



BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Welcoming Our First Group of Students!

Welcome, dear **Education Innovators**

to the School of Education! Some of you may be reading the School of Education: Beyond the Classroom newsletter for the first time, just starting out your first semester fresh off orientation. As such, we would like to warmly welcome the School of Education's first batch of students – that's you!

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This quarterly newsletter is your backstage pass to the initiatives and achievements lighting up our academic community at Sunway University. Through this newsletter, we hope to impart you with past, current and future School and University ongoings with the intent of inviting you to participate in the vibrant community here at Sunway University.

Ready to be Inspired?

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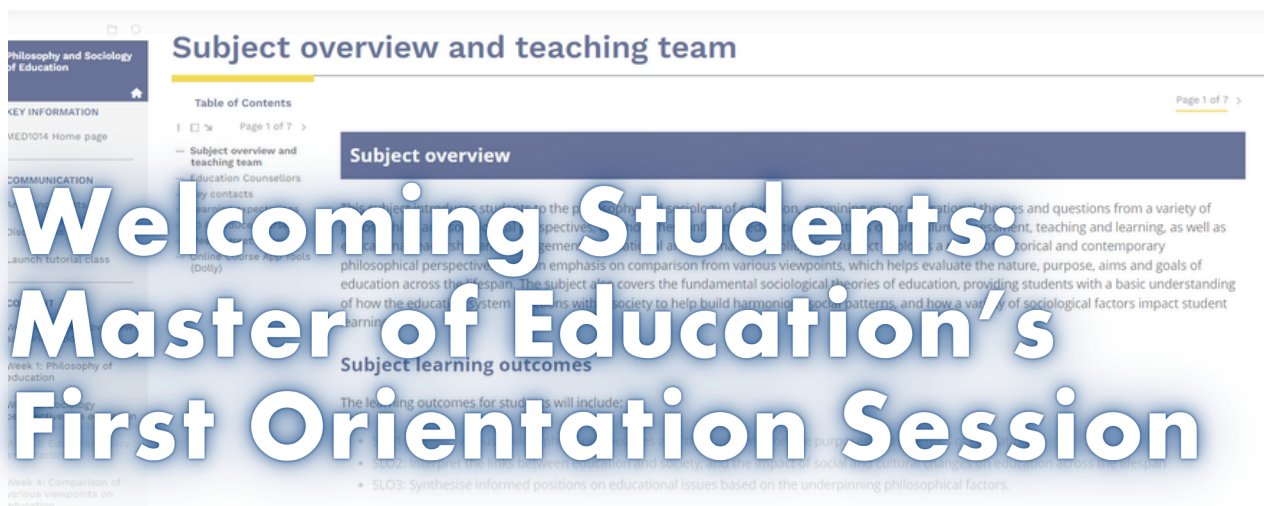
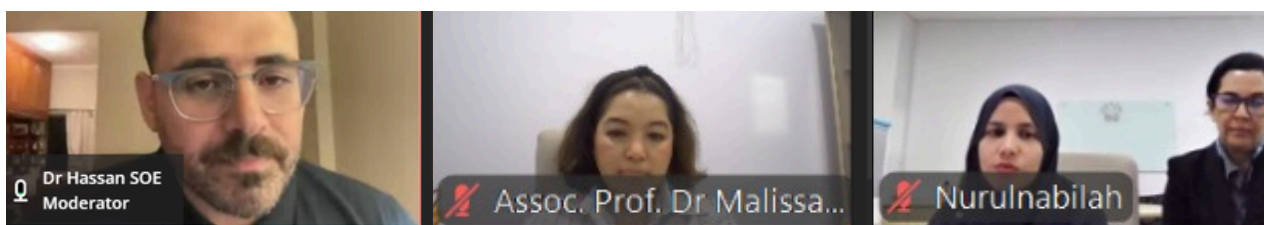
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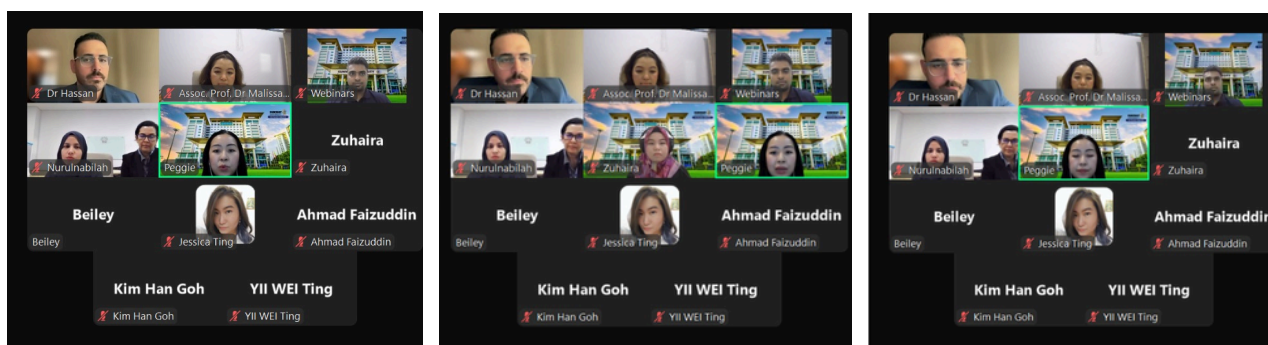
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On the 28th August 2024, the School of Education held its first ever orientation session for the Master of Education (ODL) students! The online orientation session began with a warm welcome speech and briefing from the Programme Leader, Assoc. Prof. Dr Hassan Abuhassna, setting the tone for an engaging and informative orientation session. Students were introduced to the online study model, given a clear overview of their degree path, ensuring the students are well-equipped to navigate their academic journey.



