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Message from the College Master

Dear MCMers,

If one were to highlight the salient characteristics in making actual MCM College's achievements, they would perform include:

- Leading and cohering a team of RC administrative colleagues and faculty
- Student endeavour in the Intercollegiate Basketball, Football and Swimming success with Moon Chun Memorial College (MCMC) taking first place against more senior and experienced teams.



Strategising activities around a three-core, concurrent series:

- Culture Across Borders;
- Hard Wired for Soft Skills; and
- Shaping Macau-21st Century Cultural Entrepreneurs and Business Leaders.

Forging key relationships with local institutions, companies and international organisations was an immediate priority. Inevitably, there were constant challenges for MCMC, in terms of collegiate system-wide and also inter-collaborative activities.

Following last year's highly successful recitals and residency of Sébastien Fournier and Sprezzatura, 2016 marked the début of Michel Dalberto master classes and town and gown recitals in Macao 2 & 3 May. Together, Sébastien and Michel, brought a richly diversified programme to the territory, exploring, in the case of Sébastien and

Sprezzatura, something of the specificity of French culture, from 16th century to contemporary twist; this year, Michel, embarked upon a musical journey through drama, religion and Shakespearian tragedy, 2016 commemorating 400 years since the passing of the Bard.

Michel followed through his Clube Militar de Macau concert with *une vie, une carrière*, making freely available to students and gifted pianists inclusive masterclasses and interpretative advice by a world-class artist.

Further, Spring High Table 2016 marked a symbolic moment in the evolving much-storied narrative of the College when Oxbridge Blues were awarded. These highly coveted and prestigious awards were presented to our deserving students, those who have excelled within their chosen fields. These range over sporting prowess, St John's first-aid and defibrillator training for emergency treatment of life-threatening cardiac arrests. They take in community and charitable work, and service to music and the arts: working with autistic artists, with artistic savants, to playing for the 2016 French Gala. They include participation in the French Business Association of Macau, or serving as 'buddies' to our much-valued French and other exchange and visiting students, and, of course, other myriad successes across a wide collegiate piste, achievements attained during academic year 2015-16.

In closing another successful term, seniors and resident tutors, assistants and student leaders were treated to an enticing Sommelier-led evening, with M. Éric Sautédé: "*La dégustation de vins*" in Fellows' Salon 5 May, celebrating MCM College's three-year educational commitment and formative involvement in shaping Le French GourMay for students and beginners wishing to sample the gastronomic side of Le French May, and the very best produce from France.

We are delighted to share with all of you, our 4th issue of MC2 Online which features interesting news and activities.

College Activities

Buddy Programme, 2016

Moon Chun Memorial College continued to host its Buddy Programme with five International-Exchange students arriving from France, India, Taiwan and the USA.

A special welcome orientation was organised at the Fellows' Salon in G024 on 7th January, 2016, at 1:00 pm, followed by a luncheon offered by College Master, Prof. Kevin Thompson.



The objective of the programme is to help our exchange students adapt to living and settling into their new surroundings and also for them to experience a different lifestyle here at the University of Macau.

This year's Buddy Programme will see two MCMC students paired with a new 'buddy' as the college aims to provide friendly faces, a helping hand, and most important of all, forge new friendships that can make an unbelievable difference, especially for those who are here for the first time away from home.

The exchange students will begin classes here at UM for 1 academic semester

Royal College of Music Workshop in Piano, Violin and Clarinet

As Dr Patricia Thompson, Chair of the Masterclass Series, said, 'Constructive critique is worth its weight in gold', as experienced in the Royal College of Music masterclass and workshop hosted by MCM College last Thursday afternoon.

There was rapt attention in MCM College Hall, whilst students - including a violinist as young as 12 years old - played piano, violin and clarinet for Professor Colin Lawson, Director RCM, and Professor Vanessa Latache, Head of Keyboard & Chair of International Keyboard Studies RCM.



Audience members included Mrs. Barbara Pong, an RCM alumna, accompanied by her husband, Professor David Pong, Master of CKYC, and Mr Michael Kirby, Principal Clarinet, Macau Orchestra, who performed with Professors Lawson and Latache later that day at MCMC's High Table Dinner to great acclaim by all present.

Attendees commented later that thanks to the very helpful feedback, improvement in performance was immediately palpable, and students are already recognising the formative quality of workshops of international calibre delivered with encouragement and consummate assurance throughout. It cannot be gainsaid that this was a very special occasion and rare opportunity for UM students and faculty, as the Royal

College of Music London is widely acknowledged as a world-class music conservatoire.



A true exemplar of Kenneth H Blanchard's belief that, "Feedback is the Breakfast of Champions".

Moon Chun Memorial College invited to perform at France Macau Business Association Charity Gala Dinner 2016



Musicians from Moon Chun Memorial College were invited to perform at the France Macau Business Association Charity Gala Dinner “Shanghai, le Paris de l’Orient” on 22nd January 2016, one of the prime and most celebrated events in Macau’s social calendar. Led by John Ma, director of UM String Ensemble, and cellist Daniel Leong, MCMC students Vera Yang, Tomorrow Hu, Oscar Kuan, Tetsu Yuan, Fanny Fang and Ivy Lam played a series of carefully chosen works for string ensemble appropriate to the occasion. The students acquitted themselves with considerable aplomb, developing their musicianship, gaining valuable exposure and first-hand professional experience of performing live at a high-profile and high visibility event. In addition, Winston Tan, Nelson Kong, Alex Ao, Ariel Xiao and John Lei were also invited to attend the reception. It was a privilege for them to chat with M. Eric Berti, Consul General de France a Hong Kong et Macao, and Dr. Vincent Piket, Head of Office of the European Union to Hong Kong and Macao. MCM College student groups have begun to establish a growing reputation as dynamic and much sought after ensembles, as well as outstanding ambassadors for MCMC and for UM.



