

RISE

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Sunway College Kuching's e-Newsletter

Foreword from Mr Joseph Lim

the Director of Sunway College Kuching



Once again, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the RISE, a quarterly e-newsletter from Sunway College Kuching featuring the latest happenings and achievements of our institution.

We are proud that our students continue to strive for excellence in their studies during these unprecedented times. It is the 3rd quarter of 2022, and I hope you are on track to achieving the goals you set at the beginning of the year. We have come so far as to slowly get things back on track to the pre-pandemic phase. It is good to see students returning to campus for physical classes and enjoying their college life.

Our Highlights include the Memorandum of Understanding signing between Sunway College Kuching and Thought for Food Foundation (TFF), to be a channel partner for Sunway College Kuching in connecting to students learning opportunities in TFF Southeast Asia Regional Community at the same time, sharing of latest trends in Agri-FoodTech industry and offer mentorship support to Sunway college Kuching and its start-ups and students. Others include Blood Donation Drive in collaboration with Sunway Traditional and Complementary Medicine (TCM).

Other stories featured within this issue include experiences from students on their Sunway community and engagement activities. We are also having a special Chinese section from our dear students and colleagues who have put in effort to make this e-newsletter more exciting and interesting. May I take this opportunity to once again welcome Tom Clendon who has agreed to contribute to the RISE. Tom is a famous ACCA SBR guru, podcaster, and a former examiner and marker. Over the last 30 years, he has helped thousands of students pass their ACCA final level accountancy papers.

This issue of the RISE will give you an insight into the many meaningful events and collaborations happening on and off-campus, as well as the achievements of our students. As we step into the third quarter of 2022, remember to pat yourself on the back because you did great this far. We are excited and look forward to sharing more interesting updates with you in our next issue. Till then, we wish everyone good health and success.

Best wishes
Joseph Lim
Director

Highlights of This Issue

- Find out what had our students done since last issue
- Special article related to ACCA SBR by Mr Tom Clendon, FCCA
- Find out what has happened since the last issue
- Feature article on interviewing skills
- New Chinese section

TIPS FROM OUR LECTURER

THE ART OF NOTE-TAKING

By Rebecca Raphael, English Lecturer

One of the things that I loved doing when I was in high school many years back was taking down notes. Yes... you heard me right! *Taking down notes!* Back then, everyone would take down notes in class. Sadly, this important technique is facing a sure death as we speak.

The note-taking technique is a very important skill to possess as this would ensure a high level of concentration and focus on the students' part during class time or personal studying time. From my observation, 99% of students do not take down notes during lectures. They would only do so when told. Most of the time, they would just sit back and listen to the lectures given.

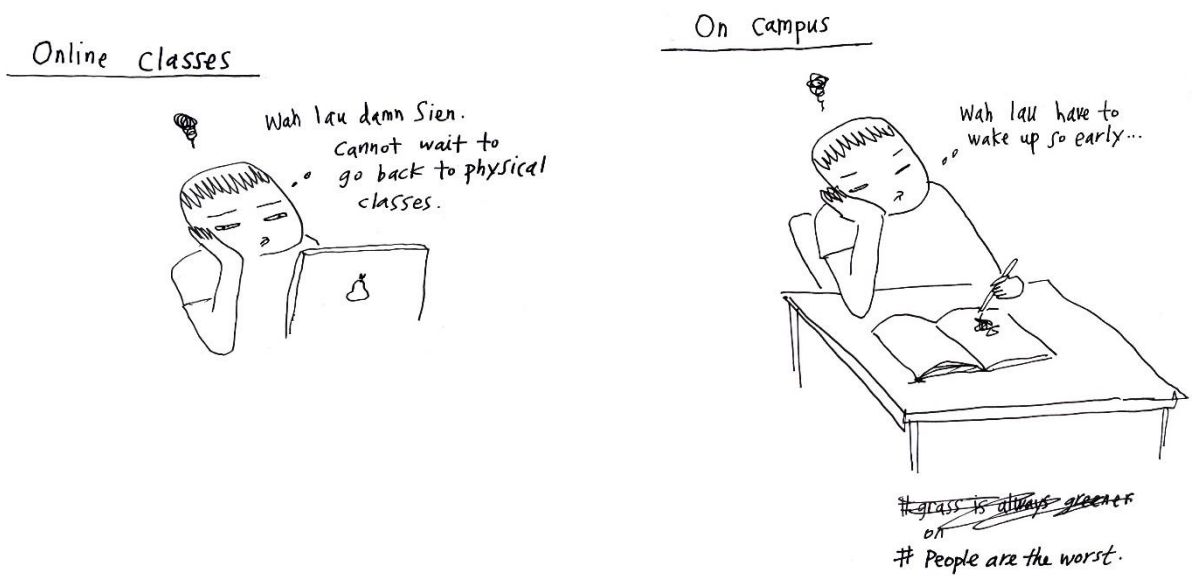
Speaking as a former student, I wouldn't be able to sit back and listen to a 3-hour lecture without taking a single note. The amount of information that slipped through your fingers would be wasted. Now that I'm a lecturer, I tend to add a lot of information in my lectures that would not exist in my presentation slides. That added information would just slip away if not written down.

