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Message from Dr. Manuel Noronha

A very warm welcome to all freshmen and returning students to MCM College. This year, the college is especially pleased to receive many wonderful international students whose presence enriches college life so much:

- Basile Pierre Mario FERRANTE (ICN Business School (ICN) France)
- Lúcie Beyer (ICN Business School (ICN) France)
- Wakaba Kashimura (Kyoto Women's University, Japan)
- Fabienne Colas (Hanze University of Applied Sciences (HANZE-UAS) Netherlands)
- Thierry Nikolaj Elia BLEIJSWIJK (Maastricht University (UM) Netherlands)
- Beatriz Leite (Nova School of Business and Economics (NOVA) Portugal)
- Guilherme Maria Eva Ferreira Neves Lima, (Universidade de Lisbon, Portugal)
- Pedro de Horta Osório Charters Monteiro, (Universidade de Lisboa, Portugal)

In this seventh issue, you will not only find out about what has been happening in the college, but it will also be a great way to stay in touch with your classmates and faculty members. There will be several sections that highlight college activities, guest visits, student life, and college sports news.

2017/18 comes with the promise of growth and change. As part of our own expansion and growth, we have completed several renovation projects by optimising usable space, and upgrading existing facilities such as: college foyer, hall and garden; amphitheatre; dance studio; and Master's Dining Room.

College activities began with Fellows' Gathering at the final week of September, followed by the traditional Commencement High Table "Gaudie" in mid-October.

The college collaborated firstly, with Faculty of Education (FED) to host a *sparkling* “Audience with Pablo Roberto Diemecke (Violin) and Sio Leong Chong (Piano)” for a capacity audience of faculty, students and guests from Macao, and then with Faculty of Arts & Humanities (FAH) to host a masterclass in creative writing by renowned writer Prof. Shirley Geok-Lin Lim: “*To be a (English Language) Writer: Readings from a Life – Talking of a Life of Writing*”.

Academic Residencies for Prof. Joseph Levi (George Washington University, USA) and Mr. Jake Speirs (Princeton-in-Asia Fellow, ELC) provided fundamental support for our in-house signature language enhancement programmes for English and Portuguese.

The college welcomed many distinguished guests such as Consul General of Hungary, Mr. Tamas Feher, Consul General of Peru, Mr. Sergio Manuel Traverso, and a delegation from Consulate General of France, M. Benoit Etienne who visited the college during the semester.

The College continues with ‘town and gown’ connectivity with College Master, Prof. Kit Thompson, President of Board of Directors Macau European Chamber of Commerce, representing National Chambers from European business associations in Macau & HK, delivering a short welcome address at the 22nd Macao International Trade and Investment Fair, organised by Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM), with contributions from 15 economic and commercial authorities and trade associations from Macao, Hong Kong and Mainland China. This was followed by the 4th Anniversary Celebration of the Macau European Chamber of Commerce (MECC) at St. Regis, Macao, where Prof. Thompson outlined the importance of MECC establishing a pivotal role, in its representation of European chambers and business entities in Macau, by organising networking events as a stimulus for further access and collaboration for European business entities to the diverse markets of Macau.

Workshops and student activities were diverse and inspiring with participants across the ‘Houses’ filling College Hall for the following activities that include: DIY activities, Beauty and Cosmetics, A Capella Workshop with Water Singers, hip-hop dancing and a Macanese Gastronomy Workshop with Annabel Jackson.

With so much do to and discover, I hope everyone will have an exciting and enjoyable semester.

Warmest wishes,

Manuel

Typhoon Hato & Pakhar

MCM College Returning to Normal after Typhoons Hato and Pakhar Leave a Trail of Destruction throughout Macau

On Wednesday morning (23rd August, 2017), Typhoon Hato brought the entire enclave to a standstill, with a deadly trail of destruction, battering Macau with severe hurricane forces (of wind speeds of 90km per hour and gusts of up to 106 kph) and torrential rain, that also crippled the entire enclave: cutting access to power and water for more than ten hours.



MCM College Master, Kit Thompson, quickly assembled a team of residents, staff and security personnel, and began clearing debris that was scattered in every corner of the premises. Many student rooms had no running water and access to bottled water began to dwindle by Friday.

Security personnel placed sandbags to block various exit points and student leaders disseminated notices and advice to fellow residents via social media to remain indoors and wait out the storm. MCM College offered soya milk drinks, energy bars and other dried food sources to students. By 6pm in the evening, dine-in services were diverted to island two colleges, where limited dining services were still available.

Four days later, Macau braced itself for a second tropical storm, Pakhar, which brought strong winds and heavy rain that caused serious flooding and damage in the many parts of Macau. The biggest challenge for the MSAR government was removing enormous tonnes of debris, especially in more seriously affected areas before an outbreak of disease occurs.



Sam Lin Zibin (4th Year) and several other MCM College students joined forces with many other volunteers from across UM's collegiate community in an act of solidarity to restore and clean-up Macau, together with the civil services and thousands of local citizens.

College Activities

MCMC and FED collaborate in a sparkling "Audience with Pablo Robert Diemecke"



In collaboration with UM's Faculty of Education, Moon Chun Memorial College hosted a sparkling "Audience with Pablo Roberto Diemecke (Violin) and Sio Leong Chong (Piano)" for a capacity audience of faculty, students and guests from Macao in MCM College Hall Tuesday 5 September 2017.

Maestro Diemecke held the audience in spellbound admiration with his virtuosic playing, charming anecdotes, and helpful tips and hints about practising, technique and interpretation amongst many things. Performances of music by Granados, Piazzolla, Sarasate and Ponce drew rapturous applause and shouts of 'Bravo!', so impressed was the audience with his skill, expertise and life long experience as a performer, both solo and in small and large ensembles.

Maestro Pablo encouragingly invited questions from the audience, which eager students were only too happy to oblige.

It was Maestro Pablo's first visit to Macao, and he expressed affection for the city, university and campus, and a strong wish to visit again, not least to explore and perform Chinese music.

MCM College Explores Macanese Gastronomy: "Macau on a Plate" In Conversation with Annabel Jackson



MCM College was delighted to invite Annabel Jackson to meet students and faculty to explore more about Macanese gastronomy and Portuguese wines. Annabel is author of two books dedicated to Macanese cuisine: "Macau on a Plate" (Roundhouse (Hong Kong), 1994); and "Taste of Macau: Portuguese cooking on the south China coast" (Hong Kong University Press, 2003). Her work lavishly illustrates to the English-speaking world one of the oldest "fusion" cuisines in Asia.