The School of Education briefing ODL students during our first Orientation session

Key topics covered during the session included:

- **Getting Started:** An introduction to the online learning environment, eLearn, where students were guided through its key features and how to locate important sections of the platform.
- **eLearn & ED Preview:** A walkthrough of the eLearn platform, highlighting essential tools and resources.
- **Fees & Managing Online Study:** Practical advice on managing fees and balancing online study with other commitments.
- **Library Services & Support:** Ms. Goh Wei Haan, Head of Reference and Research & Academic Services, led an Information Skills Workshop, providing valuable tips on utilizing library resources effectively for research and study.



Celebrating Milestones in Higher Education Practice Excellence

The School of Education is delighted to announce the graduation of the first cohort of the Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education Practice (PCHEP) programme. Our graduates include Chong Ka Leong, Noor Ashiqin Binti Mohd Zaini, Shehnaz Tehseen, Wang Yue, Wong Yoot San, Khor Kuan Siew, Norizzati Binti Azudin, Bawani A/P Lelchumanan, and Chew Ming Tsuey. This significant milestone reflects the dedication, hard work, and perspiration committed by our students toward successfully completing this practice based, comprehensive and challenging programme.



You may recognise some graduates from the Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education Practice as they are currently serving as academics at Sunway University! Their accomplishment not only marks their dedication toward bettering their education practice but indicates their resolve to achieve educational excellence.

On that note, we are especially proud of Dr TamilSelvan Ramis, who has not only completed this prestigious certificate but had also received the distinguished Tan Sri Sir Jeffrey Cheah Scholastic Award for his outstanding performance and dedication throughout the programme!



Dr TamilSelvan Ramis accepting his Tan Sri Sir Jeffrey Cheah Scholastic Award

Congratulations to all our graduates on this remarkable accomplishment. Your perseverance and hard work have paid off, and we look forward to the positive impact you will have on the field of higher education!

This achievement marks the beginning of a promising journey towards educational excellence.

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School of Education Programme Launch and First Intakes

This year, we'll be welcoming our first batch of students for our programmes! What are the programmes and when can you expect to see School of Education students roaming around the campus grounds? Take a quick peek at the School's upcoming programmes!



Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education Practice

The Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education Practice programme invites higher education academics to enhance their practice and deepen their understanding of theoretical educational frameworks and principles. The next intake for the programme will be on **16 September 2024**.



Master of Education (ODL)

Delivered 100% online and taken part-time, the Master of Education (ODL) empowers learners to upskill without interrupting professional and personal commitments; allowing learners access to their learning anytime, anywhere. The first intake for the programme will be on **2 September 2024**.



Master of Education (by Research)

The Master of Education (By Research) is designed to empower educators who are passionate about making a significant impact in the field of education. The first intake for the programme will be on **2 September 2024**.



Doctor of Philosophy in Education (by Research)

The Doctor of Philosophy in Education programme is designed to foster independent thinking and deep expertise into our learner's research area. The first intake for the programme will be on **2 September 2024**.

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Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning: APEL.Q Pilot Commencement

APEL for Qualification, known as APEL.Q, is an initiative designed to award **formal academic qualifications** based on an individual's prior experiential learning. Developed to support lifelong learning, APEL.Q recognizes the knowledge, skills, and competencies acquired through work experience, non-formal education, and informal learning. This process allows individuals to obtain a qualification without following the traditional educational pathway, thus providing a flexible and inclusive approach to education and professional development.