Inauguration of English Reading Lounge and Learning Commons Space by Robert Ness

The English Reading Lounge and Learning Commons Space, two exciting new facilities in Moon Chun Memorial College, were inaugurated by Mr. Robert Ness, Director of British Council Hong Kong, on Thursday, 18th February, 2016.

Robert Ness leads the British Council, Hong Kong in its cultural relations work through education, arts, science, and governance, and much more, to foster and developing partnerships, sharing best practices and bringing mutual benefits to Hong Kong and UK.



MCM College places a significant emphasis of students building a strong foundation in the English language, while acquiring the skills required for effective communication is essential for success in their college programs and eventually, in the workplace.

However, when the focus of learning shifts beyond the boundaries of a classroom, the idea of creating an English reading lounge could prove to be effective for supporting and encouraging students and their peers to develop good reading habits.

The Reading Lounge is a rich resource that can provide a wide variation of reading materials ranging from fiction to reference, journals to hobbies or perhaps cultural and musical activities.

MC2 Book Club provides access to an exciting new series of books which cater for students at various levels of proficiency. Each book provides support with an interactive CD-ROM which includes additional activities and complete audio recording for active listening and playback.

In addition, there is also a wide range of other resources, equipment and other facilities that can enhance students' familiarity with English, e.g. authentic materials in English including newspapers and magazines, posters, dictionaries, multi-media resources for language learning.

The Learning Commons Space is a “learner-oriented language learning environment” that encourages the development of learner autonomy, and is specially designed as a social meeting space with wi-fi access and flexible study spaces. It is opened twenty four hours and is accessible to all of its resident and non-resident members.

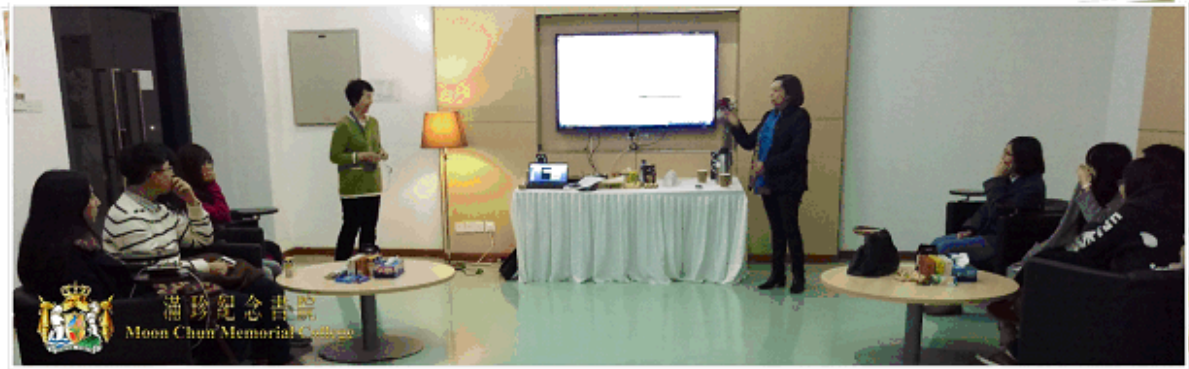


Students can enjoy a wide variety of interesting and interactive activities: ranging from multimedia presentations and quizzes to fully autonomous learning of language concepts via four state of the art computers more effectively (without any intervention from their teachers).

The Learning Commons Space is located in G023, and offers students a diverse range of online resources: Writing Labs, Reading & Grammar guides, listening & Pronunciation Activities, Interactive Tests & Quizzes (Beginners - advanced levels) Business English, E-Portfolio & Reflective Writing Tutorials.

Portuguese Corner with Ms. Gao Lili,

The second session of Portuguese Corner was successfully held in Moon Chun Memorial College, W11, on the evening of 18th February, 2016. More than twenty students with diverse levels of proficiency attended the capacity-filled event, among them were exchange-students from Beijing.



In her opening address, Prof. Maria Fernanda Costa, Head of Department of Portuguese and Director of Research Centre for Luso-Asian Studies, explained that:

“Language is an indispensable tool that facilitates interaction. It also allows us to inform, persuade, express different degrees of sentiments and disseminate complex ideas”.

In today’s rapidly changing society, it is not unusual for people to learn and speak languages other than their mother tongue, and even though learning a new language brings many advantages, it is a really challenging process.



Shortly after Prof. Costa introduced the guest speaker, Ms. Gao Lili, the students were invited to share their views and reasons for learning Portuguese. Many of them showed a desire to become language teachers, while others expressed an interest in becoming interpreters.

Ms. Gao explained that upon acquiring Portuguese, many opportunities for employment will become accessible: for example, working in the civil service, in journalism and social communication networks, or even the possibility of working in government or private sectors.

Ms. Gao also highlighted the fact that in many Chinese students have mastered both Portuguese and Chinese, and in doing so, become effective in translation and interpretation for the economic and commercial development between China and the Lusophone Community.

Professor Adam Johnson Pulitzer Prize Winner 2013 at Moon Chun Memorial College, W11

On Saturday 12th March, 2016, Moon Chun Memorial College welcomed students, UM faculty and also local members of the Macau community, to a special session of The Script Road –where renowned writers, publishers, translators, journalists, musicians, filmmakers and visual artists gathered in Macau’s annual Literary Festival.



