifically on how to use the fire extinguisher and where the fire exits are located.



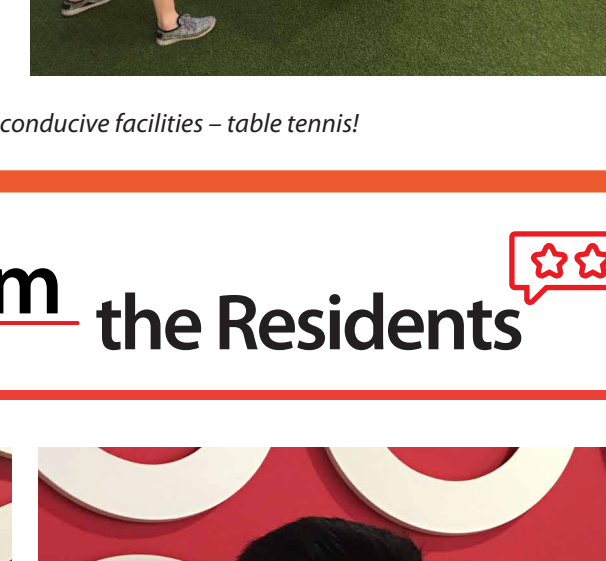
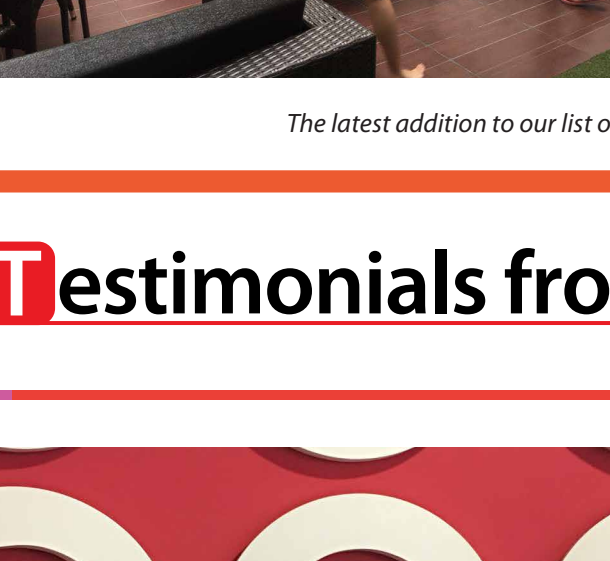
The Orientation session ended with a Zumba dance led by Zumba Instructor Miss Shearilee followed by light refreshments amidst an exciting atmosphere. All students were fully engaged in all sessions and thoroughly enjoyed it, giving positive NPS scores of +67 (U Residence).

### PHYSICAL WELLBEING 'Orientation for March 2018 Intake'

We also organized an Orientation session to welcome new residents for the March 2018 intake, which consisted of more than 90 local students and over 30 international students. The Orientation activity helped the new residents break out of their comfort zones and meet new people with ice breaking sessions as well as familiarise themselves with their new living environment.



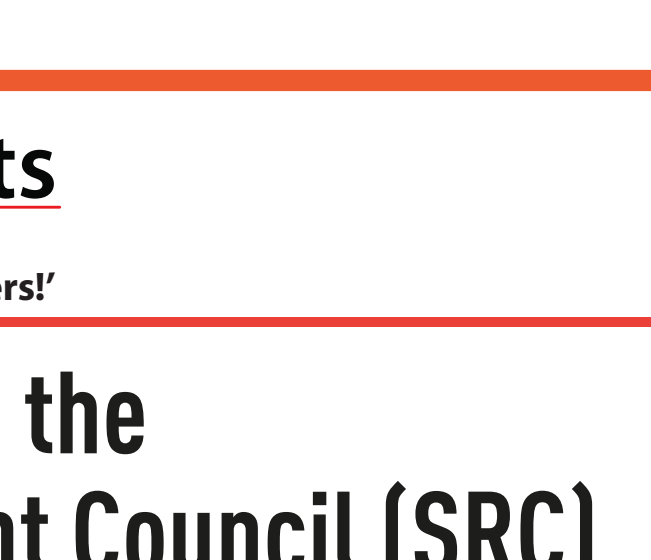
Besides being introduced to the 'Living Right' program, the new residents also participated in the 'Safety Workshop' session where they picked up basic safety tips and good-to-know defense techniques that could prove useful in emergencies.