What are the two programmes approved by MQA for Sunway University's APEL.Q pilots?



Sunway Business School
**Master of Sustainable
Development Management**
APEL.Q Associates: **4**



School of Hospitality and Service
Management
**Master of International
Hospitality Management**
APEL.Q Associates: **5**

Great news for Sunway University, the APEL.Q Pilot is currently set to commence within the coming weeks! Part of the arduous process to gain accreditation for APEL.Q is for the University to conduct a Pilot programme; one that is currently being worked on by the APEL Unit of the Professional and Continuing Education (PACE) department at the School of Education.

Pictured: Assoc. Prof. Dr Yeoh Keat Hoe (Left) and the Master of Sustainable Development Management candidate, Thomas Fann (Middle), and the Dean of School of Education (Right) on an APEL.Q Advisory Session



Our dedicated academics, including Assoc. Prof. Dr Yeoh Keat Hoe from Sunway Business School, Assoc. Prof. Dr Daniel Chong, and Dr Elangkovan Narayanan from the School of Hospitality and Service Management, have been instrumental in supporting our pilot candidates. They thoughtfully addressed academic concerns and APEL.Q assessment queries, offering the guidance needed to help candidates successfully validate their learning experiences through APEL.Q.

With their unwavering support and commitment, Sunway University is on track to launch the third of four APEL initiatives by Q4 2024, moving us closer to making education accessible to all and promoting a culture of lifelong learning.



Pictured: Assoc. Prof. Dr Daniel Chong (Right), Dr Elangkovan Narayanan Alagas (Left) and the pilot candidate, Ms. Ho Yuw Ming (Centre) on an APEL.Q Advisory Session

Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning: Launch of APEL.C Courses

APEL for Credit Award, known as APEL.C, was developed by the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA) to support lifelong learning by assessing and recognising the value of learning that takes place beyond formal classroom settings. The successful completion of the APEL.C assessment will result in the applicant receiving a credit award for a course in their programmes, thus allowing for a faster programme completion.

What are Programmes with Available APEL.C Courses?

Sunway Business School

- Bachelor in Financial Analysis
- Bachelor in Financial Economics
- Bachelor (Honours) in Finance
- Bachelor of Business Analytics
- Bachelor of Science (Honours) Marketing
- Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Entrepreneurship
- Bachelor of Science (Honours) Global Supply Chain Management
- Master in Sustainable Development Management

School of Mathematical Sciences

- Bachelor (Honours) in Statistical Data Modelling

School of Medical and Life Sciences

- Bachelor (Honours) Biology with Psychology
- Bachelor (Honours) Biomedicine
- Bachelor (Honours) in Medical Biotechnology
- Bachelor (Honours) in Psychology

School of Hospitality and Service Management

- Bachelor (Honours) in Culinary Management
- Bachelor (Honours) in Conventions and Event Management
- Master in International Hospitality Management

Don't see the School of Education in the list? Worry not! The School is currently in the process of making our programmes available for the APEL.C initiative. Stay tuned to the [School of Education Announcement](#) page to receive APEL.C updates!

Know More

Interested in knowing more about the APEL Assessment Programmes?



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Micro-credentials: Upskilling through Flexible and Accessible Learning

Micro-credentials are a certification of assessed learning of a single or a set of courses intended to impart knowledge, skills, values and competencies in an area. They are designed to be more flexible and accessible than traditional degrees, allowing learners to quickly gain expertise and demonstrate their competencies to employers. Micro-credentials are often digital and can be credit bearing or otherwise.

By enrolling in micro-credentials, learners can experience more flexibility in learning, build a portfolio of learning, experience a personalised learning path that is cost-effective, and improve their employability. Furthermore, these courses can be stacked towards a larger qualification or certification, making them a valuable tool for continuous professional development and lifelong learning!

UPCOMING MICRO-CREDENTIALS

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1. Global Digital Talent – Part 1
2. Global Digital Talent – Part 2
3. Startup Foundry
4. Networking Principles
5. Object-Oriented Programming Fundamentals
6. Computer Mathematics Fundamentals
7. Principles of Sociology
8. Pre-Calculus
9. Food and Beverage Management
10. Accommodation and Revenue Management
11. Business Events
12. Marketing Innovation in Hospitality Business
13. Brand Management for Hospitality Business

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1. Corporate Sustainability Strategies
2. Governance in Sustainable Development
3. Research Methods



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT THE MICRO-CREDENTIAL CATALOGUE [HERE](#)

Piloting Integrity and Anti-Corruption through HyFlex



The recent introduction of a new *Mata Pelajaran Umum* (MPU) subject by the Ministry of Higher Education, Integrity and Anti-Corruption (Kursus Integriti dan Anti-Rasuah - KIAR) brought with it an opportunity to elevate learning experiences and outcomes of fellow learners at Sunway University.