College Master, Prof. Kit Thompson warmly welcomed everyone to the session, and introduced Dr. Robert Wessling, Associate Master of Choi Kai Yau College (W12) and former Stanford University colleague, who gave a brief introduction of Adam Johnson, winner of the 2015 U.S. National Book Award for Fiction, and the 2013 Pulitzer Prize for his novel *The Orphan Master's Son* (2012).



In the sharing session, Prof. Johnson revealed his sentiments of the “The Orphan Master’s Son” as “a daring and remarkable novel”: one that doesn’t simply just provides a window into the isolated and self-reliant socialist state of North Korea, but one that digs deeply into the very meaning of love and sacrifice”. Chulei Wang, (Resident Tutor of MCMC) shared her personal views of her travels to the reclusive state in and described how different landscape was compared to Mainland China.

The audience was given a special treat when a student asked for guidance on how to start his writing assignment. Prof. Johnson began with several simple questions, and this aroused the attention and participation of the audience. Eventually, a short scenario was put together collectively and the capacity-filled Fellows’ Salon was loudly applauding Prof. Johnson.



Adam Johnson holds a Professorship of English at Stanford University. He is also the recipient of a Whiting Writers’ Award and fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Guggenheim Foundation and the American Academy in Berlin. His literary work has been translated into 32 languages across the globe.



Prof. John Corbett, Senior College Fellow & Head of English Department, will host the second session that will feature prominent Irish writer, Marita Conlon McKenna, on Thursday, 17th March, 2016 at 8pm in Fellows' Salon.

MCMC recorded a full pass in First-Aid Certificate course offered by Hong Kong St. John Ambulance for two consecutive years

First-aid is immediate care administered to an individual who has been injured or suddenly become incapacitated. This includes both self-help and home care if medical assistance is unavailable or delayed.

First aid knowledge not only means the difference between life and death, but also helps determine the sequence and priority of first-aid treatment during an emergency situation, so that the best possible course of action may be accomplished for the largest number of people. In view of the big applause from last year, Moon Chun Memorial College was delighted to invite Ms. Yvonne Jen from Hong Kong St. John Ambulance to conduct a lively and interactive first-aid course to our students once again. Although the certificate course lasted for 30 contact hours plus a three-hour written examination, nonetheless, it attracted an enrolment of more than 20 staff and students. The results were highly encouraging with all participants recorded a full pass for two consecutive years, including Resident Fellows Dr. Ray Cheung and Dr. Rochelle Ge.



This is, undoubtedly, strongly tied to “Healthy Living”, which is one of the core competencies we hope to develop within the Residential College context. The presence of well-trained first aiders can safeguard the health of the residents in the college.

Ms. Marita Conlon McKenna at Moon Chun Memorial College, W11

On Thursday 17th March, 2016, Prof. John Corbett, Senior College Fellow & Head of English Department, hosted a second session of the Script Road in Fellows’ Salon at Moon Chun Memorial College.

College Master, Prof. Kit Thompson warmly welcomed everyone to the session, and introduced Isobel O’Conner, Deputy Consul General of Ireland to Hong Kong & Macau, who proudly introduced Marita Conlon McKenna, who is considered one of Ireland’s best writers. Her works are adored by young readers and have been published in different languages world-wide.



Marita McKenna received the International Reading Association Award, and more recently, The Burke Medal for Outstanding Contribution to Discourse through the Arts from The Trinity College Historical Society, Dublin.



In the ninety-minute session, Marita revealed some strategies for new writers to begin writing a book and also getting the literary work published. Marita explained that everyone is a writer, in a sense that there is always a story to be told, either through history, culture or music. These elements are interwoven through creative minds that have been developed ‘to think outside the box’.

Marita’s first book, “Under the Hawthorn Tree” was set during Ireland’s Great Famine. Despite many tragic inclusions such as death, suffering and starvation, the book became a classic and is now produced as part of the international best-selling ‘The Children of the Famine’ series.



Marita's best-selling novel, "The Magdalen" was ground-breaking as it narrated the untold story of Ireland's so-called 'fallen' women, who were sent to The Magdalen homes because they were considered as 'sinners' and thought to be in need of redemption. Their harsh lives and squalid living conditions of the oppressive nature of the Catholic faith were criticisms of the hypocrisy of society at the time.

In the final part of the session, Marita explained that writers of children's fiction should have stronger and deeper thoughts: they should open up heightened emotions, but keep their ideas simple so young readers are able to enhance their pleasure in reading, and are also able to learn from the story.

MCMC delighted to host Open Rehearsal of UM/SFA Friendly Quartet

MCMC was delighted to host the Open Rehearsal of University of Macau & Stephen F Austin University Texas Friendly Quartet Concert in MCM College Hall Friday 18 March 2016.

Maestro Dr Gene Moon, Director of Orchestras, SFA University Texas, working closely with Maestro Mr John Ma, Conductor, UM String Orchestra, ably led Faculty and students to an enhanced level of understanding of the String Quartet as a musical medium, its repertoire, and conducting, leadership and musical direction.

Most commendable playing by UM musicians, Candy Chen on 1st Violin and Mandy Mak on 2nd Violin, was wonderfully complemented by guest SFA musicians Preston Patterson playing Viola and Manab Naskar playing 'Cello, performing excerpts in demonstration from their forthcoming concert that evening in the Theatre of the UM Student Activities Centre.



The concert featured music specifically composed for String Quartet by Mozart, Puccini and Dvořák, played to a capacity audience.



Everyone hoped for more international collaboration of this high calibre in the future.