Annabel holds an MA in the Anthropology of Food and is a connoisseur on Macanese cuisine. She has presented widely at academic conferences in Hong Kong and Macau and remains fascinated by the culture and food of Macau.

Annabel is also a sommelier, an ‘Advanced Ambassador of the Wines of Portugal’, which meshes well with her love of Macanese cuisine. She has lectured at university level for over a decade.

This workshop is complementary to Cultural Engagement, one of five core competencies of Community and Peer Education model.

MCM College Students and Staff Attend 22nd Macao International Trade and Investment Fair (MIF): Different Industries United to Explore Business Opportunities



The 22nd Macao International Trade and Investment Fair 19 to 21 October, 2017, was organised by Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM), with contributions from 15 economic and commercial authorities and trade associations from Macao, Hong Kong and Mainland China.

MCM College Master, Prof. Kevin Thompson, President of Board of Directors Macau European Chamber of Commerce, representing National Chambers from European business associations in Macau & HK, delivered a short welcome address.

Lionel Leong, Secretary of Economy and Finance of Macau; Frances Moffett–Kouadio, Trade Commissioner to Hong Kong & Macao; Alessandro Paolicchi, Head of Trade Section, EU Office to Hong Kong; José Luis de Sales Marques, President of the Institute of European Studies of Macau; and Peter Ryan, Consul General of Republic of Ireland in Macau and Hong Kong, were present to celebrate the Opening Ceremony.

The College prides itself on ‘town and gown’ connectivity with local and international business communities. MCM international students: Beatriz Leite, Guilherme Maria Lima, Pedro Monteiro, (Portugal), Thierry Bleijswijk (Netherlands), Tommy He and Ariel Xiao (China) were keen to engage in high quality business discussions and integrating in lively and stimulating international and local communities.

Macau’s advantageous position is one of the most open systems of trade and investment. It shares close ties with 7 Lusophone countries, enabling extensive coverage to 200 million people. Prof Thompson explained:

“relations between the EU and Macau continue to grow stronger and more dynamic in terms of trade, service industries, hospitality, joint research programmes, education exchanges, cultural and creative industries”.

This year’s theme “Cooperation–Key to Business Opportunities”, aligns with Macao’s strength as *World Centre of Tourism & Leisure and premium business & trade services platform* between China and Portuguese–speaking Countries, and facilitates business start–ups and development.

MCM College students attending the 31st Macao International Music Festival

The Macao International Music Festival is a major annual event attracting internationally renowned artists from all over the world to the city. The programme typically features opera,





orchestral and chamber music, Chinese folk music, jazz, Broadway numbers and a dynamic mix of all things musical from every corner of the globe. Several World Heritage sites such as Dom Pedro V Theatre, Mount Fortress and St. Dominic's Church serve as

inspiring settings for various concerts and performances.

Opening the festival is a much-anticipated production of Andrea Chénier. Performed by Italy's Teatro Regio Torino, it is set to be a high point of the region's cultural year. Students from Moon Chun Memorial College had attended the opening opera in the Macao Cultural Centre Grand Auditorium. One of the students described the experience as absolutely magnificent:

"It's my first time to see an opera. My impression about opera before is like the "Phantom of the Opera", it might be magical and magnificent, but "Andrea Chenier" is totally different. It represents the French history, it's about revolution, it's realistic, cruel but yet filled with warmth and love. I have only learned about the French Revolution from textbook in school, but this opera vividly showed the scene at that time, I was deeply moved. The music is grand, the singing accompanied by the symphony orchestra touched everyone's heart."

Another performance students went to is an outdoor opera at Mount Fortress, performing Orfeo and Euridice by Christoph Gluck. The ancient legend of Orfeo and Euridice concerns great love, omnipotent power of music and human weakness. It has inspired many authors to create masterpieces in all fields of art. Gluck's opera is one of the most well-known versions of the legend. Some students are excited to attend this outdoor performance and have enjoyed it a great deal.

"This opera is really fantastic! It's filled with magic, and the theme is very vivid. I really like the dancers who are act as monsters, they put all of their

emotions in the performance, from head to toe, and make this performance more touching.”

“I love the outdoor opera, it reminds me of the community outdoor movie I went to when I was a child, as it is a luxury to go to cinema at that time. Also, when I was a little girl, I’ve heard this legend told by my mom. So I was really looking forward to see this opera and I found it truly worthwhile. The atmosphere is great! Cold wind kept blowing over with women’s perfume, and natural darkness made the scenario more sad and frightful. It seemed like everything was in the right place, it’s exactly true and fabulous.”

Integration of Town & Gown as UM Students come together with Macao Orchestra

UM students were invited to attend a rehearsal of the Macao Orchestra in N2 Rehearsal Room recently, where under the baton of Assistant Conductor, Francis Kan, it was rehearsing for a performance in St Dominic’s Church, “In Love with Scotland”, featuring Mendelssohn’s Overture to The Hebrides “Fingal’s Cave” and his Symphony No 3 “Scottish”.

Francis Kan generously involved the students in the rehearsal, and found time to talk with them afterwards, of which the students expressed great appreciation, describing it as a memorable experience of their time at UM which they would treasure.



Many students commented that it was their first time to listen to an orchestra in such close proximity and in rehearsal rather than in concert, to see so many and widely varied musical instruments and expressed heartfelt gratitude of this great privilege and honour, as it was a very special experience that they would remember for the rest of their lives. Responses varied from the shock of the unexpected, surprise, amazement, overall delight: awe and wonder indeed.



The professionalism and high quality of the players and the conductor hugely impressed them, especially how all demonstrated use of critical faculties to improve the collective performance.

Students expressed appreciation of how attending an orchestra rehearsal helped them to understand how Mendelssohn had composed the pieces, and opined that this was a great – and probably the best – way to learn about music, composers and compositions.

Some students commented on the family atmosphere of the orchestra, how all members work well together, helping and supporting each other, and producing such elegantly synchronised music from so large an ensemble.

They were impressed with the Conductor, and how he skillfully led the rehearsal using the baton, being diagnostic, discriminating and exacting in a kind way, ensuring that all players gave of their best, whilst ensuring the delicate balance of sounds was united across the orchestra.

They ruefully agreed how important systematic practice is, the vital importance of mastering skills, and all within a context of intense, focused concentration, co-operation and cohesion within the ensemble, all united in the common goal to produce the best performance possible.

