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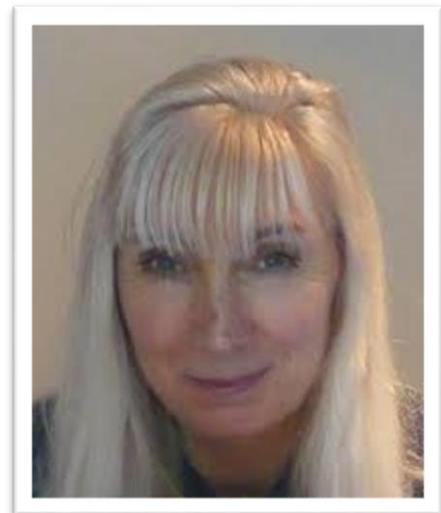
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Message from Dr. Patricia Thompson

Dear MCMers,

Welcome to all newcomers to MCMC, especially to our wonderful international students whose presence enriches college life so much:

- *Omkar Mahesh KOCHAREKAR – India*
- *Samantha Nora DANISH – USA*
- *CHOU, Tyng-Wey – Taiwan*
- *Thomas Carl PREVOST – France*
- *Nathan BASTON – France*



Smart Points awarded to the first MCMC student to notice that I've usurped the Master's Online Newsletter column for Issue No 3 to tell you what an exciting semester we have before us!

As I write, we are preparing for a British High Table with British Consul General Caroline Wilson CMG, and a Music Workshop beforehand generously provided by the Royal College of Music.

Later in the semester, after Chinese New Year, we are planning a French High Table, to welcome the new French Consul General to Hong Kong and Macau, M. Eric Berti.

Nearing the end of this semester, we will play host once again to the largest Arts and Culture Festival in China, Le French May. Last May 2015, MCMC had the honour of hosting the first Le French May performance in Macau, when the acclaimed French Counter-Tenor, Sébastien Fournier, with his ensemble, Sprezzatura, were in residence in the College for almost a week.

No doubt there will be many other events as previously: informal get-togethers with MCMC affiliated Professors, seminars and talks by visitors from near and far including a whole host of Consuls General to HK & Macau, student-initiated activities, sports competitions, talent shows, debates, wine tastings: the list and potential are endless.

Whilst I have the opportunity to contribute to this Newsletter, I would like to say what a very great pleasure, sheer joy and privilege it is for my husband and me to live and work with all MCMC colleagues and students here in W11.

I really love that I can take the lift from our apartment on Floor 7, delight in chatting with students on every journey to the Ground Floor, as well as in the Entrance Hall, the Gym, Fellows' Salon – indeed throughout W11 and UM campus – and especially sharing meals with students in College Hall.

We also love to hear of your interests, aspirations, wishes, fears and dreams, in the hope that we can help and support you to achieve what you want here at UM, and especially in your future lives and careers.

I was thrilled to hear recently an announcement by the University that all UM email addresses are available for the rest of one's life, even long after one has left our university. My husband and I look forward to hearing from you all and keeping in contact for many years to come. After all, you are our treasured and cherished family.

Have a great semester and a successful end to this academic year. Here are my key tips in a nutshell:

“Prepare thoroughly, keep calm, sleep well, eat nutritionally and exercise to ensure the brain is in gear”.

Warmest wishes to you all for 2016

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Dr Patricia Thompson, Consort to the Master (to use the parlance of January's Prince Consort High Table!)

College Activities

Collegiate Learning Day – Series, Day 3, Martyn Evans in Conversation and: Hogwarts & the Philosopher’s Stone

On Wednesday, 16th September, 2015, Moon Chun Memorial College proudly presented Martyn Evans in Conversation and Hogwarts & the Philosopher’s Stone for the third series of Collegiate Learning Days.

A capacity-filled auditorium at E4, presented an invaluable opportunity for students and staff to engage in interactive dialogue with Professor H. Martyn Evans, Principal (Master) of Trevelyan, University of Durham.



Martyn Evans is a Welsh academic and professor in Humanities in Medicine at the University of Durham. From 2002 to 2008, he was Master of John Snow College, University of Durham. Since 2008, he has been Principal of Trevelyan College, Durham His books include: The Human Side of Medicine, A Decent Proposal: Ethical Review of Clinical Researches and Listening to Music.

As enthusiastic students, and faculty members eagerly awaited for the highly anticipated event to begin, MCMC College Blue, Sophie Chen, began to play Tchaikovsky’s Autumn Song from the seasons, Op.37a, followed by Chopin Fantaisie Impromptu In C sharp minor Op. post.66.

MCM College Master, Professor Kevin Thompson and Professor H. Martyn Evans set the stage for an interactive dialogue with students and faculty from all disciplines. They discussed Durham's Collegiate approach, why it proved such an enduring backdrop for Hogwarts and an evocative location for Harry Potter films.



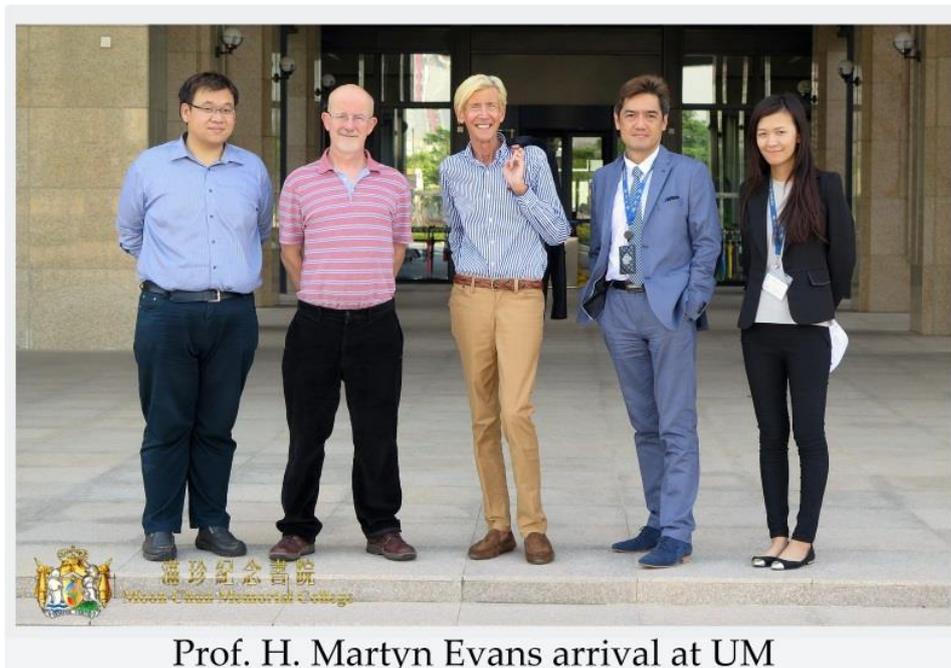
Moreover, the discussion with students and faculty related issues of collegiate learning in social context. Prof Evans spoke perceptively and was not afraid to debate the importance of developing character and citizenship in colleges. A robust and illuminating debate ensued in this 90-minute session, shining light and understanding on what matters in contemporary residential colleges, learning and living in reality. His identification of key issues for students and Masters was appropriately evidenced by experience; the means suggested wise and compassionate and deserving of consideration by collegiate universities of all kinds as they move forward. Judging by Collegiate Way participants at last year's international conference on Residential College education, co-convened by Prof Evans and Professor Tim Burt, University of Durham, many are debating models of practice, time honoured, new and innovative from wherever they hail, ancient and modern.