"An Audience with the World's Most Recorded Chamber Orchestra, the Academy of St Martin in the Fields"

MCM College Hall hosted a capacity audience on the afternoon of Tuesday 29 March 2016 for "An Audience with the World's Most Recorded Chamber Orchestra, the Academy of St Martin in the Fields".



The audience, including 60 students from Macau Anglican College, was spellbound by the Orchestra's Chief Executive, Gabriel van Aalst, Principal Horn Steve Stirling and Principal Flautist Sarah Newbold talking about the orchestra, its origins, history and founding, veteran director, Sir Neville Marriner OM. They talked of its mission, the business model employed, its choice of programmes and ASMF's new Music Director, Virtuoso violinist Joshua Bell, together with its Principal Guest Conductor Concert Pianist Murray Perahia.

Faculty and students were able to ask questions of the Orchestra's members ranging from whether one was able to make a living as a freelance musician, to how to cope with the different acoustic properties of concert halls around the world, as well as performing at one's best in concert performance around the world.

Everybody was eagerly anticipating the orchestra's performance that evening at Macau Cultural Centre conducted to this day by its legendary founder Sir Neville Marriner, as well as earmarking the date of the return visit to Asia with Joshua Bell in 2018.



Update ASMF, with pianist Angela Hewitt, did indeed perform that evening at Macau Cultural Centre exceeding the audience's expectations, to standing ovations and shouts of "Bravo!" after each piece performed, with the evening culminating in Encore! Encore! Encore!



MCMC performed at HM The Queen's 90th Birthday, 19 April Macao Tower

MCMC performed at HM The Queen's 90th Birthday Party by invitation of the British Consulate to HK & Macao, Tuesday 19 April 2016, Macao Tower.

This 90th Birthday Celebration was a resounding success, due in no small part, to the arresting opening of the event by MCMC students and the Macau Orchestra's performance of the Gordon Jacob arrangement and fanfare of the British National Anthem, which was commissioned for the Coronation of HM Queen Elizabeth II on 2 June 1953.

Macao Orchestra Brass were conducted by Professor Kit Thompson. Meticulously reconstructing the music from fragments archived in the Black Watch Regiment's

Music Library, now under the auspices of Hong Kong Academy of Performing Arts, Professor Thompson described his quest as a fascinating and engaging labour of love.



MCMC Full Blue winner, Nelson Kong, acquitted himself with due aplomb, playing timpani with Macao Orchestra, like the true professional musician he is becoming.

That students and professional musicians alike collaborated in such a high profile occasion was a brave initiative and rare privilege indeed. They did Her Majesty proud. MCMC students were able to benefit from rehearsing and performing with two highly acclaimed professional musicians, Michael Kirby, Principal Clarinet Macao Orchestra, and Leung Yan-chiu, Sheng player Macao Chinese Orchestra.



Caroline Wilson CMG, Her Majesty's Consul General to HK & Macao, was simply delighted with the musicians, as was the Guest of Honour, Secretary for Administration & Justice, Ms Chan Hoi Fan.

A 14-strong ensemble of Chinese and Western Orchestral instruments, conducted by Dr Patricia Thompson, premièred a new arrangement of the song, “Send Me a Rose” (送我一支玫瑰花) which is a Xinjiang folksong fused with tango rhythm.



Eddy Tse, an HKAPA graduate specialising in Chinese percussion, arranged the song especially for MCMC to perform with the British Consul General, and also for MCMC French High Table on 23 April.

As can be seen from the photographs below, Caroline Wilson plays the yangqin (揚琴), and she has expressed a keen wish to perform with MCMC ensemble in the near future.

Moon Chun Memorial College Co-hosted Opening Recital by Michel Dalberto of Le French May 2016 Monday 2 May with Clube Militar de Macau

Moon Chun Memorial College, University of Macau, was delighted to co-host with Clube Militar de Macau, the opening recital of Le French May in Macao, with support from Col Manuel Geraledes, and Tiago Pereira, Sociedade de Jogos de Macau SA, Grand Lapa Hotel, and the good offices of Yunyi Arts and Cultural Association.

Le French May, a vibrant arts and cultural festival held over several months each summer, traverses Macao and Hong Kong. “Dreams & Wonders”, the leitmotif of this year’s festival, shifts fantasy into reality through feelings, sounds and emotions.



Prof Kevin Thompson, Master of Moon Chun Memorial College, coaxed internationally-renowned pianist, Michel Dalberto, to give a recital in the beautiful, Salão de Stanley Ho of the heritage Clube Militar de Macau on the evening of Monday 2 May 2016, to a capacity audience of loyal CMM members, University of Macau faculty and students, members of the local Macau community and visitors from Hong Kong and overseas.



Michel Dalberto embarked upon a musical journey through drama, religion and Shakespearian tragedy with music by Mozart, César Franck and Beethoven. His sparkling playing and innovative and sensitive interpretation coopted an audience of willing travellers on this brilliant journey and something of a tour de force. His

Appassionata, Professor Thompson said, ‘was positively Shakespearean theatrical and oh so musicianly. Appassionata indeed, and true artistry personified.

MCMC delighted to host Le French May Arts Festival 2016 Masterclass by Michel Dalberto

Prof Kevin Thompson, Master of Moon Chun Memorial College, invited world-renowned pianist, Michel Dalberto, to give a formative Masterclass to gifted UM pianists in MCM College Hall, on the morning of Tuesday 3 May. M. Dalberto freely and generously provided invaluable interpretative advice underscored by sound guidance on musical technique before an audience of students, faculty and professional musicians from Macao and Hong Kong. All present expressed huge gratitude for this musical wisdom from a distinguished and much- admired musician.



