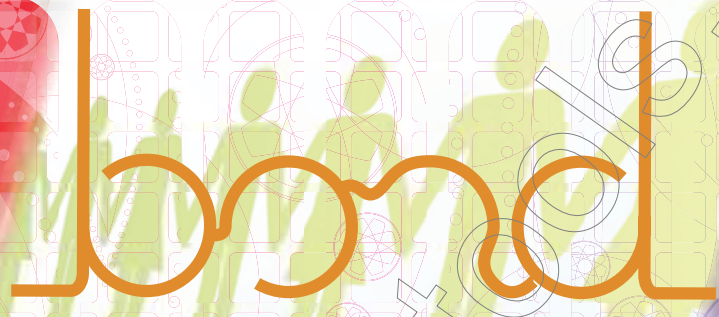


DEAR GRADUATES,



MDIS Alumni

Exclusively for MDIS Graduates!

We take great pride in bringing you the latest edition of Bond, our MDIS Alumni Newsletter. Filled with exciting updates of our graduates' latest achievements as well as the upcoming events for our Alumni, this issue will give you a sense of pride as an Alumnus.

To the graduating cohort of 2012, we congratulate you on your successful academic achievements and take this opportunity to welcome you as a part of our Alumni.

Another year has passed and MDIS has lived up to its reputation of "Optimising Growth, Seizing Opportunities". The same can be said of the fantastic achievements of our numerous graduates who are a true testimony of MDIS' success, and we are very proud of each and every one of you.


Being part of the MDIS Family, the Alumni had numerous opportunities to stay connected with their Alma Mater and lecturers in the past year. Moving forward, we hope to have increased

participation from our Alumni in different aspects as you keep in touch with MDIS' exciting developments and events.

In the latest issue, we feature the successful careers of various MDIS Alumni; a business owner of two budding enterprises and another MDIS Alumni member who is currently a Managing Director of Legato Tronix.

As you browse through this issue, we hope you will find MDIS' latest happenings insightful and interesting. We are definitely bringing you more exciting news and activities in our subsequent issues and electronic mailers. We appreciate your continued support as we look to stay connected with you!

Happy Reading!



Tan Gek Khim, PBM
Senior Director



INTERVIEW

About Colin Seet

1. Why did you choose MDIS?

Colin Seet (CS): As I had been well into a year of full employment, it was evident then that I needed to upgrade myself adequately soon. And I needed an institution that would be able to provide a conducive yet reputable education. That was when I had embarked on my search for the perfect deal, and it was not long after that I had been convinced by the offering from MDIS. It was assuring to read graduates' stories and testimonials of their life in MDIS, and the support they had been given by the institution.

2. What were you like in your school days?

CS: I was a total mischief in primary school, a vocal student in secondary school, and a man on a mission at MDIS.

3. How did MDIS play a part in your career?

CS: MDIS taught me to be independent, the education system gave me space to grow in a way that I needed and yet giving me a net to fall on. With that independence, I learned to survive by my own efforts, but not forgetting the need to work with a team as that was clearly stated through my experience with group projects.

4. Perhaps you can share with us some insights about your current appointment.

CS: I am currently a business owner of two enterprises. I am managing Production One Pte Ltd – an event services agency and One Wedding – a entertainment hub for wedding celebrations.

Production One Pte Ltd

Production One is an event services agency that offers a comprehensive array of resources and solutions that caters to all your event requirements. Our service specialisation profile encompasses three broad but distinct aspects that relate to most events – Events Management, Artiste Management and Technical Consultancy.

One Wedding

One Wedding is a one-stop wedding entertainment company for all your wedding entertainment needs. From the most engaging and experienced masters of ceremonies, the most entertaining musical acts, and the most professional technical consultants, we have everything you need.

5. Any happiness and/or regrets during your school days that you would like to share with us?

CS: I am truly glad that I had made so many friends, and even till now we still do share that bond whenever we meet. I can't say I have any regrets but I had wished we had the facilities the present students have.

6. As an Alumni, how do you think you can contribute to MDIS or what can we improve to rekindle your interest?

CS: I would like to share as much as I can, my journey with the present students through speaking engagements or even a one-to-one clinic session. I would love to be a part of a team / committee to advice and teach on event management. It was truly an honour to have had been invited to sit as a guest judge for the MDIS Talentime 2011. Events like these remind me of the pride I have for the institution. Moving forward, more networking sessions could be organised to gather graduates and resources as they may be in a good position to aid any programme or activity that is planned by the respective schools.



SPOTLIGHT

About Jay Xu Jie

How It All Began

I came to know of MDIS from one of the magazines that my friend gave me. The magazine listed various choices and details of private education programmes and I made my decision to join MDIS.

I chose MDIS because of its excellent international community which gave me the opportunity to make good friends from eastern Europe such as Russia, and also various parts of Asia including Thailand, Japan, Philippines, Korea and Taiwan. This allowed me to broaden my horizon and expanded my network and prepared me to go global when I graduated.

My Campus Life

It also exposed me to various cultures with different mindset and thinking. This allows me to widen my knowledge on mannerism and the various expressions of different nationalities.

(Tip: One example is that I enjoyed working with the foreign students because they emphasise on effectiveness and they make it a point to communicate with each and every group member all the time. Whether a mistake is made or a good job done, they are able to derive the positives from the learning journey and motivate group members. This motivates the whole team to scale greater heights and achieve targets ahead of time!)