At the close of the session, Vice-Rector of Student Affairs, Professor Haydn Chen presented a souvenir to Professor Evans, and Tommy He (House Association Executive Committee Member) presented a College Tee-shirt to Professor Evans as a token of MCMC's appreciation.

Desert Island Discs with Prof. Martyn Evans

Moon Chun Memorial College was delighted to host “Desert Island Discs” with Prof Martyn Evans, MCM College Hall, 10 – 11.15am Thursday 17 September 2015.

Prof Evans is Principal (Master) of Trevelyan College, University of Durham, UK and was visiting MC2 Fellow in Residence 15 – 18 September 2015.



Students and Faculty gained a fascinating insight into music, life choices and ethics, as Prof Evans trained as a musician, is a Medical Philosopher, Professor of Humanities in Medicine, Centre for Medical Humanities, University of Durham, and Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of General Practitioners.

Prof Evans chose a wide range of music, ranging from JS Bach to David Bowie whilst including works by Sibelius, Beethoven, Joni Mitchell, Oscar Peterson and Schumann, to take to a hypothetical desert island. The audience was interested to hear the reasons for his choices, both personal and professional, and members especially enjoyed his illustrations of musical themes, ideas and their development at the piano.

A favourite of the audience was probably a newly released recording of Beethoven's Piano Sonata No 31 in A flat major Op 110 First Movement, with Prof Evans' choice of performer, the Canadian pianist, Angela Hewitt. The programme presenter, Dr Patricia Thompson, said "Professor Evans proved an amiable guest introducing students, as experienced teachers often do, to rewarding rarely heard works, some deserving of greater air time."



Prof Evans had to leave promptly to attend a meeting with Prof Haydn Chen, Vice Rector (Student Affairs), and students lingered to enjoy a live performance of ‘A Maiden’s Prayer’ by Polish composer, Tekla B 雍 ochdarzewska-Baranowska, expertly performed by MCMC Resident Tutor, Chulei Wang.

Those present all agreed this could be the first of an interesting series of musical encounters with future visitors to MCMC and UM.

Moon Chun Memorial College Hosts

Dr. Peter Edwards: Previous Genius – Attitudes, Alignment, & Transferring Students

Moon Chun Memorial College was pleased to host Dr. Peter Edwards, Associate Professor of English, from Kansai Gaidai University, Japan.



The first workshop was held on 15th October, 2015, for MCMC students as part of their SAGE102 class. Dr. Edwards demonstrated how students can transfer previously acquired knowledge, to what their teachers believe they can learn in a collaborative learning arena, through the applications of Gamification, Stories, and the Contact Hypothesis.



Research indicates that the attitudinal relationship between students and the instructor can create an enormous impact on learning, especially when the students believe that their instructor believes they can do it.



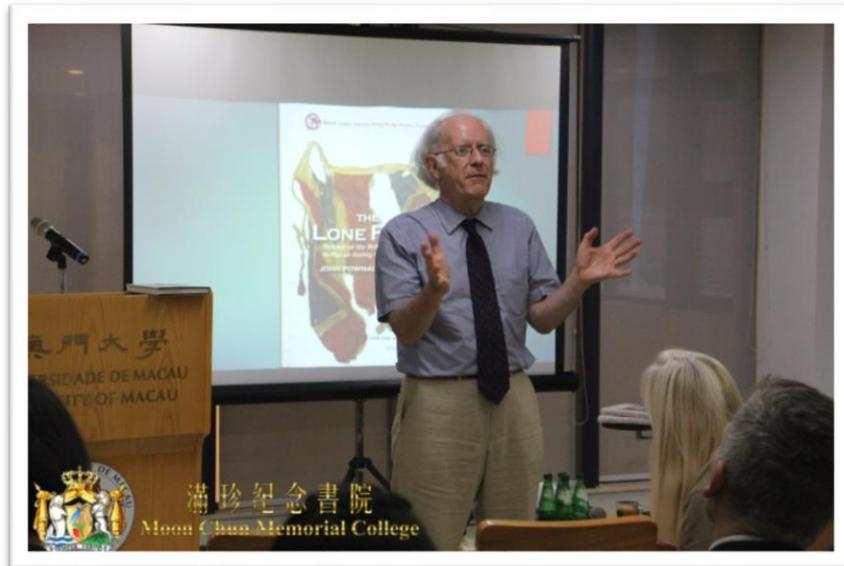
On 16th October, 2015, Dr. Edwards held his second workshop for RC Fellows, where he shared his research of L1 Audience Sensitivity (LIAS) on Willingness to Communicate (WTC). He explained that brain-imaging technology opens pathways into the nature of the brain's creative and critical thought. Therefore, by bringing the ancient Chinese Tangram into his literature and language courses, Dr. Edwards has noticed that students' visuospatial and sensory-motor reasoning can unlock a wealth of skills for language learning, literary analysis, and "coordinated thinking."



MCM College Seminar Series – The Lone Flag

Colin Day: the mémoire of John Pownall Reeves, British Consul in Macau during WWII

Dr. Colin Day worked in Britain and the USA before becoming Publisher of Hong Kong University Press and later as a consultant to the Instituto Cultural de Macau. His first publishing job was with Cambridge University Press, initially in Cambridge and then in New York. After some years at the University of Michigan Press, he arrived in Hong Kong in 2000.



Further to his time at HKU Press, he lived in Macao for a year, and subsequently, moved back to the US. We were very fortunate to have him visit UM, during his return visit to Hong Kong before travelling to Myanmar.

Colin Day and Richard Garrett edited *The Lone Flag*, a book based on the *mémoire* of John Pownall Reeves, British Consul in Macau during WWII. Today, their painstaking preparation for the book enables readers to identify and shed light on the characters Reeves introduces, the dangerous and dramatic times they lived through and upon Reeves, the man himself.



Surrounded by Japanese-held territory, and Macao awash with agents, and as lone British consular official, Reeves was in constant danger. Regardless of Macao's neutrality, it was comprehensively infiltrated. Marked for assassination, Reeves had to have armed guards as he went about his business. He also had to traverse the complexities of intelligence agencies many-sided in a place that was described less as Las Vegas, but as the Casablanca of the Far East.

The heart of the book, John Reeves' memoir of those extraordinary war years, tells of his tireless efforts to provide food, shelter and basic medical needs for the refugees.