Participating students performed music by Chopin, Mozart, Debussy, as well as by the Chinese composer, Chen PeiXun, and including an arrangement of Khatchaturian’s Sabre Dance for four hands.

Moon Chun Memorial College, University of Macau Le French May 2016: MICHEL DALBERTO RECITAL: “UNE VIE, UNE CARRIÈRE”

Prof. Kevin Thompson, Master of Moon Chun Memorial College, inveigled internationally-renowned pianist, Michel Dalberto to give a recital in College Hall on 3rd May.

Michel Dalberto studied with Vlado Perlemuter (piano) Jean Hubeau (chamber music) at the Paris Conservatoire. He went on to study with Raymond Trouard. In 1975 he was awarded pole accolades from the Clara Haskil Competition and the Salzburg Mozart Competition, and in 1978 he was awarded 1st prize at the Leeds Competition, where he played a Mozart's Piano Concerto (No. 25 K. 503) in the final round, the only first-prize winner ever to do so.



Michel Dalberto delivered a remarkable and memorable performance, in MCM College Hall, entitled. “une vie, une carrière”: music by Ravel and Debussy, a commentary “on a life, a career”. Enthusiastic plaudits from capacity audience of UM students, faculty, fellows, and members of the Macau and Hong Kong communities, acknowledged the artist’s consummate musicianship and skill throughout a compelling and not-to-be-missed 90-minute recital.



During his MCM College residency, Michel Dalberto heralded the start of Le French May 2016 in Macau, in a landmark opening performance at Clube Militar de Macau, embarking upon a musical journey through drama, religion and Shakespearean tragedy, with music by Mozart, César Franck, and Beethoven's Appassionata Sonata.

Salão Stanley Ho of Clube Militar de Macau, a 19th Century Salon of kind and opulence of which Chopin and Liszt would have been familiar, presented a propitious launch for Le French May's opener and, moreover, brought a welcome return of Michel and Le French May to the attention of Macau audiences.



The collaboration with Clube Militar de Macau, Le French May and MCM College Universidade de Macau, embodies the strength of a tripartite alliance represented together, Le French May being the largest French culture and arts festival outside of France, and the largest in Asia.

MCM College, University of Macau, would wish to record a special note of appreciation to the French Consulate General of Hong Kong and Macao, CEO of Le French May, Julien-Loïc Garin, Anne Denis-Blanchardon, Alix Hildebrand, and Le French May Board Members and Chairman Dr Andrew Yuen.

Clube Militar de Macau: Dr Ambrose So Shu Fai, President of the Board, Colonel Geraldès, and Tiago Pereira,



SJM & Yunyi arts & cultural communications association, and Christine Hong Barbosa.

Rutger Verschuren, Chairman of FMBA and Chief Operating Officer Shun Tak, especially with regard to his support for Michel every accommodation needs at Grand Lapa Hotel, during his stay.

Tim Feather of Claret Wines, and Philippe Virecoulon of Élysée Bakery.

La dégustation de vins Wine Tasting Workshop by M. Eric Sautédé

As part of a three-year cycle of cultural awareness across the globe, Le French GourMay 3rd Wine Tasting Workshop - La dégustation de vins, with M. Éric Sautédé, President Alliance Française de Macao was held with fellows, affiliates and College members in MCMC Fellows' Salon on 5 May. Over 20 College fellows and members took part.



An Official Le French GourMay activity, it formed part of Le French May Festival. M. Sautédé introduced various grapes and wines originating from Alsace. During the workshop, students acquired basic concepts of wine appreciation, how to distinguish wine quality by colour, smell and taste. M. Sautédé introduced carefully selected food tastings, subtly pairing varieties of wines to complement Alsace wine. Sampling 5 varieties wine, mostly white and an award-winning red produced in Alsace, the Northern part of France, with different artisanal cheeses, sausages and pâtés, not to mention the delicious Élysée Bakery Foie Gras Noisette and Foie Gras Figue Macarons!



Guest Visits

Consul General of Ireland to Hong Kong and Macao Visit MCM College

A visit to Moon Chun Memorial College, by Consul General of Ireland to Hong Kong and Macao, Peter Ryan, took place on Friday 29 January.

Consul General Ryan discussed future co-operation between MCMC, UM and the Irish community in Hong Kong and Macao.



During the afternoon informal visit, he met with MCMC's international exchange students, those studying and those more broadly interested in global and international affairs.

Consul Ryan conversed spontaneously, collectively and individually, about his own pathway to a diplomatic career, their own future ambitions and expressed his ideas for an inaugural St. Patrick's Day Parade to be held in Macao, on Sunday Afternoon 20 March 2016.



Students were able to engage freely and naturally with Mr Ryan. Indeed, the prevailing tone throughout the afternoon was one of easy, comfortable familiarity, and their eagerness to take part in St Patrick's Day celebrations was palpable. Macao's first St Patrick's Day Parade, to take place on Avenida da Praia, Carmo, Taipa Houses Museum and adjoining Amphitheatre, is scheduled for Sunday Afternoon 20 March 2016.

Guest Visit by Prof. Otto Lin, former Vice President (Research and Development) of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

On Wednesday, 24th February, 2016, Moon Chun Memorial College warmly received Professor Otto Lin and his wife, Mrs. Lin.

During the brief visit, MCM College Master, Prof. Kevin Thompson explained 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.



Prof. Lin also visited other facilities including the College Hall, Self-Access Learning Commons, Fitness Room and the Music Practice rooms. When Prof Lin was introduced to MCMC's English Reading Lounge, he immediately noticed the Encyclopedia Britannica and promptly remarked that it was quite unusual, in today's context, that students would consult references in a non-electronic format.