The students reflected later how important teamwork is to be able to work successfully as a group, and recognised that it will be a vital part of their future careers, in whichever field they work. They greatly admired how if a player made a minor error, all their colleagues were very forgiving.

Students hoped that they could enjoy this experience again in the future, as it made them relax from the pressure of their studies so that they felt totally at ease in that environment. It made them especially aware of the power that music can have.

Whilst loving the opportunity to attend, the students were highly impressed with the passion with which the musicians played, and all with a delightful sense of humour characterising the rehearsal.

Many commented on their favourite-sounding instruments, including some instruments they had never seen before, the techniques employed, and the distinctive timbres of the instrumental groups within the orchestra eg Woodwind, and also Brass. They were particularly impressed by the breath control of these instrumentalists.

Overwhelming, all students expressed gratitude that Macao has such an excellent orchestra, with first-class players specially recruited from all over the world, working admirably together, despite emanating from different cultures, united in their goal to produce high quality performances for their audiences.

Maybe as one student suggested, an orchestra is the ideal medium to turn individuals into a united group.

And that attending such a rehearsal with live music, as opposed to hearing pre-recorded music through earphones, increases one's love of music, with the music repeating in the head long since, like an 'ear worm'.

MCM College Master and Students attend the 4th Anniversary Celebration of the Macau European Chamber of Commerce (MECC) at St. Regis, Macao

A lavish ceremony celebrating the fourth anniversary of the Macau European Chamber of Commerce (MECC) was held at the St. Regis Macao on 22nd November, 2017. Among the guests were representatives from many of Macau leading business chambers.



Earlier last month, MECC launched its office in Macau to facilitate better communication and collaboration among its national chambers, in particular, welcoming the Italian Chamber of Commerce into the fold.

Prof. Kit Thompson, President of the Board of Directors of MECC, reiterated that Europe has witnessed how globalisation stretches across diverse economies and trading partnerships:

“Today we celebrate seven European business associations and chambers, including a fully-fledged chamber of commerce which is new to Macau. Each chamber reflects its own distinctiveness”.



In his speech, Prof. Thompson highlighted the importance of MECC establishing a pivotal role, in its representation of European chambers and business entities in Macau, by organising networking events as a stimulus for further access and collaboration for European business entities to the diverse markets of Macau.

[Interview with Macau European Chamber of Commerce at 4th anniversary.](#)

(Link: <http://www.macaubusiness.com/mecc-4th-anniversary/>)

**MCM College and Department of English, FAH, present
Research Professor Shirley Geok-Lin Lim
University of California, Santa Barbara**

“To be a (English Language) Writer: Readings from a Life – Talking of a Life of Writing”



On Monday 27th November, 2017, Moon Chun Memorial College welcomed students, UM faculty and also local members of the Macau community, to a special session – a masterclass in creative writing by renowned writer Prof. Shirley Geok-Lin Lim.

Prof. Lim is a writer of poetry, fiction, creative non-fiction, and criticism. An important element that is found in her writing is her ‘raw’ honesty. She rarely held anything back as she coped with her struggles and described the obstacles encountered while growing up, later as she immigrated and later on with daily life. Her openness transformed her into a courageous role model to all female readers: ‘a voice that isn’t normally heard’.

Prof. Lim explained that writing is an on-going productive process. For example, in one of her novels, “Joss and Gold (2001)” Prof. Lim focused on several themes: Colonialism, race and transnationalism. Prof. Lim explained that there were many forms of conflicts, and it was the writer who told the story, taking readers on a journey using language, and leaving a trace of one’s life on paper.

Shirley Lim currently holds a Professorship in the English Department at the University of California, Santa Barbara. She has also taught internationally at the National University of Singapore, the National Institute Education of Nanyang Technological University, and was the Chair Professor at the University of Hong Kong where she also taught poetry and creative writing. She has authored several books of poems, short stories, and criticism, and serves as editor and co-editor of numerous scholarly works.

MCM College Master and students attend 2nd International Film Festival and Awards, Macao

MCM College Master, Prof. Kit Thompson and students attended 2nd International Film Festival and Awards Macao at Macau Cultural Centre, which featured UK directors, crew and cast across the piste, and introduced works of next generation and established film-

makers. Journey's End (directed by Saul Dibb) - World War; C-Company arrives to take its turn at the front in Northern France led by war weary Captain Stanhope.

The second UK feature-length documentary film, My Generation, was narrated by British film icon Michael Caine told of his personal journey through London during 1960s. Director David Batty included archive footage of Caine "travelling back in time" talking to The Beatles, Twiggy, David Bailey, Mary Quant, The Rolling Stones & many others.



Guest Visits

Moon Chun Memorial College Warmly Welcomed Academician and Architect, Mr. He Jingtang, Chief Designer for the New UM Campus

On the morning of July, 13, 2017, MCM College warmly received a very special guest: Mr. He Jingtang, who is the chief designer for the New UM Campus, as well as a prominent leading architectural designer in the Greater China region. He is a member of the Chinese Academy of Engineering, and chief designer for the China Pavilion for the World Expo 2010 Shanghai.



Accompanying Mr. He and his team were Vice Rector (Administration), Dr. Kou Mei and Campus Management and Development Office (CMDO) Director, Mr. Dick Lai. MCM College staff members were delighted to meet Mr. He, as they introduced the identity and special characteristics of the college as the entourage toured the scenic courtyard and other facilities. Mr. He and his team were very impressed by the College.

Mr. Tin Li
China Central Television (CCTV)



Paule Ignatio,
Deputy Consul General of France in Hong Kong and Macau
M. Benoît Etienne,
Consulate General of France in Hong Kong and Macau for Culture, Science & Education



Mr. Bernie Leong
CEM – Companhia de Electricidade de Macau



Professor Björn Kjerfve
Chancellor, American University of Shahjar, UAE



Mr. Tamás Fehér
Consull to Hong Kong SAR & Macau SAR



Mr. Sergio Manuel Avila Traverso
Consul General of Peru in Hong Kong and Macao



**Shaw College, CUHK,
Shenzhen Campus**



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



High Table

Moon Chun Memorial College Celebrates Commencement High Table 2017



On the evening of 19th October, 2017, MCM College Master, Professor Kit Thompson welcomed distinguished guests, freshmen and upper-classmen with the traditional Commencement High Table 'Gaudie' (a term derived from the Latin, gaudium, to signify enjoyment or merry-making), that is redolent of celebratory student life in ancient

universities Oxford and Cambridge, St Andrews and Aberdeen, as well as the Universities of Durham and Reading.