In particular, Reeves' poignant *mémoire*, the conditions in W11 Macao and his heroic work in feeding and housing some 9000 refugees, is prescient of today with hundreds of thousands of refugees migrating to Europe, many undertaking truly harrowing journeys, as in Reeves' day.



Why the Lone Flag? It seems no other British flag has ever been so alone and lone in terms of distance from the next Union flag, then Union Jack. The 'Lone flag' was raised at the British Consulate in Macau by John Pownall Reeves on the day the BBC announced the Japanese surrender. It was damaged by a typhoon that hit just as Reeves was preparing to leave the enclave.

It was so gratifying to see a capacity attendance, College fellows and affiliates, faculty colleagues and students across UM – research to freshmen, for this interactive session since Dr. Day's seminar covered a seminal period in Macau's history, one barely storied given Macau's exceptional position during war years.

Moon Chun Memorial College Fulbright Scholar Dr. Roy Eric Xavier, (U.C. Berkeley) 4th– 13th November, 2015

Moon Chun Memorial College received Dr. Roy Xavier, U.C. Berkeley Fulbright Scholar in residence, from 4th –13th November, 2015.

During his stay, Dr. Xavier offers a new perspective on Macau's social and cultural history, which has implications for its present and future. Most histories of Macau include accounts of Portuguese explorations, international trade, and the settlement of European enclaves throughout Southeast Asia: from its founding in 1557, the result of migrations involving many ethnicities (including Portuguese, Indian, and Chinese) which continued into the twentieth century.



The ability of Macau to survive over five centuries and prosper today as a Special Administrative Region of China suggests that the movement of different groups in and out of the city, many of which settled there, created an environment that was not only culturally tolerant, but also benefited economically and socially from a broad mix of influences.

Dr. Xavier delivered two workshops to MCMC students and faculty. He spoke extensively on the following two topics:

- Informal Overview and Discussion: The Portuguese–Macanese Community

Beginning from 1557, many Luso-Asians began the second phase of their migrations by resettling in Macau. They were attracted by the lucrative trade with Japan (until 1640) and China, and the relative peace away from Portuguese authorities, which had been weakened when the Dutch conquered Malacca in 1639.

- Traditional Relations between Local and Expatriate Macanese.

A short history of contemporary relations between Macau and potential economic and cultural partners since the 1999 retrocession to China. This will include China's changing policies linking economic development and cultural renewal, and the potential role of international Macanese in different countries.



In addition, Dr. Xavier was invited by Prof. Peter Zabielskis (FSS), to deliver a special lecture to students of his sociology class: Environment and Humanity (SOCY213). Dr. Xavier addressed issues regarding Macau's heritage, environment, development and infrastructure.

Portuguese Corner – Session 1: Body Language with Prof. Roberval Silva

Moon Chun Memorial College held the first session of 'Portuguese Corner' on Monday, 9th November, 2015, with Prof. Roberval Silva as invited speaker for the evening. A group of enthusiastic students participated in the event as they listened to Prof. Silva introduce a special cultural topic: Body Language and the Cariocas of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Cariocas, as the people of Rio often call themselves, are cheerful and extremely lively. They live for the moment usually without a thought about what would happen tomorrow.



After learning about some unusual gesticulations and facial expressions, the students demonstrated the body language of the cariocas by role-playing different scenarios in Portuguese. Light refreshments and typical Portuguese snacks were served and enjoyed by everyone.



The session was very successful, and plans for a second session are now underway.

Moon Chun Memorial College: COP in Macau – Workshop on Climate Negotiation

In order to support the 2015 Paris Climate Conference (COP21), the UM VChange environmental protection organization and CYCAN (China Youth Climate Action Network) held a climate changing workshop in Moon Chun Memorial College on Nov. 10th.



This activity is for developing and expanding the spirit of CYCAN COP21 Chinese delegation, sharing what young people from all over the world are doing with climate change and sustainable development. It aims at calling on the youths in Macau to pay attention to the Climate Conference, and initiate changes of students' behavior and habits on campus.



Special guests speakers, Mr. Li Ruixin and Mr. Zhang Liangyi, were invited to address issues of climatic change, as well as sharing their own experience with students from UM and MUST (Macau University of Science and Technology). All participants presented their interesting ideas during the group discussion session.

Moon Chun Memorial College's guided historical tour with author Jason Wordie 27th November, 2015

Moon Chun Memorial College's guided historical tour with author Jason Wordie', trod in footsteps of some of Macau's illustrious forebears, George Chinnery amongst them, through Macau's fascinating streetscapes and through some of the city's well-preserved centuries of history. Staff and students found the walk to be educational, informative and entertaining, as they were able to explore the city's history in more depth, enabling all the participants to feel more closely connected to Macau today.



Santa Casa de Misericórdia was founded in 1569 by D. Belchior Carneiro who offered charitable assistance such as food and shelter to the widows, orphans and the deserving poor. In the same context, Wordie made a reference to Martha Mierop, a Chinesemui-tsai (妹仔), abandoned at birth and sold into prostitution at the age of thirteen. In a twist of fate, she was married to one of the most influential personalities of the East India Company, and later became an international trader. After her death, her wealth went to the Santa Casa, making her Macao's greatest public benefactress.



Igreja de Sé was the first cathedral built in 1576 as a small wooden chapel. In 1623, it was redesigned as a Cathedral. It was further extended in 1849 and consecrated in 1850 by Bishop Jerónimo José da Mata. Further reconstruction continued in 1937 giving rise to its opulent appearance which remains today. A special dedicatory plaque was made for the Virgin Mary in 1943 to protect Macau during the Second World War.

São Paulo ruins are the remains of the front wall, facade, and granite stairs of the Church of St. Paul in Macau after it was destroyed by fire in 1835. Small parts of what the Portuguese describe as rammed-earth walls are still clearly visible on the outer edges the front. Jason Wordie explained that the composition of the building material was known as chunambo: a mixture of clay, soil, sand, rice straw, crushed rock, and oyster shells compacted in successive layers.

Igreja de St^o António (St. Anthony's Church), was built in 1588. The church was the source of early historical archives and artefacts. However, it is believed that most of the documents and files have been destroyed by fires that burnt down the churches. The history of the present architecture is inscribed on a plaque by the door: "Built in 1638. Burnt in 1809. Rebuilt in 1810. Burnt again in 1874. Repaired in 1875" However, there is a cross in the churchyard bearing the date of 1636. Another fire resulted in further restorations during the 1930s and additional work was completed on the facade and tower in the 1940s.



The Old Protestant Cemetery located in close proximity to the Casa Garden. At the time when Macau was considered by the Portuguese to be sacred Roman Catholic ground, the burial of Protestants within its city walls was strictly prohibited. The only alternative for a small community of British, American and Northern European traders was to construct a secret burial place, whilst running the risk confrontation with Chinese if their graves were to be discovered. This issue was finally resolved in 1821 when the local committee of the East India Company purchased a plot of land and with all legalities approved by the Portuguese. Shortly after, the East India Company allowed the burials of foreigners, and many graves

were subsequently transferred into the cemetery, from outside the city walls. Inscriptions on the tombstones depict why some graves are dated before its founding in 1821. Nationals of Britain, the United States of America, the Netherlands, Denmark, Sweden and Germany are buried there.