Shortly after the visit, Prof. Lin presented a lecture entitled "Soft Power and Business Competitiveness: From Laozi to Innovation" as part of UM's Collegiate Learning Day. Prof Lin addressed several issues encompassing hard and soft power, with special reference to soft power in product design and business competitions.



MCMC was delighted to host delegation from UC Davis, USA

MCMC was delighted to host a delegation from University of California Davis on Monday 4 April 2016. UC Davis is a public research university and one of the 10 campuses of the University of California system, located in Davis, California, US. It is one of the world's leading cross-disciplinary research and teaching institutions.



Professor Roger Beachy, Executive Director, World Food Centre, UC Davis, expressed great appreciation for a tour of MCMC and its facilities, meeting with faculty and students including Resident Fellow, Resident Tutors, and hearing of the ethos, student-led activities and successes of MCMC thus far since its inception in August 2013 on the new UM campus.

Professor Beachy was especially interested in MCMC's many visitors from, and connections with, the Colleges of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, UK, as his son had greatly enjoyed a year's exchange at Jesus College.

Acclaimed Orchestral Conductor Professor Pei-Yu Chang visited MCMC

In collaboration with the Faculty of Education, MCMC was delighted to receive Professor Pei-Yu Chang for a visit to the College, and for lunch on Monday 25 April 2016, to continue musical discussion and future working partnership possibilities with Professor Kit Thompson, Dr Patricia Thompson and Dr Dennis Wang.

Acclaimed Orchestral Conductor, Prof Chang began her musical career conducting choirs. She was invited to participate in the Toscanini Conducting Competition, and after overcoming a stated early preference for male conductors at the time, won First Prize in the Tanglewood USA Conducting Competition a few years later.



She studied conducting at Vienna Hochschule for Music and Performing Arts, and then continued postgraduate studies with Zubin Mehta, and Rudolf Barshai to name

but two. In 2005 she gained the accolade of being the first woman conductor to lead an orchestra at Vienna's Musikverein. Professor Chang admired and posed for photographs at MCM College's outdoor auditorium, inaugurated by the Choir of Gonville and Caius, University of Cambridge in December 2015.

Professor Chang was also complimentary about working with UM ensembles - String and Wind Band - and of the opportunities available to UM students on the new campus. It was gratifying to learn that many of the students participating were MCMC members, who really valued working with and being inspired by international artists.

Nobel laureate Mario Capecchi Visits Moon Chun Memorial College on 25 May 2016

Prof Mario Capecchi, a co-recipient of the 2007 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, today (23 May) was awarded a Doctor of Science honoris causa degree by the University of Macau (UM), in recognition of his contributions to the development of gene targeting and biomedical treatment for cancer. Following the ceremony, Prof Capecchi presented a Doctor honoris causa Lecture, in which he discussed different kinds of gene mutation technologies and how the murine models derived from these technologies can be used to treat cancer.



Prof. Capecchi also visited MCM College. He was warmly received by Prof. Thompson who introduced the facilities and other aspects of MCM College.

High Table

Prince Consort High Table MCM College Hall

The Prince Consort High Table was held on the evening of 14th January, 2016 in MCM College Hall. The name of the event draws references to Prince Albert; Consort to Queen Victoria; and locale of Prince Consort Road in London.



In his opening address to guests and students, MCM College Master, Prof. Kevin Thompson explained that Prince Albert's London is home to some of the United Kingdom's most remarkable institutions and iconic buildings:

“Royal Albert Hall, Imperial College, and the Royal College of Music are amongst those which abut Prince Consort Road”.

The RCM's new hall of residence, Prince Consort Village, will open its doors in early 2016, providing high-quality accommodation for around 400 students. In respect to our first 2016 High Table guests, Prince Consort made a fitting title for this special occasion.



After Prof. Thompson recounted “a précis of MCM College’s progress”, highlighting key accomplishments during Michaelmas, he congratulated Caroline Wilson, British Consul General to Hong Kong and Macao. “Her honour is so richly deserved”, he said, “and also a just cause for a collective celebration, as she becomes a Companion of the Order of St Mark and St George, for services to British foreign policy”.

The evening’s sublime music was generously provided by the one of the world’s most acclaimed Conservatoires, The Royal College of Music, its Director, Professor Colin Lawson (clarinet), its International Chair of Piano, Professor Vanessa Latache, and joined by Michael Kirby, Principal Clarinet Macao Orchestra. The RCM’s Deputy Director Kevin Porter, was also present along with Dr. Alain Le Pichon, Historian, Sorbonne, Oxford and Eton College, and Eileen Stow, Lord Stow’s and formerly working in UK’s Music Business and based in London.

In short, it has then been a gratifying period for the College, with solid commitment, collaboration and enthusiasm from all member of UM’s RC System, Student Affairs, Sports and Faculty to MCM College colleagues. This collective collaboration exemplifies that “No one should be on the outside looking in”.