Distinguished guests at the High Table included:

- Carmen Cano, The Head of European Union Office to Hong Kong and Macao
- Peter Ryan, Consul General of Ireland to Hong Kong and Macau
- Michael Kratzer, Deputy Consul General in Hong Kong
- Paule Ignatio, Deputy Consul General of France in Hong Kong and Macau
- Paul-François Polidori, Information and Communication Officer, European Union Office to Hong Kong and Macao
- Benoît Etienne, Consulate General of France in Hong Kong and Macau for Culture, Science & Education
- Pedro Cardoso, Chief Executive Officer, Banco Nacional Ultramarino
- Rutger Verschuren, Chairman, France Macau Business Association
- Carlos Duque Simoes, DSL Lawyers Partners
- Rostam Neuwirth, Full Professor, Faculty of Law
- Rodney Hall, Professor, Faculty of Social Sciences
- Nevia Dolcini, Associate Professor, Faculty of Arts and Humanities
- Kevin (Kit) Thompson, The Master, Colégio Memorial Moon Chun
- Patricia Thompson, Supernumerary Fellow & Artistic Advisor, Student Affairs Office

In her opening speech, Her Excellency, Ambassador Carmen Cano, described the symbolic difference of Europe, in today's context, and highlighted several differences before the European Union was formed, as well as its future positioning.

The first musical performance for the evening was Intermezzo (written by Manuel Ponce, one of Mexico's most prolific and well-known composers). Resident Fellow, Dr. Peggy Lau chose this romantic piano piece as Ponce's music connects the concert scene with a "usually forgotten tradition of popular song and Mexican folklore".



For the second performance, Dr. Cathy Hoi performed “All things bright and beautiful”

Dr. Hoi notes that Rutter composed his original version mainly for piano and treble choir, and much of the piece proceeds with a simple yet compelling melody.

Shortly after the main course was served, Dr. Lau performed a second piece on piano: “Two Romanian Dances Op. 8a No. 1” by Béla Bartók, one of Hungary’s most famous composers who made his first notation of an Hungarian indigenous folk song, sung by a young girl in the Gömör district. This piece incorporated the use of ostinati and a Romanian oration style called hora lung

For the Finale, Mdm Paule Ignatio, Deputy Consul General of France in Hong Kong and Macau and M. Benoît Etienne, Consulate General of France in Hong Kong and Macau for Culture, Science & Education, accompanied by former Légion d’Honneur Scholarship recipients, Ariel Xiao and Sherley Leong, unveiled the plaque of William Christie and Les Arts Florissants

Consul General Ryan, Consul General of Ireland to Hong Kong and Macau, presented a Full Blue to College Affiliate, Prof. Terence Lam, an assistant professor from the University of Macau (UM) State Key Laboratory of Analog and Mixed-Signal VLSI, who recently received the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Power and Energy Society (PES) Outstanding Engineer Award 2016. This is the first time that engineers from Macao have received this award.

It was truly, a memorable ‘Gaudie’, with much enjoyment and merry-making.

Fellows’ Gathering 2017



Student Life

Moon Chun Memorial College: Student Leadership Orientation and Rite de Passage 2017/18



Moon Chun Memorial College held its fifth orientation which began Saturday, 5th August, and ended Tuesday 8th August, 2017, for its newly appointed group of Resident Tutors, Assistants and House Association.

The College's signature Leadership Training Programme is designed to create strong team spirit and leadership qualities among student leaders, who undergo intensive training as role models, exercising responsibility for both incoming freshmen and returning upper classmen.

The programme began 10:00 am on Saturday morning with College two newly appointed Resident Fellows, Drs. Cathy Hoi and Peggy Lau using a combination of assessments to facilitate discussions



and problem-solving scenarios, to tailor a series of interactive and dynamic activities to help student leaders focus on unexpected situations, effective communication, balancing individual strengths, working through conflict and obstacles, creating a collaborative environment and building trust. The full-day session ended on a high note with an outdoor dinner in College courtyard.

On Sunday, 6th August, Associate Master, Dr. Manuel Noronha, introduced teaching components of Community and Peer Education (CPED), and diverse ways of using Mahara™ (e-portfolio) and UM Moodle™. This was followed by sharing sessions of best practice by House Association Executives and discussions involving ideas for freshmen.

On Monday, 7th August, student leader groups across Colleges gathered at the Anthony Lau Auditorium (E4-078) with introductory remarks by Prof. Kenneth Leung, Master, Shiu Pong College, followed by a lecture and guidance from Rector, Prof. Wei Zhao. Shortly after, a brief welcome was given by Dean of Students, Paul Pang, Director of Student Affairs Office (SAO).

Students returned for workshops with College Master, Prof. Kit Thompson, and Basic Counselling Skills by SAO Staff at Fellows' Salon in W11-G024.

The final day agenda included an intensive delivery of interactive workshops offered by MCMC office team regarding effective proposal writing, rules and regulations for freshmen and returning students.

Matriculation 2017/18: Moon Chun Memorial College Welcomes New Freshmen Cohort



Senior student leaders and MCM College staff completed a meticulous two-day College Matriculation process for freshmen entering University, this term. The key concept of community and peer education was once again put into practice as student leaders and enthusiastic volunteers welcomed new college members, assisting with registration, and helping them settle into their rooms and new environment.

MCM College set up its signature Coffee booth, serving hot beverages and, le petit déjeuner, breakfast with French pâtisserie. Miss Binbin Ma (RT) was outstanding as Team Leader, taking great pride with her student-cum-baristas, as they served parents and freshmen with pride. The Master, Prof. Kit Thompson and Rector Wei Zhao, accompanied by Paul Pang (Dean of Students) also took time to greet new freshmen, and their families.

In The Master's Session, Prof. Thompson introduced various aspects of college to new students and parents.

Moon Chun Memorial College: *The Way to UM – U Rock Concert 2017*



U-Rock 2017, has become a new signature event organised by Student Affairs Office (SAO) to welcome freshmen with an evening of electrifying rock music, showcasing multi-talented musicians, home-grown songwriters and aspiring bands formed across colleges. It was a great night to 'jam' because the new freshmen cohort were able to relax, and they were motivated to start the academic year at UM.