I believe that students should be taught studying techniques in high school before entering tertiary education so that they will be able to benefit from good lectures in the future. Taking down notes isn't difficult and there are many tips found on the internet if one would take the time to learn how to take down notes effectively.

If you are reading this and you have not yet taken the initiative to write down any notes, I suggest you start now!

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION BY BOEY

First world problem.....



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FEATURE ARTICLE

What does it take to excel in interviews?

Four tips to stand out.



By Danial Rahman
Director of the CEO's Office
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“What makes an interview good?” This is a commonly asked question, especially among fresh graduates and those looking to enter the workforce or secure internship opportunities.

Recently, I had the unique opportunity to lead interviews involving about 40 Malaysian graduates and students for the Corporate Fellowship programme, organised by the Ministry of Youth and Sports Malaysia. The programme began in 2019 and aims to place high-potential young Malaysians in top Malaysian companies for exposure and development – including Sunway.

Out of 800 applications, only 40 youth were shortlisted to be interviewed for the programme. One of the great things about the programme is the access it provides to young Malaysians. It was refreshing to interview candidates from outside the Klang Valley, including from Sabah, Sarawak, Kedah and Kelantan. The hunger for opportunity is something those of us in major cities tend to take for granted.

Expectations were pretty high considering the prestige of the programme. By the end of the interview sessions, there were some elements that set candidates apart. Allow me to share what enabled some to excel vs those who didn't:

Firstly, the candidates who excelled were active in community or co-curricular activities. They not only displayed more maturity but were more grounded in societal needs and had stronger sense of purpose. From women and minority empowerment to free education for poor students, stepping out of purely academic pursuits truly set them apart.

4 TIPS TO STAND OUT

Secondly, strong soft skills are important. My fellow interviewers and I rarely, if ever, asked about the candidates' grades. We knew the candidates' grades from their CVs, and it gave us an idea of their academic prowess. What was key in securing a position in this programme was actually their communication skills which encompassed thinking, processing, listening and responding. These soft skills are absolutely vital in leaving positive impressions.

Third, they have thought about their medium- to long-term visions. "Where do you see yourself in five to 10 years?" was often a closing question we asked. It helped separate the candidates with just impressive answers and whether the Corporate Fellowship programme will really benefit their growth and development (and the nation in the long run). Such vision also suggests continuity in purpose and effort.

Fourth, they came prepared. Those who conducted research into the programme as well as the participating companies were more confident and focused when responding. It also showed that they took this opportunity seriously and tried to relate their company of choice to their personal development goal (be it in construction, education, oil and gas, policy, etc).

Earlier this year, the Sunway Education Group had the privilege of mentoring a Corporate Fellow for six months. MS Jaivnesh, whom we fondly call J, hails from Teluk Intan, Perak. Having completed an undergraduate in law, J's interest is in business (his family runs a textile shop in Teluk Intan) and he joined the programme to broaden his corporate horizons. He's been a great asset in coordinating Sunway's future of work project and engaging with colleagues across the various Sunway business units.

On the Corporate Fellowship programme, he says: "I've learned so much. From a small kampung to this big Sunway city in Selangor, it's been a great opportunity to learn from corporate leaders. I realise that we must value people's contributions, share opportunities and not be selfish, and of course, embrace the journey. Also, most importantly, learning is constant and age is not a barrier."

