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# Methodist College produces world class citizens



MCKL alumnus Gary YH Lee takes part in a marathon in Amsterdam.

**ESTABLISHED** in 1983, Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL) celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. Countless students have passed through its portals and moved on to pursue their tertiary education in prestigious universities, and taken on high flying jobs.

MCKL celebrates the success of these students who are now working in different parts of the world and enjoying what life has to offer. The college is proud to have been part of the process that moulded these world class citizens.

Founding principal Datuk F.R. Bhupalan laid the foundation stones which have contributed to the success of the college and its students. Her vision went beyond the portals of MCKL. In 1984, MCKL saw Karan Ponnudurai admitted into Stanford University, US, to pursue an engineering course and Davender Kaur into the University of Liverpool, UK, to study medicine.

High flyers sought out MCKL to do their A-Level programme. One such student was Arul Kandasamy, who came from the Royal Military College. He read law in London School of Economics and was appointed the Head of Islamic Financing Solutions in Barclays Capital. At present he is in Dubai which is considered to be the centre of happenings.

In conjunction with the anniversary celebration, a few alumnis have written to their alma mater.

Goh Chee Su, who graduated with a first class honours degree in engineering from Cambridge University, UK is now an engineer with Royal Dutch Shell.

He said: "MCKL was an adventurous experiment. My A-Level classmates and I spent numerous hours honing new skills. We learnt of the Impressionists who changed our perception of art and eminent physicists who revolutionised our understanding of the universe. We were inspired to see the world beyond our boundaries and to leave our personal mark. After Cambridge, the Royal Dutch Shell posted me to The Netherlands and later to Aberdeen, Scotland. I currently manage the gas turbines and compressors on the offshore Brent platforms."

Sajid Hassan, who graduated with a masters degree in engineering from the Australian National University, is now project manager and national system administrator for Lifeline Australia.

He said: "I joined MCKL to pursue my A-Levels on July 10 1998, just 22 hours after landing for the first time in Kuala Lumpur. The following one and half years were the most memorable time of my life.

"After graduating from MCKL, I enrolled in the International Islamic

University Malaysia to pursue a degree in engineering. I graduated in 2004 with a first class degree, getting an award from the Faculty of Engineering for Best Student in Software System. Upon graduation, I joined the Corporate Strategy Division of Mimos Bhd as a researcher. After 14 months, I decided to obtain a masters degree from the Australian National University in Canberra. Upon graduation, I joined Bridge IT Engineering in Canberra as a network engineer. I'm currently with

Lifeline Australia as project manager and national system administrator."

Julie Chee Kim Suan, who graduated with a second class upper degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Nottingham, is now a design engineer with Assystem, UK.

She said: "I loved that it (MCKL) was a relatively small community and everyone was friends with everyone. The Orientation Week was truly a fun experience. I do fondly remember all my lecturers.

"I was accepted into the University of Nottingham Malaysia to study mechanical engineering. I then transferred to the University of Nottingham in the UK to complete my studies and graduated in July 2007 with a second class upper degree in mechanical engineering. I now work with an engineering consulting company called Assystem UK on assignment to Rolls-Royce (Aerostructures)."

These stories of success bear witness that MCKL students have made it in the international arena. MCKL continues to nurture students for their future education, career and life.

Moey Yoke Lai, the present CEO, has appropriately coined an inspiring new tag line for the college - *Excellence for Life*.

Today, MCKL also offers an Australian Matriculation Programme, a Diploma in Early Childhood Care and a Certificate in English Language. New courses such as the Certified Accounting Technician are in the pipeline.

Later this year, a new block will be built incorporating the auditorium, atrium courtyard and the new library. With these, MCKL will continue to provide quality education in the best of Methodist tradition and many more will join the ranks of "world class citizens" in the near future.

The next intake for the A-Level programme is July 1.

On Sept 6, the 25th Anniversary Dinner will be held at the Legend Hotel ballroom. All alumni and friends of the college are invited to join MCKL for this historic occasion.

For more information on the anniversary dinner, visit [www.MethodistCollegeKL.edu.my](http://www.MethodistCollegeKL.edu.my) or call Jennifer at 03-2274 1851.