Amidst the cheering and excitement, Dean of Students, Paul Pang and several College Masters and members of staff were at N8 to show their support. Lighting and audio technicians made their final checks before the curtains went up, and the musicians got on stage with charisma, confidence and a blistering attitude, giving their sound an even more authentic feel of a real rock concert, especially after the first few numbers.

It was an anthemic Mad Cherry at their best, belting out Nirvana covers of School, Scentless Apprentice and D-7. The core sextet was cut to a trio, with Sam Lin, as lead vocalist and bassist, Corey Li on guitars and percussionist Nelson Kong. The band's popularity seemed to be getting stronger, as they reach out to newer audiences. Corey's masterful guitar riffs adds considerable depth to the band's metallic vibe, while Sam's unmistakably powerful and multi-nuanced voice penetrated the entire auditorium, solidifying Mad Cherry's standing as one of UM's most resilient rock bands.

MCM College Freshers 2017: *Season of Enrich Pre-Commencement Celebrations*



Embracing inclusivity, diversity, and integrity are MCM College's core values. One of the best ways to put theory into practice is to include unique traditional pre-commencement activities; Taipa Orienteering; and Pre-Commencement Performance Celebration. The purpose of each activity is to provide freshmen, student leaders and resident fellows an opportunity to participate in a cultural celebration whilst transitioning into a new collegiate community at the University of Macau.

Performances included free-style street dance moves, musical ensembles, and a parody of the TV singing show "The Voice".

House Association President, Miss. Lobal Lu and her team have spent considerable time with Resident Tutors, Assistant and Fellows in planning and organising activities for freshers. "The MC2 experience" embodies a very personal and cultural impact, rather than a ceremonial one, especially for two hundred local, Mainland and international participants where they learn values of connectivity in a powerful way, and feel truly welcomed into a new living and learning community on UM Campus – it is here at the college where they come together as a community."

MCM College: *60 students & College affiliates in choreographed energetic dance moves*

The night before the National Day holiday, MCMC Dancing Club held a "K-star Competition" with more than 60 students participating in the activity. Six groups performed different k-pop choreographed routines that showcase "aegyos" (cute acts), energetic exhibitions incorporating somersaults and head spins, and slick eye-catching dance moves, with the top two groups winning the championship title, and a consolation prize respectively.

The audience, which also included College Affiliates, Kevin Maher and J.P. Duquette and their family members (FAH-ELC) were treated to an evening of spectacular and lively stage performances, many of whom said they would like to see more competitions in future!



“The dance performance was a great success which embodied the effort invested by students of MCM College. The great performances showed us how gracious and determined our students were, such that they were willing to spend every possible day to practice and improve their skills. We have faith that the MCMC Dancing Club will grow more mature as time goes by.”

Dr. Cathy Hoi, Resident Fellow, MCM College

“I enjoyed the performances very much and was very touched by the effort they put in. The results are not as important as the friendship and bonding that connected everyone that night. Thank you for doing this, and thank you for having me.”

Dr. Peggy Lau, Resident Fellow, MCM College

"Most of our members are absolute beginners, but they show great effort and perseverance in learning and they always keep trying. I'm really proud of them!"

Miss. Joey Sam, President of MCMC Dancing Club

"It is good to see so many dancers here with confidence and enthusiasm! A great night for myself too!"

Thai Jai, Judge of K-star Competition

MCM College celebrated Mid-autumn Festival 2017 respecting tradition in its own inimitable way



After weeks of planning and discussions for hosting a large-scale traditional activity, members of the House Association finally put the finishing touches in the beautifully decorated College Hall, symbolizing the time of year when the moon is at its brightest, and celebrations for a fruitful harvest in full swing.

Students added a unique twist to the traditional Chinese arts festival by dressing up in eye-catching, multi-coloured costumes, turning the festival into a more authentic and cultural ambiance. Along with a variety of traditional folk art activities such as solving 'lantern' riddles, Chinese calligraphy and fan painting, new incentives such as fortune telling, musical performances by Tsu Fang-Yu (Hulusi) and Wang Jiaxuan (Guzheng), and a mooncake making workshop were also added. In addition, House Association members brought along traditional Chinese cultural elements to tighten the relationships between affiliates and students of MCM College, and the activity further advocated the idea of the college being more like a family for both students and members as a whole.



"I had a great time last night, and enjoyed the creativity and passion coming from the students. I would like to come back again for another celebration".

Dr. Terence Lam, (AMSV) MCM College Affiliate

"Students brought their most cherished Mid-Autumn Festival traditions to MCMC and made this college even more of a home away from home for us all"

Jake Speirs, Princeton-in-Asia Fellow (in residence)

"Mixed fortunes on this mid-autumn Tuesday evening"

Mark Wong (FAH-ELC) MCM College Affiliate

"This Mid-autumn Festival Party was indeed a great success and a lot of fun to all participants. Seeing an endless ocean of crowds and hearing laughter of the students, which had just surpassed any boundary of the students, it was everything. I honestly believe that every member of the MCM College is going to remember these amazing moments."

Dr. Cathy Hoi MCM College Resident Fellow

MCM College House Association:

Trick or Treat – A ‘Spooktacular Night of Halloween Fun’



MCM College House Association and its members celebrated Halloween, the last day of October, in ‘spooktacular’ fashion with students dressed in ghostly costumes and entering different types of ‘haunted’ scenarios, and adventurous chamber escape game, while others (who are less adventurous) spent the night “trick-or-treating” with their friendly peers.

"I am from mainland China, it is my first time to experience the Halloween Day. Very impressive, Chamber to Escape really tested my ability of reasoning."

"Not only did I enjoy the fun, but I also helped to set up the venues. I designed the game with my teammates until 3 a.m. Even though we were very tired, but we had a lot fun and the made many new friends. The happiest thing is to see their smiles on the faces of my college mates."

"I cherish this experience of Halloween with our friends playing in the college because it brought us closer. And the helpers are very professional in acting especially when they scare the unsuspecting students."

Halloween originated as a celebration connected with evil spirits, so it became customary to decorate windows and doors with silhouettes of witches, skeletons and black cats, as well as placing jack-o'-lanterns near windows. Each house committee was responsible for designing



and preparing for the college event. They spent weeks discussing and brainstorming ideas and details, and several days putting up decorations. This was the second college event that included everyone in the HA and all Committee members, which was a great success!

MCM College participates in Art of Tea workshop at Mandarin House

To enhance cultural engagement, MCM College has taken students to attend a workshop on Chinese tea culture on 22nd October, 2017. This workshop is hosted at one of the world heritage site, the Mandarin House.