Upon completing his fellowship with Sunway, he started his own home improvement business – in Sabah. He says it's a growing market and an exciting challenge. (Thank you, J and all the best to you. I hope this experience has set you up for the next stage of your life).

Lastly, I hope the tips above help our readers. All the best when you have to attend an interview!

Danial is currently Director of the CEO's Office at the Sunway Education Group (SEG) one of Malaysia's largest education social enterprises as well as Director of Strategy, Asian Strategy & Leadership Institute (ASLI), a 30-year-old think tank under SEG. Having started his career as a human rights and constitutional law lawyer, Danial's professional journey has traversed policy, education, media and technology.

Danial has worked at three government ministries - Ministry of Education (2014-15), Ministry of Higher Education (2015-2018) and the Ministry of Finance (2020). There, he served as Press Secretary to Ministers, handling strategic communications, local and international media engagements, and Parliament Q&As (in Bahasa Malaysia and English). One of Danial's career highlights was to co-write the 2021 Budget speech, as well as the various economic stimulus packages at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the media space, Danial has been a columnist for TheStar newspaper and has written over 90 articles on various topics including education, technology, governance and society. He is also a part-time TV show host for BERNAMA (Malaysia's National News Agency) where he has interviewed Ministers, CEOs and Heads of International Organisations such as the World Bank and International Labour Organisation.

A former debate champion, Danial has trained and conducted public speaking and debating workshops across the region, including China and South Korea, training policymakers, senior civil servants and students. Danial has also moderated numerous forums and has been invited to speak on Artificial Intelligence, Fake News, and UN Sustainable Development Goals to banks, ministries, and internationally renowned institutions.

Danial is a **law graduate** with a master's from the **University of Oxford** and an undergraduate from **International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM)**.

SPECIAL FOR ACCOUNTING STUDENTS

What is the difference between OCI and OCE?

The two are often confused – so let us thrash this out.

What is OCI?

OCI is an abbreviation for **Other Comprehensive Income**. This is an annual performance statement so is prepared for the year ended. It is presented after the profit and loss account and together they form the statement of total comprehensive income.

The idea of OCI is that it will present certain gains and losses that have been recognised directly in equity during the year because accounting standards prohibit their recognition in the profit and loss account. An example of such a gain not included in the profit and loss account and thus appearing in OCI is a simple revaluation on property, plant, and equipment. Other examples include group foreign exchange differences and remeasurement gains or losses on defined benefit pension schemes.

By reporting such gains and losses in OCI it ensures that users do get a faithful representation (complete) picture of all gains and losses recognised in the accounting period despite their omission from the profit and loss account. It also helps to keep the profit and loss account relevant (predictable) because the type of gains and losses in OCI tend to be unusual, non-recurring and unrealised.

What is OCE?

OCE is an abbreviation for **Other Components of Equity**. It is a reserve and therefore part of the equity of the company. As an equity reserve, it is a balance that is listed on the statement of financial position. Equity represents the owner's interest in the business. Every company will have share capital and retained earnings as part of their equity. OCE simply represents the rest!

OCE is therefore an umbrella term for various reserves. Its balance will include the accumulated gains and losses arising from revaluing property, plant and equipment as well as the cumulative exchange differences arising from the retranslation of overseas subsidiaries. In addition, OCE can include items that have not passed through OCI e.g. the equity element of a convertible loan and the difference arising in the group accounts when the parent and NCI transact with each other without control changing.

Recap

So OCI reports gains and losses for the year that are excluded from that year's profit and loss account.

And OCE is a generic reserve on the statement of financial position that is not retained earnings!