The cemetery was closed in 1858, after which the cemetery began to be referred to as the "Old" Protestant Cemetery. It is the last resting place of the artist George Chinnery, missionaries Robert Morrison and Samuel Dyer (his wife Maria is buried at the Old Protestant Cemetery in Penang), Royal Navy captain Henry John Spencer–Churchill (son of the 5th Duke of Marlborough and great–great–grand–uncle of Winston Churchill) and US Naval Lieutenant Joseph Harod Adams (grandson of the second president of the United States, John Adams, and nephew of the sixth, John Quincy Adams). Humphrey Fleming Senhouse, a captain in the Royal Navy, is also buried here.

A dialogue session was held during the evening, at 7 pm, in W11 Fellows' Salon, where Jason Wordie revealed many dimensions that make Macau the uniquely special place that it is, and has always been.

Guest Visits

**Regius Professor Prof. David Ibbetson,
President of Clare Hall Cambridge**

Moon Chun Memorial College was pleased to receive a visit from Regius Prof. David Ibbetson, President of Clare Hall, University of Cambridge, and Marie Janson, Development Director.



UM has a visiting fellowships scheme with Clare Hall and global leaders' Cambridge masters' degree MPhil programme with Macau SAR.

Prof. Ibbetson is a leading legal historian and Roman lawyer, and Chair of the University's Law Faculty. He is Regius Professor of Civil Law.

MCM College Master, Prof. Kevin Thompson warmly welcomed guests from Cambridge, and after a brief tour of UM, hosted a meeting at W11 with fellow Masters, Prof. C.S Liu (CKPC), Prof. V.P Iu (SHEAC) and Prof. Rostam Neuwirth (FLL).

Rice University Delegation At Moon Chun Memorial College

On Saturday, 3rd October, 2015, Moon Chun Memorial College warmly received delegates from Rice University, Texas, USA.



MCM College Master, Prof. Thompson welcomes Prof. David. W. Leebron, President Rice University

The delegation, led by Prof. David. W. Leebron, Rice University President, and accompanied by Dr. Ping Sun, University Representative, and Dr. David Vassar, Senior Assistant to the President, and Prof. Victor Da Hsuan Feng. This is the second delegation to MCMC by Texan universities: the previous being Stephen F. Austin University.

During the brief visit, MCM College Master, Prof. Kevin Thompson explained to the delegation several key characteristics about MCM College: for example, how the College was named in honour of the donor's late spouse; the tradition of awarding College Blues and its

proWess in terms of music and sport, and honorary guests who have visited the college since its foundation.



The delegation also visited college facilities such as College Hall, English Reading Lounge, Fellows' Salon and the Music Practise Rooms.

Stradivari Quartett Visit Moon Chun Memorial College

The Stradivari Quartett from Switzerland delighted a capacity audience with an informal superlative lecture–recital of music by Haydn, Weber, Brahms, Ravel and a surprise encore, Chinese galop by Huang Haihuai, in Moon Chun Memorial College Hall, Friday 23 October. The Quartet's playing, interspersed with stories of each of their four Stradivarius string instruments – one made by Antonio Stradivari when he was 90–years old – kept the audience spellbound throughout.



This outstanding event for students and faculty was made possible by collaboration between MCM College and UM's Faculty of Education (FED), including sponsorship by the FED.



IFCM World Choral EXPO 2015

Moon Chun Memorial College welcomed a most valuable opportunity, hosting several world-renowned Choral groups as part of the IFCM World Choral EXPO was held in the University of Macau during 12th - 15th November, 2015. The event is billed as a new and innovative

spectacle, and is open for all choristers and conductors in the Asia Pacific region and beyond.

The Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University Choir, directed by Junita Lambrecht van Dijk, is very proud of its multi-cultural composition, as well as its musical repertoire of combining and interpreting Western and African elements.



Indonesian Children and Youth–Cordana Choir

Although the Indonesian Children and Youth–Cordana Choir are well-respected for their traditionalist foundation, they bring a new sound to the backdrop of Indonesian music. With colorful costumes and an untamed appetite for traditional choreography, the choir will set the stage alight with their cultural expression.



Cordana Youth Group - Indonesia

Latvian youth choir BALSIS

BALSIS is celebrating its 29th anniversary as one of Latvia's most accomplished choirs. Many of the singers are students, while others lead professional careers. BALSIS is led by Artistic Director Ints Teterovskis, and their repertoire includes music from Early Music and Renaissance to the Romantic era, culminating in contemporary experimental works and Latvian folk song arrangements.



Latvian Youth Choir - BALSIS

The Junction

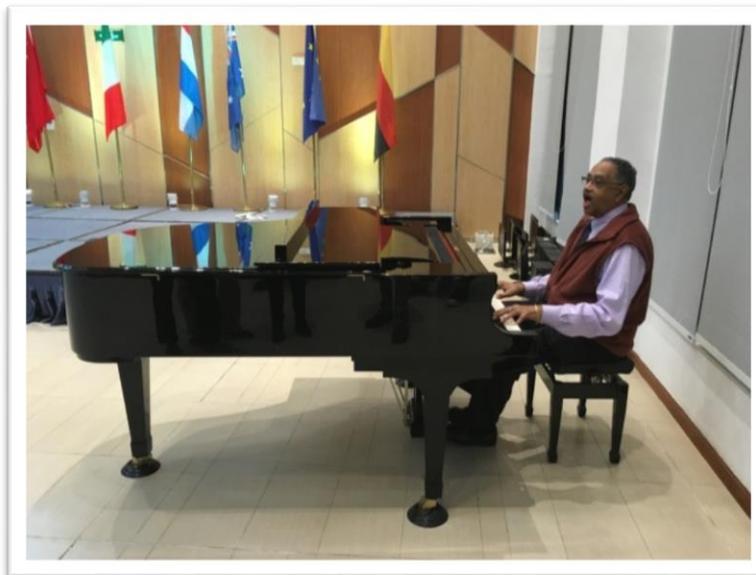
The Junction is a cappella vocal group from The Netherlands, comprising of five vocalists. Their powerful resonating voices are metamorphosed into expressive instruments that allow the group to translate modern songs as well as classics, into their own compositions: alternating from modern jazz harmonies, to electric-paced hip hop beats, and from dazzling solos to tight vocal percussion.



The Junction - Netherlands

Moon Chun Memorial College: American singer Van Gilmer gives impromptu performance for MCMC College band

Conductor, composer and vocalist Van Gilmer has had a long and distinguished music career, particularly in the field of gospel music. He gave an impromptu performance for MCM College Band as the band was rehearsing for its evening performance at MCM College Hall. Van Gilmer had just flown in from Chicago when he visited and the band invited him to sing for them. Mr. Gilmer kindly donated a copy of his latest CD, Sacred Songs recorded in the United States in May 2015, to the MCM College Library.