This two-hour workshop includes tea art performances, traditional Chinese painting, and Chinese calligraphy. Not only are the students able to enjoy Chinese culture, they are also able to visit the Mandarin House for the first time.

Students said that the workshop is unexpectedly engaging. They enjoyed the performances and demonstration very much, they even talk to the president of the association and asked if the association is willing to come to host a workshop in the college. This little trip to Mandarin House is totally worthwhile!

MCM College hosts "Making the Most of Yourself and Confidence-building" Workshop



In the evening of November 1st, 2017, MCM College Mandarin House organized a workshop, about half of the students attended are complete novices. Ms. Kamen Cheong, a professional artist and hair stylist, showed students the signature tips, techniques and professional expertise in a creative, hands-on environment.

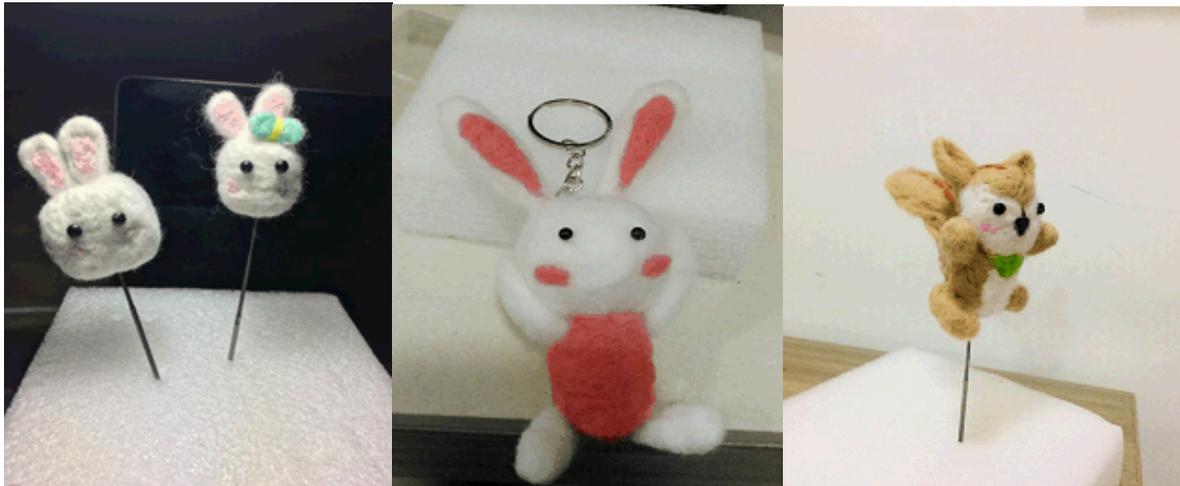
During this workshop, students learned how to create a flawless canvas, how to choose and apply color, and how to work with brushes. Students have enjoyed this experience with Ms. Cheong, and they are active and eager to ask questions. After the workshop, they all said that they look forward to having this kind of workshop again.

MCM College hosts Wool Felting activity



In the evening of November 6th, Guia House from MCM College has organized a well-attended wool felting workshop. But what is wool felting and what do you need? It starts with wool, felting needles, and a cushion or pad to work on.

Surprisingly, this is all that is needed to make amazing creations with the art of needle felting. Needle felting is begun by rolling up a small amount of wool and stabbing it with the needle. When the wool is stabbed with the felting needle, it pulls the wool into itself.



By stabbing the wool with the needle over and over while turning the wool, it results in a firm round shape. Once there is a basic shape to start with, wool is added where it is needed to form a sculpture.

Students are having a successful time with their first wool felting experience, and have enjoyed the art of wool felting a lot.

MCMC ran "A Cappella workshop with Water Singers"

MCM College ran "A Cappella workshop with Water Singers" Monday 20th November 2017 at MCM College Hall (W11). The event attracted 60 students, and 20 students actively participated in A Cappella singing with Water Singers.



Water Singers is an all-female A Cappella group based in Macau. In this event, they performed a variety of music, from folk tunes to classics, pop songs to overtones, bringing a sensational and stunning performance to MCM College. Part of what made this event so memorable was engagement of crowd with group. Members of Water Singers chose a student to sing with them, using music as a common language, they blended like old friends.

MCM College students sample hands-on experience at By-health Industrial

MCM College students had a great opportunity to visit the industrial park of the By-health Company Limited. By-health Company established in 1995, and had grown into one of the biggest health care product manufacturers in China. By visiting the latest automatic production line in transparent factory, quality inspection center, and the like, students brought theories into practice, and had been impressed by how sophisticated it was to make health care product from raw materials.



Additionally, students from engineering- and chemistry-related areas have gained deeper understanding on the experiments and the operating procedures through the hands-on experience. Most importantly, all attended students now have better understanding about the vitamins and nutrition from various food ingredients, which enables them to pay closer attention to keeping a healthy diet. This activity had contributed to enhancing students' awareness of the significance of healthy and balanced diet, as well as exercising for facilitating longevity and resilience in life.

Looking Back on the Macau Marathon Participation of the MCM College: Moving Forward



Competing in a marathon is an achievement to most of the people. Looking in retrospect, 1896 was marked as one of the original modern Olympic events in which the race was first accepted as a member of the Association of International Marathons and Distance Races

(AIMS) Racing Group in 1990. Begins and ends at the Macau Olympic Complex stadium, the Macau Marathon includes both Taipa and Coloane. There are three editions of the Macau Marathon: Full marathon (42.195 km), Half marathon (21.0975km), and Mini marathon (approximately 6.5 km). On 3rd December 2017, Macau held the 36th Macau Marathon. MCM College registered 9 participants including staffs, students, and an affiliate.

For some beginners to the marathon, many would think that it was impossible to finish the run, yet they still tried to make the most effort to complete it. Before running the marathon, people might have thought that it was only something that one may want to achieve once in a lifetime. Surely it was exhausting to run such a long distance. However, after having fully recovered from the Macau Marathon a few days later, Victor Chao, a student from the MCM College, had already expressed his interest in participating in next year's Macau Marathon. Victor looked back and voiced the sense of satisfaction he felt for completing the mission, which was clearly not just at the blink of an eye. Planning on starting the training with friends to prepare for the next marathon, Victor says it is important to have the mutual support from friends. Perhaps running the Macau Marathon with friends to accompany have been one of the most remarkable experience for Victor as he looks back on the event.

