

## THE TMC GAZETTE

First of all we would like to extend a warm welcome to all of the new students. We trust you enjoyed the 'TMC Race' and the Saturday's barbeque.

We would also like to welcome back all of our other students and hope that you have had a good rest and are ready for Semester 3.

A new copy of the TMC Gazette is published once every two weeks. The Gazette contains useful information on forthcoming student club and TMC activities. It also has useful advice and information from the academic departments, and advance notice of any talks by TMC, visiting university partners and others, so make sure you read it.

On a more serious note, many of you will be receiving a letter from me detailing the new Disciplinary procedure, please make sure you read it carefully, and I hope that I don't have to see anyone with regards to this all semester. The basic details are overleaf.

Finally a word of advice to all the new students, and possibly some of the existing students. Each semester is 10 weeks long, this may sound like a lot of time, however it passes very quickly. So make most of your time, keep on top of your assignments, and if you have any problems or need some help don't hesitate to ask your lecturers.

*Michael Cape*  
*Academic Director*

### Special points of interest:

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### STUDENT ESSAY COMPETITION

## “MORE THAN JUST A RED DOT”

First the IR, then the Singapore Flyer, and now the F1 race. In your opinion, what else would help boost the entertainment scene and tourism industry in Singapore?

Competition is open to all TMC Diploma and Higher Diploma students.

• 3000 word essay, closing date for submission is now 15 August 2008

For more details check the notice boards, or email [essay2008@yahoo.com](mailto:essay2008@yahoo.com)

Attractive cash prizes: 1st prize \$S200 2nd prize \$S120 3rd prize \$S80

And 3 consolation prizes of \$S40

## Academic Disciplinary Process

We have a small minority of students who fail to make the most of studying at TMC. Students should be aware of the student code of conduct, which is displayed in each classroom, and should note that we will be focusing on:

1. Missing from class and lateness
2. Disruptive behaviour in class including:

Using hand phones; Listening to music; Sleeping in class; Playing games, Inappropriate use of computers and other such behaviour

The disciplinary procedure works as follows:

First warning letter

Second warning letter, meeting with one of the department Associate/Assistant Deans and a 'Behaviour' contract.

Third warning letter, meeting with the Dean of the School, second 'behaviour' contract

If after the third warning letter from the School, the student still fails to meet the terms of the contract, then there will be one final meeting with the Academic Director. This is the final step in the process. If after this the student still fails to meet the requirements then they will automatically be asked to leave TMC.

## June 2008 'O' Level Alumni Meeting



### **TMC Alumni : Wu Simeng**

#### **GCE "O" Level Top Graduate, 2007**

I am Wu Simeng from Dalian, China, and I am currently pursuing a Diploma in Accountancy course in Singapore Polytechnic. Now I am very glad to share my TMC experience with you.

I came to Singapore in January 2007 and studied in TMC Academy which was really a good choice for me. The school fees were not too high compared to other private schools and our teachers were really professional and helpful.

As we are foreigners, our teachers not only guided us in our studies but also in our usual life, and you could just feel free to approach them for help. They all treated us like their children and gave us the best information they could. Last year, just like you, I wondered whether I could be admitted to polytechnic.

Now I tell you the truth that if you put in 100% efforts plus 100% spirit, I am sure you can go to your ideal polytechnic sooner or later. I remember our "O" level teachers always gave us challenging questions and exams to improve our standard. Every time, when my marks were not so good, I felt disappointed but all my teachers encouraged and trusted me. I will remember this experience forever.

As for my polytechnic life, it is actually terrific. Most courses have presentations which provide a good opportunity for you to improve your spoken English, the language that most Singaporeans speak. You can also join co-curricula activities to spend your leisure time. I know most of you are very eager to experience polytechnic life, so just try your best to work harder to achieve your goal. I am sure this moment will come.

## "English Workshop in Indonesia"

Hawthorn Singapore conducted an English Training Workshop for some teachers in the Indonesian city of Pekanbaru, from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> June. These High School teachers came from local prominent schools like SMP and SMA St Maria, SMA Negeri 8, SMA Cendana and SMA Santo Yosef. The 5-day workshop was facilitated by TMC's local partner Edlink & Connex and conducted personally by Dr Amy Rashap, the Director of Studies of Hawthorn Singapore. Positive feedback from the teachers sent a clear message: They want more!"