MCMC hosted Choir of Gonville and Caius College, University of Cambridge in MCM College Hall Thursday 10 December 2015

Moon Chun Memorial College was delighted to host an open rehearsal by the Choir of Gonville and Caius College, University of Cambridge in MCM College Hall (W11) Thursday 10 December to a capacity audience. Students and Faculty colleagues from across UM greatly enjoyed experiencing the musical processes by which a world-class choir is produced.

The Choir included a miscellany of Christmas Music in their rehearsal, including some well-known Christmas Carols and some masterpieces by English Choral composers such as William Byrd.

The finale of their open rehearsal at MCMC was to inaugurate the newly-constructed outdoor amphitheatre in MCMC Inner Quad, with a beautiful rendition of O Little Town of Bethlehem. This followed a generously gifted performance by one of the honoured guests, Ms Xinyue Sun, a great friend of MCMC and an acknowledged Professor and professional Chinese Folk Song performer. All agreed the acoustics of the new outdoor amphitheatre were perfect to encourage many more alfresco performances in the future by MCMC students, as well as students from other RCs.



The Choir of Gonville & Caius College, University of Cambridge is one of the UK's leading collegiate choirs, with a world-wide reputation based on its extensive touring and broadcasting, and on its highly acclaimed and imaginative CD recordings. The choir is directed by Dr Geoffrey Webber, Director of Music.

MCMC students especially enjoyed making new friends with choir members, learning about university life in Cambridge. So much so that they joined that evening's Joint BBAM/FMBA Christmas Networking Evening at the Grand Coloane Resort to savour two further performances by the choir, which featured later that evening on the TDM TV Channel News.



MCM College would wish to extend a special note of appreciation to HSBC, Grand Coloane Resort and CN Concerts, together with UM, British Business Association of Macau and French Macau Business Association.

High Table

Commencement High Table Gaudy, 2015 Moon Chun Memorial College

Moon Chun Memorial College held its traditional Commencement High Table Gaudy during the fourth week of Michaelmas Term, at the College Hall.

College Master, Professor Kevin Thompson specifically chose the term Gaudy, an adaption from archaic French 'gaudir', which means to 'rejoice' – as a special connotation that serves as a special celebration for a new freshmen cohort to foster new links with their upperclassmen and fellow academic advisors.

Distinguished guests at the High Table included:

- Dr. Peter Lam, Chair, University of Macao Council
- Prof Haydn Chen, Vice Rector (Student Affairs)

- Prof. H. Martyn Evans, Principal (Master) of Trevelyan College, University of Durham
- Mr. Henry Brockman, Chairman of British Business Association of Macao, Alumnus University College, Durham
- Dr. Peter Yu, Dean of Student Affairs Office
- Prof. Chuan Sheng Liu, College Master, CKPC and Dr. Jinye Liu.
- Prof. John Corbett, Head of Department of English, College Senior Fellow
- Dr. Patricia Thompson, Artistic Advisor, Student Affairs Office (SAO), Supernumerary Fellow
- Dr. Manuel Noronha, Associate Master, Colégio Memorial Moon Chun
- Dr. Liu Mu Mu, Assistant Director, Research Department, Chinese Liaison Office in Macau, and Ms. Xinyue Sun, Folk Song Singer.



There were two very special performances by Ms. Sophie Chen, who played Chopin's Fantaisie – Impromptu in C sharp minor, Op. posth. 66 1894; and Tchaikovsky's Autumn (October) Song from Les Saisons, Op.37a, 1875.

Ms. Xinyue Sun, Soprano, graced center stage and performed two folk songs. The first was entitled: "My Dear is Washing Clothes at the River" (親疙瘩下河洗衣裳). The song was composed by Wei Jinying, arranged by Leung Yan Chiu, with lyrics by Zhang Wenxiu, has its origin from Shanxi Province. It describes the scene of a young lady washing her clothes by the river, whilst waiting for her imaginary prince to come.

The second piece was entitled: "Hill Song Expressing my Gratitude" (山歌好比春江水), which was composed by Lei Zhenbang, arranged by Leung Yan Chiu, lyrics by Qiu Yu. The song is considered as the most popular piece in the film, Lady Liu San (劉三姐), which describes a brilliant hill song singer and her antipathy towards her landlord.



The accompanying Ensemble for Ms Sun's performance was conducted by MCM's Artistic Director, Dr. Patricia Thompson, and musicians comprised: Erta Wei, Oscar Kuan, Violins; Alex Ao, Clarinet; Sherley Leong, Erhu; Lexi Wang, Pipa; Ray Cheung, Sanxian.

The climax of the evening was Andy McKee's 2006 rendition of "Drifting", a guitar performance by Corey Li, which earned the applause from everyone in the hall, and standing ovations from Profs. Martyn Evans and John Corbett.



Finally, the House Association Executive Committee, represented by Vanessa Yang, wished all the freshmen and College staff all the best in the coming year.

MCM Collegiate High Table with Andrew Seaton

Former British Consul General, Andrew Seaton, now Executive Director of British Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong, and Colin Day, editor of *The Lone Flag*, a recent book on the writings of John Pownall Reeves, British Consul in Macau during WWI, were principal guests at MCM Collegiate High Table held Thursday 29 October.

College Fellow and historian, Dr. Vincent Ho who collaborated on *The Lone Flag*, together with a much requested return guest, Henry Brockman, Chairman of the British Business Association of Macao, also joined the guests at High Table.



Mr. Seaton's keynote address offered a contemporary perspective of development seen in China during the time he had known the Middle Kingdom as a seasoned diplomat. In the light of President Xi Jinping's recent visit to the United Kingdom, when the Chinese President spoke of past and present China-UK ties, China's economic and social development, foreign policies, and of building a "community of shared interests" with Britain, Mr. Seaton's address, adroitly nuanced for an attentive audience of predominantly freshman students, held both immediate and longer term resonance, not least in terms of his closing remarks: to freshmen, 'Be curious'.



Master, Prof. Kit Thompson spoke of MCM College striving to encourage students to strive to lead rewarding and fulfilling lives. In this respect, to travel something of the life journeys its High Table guests undertake, and to enable all of students through their curricular and co-curricular activities to reach optimum levels of potential and fulfilment reiterating a prerequisite of all life-long learners: "Be curious and stay curious".



"We wish our students", said the Master, "to be precocious – advanced beyond their years – forward thinking leaders, energetic, trailblazers. Students who represent a wide Collegiate "community of shared interests" and galvanise this remarkable city of Macau, Pearl River Delta and way beyond.

Student Life

Moon Chun Memorial College Student Leaders' Training Camp 2015/16

Moon Chun Memorial College held its training camp from 8th – 9th August, 2015, for its newly appointed Student Leaders.



