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Blast Off to a Great 2013.

26 new residents braved the start of the new year by attending a special Orientation held specifically to allow them to bond and make this space their own. Our intention is always first to provide pastoral care in order for our new residents to settle in with a sense of belonging and new friends. A Home away from Home for International students from China, Pakistan, Sudan, Kenya, UAE, Tanzania and of course Malaysia...Welcome Home!



Service Learning

“Joy of Giving” Program to commemorate the “Gifts of Hope” X’mas Charity Event in partnership with Syopz Mall



Held for the first time, this successful collaboration between Syopz Mall, U Residence and a popular rally station, hitz.fm, brought together 105 children from 4 community homes in the Klang Valley with a purpose of bringing cheer, warmth, & most of all, hope, to these underprivileged children aged 5 - 18 years.

The “Joy Of Giving” program included having these underprivileged children mentored by a volunteer from the bazaar and guided by U Residents from Lakeside and TCSH Puncak Prima through their Service Learning Programme. Tokens of appreciation such as friendship bands, notepads and x’mas cards were lovingly handmade by the children to be given away as tokens to all who came with gifts.



Then of course came the... “support from all Taylorians – and ‘Shine’ we did” for coming up with amazing gifts through the pre event Gift Collection organised from 3rd – 20th Dec. It was indeed amazing to see the children with smiles on their faces when they came. We could not have done it without each and everyone of you.

Sharings (to protect their identity the sharings will be without any pics).

Special thanks to Aisev for coming forward and assisting with the invitations to various homes like The City Revival Church (CRC) children’s home, an orphanage for boys and girls to The House of Joy home, Shelter Home, and Rumah K.I.D.S from 2 different centres, namely Klang and Subang under care of Grace Community Centre.

Robinn from Rumah Kids
I think that today’s event is really fun and nice. I never celebrate Christmas before in my home town so I can feel the warmth atmosphere around and also I got to learn how to give back the things that we have to the people that need more than us. I really note and wish even Taylor’s will have more several events like this to inspire us more to belong to this community.



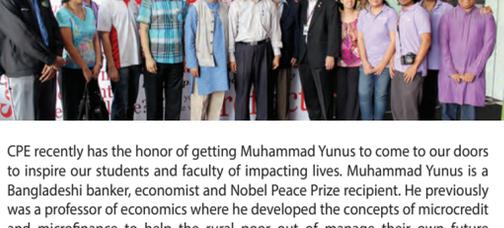
Bro. Neil D. Davies, Home Parent, Rumah Kids
To the management and staff of Taylor’s University. A perfect job, well done! We are truly blessed by all that you have done for us. Keep up the good work Taylor’s hostel management. God almighty has a wonderful place for you in his heart.



From J, Shelter Home
Dear People, I love the place here and I love students since we meet at this place. I just want to say thank you to everybody and we kids love you. Wish you a merry Christmas to all of you!

From the bottom of our hearts, U Residents Andrew, Hong Beng and Nico
When the kids got down from the bus, we were very excited to be able to meet them. The energy they displayed, the smiles on their faces... even though they were not brought up the same as we were, the kids’ home truly lived up to its name – the House of Joy. It was magical how we bonded and had a great time. Dear kids, if you ever see this, know that we love you so very much. We hope we will have a chance to see you again... no, actually we won’t wait, we will definitely go and visit you in 2013 and continue with this special friendship we have started today.

Muhammad Yunus visits U Residence & empowers DOT’s mums with his presence



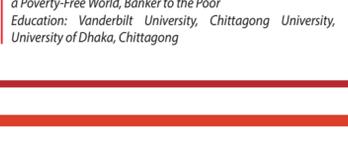
CPE recently has the honor of getting Muhammad Yunus to come to our doors to inspire our students and faculty of impacting lives. Muhammad Yunus is a Bangladeshi banker, economist and Nobel Peace Prize recipient. He previously was a professor of economics where he developed the concepts of microcredit and microfinance to help the rural poor out of manage their own future through mini entrepreneur programs within villages.



At THM he was given a hero’s welcome where our students and children from Lembah Subang greeted him with Messages of gratitude “thank you for inspiring our lives”. Muhamad Yunus was so pleased to meet his fellow Bangladeshi children thanking them for being there for him in this space.



An action to show we were indeed inspired by him was a showcase of Dots (a Service Learning Program) mums’ services & wares for Taylor’s Open Day while their children got together with our residents from Puncak Prima and Lakeside to give away small cards of appreciation to all present. Many visitors who turned up during open day were surprised by this spontaneous gesture and felt touched. One visiting parent in particular was so uncomfortable at first by this greeting but in the end took it in her stride and hugged the children in appreciation.



Mohamad Yunus spent precious time meeting with the mums on his way to a special lecture organized by CPE. Such an inspiring man...That’s service learning at its best!