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WHAT HAPPENED SINCE THE LAST ISSUE



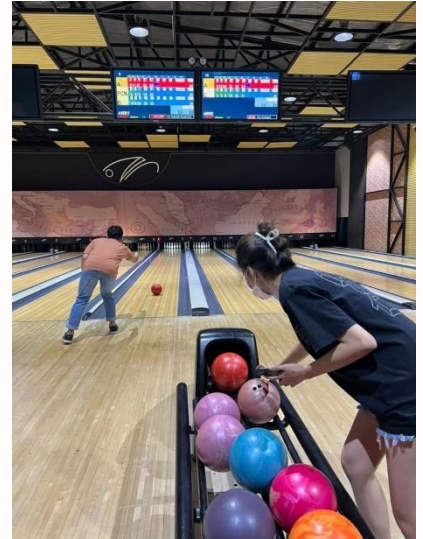
A visit by the Founder and Chairman of Sunway Group, YBhg, Tan Sri Dr Jeffrey Cheah, Deputy Executive Chairman, Tan Sri Razman Hashim and Non-Executive Chairman, Dato' Sri Idris Jala to Sunway College Kuching in July 2022



Grand Opening of Sunway TCM Centre and Sunway Fertility Centre in Kuching.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Jom Play!



STUDENT ACTIVITIES

EDUCATIONAL VISITS

Borneo Cultures Museum



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CHINESE SECTION

写给学院新生的「交友指南」



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9月正式开课，看着大二、三的学生带着轻松的心情回归学院，与他们形成强烈对比的便是刚入学的大一新生。还记得在迎新会上，新生陆续抵达指定课室后，有默契地都选择靠后的座位，一坐下就开始玩手机，全程不发一语。

看到这里，是否想起那个刚踏入新校园新环境，想到接下来得面对陌生的学习氛围和人际关系，而感到消极挫败的自己呢？

无可否认随着科技蓬勃发展，人们的交流方式更便捷了，只需要动动手指就能将想法传递，但是否意味人与人的距离更靠近了？答案显然不是，相反的人们仿佛自带隐形墙，当热情的陌生人靠近时会感到紧张，绝不会主动搭话更害怕对视。而疫情更是加剧年轻人的“社交恐惧”心理。

然而人类出生于社会之中，所思所想皆受“社会化”影响，对此与人社交互动是必不可少的。那么长时间未与人面对面交流，或者天生就是胆小害羞的人，该如何消除社交焦虑呢？

首先，减少拒绝参与社交活动的次数。面对不擅长的事物，我们会习惯性逃避拖延，但“无视”并不会让问题凭空消失，反而徒增焦虑。而人们拖延的其中一个原因即是“压力”，而这股压力源于对事物的不了解。为何不动起来，勇敢踏出一步去摸索？建议可以从小事开始，例如：在面对邀约时用“就两个小时”取代“干脆留在家睡觉”的心里话。

第二，事前准备些问题。面对陌生人最难的莫过于启口聊天，许多人担心自己一开口便是句点王。建议可以事前准备些简单问题，例如来自哪座城市？考驾照了吗？为什么会选择进入这间学院？有几个兄弟姐妹？等等。当然，发问的同时也要保持聆听，不妨可以从答复中衍生出其他问题。若你是被访问者，除了回答问题之外，也别忘了把“你呢”挂在嘴边，相信我，这两个字将能迅速建立起两个人的关系。

第三，善用社交平台。每个人的手机里至少有 1 个社交软件，根据消费者数据公司 Statista 调查发现，大马人平均每人会在社交平台上花费 3 小时。与其被短视频、网络文章支配，何不创作内容吸引志同道合的朋友留言，例如分享喜欢的美食、好看的家具等等。当然，征文寻找同期/同校新生也是个有创意的征友方式，在面对面之前用自在的方式聊天，见面也能减少尴尬。

第四，多把笑容挂脸上。若不知道面对陌生同学该如何是好，不妨给予对方一个浅浅的微笑，爱笑的人运气都不差，人缘也比较好。要知道，人在低潮时不经意流露低气压，而这股坏情绪会潜移默化影响周围的人，试问谁希望每天与为自己带来负能量的人交流？实际上，负能量并没有错，但是没有限度的宣泄将会影响与人的交流。如果真的碰上难过的事，可以先自我消化一段时间，无法消化可以选择和身边人倾诉，而不是只顾自己感受不分场合地传播坏情绪。

第五，积极参与社团和学生会。大学社团种类很多，新生能依照自己的兴趣去选择，在社团里结交志气相投的同学，培养爱好的同时也能增强自身技能。例如，加入电玩研究社，学院不时举办一些社团聚会，就算聚会里什么话也不说，但环绕的都是自己听得懂的语言，此外，组队打怪还能培养表达和观察能力。再来，加入学生会也能锻炼团队协作能力，同时有机会认识优秀学长姐，提高交友质量。