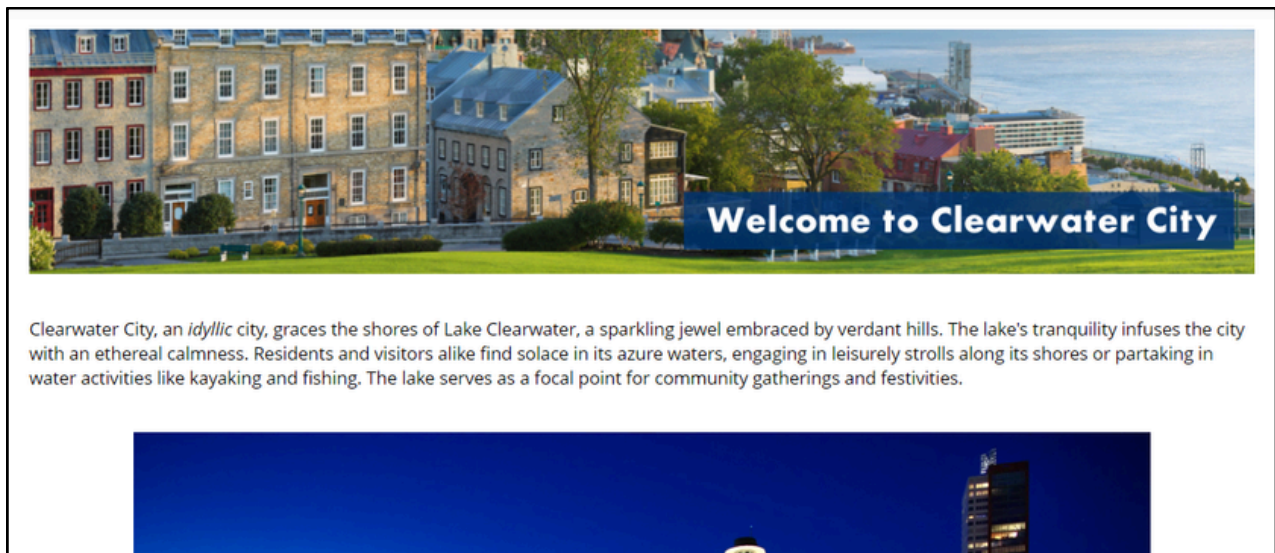
Seizing this opportunity, the School of Education at Sunway University has been diligently working with top integrity and anti-corruption experts to deliver KIAR to all of Sunway University's students. Through a cutting-edge online-centric pedagogical approach and the application of the HyFlex model of delivery, the School of Education aims to provide an enriching learning experience and maximum flexibility to the learners' learning journey.



Pictured: KIAR Course Overview, designed with interactivity in mind

HyFlex, short for Hybrid Flexible, is an instructional model that combines face-to-face and online learning. It provides students with the flexibility to choose their mode of participation for each class session, whether in a traditional classroom, via live online streaming, or through asynchronous activities at their own pace. This approach supports diverse learning preferences and schedules, allowing for a more personalized and inclusive educational experience.

The course features activities such as "Integrity and Anti-Corruption" themed Snakes and Ladders, ethical scenario simulations, and real-world case studies. These interactive elements make complex topics more accessible and engaging. Students can earn badges, move up leaderboards, and tackle real-world challenges in a digital environment. By integrating educational content with interactive activities, KIAR aims to educate and motivate a new generation of ethical leaders ready to combat corruption in today's world.



Pictured: A snapshot of the ethical scenario simulation



Pictured: The Integrity and Anti-Corruption themed Snakes and Ladders – with interactive components and moving board pieces on eLearn!

Through these innovative teaching methods and engaging activities, the Integrity and Anti-Corruption course not only imparts essential knowledge but also fosters a deeper understanding and commitment to ethical practices among students. This comprehensive approach ensures that students are well-prepared to address and prevent corruption in their future professional endeavors.

School of Education's Participation in the Open Day(s)

Since the establishment of the School of Education, we have been promoting our programme launches and spreading the good news to potential learners all over! So far, the School has been participating in Sunway University's Open Day (8 - 9 June 2024, 17 August 2024) and the Postgraduate Open Day (13 July 2024); a massive opportunity for us to proudly showcase our four new programmes, meet potential students, collaborators and education innovators!

