National Cocktail Competition 2015

National Cocktail Competition 2015, organised by the Association of Bartenders and Sommeliers Singapore (ABSS), was held at Amara Hotel from 20th-21st July 2015. Three Higher Diploma students from the School of Tourism, Hospitality and Culinary Arts represented TMC Academy in the student category (non-alcoholic cocktail) at the event. The participants were Alvin Ng Jun Qiang (Leader of the TMC – ABSS Youth Wing), Clare Chua Xuan Qin and Tiffany Ko Cheuk Yan.

Clare Chua Xuan Qin became one of the winners (2nd runner-up) in this competition where she introduced her freshly prepared ‘Fruity Pleasure’ which was a concoction of pink grapefruit, watermelon, strawberry and apple juice and a nicely blended summer drink garnished with a twist of lime served in a mason jar. This is a delicious drink which can be enjoyed in any summer condition, either sunbathing in a lonely beach or next to a pool.

Another contestant, Alvin Ng Jun Qiang, presented his ‘Dragonlicious’ mocktail by shaking the mixture of coconut fruit mix, wild mint syrup, pineapple juice and lime juice. The mixture was poured in a nicely cut slice of dragon fruit in a poco grande glass. Although he did not manage to win any prize, he was able to earn a score of more than 90% from the judges with his brilliance.

Our third contestant was Tiffany Ko Cheuk Yan. Although her master piece ‘Devil Dance’ did not win any prize, her creation was applauded by all the judges. She created a fascinating dancing sequence inside the stemless red wine glass by shaking the mixture of strawberry fruit mixer, blue lagoon syrup, pineapple juice, orange juice and lime juice. This citrusy summer concoction was topped-up with soda water and garnished with a twist of lime.

The School would like to increase the number of participants in next year’s competition. If you are interested to join the competition or be part of other interesting beverage events, please participate in the TMC-ABSS Youth Wing activities and follow us: @tmc.abssyouth.
Fund-raising for Myanmar Flood Victims

Myanmar was lately hit by one of the worst floods in living memory. Severe flooding in Myanmar began in July 2015 and continued into August, affecting millions of people.

In order to support the flood victims, our students together with our student recruitment colleagues, held a donation drive from 17th to 21st August 2015. Booths were set up at both campuses to collect donations from TMC staff and students.

A total sum of S$400 was raised and channelled to our student recruitment partner, CROWN Education, to purchase daily necessities and relief supplies for the flood victims.

To all our donors, we would like to express our appreciation for your generosity in support of the donation drive. Your contribution means so much to us but even more to the victims back there. Thank you from all of us.

New Staff

Sritharan Rajalakshmi (Raji), Teacher - TMC College

I joined the TMC family in July 2015.

I believe that education is fundamental to success. As a teacher, I hope to motivate students in asserting their inner strengths and abilities, and discovering what truly inspires them. I strive to provide a stimulating learning environment that encourages students to trust their own intuitions, while fostering confidence in order to realize their full learning and career potential.

"Teaching High School Science and Mathematics has been very rewarding, with lots of excitement and creative problem solving. It involves crafting a learning environment where students are able to understand how the physical world works, and to connect complex scientific concepts to their daily lives.

I hope to instill a love for learning with a quest for knowledge and a desire to excel within each student."
**Durian Feast**

TMC staff gathered for a durian feast on 24th July 2015 and ate to their hearts’ content. They had a good time mingling with colleagues and enjoying the King of Fruits. Some even shared tips like drinking water directly from the durian husk to prevent sore throat when eating durians in large quantities.

**Table Tennis Game**

The Human Resource Department organised a table tennis game on 19th August 2015 for a group of racket game enthusiasts. This interest group was formed by TMC colleagues with the intention to play racket games on a regular basis. This is also in line with the Company’s on-going health wellness programmes to encourage healthy living.
We are pleased to congratulate the following recipients:

**July 2015**

* **Academic of the Month** – Mr Ashok Kumar (Lecturer – School of Business and Law)
* **Staff of the Month** – Ms Citra Anggreny Darmawan (Assistant Manager – Student Services)
* **Student of the Month** – Ms Jasmine Foo (Higher Diploma in Business, Accounting Specialisation)
* **Improved Student of the Month** – Mr Tim Liu Yixuan (GCE ‘O’ Level)

These awards recognise deserving employees and students who display the core values of TMC and acknowledge their contributions and achievements.

ABOUT TMC ACADEMY

TMC Academy was established in Singapore in 1981. It offers courses in various disciplines including Business & Management, English Language, Hospitality & Tourism Management, Information Technology, Law, Mass Communications and Psychology & Counselling.

OUR VISION

The leading academy that develops successful and high performance graduates.

OUR MISSION

We commit to delivering high quality courses with industry relevant skills and knowledge in a nurturing environment.

OUR CORE VALUES

Professionalism – We uphold the highest standards of ethics, accountability and transparency.

Affinity – We value relationships and see ourselves as a family that constantly supports and stands by one another.

Continuous Improvement – We are uncompromising in our pursuit for excellence and strive to re-invent ourselves to stay relevant.

Empowerment – We are ambassadors of our brand and each and everyone of us is responsible for creating an enriching and inspiring TMC experience.