The Leadership Camp was held at the Youth Hostel in Cheoc Van, and organised by Resident Fellows Drs. Ray Cheung & Sally Wong. The theme focused on creativity and decision-making skills.

The teams checked into the campsite and separated into two mixed groups combined of old and new members. A number of different drills were carried out to see how well each team could effectively perform together as a unit, to achieve the tasks assigned by the Fellows.



Teambuilding helps to refresh our student leaders' morale and most important of all, to maintain a motivation among the group. This year, MCMC implemented new teambuilding activities to encourage the participants to develop their creativity as well as improving their decision making skills. Our newly appointed student leaders remarked that they were able to assess their own strengths and weaknesses, as well as their team mates.

Moon Chun Memorial College Orientation for Student Leaders 2015/16

Moon Chun Memorial College held its third orientation from 6th – 9th August, 2015, for its newly appointed Student Leaders.



The In-House Leadership Training Programme was designed to create strong team spirit and leadership qualities among the participants. Resident Tutors (RTs), Resident Assistants (RAs) and House Association Executives (HAs) are expected to exercise responsibility, and become role models of the College for both incoming freshmen and returning upper classmen.

The orientation began at 9:00 am at the Students' Activity Center, E31 (SAC) with introductory remarks and guidance from Prof. Haydn Chen, (Vice-Rector of Student Affairs), followed shortly by Dr. Peter Yu (Dean of Students).



Workshops for Basic Counselling Skills were offered by SAO Staff at Fellows' Salon in W11 – G024.

The afternoon sessions began with MCM College Master, Prof. Kevin Thompson briefing the students about embodying and embracing one's leadership skills. Resident Fellow, Dr. Ray Cheung, explained about the student organisation structure of the college, followed by a final session of ice-breaking activities.

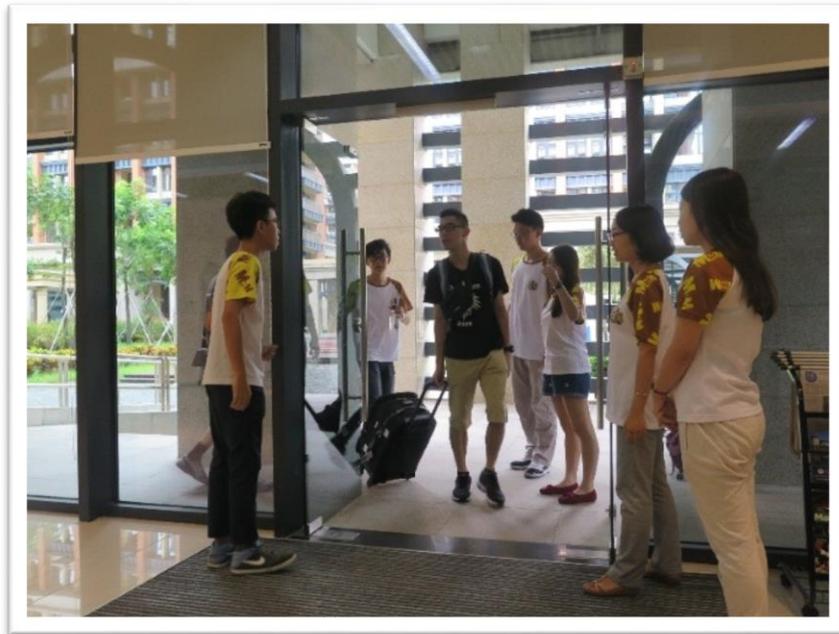
The agenda for the following day was an intensive delivery of interactive workshops regarding effective proposal writing, rules and regulations for students in MCMC. There were other activities delivered by MCMC office team and academic staff.



The grand finale of the two-day programme ended on a high note: MCMC Office Team and student leaders threw a surprise birthday party for Prof. Thompson to not only convey their best wishes, but also to express their sincere appreciation of his leadership and constant hard work and support for the College.

Moon Chun Memorial College Freshmen Matriculation 2015/16

Moon Chun Memorial College opened its doors promptly at nine o'clock on the morning of 15th August, 2015 to welcome the start of the new academic year. Through those doors passed the incoming freshmen cohort from various secondary schools across the communities of Macau, and neighboring Hong Kong and Mainland China.



College ambassadors were immaculately dressed in their bright Yellow and White College Tee-shirts, a symbol of pride and identity, smiled warmly as they greeted and received our new freshmen and their families who accompanied them. This wonderful gesture truly demonstrates the notion of inclusivity: one of the college's most distinctive core values

The Master, Prof. Kevin Thompson, hosted a Welcome Session where he introduced the history and the structure of the college. There was also a beautifully arranged pictorial slideshow that documented all the activities and workshops held by the college staff and students.



Matriculation for freshmen ended at 6:00 pm on Sunday, 16th August, 2015, but will continue for returning students (Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors) until Friday, 21st August, 2015.



There will a freshmen orientation consisting of diverse workshops, sharing sessions and course enrolment information. The week-long programme is aimed at helping the students

to gradually transition into their new academic environment before classes begin on Monday, 24th August, 2015.



Creating a Perfect Latte at MCMC – Sam Leong

When a talented barista is equipped with a high quality espresso, “the perfect latte” can be prepared and customized within minutes, creating aroma, ambience, chic design and a touch of sophistication. The idea of creating a perfect espresso , latte or flat white can be quite a daunting task. It’s more than just tamping the optimum quantity of coffee, pressing buttons and pulling levers.



Student leaders becoming skilled of making coffees



Student leaders serving coffees to freshmen and their parents

During Freshmen matriculation, MCMC created a pop-up coffee station in College Hall. That idea was initiated by Sam Leong, Function Head at Moon Chun Memorial College. Sam is not only a fully-certified Chef, but has also become an increasingly fine coffee artisan with skills to prepare a “perfect latte”.

Sam explains that the essence of making fine coffee, begins with the basic rule of finding good quality beans and effervescent water. Although any coffee can be used to make an “espresso”, Sam prefers to look for coffee beans labelled as either “Italian” or “very dark roast”.

As for the creating the perfect latte, milk is an essential ingredient. With perfectly judged heat and a texture rich in foam or froth, he can easily turn any cup into a sepia-hued canvas redolent of delectable promise.

Moon Chun Memorial College Hosted Tea Workshop

On Nov 11th (Wednesday) evening, a tea art workshop was held in MCMC. It enhanced the sense of healthy living and promoted the consciousness of self-health care of our college students. Through presentation of tea art and demonstration of tea making, students got an in-depth understanding of traditional Chinese tea art and enjoyed wonderful time during the workshop. Special thanks must be given to all participants, helpers as well as the instructor, for the successful tea art workshop. This is the first activity of the serial traditional Chinese health care workshop organised by Dom Pedro V House, one of the five constituent houses in MCMC. We hope that more students can enjoy the future activities.