Profile of M Yunus
Born: June 28, 1940 (age 72), Chittagong
Books: Banker to the Poor, Creating a World Without Poverty, Grameen Bank and Muhammad Yunus
Awards: Nobel Peace Prize, Congressional Gold Medal of Honor, Presidential Medal of Freedom, World Food Prize, Sydney Peace Prize
Movies: The Fourth Revolution: Energy, One Peace at a Time, To Catch a Dollar: Muhammad Yunus Banks on America, Creating a Poverty-Free World, Banker to the Poor
Education: Vanderbilt University, Chittagong University, University of Dhaka, Chittagong

Events & Happenings

Orientation 2013

“In the few weeks that have passed, I have attended service learning programs as a service leader. These service learning programs required me to lead an orientation for the new students who are currently residences of the U Residence. These students were particularly special, as they were very friendly and especially cooperative. Putting tolerance aside, they became my friends on the first day itself. The few who have been particularly close with me are Timothy, Sanjay and Diego. As a service leader, I was expected to teach them what’s right. However, it caught me by surprise that whenever we complete a certain service learning every day, I would end up learning something valuable from them. Every time we were done with a service learning program, there would be a sense of achievement in all of us, and also a closer bond formed between the students and the other service leaders. Each day that passes by, we get closer and closer. We learn from our mistakes and overcome our fears of being social with other people. Although it was really easy for me to get along with the new students, there were a few cases where some of the students found it hard to interact with the other students. After times and times of trying, I finally managed to bring them out of their comfort zones. They seemed a bit uncomfortable at first, but after a week or so, they’ve started interacting more than usual. It was a great accomplishment for me, but it was all thanks to the cooperation they offered. Throughout these few weeks, I’ve learnt so much from these students. They’ve thought me that without friends or family, our lives would be meaningless. Therefore, I would like to sincerely thank them through this article. There are a few potential service leaders in this group of students, but only time will tell when they will be leaders in the end. To those students, I do wish them all the best. This is what service learning is mostly about. We teach, we learn, we help and most of all, we do our best.”

Darren - project lead for the orientation.



Say NO to TAXI TOUTS

Syopz mall is pleased to announce the launch of the MyTeksi Online Taxi Booking Kiosk at the Ground Floor, near the Security Control Room) today, 31st January 2013. This is a collaborative initiative by Syopz with Shoppers in our continued efforts to provide a safe ,friendly and enjoyable campus environment for all our students, staff, visitors and shoppers. This online kiosk provides two units of 3G tablets, ready to make your online booking conveniently 24 hours/7 days a week.

MyTeksi Online Taxi Booking provides a better way to hail taxis with the assurance of convenience, safety and fair rates to all its passengers. A regular RM2.00 surcharge will apply to all online taxi bookings as practiced by call taxi services. The taxi drop off and pick up point will remain at the Syopz Mall, as per current practice. More information on MyTeksi online booking service, a MyTeksi information booth is available at the Syopz Mall (near the Security Control Room) from 31st January to 1st Feb 2013. You may also email your enquires on MyTeksi Online Booking services to support@mytekis.com or hotline no : 1700-81-9696 and visit their website: mytekis.com.

We strongly encourage all Taylorians to use MyTeksi online taxi booking service as a safe guard against taxi touts. Let us together clear our community of taxi touts.



Amenities @ U Residence



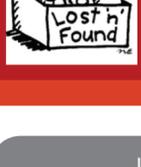
Accommodation Online Services
THM online services is available via your student portal for the following request:
· Accommodation feedback
· E - Check out form
· E - Maintenance request form
· E - Change of room request form



Bus Shuttle
Wawasan Sutura: Further down the road via the shuttle bus (or cabs) is the most convenient and you’re there in 10 mins flat....and don’t forget to take the last bus back by 8pm.....otherwise it’s quite a walk. So hey, download the Bus Shuttle Schedule from the Student Portal.



Health Service
Not well, minor injuries ,...head out to our Health Service centre located at Block C, Level 1, or call 017-2583371 (8am – 6pm), the medical hotline for assistance.



Taxis
For Common Pick Up points, do not negotiate with Taxi touts. Any taxi at our pick up points who do not use the meter can be reported to the nearest security guard immediately.
Or simply use “My Teksi” services. You can
· Book a taxi in the Klang Valley, one week in advance.
· Get information about your driver before your ride and estimated cost.
Available via iPhone App Store, Google Play,
Or SMS : SEND TO 36881 Teksi <pick up address>, # Drop of address, # remarks
Or simply google for other taxi’s available on call. Be Safe !!



Lost & Found
To locate your lost item, go to
1. Our security station
2. THM office
3. OR at Uni grounds, proceed to Student Central Life centre
4. File a complaint lost item report via at Taylor’s Student Central Portal