Guests for the High Table were:

- Caroline Wilson CMG, British Consul General to Hong Kong and Macao
- Professor Colin Lawson, Director, Royal College of Music

- Mr. Kevin Porter, Deputy Director, Royal College of Music
- Professor Vanessa Lata arche, Chair of International Keyboard Studies and Head of Keyboard Faculty
- Professor Kevin Thompson, Master, Colégio Memorial Moon Chun
- Ms. Eileen Stow, Director & General Manager, Lord Stow's Bakery
- Mr. Michael Kirby, Principal Clarinet, Macao Orchestra
- Dr. Glenn McCartney, Honorary Consul for the United Kingdom to Macao
- Dr. Alain Le Pichon, Historian and Researcher
- Dr. Patricia Thompson, Artistic Advisor, Student Affairs Office (SAO), Supernumerary Fellow
- Dr. Manuel Noronha, Associate Master, Colégio Memorial Moon Chun



2nd Fellows' Gathering at Moon Chun Memorial College

There is nothing more attractive than the natural ambiance of an outdoor evening cocktail party at the picturesque garden of W I I.

On 7th March, 2016, Moon Chun Memorial College opened its doors to welcome more than thirty non-resident College Fellows and Affiliates to an informal

gathering where MCMC students and staff mingled and casually conversed with each other.

Citronella candles, tropical fruit and mixed nuts were placed on the guest bars across the garden and outdoor lighting created a comfortable and relaxing mood.



In his welcome speech, College Master, Prof. Kit Thompson expressed that the gathering was a “propitious opportunity to come together to share in fellowship”. He also stressed that a shared fellowship will infuse with students’ interactions as everyone is now part of this peer-learning community.

Shortly before dinner was served, there was a piano performance by our College affiliate, Danny Hui (FED), followed by an award presentation of St. John First-Aid Certificates to MCM students.

Experiencing communal dining at MCMC invokes the feeling of being “home away from home”: it is one of most integral parts of university life that brings the college together as one. The presence of our college fellows, affiliates and students not only encourages interpersonal relationships and communication skills, but it offers an unusual opportunity for rapport building among local students and their peers from mainland China, and their mentors.

Le French May High Table-In the Presence of M. Eric Berti, Consul Général de France à Hong Kong & Macao

Moon Chun Memorial celebrated its Valedictory Le French May dinner with an exquisite combination of French music, wine, and a special menu specially prepared by the Chef de cuisine, Grand Lapa, Macau.

A memorable and truly delightful evening was heralded by the imminent arrival of Le French May by Macau Orchestra principal trumpeter, David Rouault, in the presence of M. Eric Berti, & Mrs. Berti, Consul Général de France à Hong Kong & Macao, and many other distinguished guests:

- M. Eric Berti & Mrs. Berti, Consul Général de France à Hong Kong & Macao
- M. David Rouault, Principal Trumpet, Macau Orchestra
- Mr. Rutger Verschuren, Chairman, France Macau Business Association
- M. Jeremy Artan de Saint Martin, Managing Director, iExcel Consulting
- M. Jean Jacques Verdun, Founder, Delta Bridges Media Ltd
- Mm. Anne Denis-Blanchardon, Consul for Culture, Science & Education, Consulate General of France in Hong Kong and Macao
- M. Guillaume Gallas, Hotel Manager, Sofitel @ Ponte 16 Macau
- Mr. Walt Power, Chief Executive Officer, XIII
- Dr. David L.F. Mok KStJ. Prior of Order of St John Hong Kong, Council Chairman, Hong Kong St. John Ambulance Headquarters
- M. Guy Lesquoy, Senior Entertainment Manager, The Venetian Macao
- M. Julien-Loïc Garin, CEO, Le French May Arts Festival
- Dr. Andrew Yuen, Chairman, Board of Le French May Arts
- Dr. Ung Vai Meng, President, Macau Cultural Affairs Bureau
- Ms. Servane Gandais, Attaché for Education, Consulate General of France in Hong Kong and Macao
- M. Eric Sautédé, Vice-President of Alliance Française de Macao
- Mr. Michael Kirby, Principal Clarinet Macao Orchestra
- Mr. Yan-chiu Leung, Sheng Player in the Macao Chinese Orchestra
- Dr. Patricia Thompson, Artistic Advisor, Student Affairs Office

Following last year's highly successive recitals and residency of Sébastien Fournier and Sprezzatura, this year's event will mark the début master class and town and gown recitals of Michel Dalberto, taking Macao on a musical journey, during May 2 & 3 respectively.



Michel Dalberto will also perform at Macao's Clube de Militar with "Une Vie, Une Carrière". And, in MCM College Hall next day, make freely available to all, students and gifted pianists interpretative advice by this world-class artist.



In addition, Spring High Table 2016 also marks the symbolic moment in the evolving much-storied narrative of MCM College, especially at a time when highly coveted and prestigious Oxbridge Blues are awarded to deserving students who have excelled within their chosen fields: sporting prowess; charitable work and service to music and the arts; and also completing St. John's First-Aid and Defibrillator training (for emergency treatment of life-threatening cardiac arrests).

Shortly before the evening came to a close, the Executive Committee members of the current House Association officiated a simple ceremony of handing over the mantle to the officers of the newly elected HA. Mr. Sam Lin (Vice-President) invited his fellow students and distinguished guests of the High Table to raise their

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Honours & Achievement

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Recipients of Full Blue: bestowed on a College Member who has achieved success within and beyond the College.



Recipients of Half Blues: bestowed on a College Member who celebrates aptitude and accomplishment in College events and activities.

Both awards, Full Blue (oval) and Half Blue (shield), are much coveted and worn with great pride.