常听说，大学能让你体验到什么是高质量友情。这是因为有别于中学时期，随着心智逐渐成熟，你将不会随便和朋友闹情绪、吵架，相反地在面对矛盾时会选择忍耐，独自消化情绪。你会了解“广结善缘”的重要性，在大学这个小型社会里，多个朋友总是好的。最后，祝福每位新生们在大学这个开放自由的氛围中，获取各种重要知识，也能结交到#BFF (Best Friend Forever) ！

最后，祝福每位学生开学愉快。

CHINESE SECTION

新生指南：什么是学院「学生会」？

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你有想过，为什么学院要组织学生会吗？这期让我们一起探讨学生会。

学生会内部是由会长、副会长、书记、会计以及几位成员组成。想必大家都有一个疑问，这些学生会平常都干些什么？是不是专门处理一些麻烦琐事？这是一般学生们对学生会常见的疑问。在这里我代表学生会回答你：学生会它更像是一个大家庭。

首先我们先来解释学生会会长这个角色，会长堪比是一个家庭的“爸爸”，负责凝聚人心，决定计划是否执行并确保顺利进行。会长往往是学院和学生之间的纽带，时常接收来自高层和学生层的意见，全部收集起来再寻找能让两者都满意的方案。同一时间，会长还得懂得挖掘每位成员的长处并安排适当的任务，如此一来才能确保活动能顺利进行。

如果会长是爸爸，副会长则是“妈妈”，副会长需要协助会长的每一次活动与计划，同时也要在会长抽不开身时担任“期间限定会长”来执行其他工作。同一时间，副会长也扮演着“信息过滤器”的角色，从数不胜数的学生意见中筛选精华，并准确无误地传达给会长，让沟通更有效率。

再来是学生会的书记，书记好比“哥哥姐姐”，负责召集成员进行会议并且记录下内容。不要小看这个职位，而且也不是每个人都能做。首先，书记必须要有非常高的专注力，从会前、会中到会后都需要保留会议实况的完整性。此外，会计也需要具备“速记”的能力，在讨论的过程中，可以使用各种符号来替代文字亦或是其他方式，找到属于自己的速记方式。会议结束后，书记需要根据会议结果拟出一份活动提案书，并且呈交与学院上级。

还有一位极其重要的岗位便是学生会的会计，和书记一样，会计也仿佛是“哥哥姐姐”，负责管理与计算每一次活动所需的经费。因此会计必须懂得如何财务管理，懂得分配经费，毕竟每一场活动都需要费用，因此会计就必须计算成本，管理经费以避免无谓的资金流失，确保每笔钱都花在刀刃上。

最后是学生会成员，他们就是“弟弟妹妹”，同时还是学生会的“宝贝”。当一项活动开始进行就必须有一群人来协助运行，这群人非学生会成员莫属。他们必须团结一致，坚守岗位，完成任务。而且成员们也可以在每一次的会议上提出各种意见，让讨论变得更开放多元，活动也能变得更有趣好玩，让每个人都尽兴。

学生会主席的心里话：

那么，作为 2022 年学生会主席的我，平日除了课业之外都在忙什么？自从担任主席一职之后，我便时刻抱着“必须让所有学生享受校园生活”的使命。为此我们举办了许多活动，例如筹款活动，登山徒步，海边野餐，参观博物馆等等。在组织数不尽的活动中，想当然我也遇到许多难关。

首先第一道难关就是确保所有学生都可以接收到活动详情，过去因为疫情的原因，导致学院的每一项课外活动都停摆，长期在家上网课的学生们逐渐地不关心课外活动，即便通过电邮把活动传递给每一位学生，却依然石沉大海。说实话，每每看到邮箱和手机空荡荡的时候，气馁和消极的情绪是一定有的。所幸这些问题都有解决方式，既然电邮行不通，那就善用其他的社群媒体——聊天软件和线上游戏。每个人都在使用聊天软件来与别人交流，我们当然也不例外，为此任何活动我们都会创建聊天群，把所有活动海报都发布在群组里，有意参加者能随时提出。另外一个方式便是线上游戏，没错，打游戏也能讨论“公事”，在短暂的休息时间能简单分享活动详情。此外我们也相信传统方式也很重要，所以我们重新布置了学院的布告栏，把每一项即将举办的活动海报粘贴在上面，让学生们能随时掌握最新资讯。