One of Victor's good friend, Nelson Kong, expressed the same feeling of the importance of team mates, other members of the MCM College. Having thought for many times that he wanted to give up and it might not be a good idea to continue with the marathon with an exhausted body, Nelson said the only thing that had kept him running was his spirit, which was strengthened by the encouragement of the other members of the MCM College. Finishing the marathon is regarded as one of the biggest achievement in life for Nelson. Other runners from the MCM College, such as Tom Lu and Abby Li, echoed on the importance of the encouragement and support from the members of the college. They all appreciated the endless inspiration given from their MCM College friends, who were on the route motivating them and taking photos for them.

MCMC Music Club début

MCM College Music Club performed their first performance this semester in the evening of Thursday 23rd November 2017 at MCM College Hall (W11), as a celebration to Thanksgiving.

The recital opened with a rock band performance on a cover of Lin Junjie's Practice Love. Other performances included a Clarinet Sonata by Saint-Saëns, a mandarin pop song performance, and a piece for one piano eight hands, written by Cecile Chaminade.



The majority of the performers were freshmen, and were performing for the first time ever. Through this collaborative effort, they made new friends, developed skills of understanding and listening to each other. It is magical when everyone is working toward the same goal and strong bonds are formed.

Thanksgiving has become doubly valuable and enjoyable for MCM residents and Music Club members!

MCM College Chongqing Chengdu Study Tour



Twelve MCM College students and Resident Fellow visited Chongqing and Chengdu as part of an academic and cultural study tour from 19th–24th December 2017.

The aims of the tour were mainly to exchange with Sichuan University and introduce students the history and culture of Chongqing and Chengdu. In line with the objectives of the trip, the group visited

a number of academic and historic sites. Notable among these were Gele Mountain Cemetery of Revolutionary Martyrs (歌), Zhazi Prison, Residence of Baiju, Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding, Jinjian Theatre (Sichuan Opera), Du Fu Cottage, and Wuhou Temple.

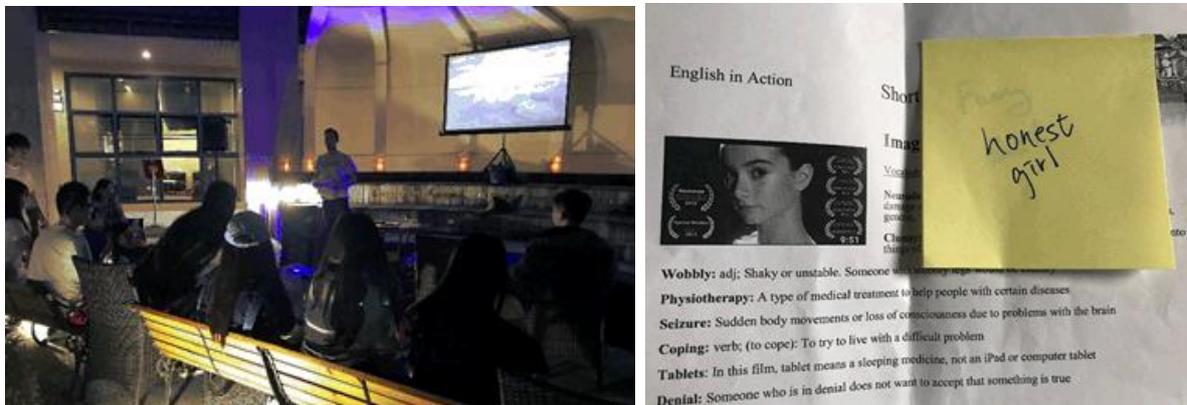
Guided by Resident Fellow, students are responsible for trip planning, travel handbook making, and presenting University of Macau and Residential Colleges to Sichuan University. During the process, they developed leadership, teamwork, and organizational skills. Moreover, they even created close bonding with students from Sichuan University after the exchange.

With twelve students taking part in the learning activity from planning of the trip to producing this report, it is a great pleasure to witness the students' intellectual and personal growth during the process. Below is a link on students' fond memories and reflections:

ENGLISH ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME

MCM College English Enhancement Programme – English in Action, Series 3
‘Short Stories’ with Jake Speirs,
Princeton-in-Asia Fellow

Most students enjoy watching movies, but finding time to do so may be a little complicated, especially if they have to listen to dialogue spoken in English for an hour and a half, which would also seem like a lot of work for students if they don't get lost trying to understand everything the characters are saying.



Learning English with short movies provides more flexibility as an extra-curricular activity. Short films are a form of art that permits actors to communicate many things in a short amount of time, using dialogue, music, images and sounds. Jake Speirs (Princeton-in-Asia Fellow in residence) explained that learning English with videos, is a great way to practice listening and thinking in English.

“Since many students are not interested in American or British television series, and many full-length feature films are too long to hold their attention”

Jake says short movies are great for students to immerse into an English-speaking environment without having to spend too much time (or energy) doing so. In addition, short movies draws more dimension to creative thinking without the placing heavy emphasis on certain pedagogical aspects like grammar.

The activity was set up in College Garden on Friday evening at 8pm, where more than thirty participants attended the event. As students sat comfortably on wooden benches and bean-bags, they were exposed to ‘learning through authentic input’, enabling them to learn using real English materials that were not actually intended to teach the language. Jake adds that this type of activity helps students retain new phrases more naturally, and follow-up fun activities such as ‘post-it’ reinforce written, oral and listening skills, as well as providing opportunities for better bonding or making new friends.

“This outdoor English movie night is exceptional. I can learn English in a relaxing and fun way and get to know some new people. I love how the short movies stay in my mind and made me think about life”.

MCM College English Enhancement Programme – English in Action, Series 3 ‘Jeopardy Night’ with Jake Speirs & Melody Xie



Interactive teaching methodology has been the focal point for research in the past two decades. In today’s context, habitual use of technology is very much integrated into students’ creative styles of learning or applying new concepts because it encompasses almost every aspect of their daily lives. When team work is combined with technology, this becomes an exciting formula to enable shy students to get more involved, even in an easygoing atmosphere. In this final session of ‘English-in-Action, Series 3’ event, students engaged in authentic vocabulary practice while having a great time.

[Watch the final moments as the winning group is announced](#)

Since MCM College is dedicated in developing kinesthetic learning, students will benefit from learning through games and group work. Many regular participants of English-in-Action series have varying proficiency levels of English, and together, they support each other, make decisions together and learn from one another. Games such as “Jeopardy”, can involve all of the aspects of language—listening, speaking, reading and writing. It is especially useful for reviewing general knowledge, or grammar, vocabulary and even culture. With this in mind, Jake Speirs (Princeton-in-Asia Fellow) and Melody Xie (English teaching Fellow) formed an incredible tutorial partnership as they successfully ‘reinvented Fellows’ Salon’ making it conducive to the learning outcomes MCM College set out to achieve.