Coffee and Cake Workshop

MCMC students had their very first Coffee and Cake Workshop on Nov. 5. They had a lot of fun in making Western afternoon tea set. We were glad to invite two excellent instructors, Mars Loi from Coffee Learning Society of UMSU, and Corey Li from Moon Chun Memorial College. They taught different kinds of coffee, Latte Art, cupcake making as well as whipping cream.

A participant said before his first coffee making experience, he never thought that a coffee could make one full so quickly. "Mars did not only teach us about coffee, but also shared his experience of working as a barista," he said, "the procedure looks simple but it requires a lot of experience and practice.

Participants also made cream cupcake in the workshop. Never until they produced it by themselves did they realise how much sugar and fat were in the cakes. They had a lot of fun whipping cream and found it magical.

Their smiley faces spoke out how much they enjoyed the workshop and expected for more. Everyone was involved and it might be the very first time to try on their own for most of them. They even made handmade coffee and cakes and brought back for their roommates and friends. Many of us enjoy coffee and desserts but never know how to make them on our

own. The workshop was a great opportunity for MCMC students to learn about it and keep their passion for trying new things.



Moon Chun Memorial College: Service Learning Experience – Dialogue in the Dark and Hong Kong Heritage Trail

In order to help students develop the competencies of service and cultural engagement, Moon Chun Memorial College held a 2-day-1-night trip in Hong Kong on November 21st and 22nd.



This trip consisted of participating in an experiential learning simulation Dialogue in the Dark and taking a trip to Lantau Island, which enriched their understanding of both the sightless blind people and the historical heritages in Hong Kong. It enhances students' awareness of the importance of the five senses, develops their empathy on the under-

privileged groups in the society, and gives them a chance to enrich their understanding of cultures, heritages, and identities of Hong Kong.

All participants empathized with challenges of those visually impaired which was very enlightening, and immersive. The reality of what might have appeared at first a somewhat surreal experience enabled them to engage in a world devoid of light and shade and the field trip both exceeded and foiled their expectations for the subsequent enchanting natural scenery which they were indeed fortunate to experience.

MCMC & FED: Inauguration Ceremony for FED Drum Kit by MCM College Band

On Wednesday, 2nd of December, 2015, Faculty of Education celebrated the inauguration of a fully professional Drum Kit. This is a valuable pedagogic tool which trains students' kinaesthetic, motor skills, and aural awareness.



Professor Kit Thompson, Master of Moon Chun Memorial College, Dr Ray Cheung, Resident Fellow of MCMC, together with Ms Rachel Sio, Faculty Secretary of FED, took part in a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Then MCMC rock band, Mad Cherry, consisted of Corey Li, Aether Yin, Patricia Peng, Chris Li, Nelson Kong and Sam Lin, performed three songs: Sweet Child of Mine by Guns n Roses, Yellow by Coldplay, and Lithium by Nirvana. In addition, Mr Dilsad

Ahmed, Research Assistant of FED, also played the guitar and sang a wonderful song on spot.



The performance was brilliant and the audience all enjoyed themselves in the rock music. It provided a brief, relaxing interlude to all participants right before the examination periods.

Moon Chun Memorial College – Visit Lord Stow’s Bakery

Ms. Eileen Stow, General Manager of Lord Stow’s Bakery, invited 8 members of Moon Chun Memorial College to visit Lord Stow’s Bakery on 14th December 2015, and learn about the production of egg tarts: the most popular Macau delicacy.

Macau most famous egg-tart Bakery – Lord Stow’s Bakery, was founded by an English gentleman, Mr. Andrew Stow in 1989. In 2006, he was awarded a Special Medal for Services to Tourism by the Macau Government. Lord Stow’s egg tart, as a symbol of Macau food culture, has been widely recognized by the Macau residents and tourists.

The visit was divided into two parts. We first visited the production plant in Areia Preta, followed by a tour at the original outlet in Coloane bakery. In the first part, the production manager briefly introduced the necessary ingredients, equipment and conditions of making tarts. The most fascinating was the egg-breaking machine which separate the yolks from the

whites for 360 eggs in 5 minutes. Then we had a chance to make the pastry ourselves. In the Coloane outlet, students participated in producing egg custard and baking. These two activities allowed students to understand the commercial production process of egg tarts, and enjoyed their own handmade tarts. Ms. Eileen Stow also personally led the students to visit the new Coloane café which is currently under renovation. She also shared the details of the development process of egg tarts, and interesting stories during the start-up and operation process.



After the event, students said that it was an amazing learning experience for them. They closely observed to the operation of a successful local business. Not only did they feel the pleasures of a handmade delicacy, but also leave them a better understanding of the Macau Culture.

Moon Chun Memorial College – Exploring Ancient Culture of Shenzhen

In order to help students develop competency in interpersonal relationship and cultural engagement, Moon Chun Memorial College held a 2-day-1-night trip to Shenzhen, China on December 19th and 20th.

Situated north of Hong Kong, Shenzhen is one of the most important cities of Guangdong Province, as it is also known as "the first ancient city of the South". The trip brought students to visit Dapeng Ancient Fort and Dongmen Old Street which enriched their understanding of the historical heritages in Shenzhen. Participants learnt to appreciate and cherish the precious and prosperous ancient culture in southern China.

Dapeng Ancient Fort was founded in 1394. There are lots of ancient folk houses and lanes that are clearly reminiscent of the Ming and Qing Dynasties. Dongmen Old Street is the oldest commercial street in Shenzhen and one of the “18 most important commercial areas” in China. The street still maintains some ancient buildings and abundant ancient commercial culture.



This cultural exploration trip to Shenzhen was organised by St Paul's House, one of the five constituent houses of MCMC. During this activity, students not only understand more ancient cultures over China but also get involved in community life, leaving with wonderful memory.

SPORTS NEWS

FOOTBALL: UM 5-a-side Soccer Competition

Office of Sports Affairs (OSA) held its first UM 5-a-side Soccer Competition, with the qualifying stages on 19th and 20th September, 2015, and the finals on 26th September, at UM's Mini Artificial Turf.

MCM 'Canaries' were one of twelve teams from across the different RCs, Faculties and PGH were up for the challenge.



The team was spearheaded and well-captained by Bruce Sio (freshmen) who led the *Canaries* in the qualifiers, with deserved victories over FED and CTYC.

The team reached the quarter-finals and faced a strong HFPJC side. College Master, Prof. Kevin Thompson, was at the field to support the team, and after a hard-fought battle, the Canaries eventually bowed out to 0-1 defeat.

SQUASH: Sports: UM Squash Competition

Office of Sports Affairs (OSA) organized a UM Squash Competition during October (Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday) in UM Sports Complex (N8) Squash Courts.

Two MCM Squash teams took part in this round-robin competition and faced many seasoned players from the university teams.

Although both teams did not advance in the qualifying stages, nonetheless, the players learned a lot and will be better prepared in next year's competition.