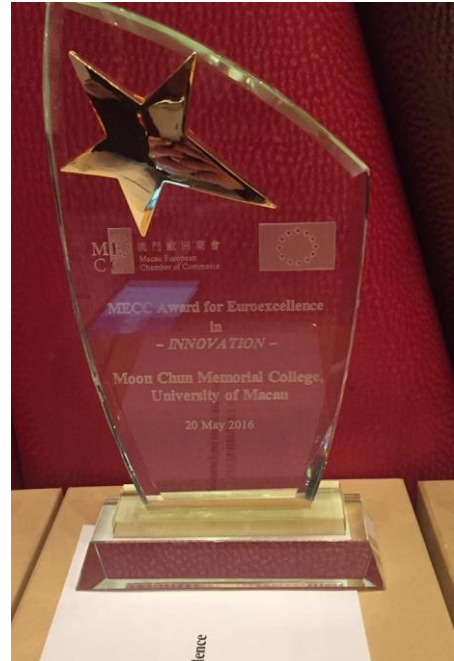
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UM's residential college receives MECC Award for Euroexcellence in Innovation

The University of Macau (UM) Moon Chun Memorial College (MCM College) recently received the Macau European Chamber of Commerce (MECC) Award for Euroexcellence in Innovation for its unique European-style approach to education that encourages interaction between different nationalities and cultures.

The 2016 MECC Award for Euroexcellence in Innovation was presented to Prof Kevin Thompson, master of the MCM College, by Mr. Lino Ho, Vice President of the Board of Directors of MECC at the Macau European Chamber Gala, in the presence of Vincent Piket, head of the European Union Office to Hong Kong and Macao; Dr Ambrose So, honorary chairman of the MECC; and Vitor Sereno, consul general of Portugal in Macao and Hong Kong.



The MCM College is part of UM's residential college system that aims to nurture well-rounded individuals whose academic knowledge and scholarly achievements are complemented by the cultivation of interpersonal communication skills, a wide range of interests, and a sense of belonging to a collegial community. The MCM College has shown inspired leadership in founding a unique, innovative European-style college. Its connective partnerships and engagement with international business and cultural communities, reaching out across national chambers, have been resolute. It celebrates diversity, intensifies internationality, and enables a wide range of undergraduates to identify, make sense, relate and engage with collegiate life in the round.

The MECC Award for Euroexcellence in Innovation encourages organisations to innovate by embracing Macao's history of Sino-Western cultural exchange, and to develop new partnerships for the future.

SPORTS NEWS

Basketball Team from Moon Chun Memorial College Won the UM 3-on-3 Basketball Competition (Men's Group) Championship

On the February 20 and 21, 2016, basketball teams from Moon Chun Memorial College participated in the "UM Sports Events 2015/2016-UM 3-on-3 Basketball Competition". In total, twenty teams across the residential colleges joined in the competition. MCM College were the most active players: featuring in four teams (18 basketball players) including a women's team. We were billed as the largest of residential college representatives.



MCMCI was formed with Marshall Yin, Wong Hou Chio, Lam Ka Fai, Bruce Sio and Si Tou Hou, and highly regarded as one of the strongest teams among the men's groups. On the first day, they successfully marched into the final with a record of 3 wins and 1 loss. In the play-off, Marshall Yin tactfully led his players, winning all 5 matches. In the end, MCMCI won the Cup competition.

MCMC2 followed closely with a victory in the Plate competition. As the competition adopted the round-robin format, each team has to compete with all the other teams for advancing to the next round. MCM College teams enjoyed a successful competition with thoroughly deserved victories.



Inter-College Council Football Champions 2015/16

The first annual ICC Football Competition 2015/16 was held over two days: 16th - 17th April, 2016 at UM's Mini Soccer Pitch. Eight teams representing the residential colleges were out in full force to win the ICC Trophy.

In the qualifying match, the Canaries were drawn against a strong SHEAC side. Both teams played extremely well, but neither team was able to break the deadlock. After the final whistle, the referee placed the ball on the 9 yard spot for a penalty shootout, with MCMC to take the first kick. Both K.K Tong and Bruce Sio found the back of the net, while Alex Bi Zixi blocked two well-taken penalties. MCMC advanced to the next stage of the competition.



A cloudy Sunday afternoon provided the backdrop for a semi-final showdown between the Canaries and CKYC. The 'Blues' were another formidable opponent with the likes of Castro, Ricardo and Jailson in the starting lineup. However, with

MCMC's Li Ziyi, Edwin Lei and Sam Lin persistence in attack, Bruce Sio sealed the match with a second-half solo goal to book a place in the finals.

In a nail-biting final against CKPC, the Canaries had to break down a strong defensive CKPC barrier. Brilliant telepathy between K.K. Tong, Joshua Feather and Bruce Sio highlighted the importance of team work, and shortly after the sixth minute, MCMC rifled a thunderbolt past the Reds' keeper. As the pace of the game began to pick up, Naffie put the Reds level within minutes. Two more goals followed and both teams were level at 2-2 at interval.

In the second half, the Canaries began taking the game in their stride by playing the ball across the length of the pitch with K.K. Tong clearly in full command in defense. Midfield maestros, Bruce Sio and Joshua Feather created some superb moves with their fluid passing, resulting in the third goal coming just before the final whistle. MCMC secured three victories as deserved winners to lift the ICC Cup for this season.



The 1st University of Macau Swimming Gala 2015/16

The 1st University of Macau Swimming Gala organized by Office of Sports Affairs (OSA) was held on 30 April, 2016.

MCM College Affiliate, Dr. Terence Lam, led a strong star-studded team comprising of Poppy Li (李博潔) Kelly Lo (盧慧琳) and Winston Tan.



The team did well to collect the 1st Runners' up medal in the overall championship standings, as well as 4X50 metres Staff/Students Relay event.

Poppy Li won the womens' 50m Backstroke and 1st Runners' up in the 50m Freestyle event, while Kelly Lo collected the gold medal for the women's 100m Breaststroke.





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