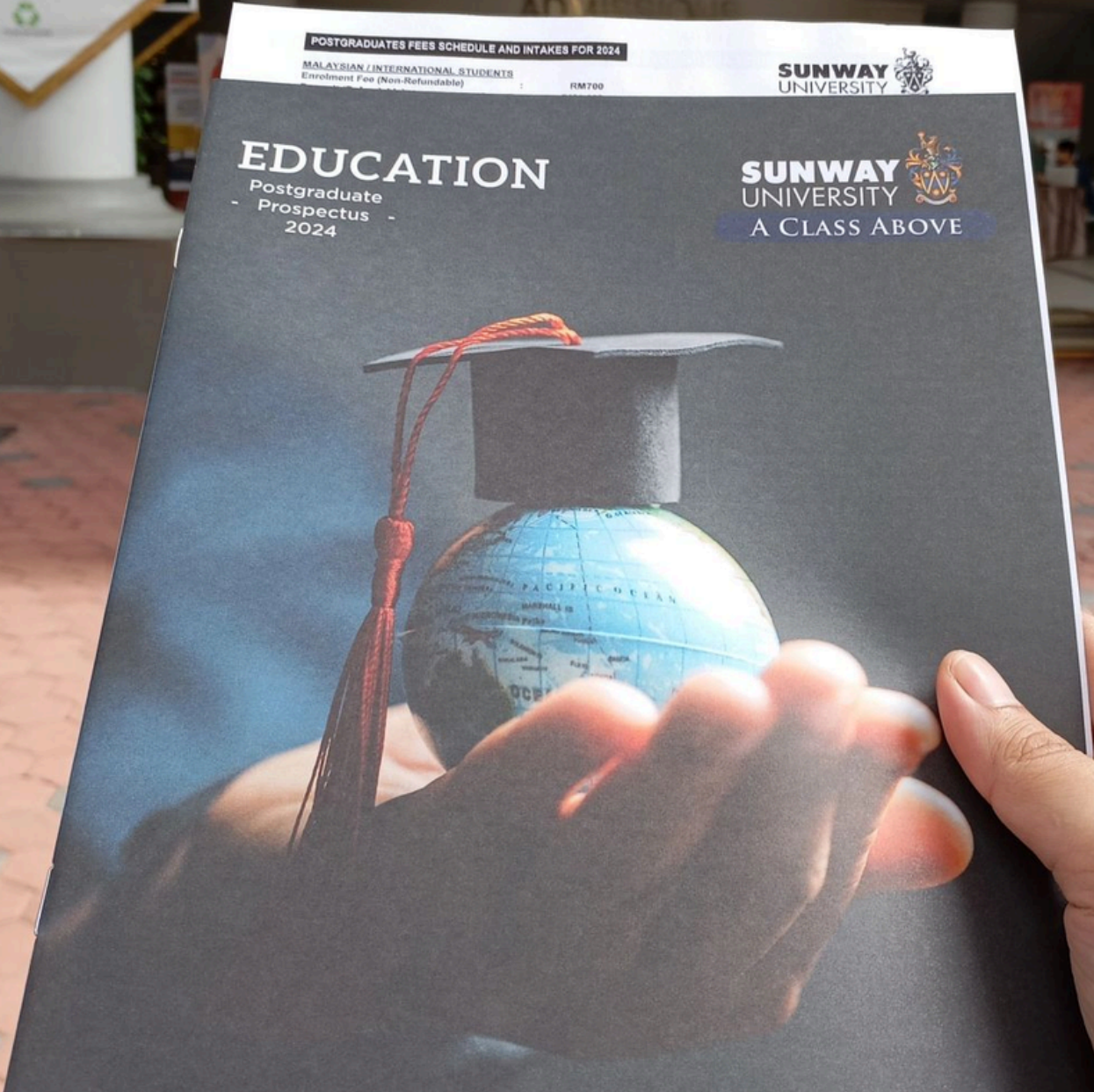
The enthusiasm and interest displayed from prospective students were overwhelming, and endearing; reminding us of our mission to inspire and empower the next generation of educational leaders.



Moreover, during the Postgraduate Open Day, the School Dean, Assoc. Prof. Dr Malissa Maria Mahmud was invited as a panel for the Research Engagement Week organised by the Research Services department of Sunway University.

Pictured: Esteemed Speakers of the Research Engagement Week

If you or anyone you know is curious about the available programmes at Sunway University, or if they're interested in furthering their studies, do check in with the [School of Education](#) or [Sunway University's](#) social media for updates!



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