RUNNING: Inter-College Round-Campus 10K Run

In order to promote healthy living, teamwork and also a more integral campus life, the Inter-College Committee (ICC) held its first UM Inter-College Round Campus Run on Saturday, 21 November, 2015



The starting point began outside the main entrance of Island One, where the first batch of athletes ran to the intersection of S27. At the second stretch, another batch of athletes took over and ran along the Staff Quarters, and upon reaching the checkpoint at S28, they turned round and headed back for S27. The final stretch was to return to the starting point.

The distance of the circuit was approximately 3.5km, but since the race covered 3 laps, each college fielded a team of 9 athletes (6 men and 3 women) to cover a total distance of 10.5km.

Colleagues from Campus Service (CS) and Security and Transport Section (STS) played an important role in blocking one lane of Alumni Avenue, and one lane of the road surrounding staff quarters.

MCMC Team completed the race and crossed the finish line, clocking in 37 minutes and 5 seconds. The team was awarded 3rd place, behind CYTC (Winners) and SHEAC (runners' up).



MCM Trailblazers in 10K Challenge 2015 Sands China Macau Eco TrailHiker



MCM Trailblazers met the 2015 Sands China Macau Eco TrailHiker 10k challenge. TrailHiker is a charity event that is organised jointly by the KIRBY GROUP and the Macau Daily Times (MDT), in conjunction with Macau Government departments. The objective is to promote health and well-being in the community by hiking along the scenic trails of Coloane. There were more than 500 teams participating in two categories: 30K Corporate Challenge, and 10K Family / Fun Course. Moon Chun Memorial College was spearheaded by intrepid team captain, Prof. Kevin Thompson, Dr. Manuel Noronha (time-keeper), Dr. Ray Cheung and Mr. Sam Leong (team members).



MCM Trailblazers trekked through the hills of Coloane Trails, pausing at various check-points for rehydration after having climbed steep precipitous gradients as part of the physical endurance challenge.

The team did well to complete the challenge by clocking in at 2:37:04. The aim of the competition not only promotes good leadership skills and all-round team-collaboration among participants, it fosters good interpersonal skills and relationships: core values that are demonstrated in SAGE102.

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Rochelle. Y. Ge – Resident Fellow

Rochelle Yun GE (葛贇) obtained her Ph.D. in Sociology from the National University of Singapore (NUS) in 2015. Prior to the current post as a resident fellow, she was a visiting fellow at the Yenching Institute in the Harvard University. Rochelle has started working on topics related to youth and education since her undergraduate time. As an international education migrant herself, she is particularly interested in how the impact of globalization is changing the face, reality and meaning of education in Asia.

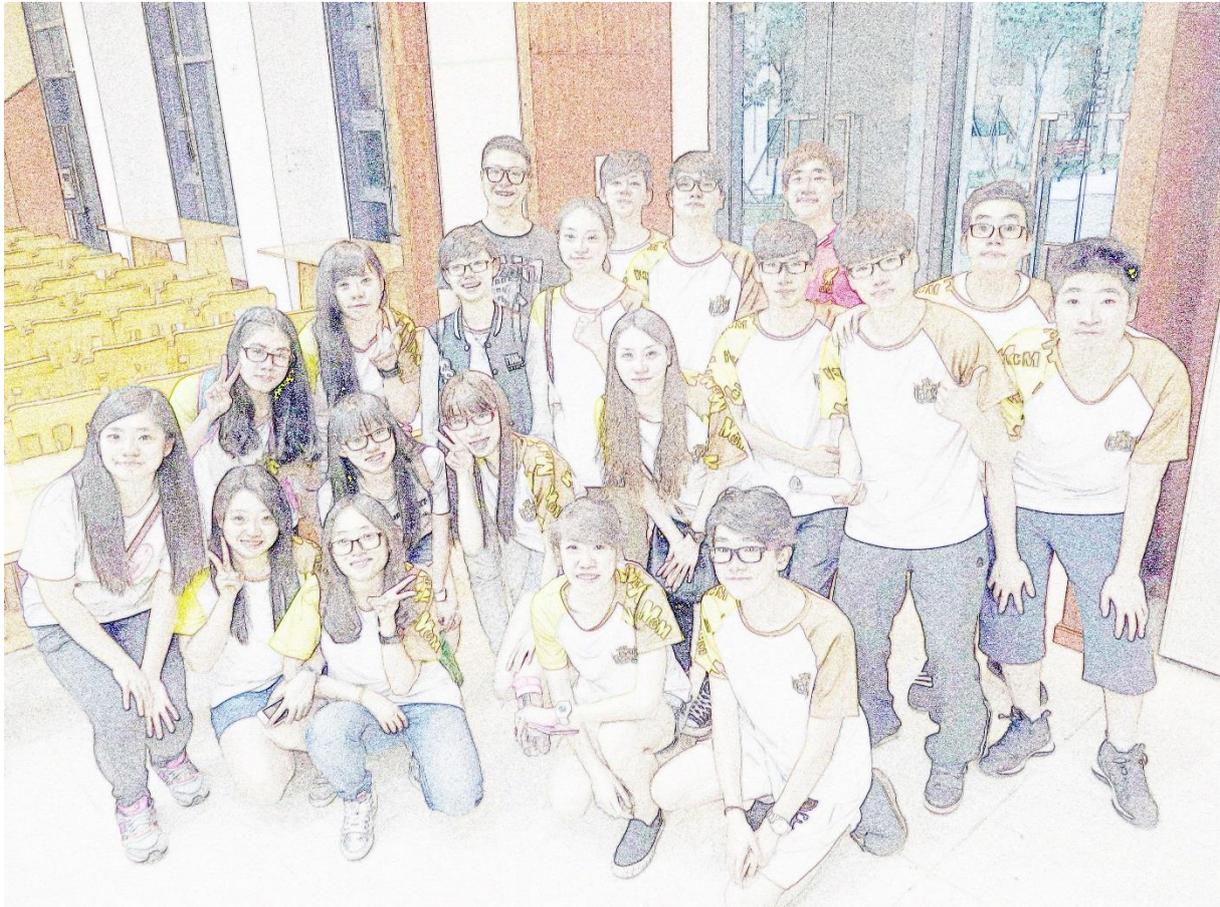
Rochelle has a wide range of hobbies (e.g., playing squash, doing acrylic painting, swimming, watching movies and traveling), many of which were developed during her stay in residential halls in NUS and Harvard. She truly believes in the holistic learning mode of residential college and would like to bring a rich and meaningful experience to the residents in MCMC.



Mr. Ray Loi – Administrative Staff

Ray grew up in Macau. He received his bachelor's degree in Government and Public Administration from University of Macau in 2014. Prior to joining University of Macau, he worked as an administrative clerk in SJM Holdings. He joined UM as a management trainee and rotated to different departments. He is a new member in MCMC Administrative Team. As a UM graduate and a member of the Residential College, he enjoys working in a vibrant campus community and treasures the opportunities provided by the university





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