第二道难关就是沟通问题。在举办活动之前我们都会进行一次会议，每一次参加会议的人数必须超过学生会总人数的 50%。然而，我们都知道每个人都是独立个体，都有自己的想法，因此场场会议都充斥各种意见，如果不稍微控制一下，甚至让现场演变成激烈的辩论赛。当这种局面发生之时，我都需要鼓起勇气，大声并严厉地要求双方先降低音量，并聆听双方意见，尝试给出“皆大欢喜”的答案。

第三道难关，则是处理学生之间的人际问题。相信每所学院都会有这么一群学生，性格内向却又渴望参与活动结交朋友，我们学院也不例外。我天生性格敏感，加上喜欢观察四周，因此次次的活动中总是保持沉默，寻找“被遗忘、被忽略”的迷路者，一旦发现我就会立刻上前与他交谈，时刻陪伴左右，并和学生会成员一起帮助他走进人群。

在担任学生会主席的这段期间，我学习到了很多，学会如何直面问题并想办法解决，同时也变得比以前更认识自己。由于学生会代表学生群体的榜样，因此我们得时刻保持良好形象，做人处事需要考虑周全，但也不能想太多免得自我纠结，造成精神内耗。所以，不需要勉强自己，只要做好本份，让每个人都能对学生会感到放心，学院生活感到充实才是学生会的宗旨。

总而言之，学生会不只是一个建立在学生与学院高层之间的桥梁，也是一个充满合作精神与关爱的大家庭，是为了让学生们可以有更好的大学体验而建立的，我非常期待新生们可以一起加入这个大家庭。

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The ground-breaking building facility is a home to purpose-built, collaborative spaces, such as our Bloomberg city trading room and Team Entrepreneurship Hub.



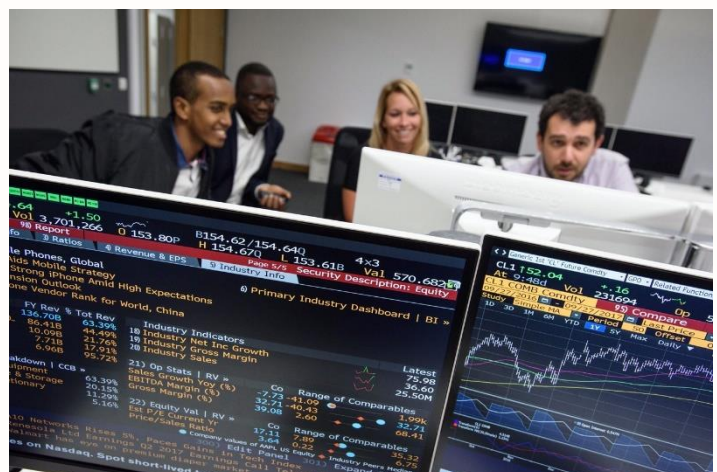
Our industry link offer hands-on placement opportunities to ensure our graduates are career ready.

Students who complete their Diploma at Sunway College, Kuching in disciplines like Accounting and Business Management are eligible for the exemption for the Bachelor's degree disciplines at UWE, Bristol.

Check this link for our Business school <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zfJRF3XVTnc&t=2s>

To learn more, students can get in touch with their placement officers OR contact UWE Bristol Malaysia team @ uweies.asiapacific@uwe.ac.uk

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunway College Kuching and Tabung Ekonomi Gagasan Anak Sarawak (TEGAS) will be organizing the inaugural **Borneo Corporate Innovation Summit (BCIS)** at TEGAS Digital Village on **13 October 2022**. The BCIS will be supported by Sunway University and Sunway Innovation Labs.

BCIS brings together visionary leaders and innovators from the ecosystem to share insights and best practices that tackle the pressing challenges of an ever-changing world. This summit will be focusing on the following pillars.

Corporate Innovation Strategy and Execution, Technology, Sustainability, and Future of Work.



Contact Ms Priscilla at 016-889 7813 or priscilla@swck.edu.my for more information or register at <https://forms.office.com/r/kfWmRx6UCi>



The Graduation 2022 date has been set on 12 November 2022!

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