The Orientation ended with a brisk Zumba session once again led by ZIN Miss Shearilee, who definitely helped the new residents work up a sweat with dance-based and fitness moves. Some struggled while others found hidden talents, but everyone left with a smile.



## Residents' Life @ Taylor's Hostel



Welcoming Taylor's College scholars to Taylor's Lakeside Campus and to U Residence.



Celebrating Chinese New Year with a bang, Lion Dance performance, good food and great company.



The latest addition to our list of conducive facilities - table tennis!

## Testimonials from the Residents



**Winnie Mwila (Zambia)**  
SACE International / South Australian Matriculation

"My stay at Taylor's has been one of my best experiences so far. Everyone turned out to be so friendly and generous. Living independently in U Residence hasn't been that bad because whenever I feel homesick, my friends and roommates are always there for me. Being in Taylor's has been a wonderful experience."



**Iqbal Bahari (Malaysia)**  
Foundation in Science

"For the past 3 months, I have acquired a great deal of experience living independently. It is quite interesting to learn about students coming from different places. Of course, it was quite a challenge to live alone away from family, but the facilities and environment at Taylor's really make my life easier. The patrolling of security guards is an added value and provides peace of mind."



**Myat Noe Nyein (Myanmar)**  
SACE International / South Australian Matriculation

"It was easy to make new friends as my housemates and classmates were extremely friendly. The environment on-campus and in U Residence is easy to adapt to and helped me overcome my homesickness. All the facilities provided are beneficial for students, such as the U Lounge for international students to study in groups."



**Anita Patel (Uzbekistan)**  
SACE International / South Australian Matriculation

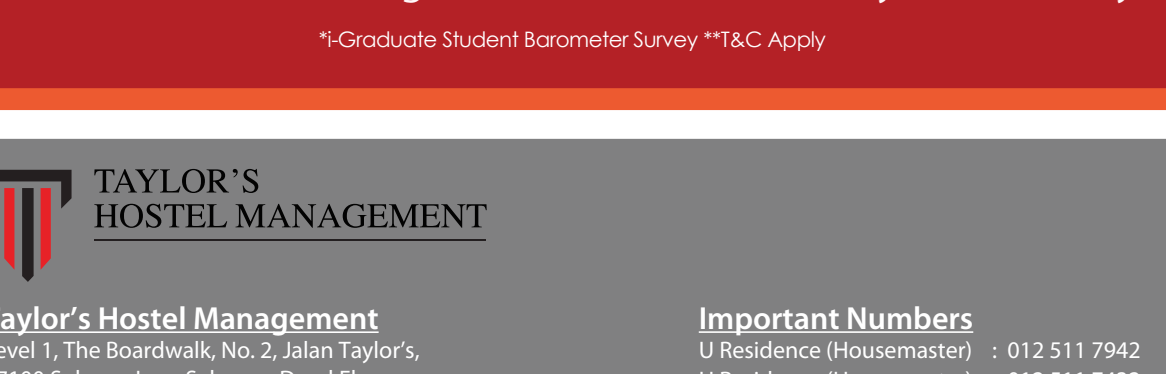
"I met friends from all over the world in the U Lounge. The best thing about U Residence is that it's on campus and a lot of international students live here, making the transition easier."

## Announcements

### 'SRC - Now Accepting New Members!'

Join the **Student Resident Council (SRC)**

**SPEAK OUT SPARK CHANGE**



Nominate a candidate (or even yourself) at  
<https://goo.gl/DWGdHY>

### 'Ruemz Hotel'



**BOOKINGS NOW OPEN FOR APRIL CONVOCATION!**



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## Important Dates & Events

**Broga Hill Hike**  
14th April 2018

**Student Resident Council**  
22nd April 2018 --> Nominations Closed  
23rd April 2018 --> Shortlisting of Candidates  
27th April 2018 --> Announcement of New SRC

**Karaoke Night**  
Monthly

**Leadership Camp**  
5th & 6th May 2018

**Iftar & Raya Celebration**  
May & June 2018

To sign up or for more information, speak to **Ms Nurul** or **Ms Shirley** at Helpdesk.

## STAY ON-CAMPUS AT TAYLOR'S U RESIDENCE



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