PORTUGUESE CORNER

MCMC at Lusophone Festival: 1st Portuguese Corner

The 20th Festival de Lusofonia was held from 19th to 22nd October, at the Taipa Houses for four consecutive days, introducing Macao's unique lusophone culture. Students of Moon Chun Memorial College, organised their first activity for Portuguese Corner, and they thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

A student from CKPC who joined the Portuguese Corner this semester also participated in the festival. She took many photos of different cultures and was happy to share them.

"It is interesting, especially for us students who major in Portuguese" said Levana in 3rd year of MCMC, a member of the Portuguese Corner, came to the festival as a volunteer this year.

According to the Cultural Institution of Macau, this year marks the 20th anniversary of the Lusofonia Festival. In order to allow the public to have a deeper understanding of the rich local Lusophone culture, the duration of the event has been extended to four days, offering diverse performances.

In addition to the extraordinary performances, the festival also featured traditional gastronomy and a variety of stands.

"I love this chocolate cake! The chocolate tastes good and only takes 10 mop." Jiaxin Zhao especially adored the delicious food which the festival offered. Students bought lots of traditional Portuguese foods and drinks in the festival.

The 20th Lusofonia Festival offered a lot of fun and activities as well as a diversified programme to everyone, especially for students in Portuguese Corner of MCMC. They are now looking forward to the next activity of the organization.

MCM College Organises Portuguese Language Enhancement Activity With Prof. Joseph Levi, Visiting Scholar in Residence (George Washington University)



Experienced language teachers take into account multiple layers of curriculum as they meticulously prepare pedagogic activities. In this sense, they become 'masters' at utilizing them in teaching a broad array of essential academic and social-emotional skills simultaneously. Professor Joseph Levi, special guest from George Washington University, USA, inaugurated the first event for Portuguese Corner for this academic year

He began with a warm up activity in Portuguese, clearly taking time to listen to each participant. In essence, his approach was to show them that their voices matter, whilst helping them to relax, and let go of inhibitions as well as the fear speaking in front of their professors (Prof. Dora Gago, and Dr. Carlos Figueireido). It was similar to having a test, but not under test conditions.



The event was a game “*Quem Quer Ser Milionário?*” adapted from an international television game show franchise of British origin, in which large cash prizes are offered for correctly answering a series of multiple-choice questions of increasing (or, in some cases, random) difficulty. While students enjoyed the friendly atmosphere, they were constantly being tested. Prof Levi elicited responses that covered grammar, general knowledge, history and etymological aspects of Portuguese.

After completing all questions, students and staff mingled for a short time, students feeling a sense of accomplishment as they could apply what they had learned during their course of study.

Portuguese Language Table with Professor Joseph Levi at MCM College



The current trend at many universities for organising Language Tables during meal times seems to be an excellent way to for students to brush up their language skills with their

peers beyond the walls of their classrooms. At MCM College, it is an ideal way for students to immerse into a vibrant and cooperative learning community, and for those who are currently enrolled in the Portuguese Studies Programme (DPort-FAH), or for those returning from or planning to study in Portugal as part of their exchange programme.

Prof. Joseph Levi, Visiting Scholar from George Washington University, USA, explained that students who learn different languages also become exposed to different cultures through personal contact, events and activities that take place within the college residence:

“College Affiliates create a vital link between the collaborating language departments and Residential Life, so students can share a meal and speak without fear of making mistakes”.



“A Mesa Portuguesa” provided an informal opportunity to practice speaking in Portuguese. It is intended to nourish and motivate language development and conversational skills. Participants of all levels (even across the colleges) are welcome and weekly participation is not required. Students simply attend when their busy schedules permit them to do so.

SPORTS NEWS

Inter-College Council (ICC): Basketball

MC2 'All-Stars' regrouped this season with many new players joining the team.

Under the leadership of Marshall Yin (senior) and Tony Ba (sophomore), the All-Stars battled their way through the group stage, winning 2 matches against CKYC and HKPJC respectively.



However, defeats against last year's runner up SPC and narrowly losing to CKPC meant that MC2 All-Stars languished in 3rd place and did not qualify for the next round.

Cheerleading

The highly anticipated Masters' Cup Cheerleading Competition 2017/18 was held on Saturday 28th October, 2017, at the Pavilion in N8. All ten colleges were eager to showcase their optimised teamwork with dazzling creative choreography and acrobatic dance moves.

Cheerleading has evolved as a popular college sport where each team is scored subjectively based on many categories such as the cheer itself, the dance section, team work, as well as creativity.



Choi Kai Yau College (CKYC) was crowned winners of the competition, and unfortunately, MCM College were not placed in the top four.

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Cathy Hoi - Resident Fellow

Cathy was an educational researcher at Faculty of Education before joining Moon Chun Memorial College (MCMC) in the University of Macau. She received her Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from Faculty of Education, and her B.S. in Psychology from Faculty of Social Science (Department of Psychology), University of Macau. She has research experience in measurement, experimental design, and statistics, as well as teaching experience in statistics and Educational research methods. Her research interest includes Social and Educational Psychology, the usage of technology in educational settings, as well as teaching and learning 21st Century Skills (i.e., soft skills). She recently won an excellent paper award from an international conference.



With her background of Educational Psychology, Cathy is interested both conducting research and communicating with people. She enjoys singing and playing percussion instruments. She is also into yoga, badminton, tennis, and is open to any new kinds of activities. She currently serves as the resident fellow in MCMC and she looks forward cultivating younger generations together with the help of everyone in the college.

Dr. Peggy Lau – Resident Fellow

A native of Macau, Peggy received her master's degrees in piano pedagogy and piano performance and doctoral degree in piano performance from Michigan State University (MSU). Prior to joining Moon Chun Memorial College as a resident fellow, she was the teaching assistant at MSU and faculty at MSU Community Music School.



Peggy has experienced a wide range of resident hall activities that enriched and provided her with valuable experiences. As the resident fellow of MCMC, she will work in earnest to provide MCMers the opportunities to learn, laugh, and succeed, and to see the enchantment in the world. She believes MCMC will bring the residents a joyous and meaningful experience.

