



TMC
Educational Group

Every Step With You

Gazette

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**Welcome to
2009**

THE TMC GAZETTE

First of all we would like to extend a warm welcome to all of the new students.

The orientation - talks, games and activities are an important aspect of your entry into tertiary education and I hope it will make you more aware of what is expected of you. Of course, it is also the perfect time to make new friends.

We would also like to welcome back all of our other students, wishing you all a Happy New Year and trust that you are all ready for 2009.

One point I want to reinforce is the importance of developing good study habits. Regular attendance, class participation, continuous prepara-

tion for assessment and adequate rest will keep you energetic and attentive throughout the term. The 10-week term will be quite demanding and you'll have to maintain a high level of enthusiasm and put in relentless hard work to excel.

In addition one very important aspect that needs emphasizing is the need to keep working on your English language skills. It is noticeable that far too many students are not using English outside of class. So we will be encouraging everyone to speak English both inside and outside the classroom.

*Michael Cape
Academic Director*

Special points of interest:

- *Welcome back*
- *Speak English*
- *Quarterly Crunch*
- *Student Club*
- *Study and Research Skills*
- *Good Study Habits*
- *TMC Sign MOU in Myanmar*
- *National Library*
- *New Smoking Regulations*

The Quarterly Crunch

The latest edition of TQC is out, with a focus on 'Guilty Pleasures', so make sure you read it.

If you want to give any feedback, get involved in helping to write, edit, or design TQC then drop an e-mail to quarterly-crunch@yahoo.com.sg.

Student Club

Activities planned for semester 1 includes Basketball and a Soccer tournament. If you want to get involved in these, have other ideas or want to become part of the Student Club Exco then drop a line to studentclub@tmc.edu.sg or speak to any members of the Exco.

Study Skills and Research Skills

All of TMC's Diploma and Higher Diploma Students have to attend either Study Skills (Diploma) or Research Skills (Higher Diploma). Both of these programmes are important, as they help you succeed in your current programme and provide an excellent foundation for the final year of any Degree.

Study Skills and Research Skills give you the tools and the knowledge in how to use them. You will be expected to demonstrate your understanding and expertise in the Diploma and Higher Diploma assignments and exams.

When you reach the final stage of the degree, you have to be able to demonstrate to the university that you have the independent study and research skills necessary to satisfy the university examiners. This means being able to critically analyse questions, demonstrate proper research skills, use proper referencing, write good English and most importantly avoid plagiarism. So make sure you use the Study Skills and Re-

TMC Sign MOU with MCC in Myanmar



The signing of the MOU was witnessed by ministers from Myanmar namely, including Major General Thein Tun (Deputy Minister, Ministry of Communication, Post and Telegraph) and Brigadier General Kyaw Nyunt (Director of Communication, Ministry of Defense).

GOOD STUDY HABITS

Here are some tips to develop good study habits:

- The first thing you need to do is take responsibility for your actions. You are the only one who can decide your priorities and how to use your time and resources.
- Don't allow yourself to become distracted by friends and fellow students. Know what you have to do and when it needs to be done. Keep your goals in mind. Don't let other people influence you into not doing your work.
- Figure out your most productive times of the day. If you study best in the morning, plan to study your hardest subjects first. If you have trouble concentrating at a certain time, don't get out your hardest subjects or your most complex project.
- If you do not understand the course material, try some innovative ways to learn it. Don't just keep rereading the material in hope that you will eventually understand it. Ask your lecturer for help. Set up study groups within your class.

SMOKING

On the 1st of January 2009, new restrictions on smoking came into effect. You can no longer smoke in any multi-storey car park, nor within 5 metres of any building entrance or exit. So make sure that you don't get caught breaking these regulations as it can result in a fine.

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