What I Enjoyed

The time spent during group assignments was the happiest moment in my school days not because we got together to share our knowledge; the time spent was also the beginning where we fostered team spirit. MDIS is the perfect melting pot that prepared us for the globalised world as it allows us to connect, understand one another's culture and share the lighter side of our languages! We will still stay in touch with one another regardless of our location to build on the wonderful friendship fostered and the opportunities that MDIS provided us.

Currently

I am doing a project in Shanghai, China. The MDIS Experience has served me well in my global journey in integrating with current trends and adding value to my job. MDIS will forever stay close to my heart.



Jay in Germany on a leisure trip.



Jay (centre) with the delegates at HR Summit 2011



HR Summit 2011

Featured Events

MDIS Celebrates International Women's Day Honouring Women for their Role in Society

Amidst the majority of women present at the International Women's Day (IWD) event were some men, and Ms Grace Fu, Senior Minister of State for Information, Communications and the Arts & the Environment and Water Resources, the keynote speaker, was glad to note their presence and thanked them for their interest and participation. The IWD forum with its distinguished panel of speakers provided the buzz as numerous interesting topics were raised for discussion.

MDIS hosted its first Breakfast Talk of the Year at the MDIS Auditorium by honouring women on International Women's Day (IWD) on 8 March 2012. In its 101st year, the IWD event marked the importance of women's achievements and their role in improving their lives and those around them. The forum with the theme, titled "Connecting Women, Inspiring Futures", attracted more than 300 participants.

MDIS President, Dr Eric Kuan delivered his opening address welcoming participants to the event. Ms Grace Fu, as the Chairperson, PAP Women's Wing, spoke of the government's move in tightening the intake of foreign labour, which in turn creates a window of opportunities for women seeking employment on a full-time or part-time basis.

In concluding her speech, Ms Grace Fu said, ***"International Women's Day is a time to reflect on progress made, to call for change and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of women's rights."***



(From L-R): Dr Eric Kuan, MDIS President, Ms Malathi Das, President of LAWASIA, Ms Chloe Ng, Chartered Financial Consultant and Associate Manager of Professional Investment Advisory Services, Managing Director, Ms Judy Harman, McDonald's Singapore, Ms Grace Fu, Minister of State for Information, Communications and the Arts & the Environment and Water Resources, Ms Diana Ser, TV Presenter and Former Journalist, Dr R Theyvendran, MDIS Secretary-General, Mr Roger Tham, MDIS Assistant Secretary-General, Ms Tan Gek Khim, MDIS Senior Director, Mr Chamal De Silva, MDIS Council Member, and Ms Lynette Loo, MDIS Assistant Director

Featured Events



(From L-R): Speakers - Ms Chloe Ng, Ms Malathi Das, Ms Diana Ser, Ms Grace Fu and Ms Judy Harman, sharing their views at the International Women's Day forum.

Following her address, the panel of distinguished speakers, Ms Malathi Das, President of LAWASIA, Ms Chloe Ng, Chartered Financial Consultant and Associate Manager of Professional Investment Advisory Services and Ms Judy Harman, Managing Director, McDonald's Singapore shared inspiring messages and personal experiences to highlight their views.

The panel discussion provided the climax to the event with TV presenter and former journalist, Ms Diana Ser moderating the discussion on "Women Hold the Aces". The discussion focused on the strengths of women and how juggling work and family commitments remain the main challenges that they face.

At the end of the forum, questions were opened to the floor and answered by the panel of speakers. One of the participants shared the following feedback:

“ Thank you for the invitation, I left the talk very inspired - all of the speakers sent very positive and inspiring messages. ”

*Ms Jane Horan
Board Member, Singapore Council of Women's Organisation*

The event not only served to inspire women's minds, but also acted as a reminder that many opportunities were available for those who wished to achieve their dreams.



Participants at the International Women's Day forum

Featured Events



(From L-R) Our Panelists Mr Lau Weng Hong, Mr David Ang and Ms Joan Chang

“An Update on Re-employment Law and Guidelines”

MDIS hosted its Breakfast Talk entitled **“An Update on Re-employment Law and Guidelines”** partnering Ministry of Manpower (MOM) and Singapore Human Resources Institute (SHRI) to share with human resource practitioners and participants the challenges faced in the implementation of the guidelines on **25 July 2012**.

Attended by 230 participants, the talk kickstarted with Mr Lau Weng Hong, Deputy Director (MOM) addressing the audience and sharing information on the statistics and success rates. Ms Joan Chang, Deputy Director (MOM) spoke of the National Wage Council (NWC) Guidelines 2012. Thereafter, Mr David Ang, Executive Director (SHRI) led a panel discussion involving Mr Lau and Ms Chang and addressed the concerns that were close to the hearts of the participants.

The talk concluded on a positive note with a Question & Answer session and with much positive feedback from our participants.

Below are some of the examples:

“ **Good turnout and active participation from attendees.** ”

Mr Lau Weng Hong, Guest Speaker
Ministry of Manpower



Participants taking part in the panel discussion

“ **Good and professionally conducted.** ”

Mr Paul Tan, General Manager
Pacific Healthcare Group

“ **Much thanks to MDIS for organising the Breakfast Talk yesterday on ‘Re-Employment’ subject matter which gave us valuable information.** ”

Elsie Ang, Senior Manager
AspenTech



The participants before the commencement of the talk

Upcoming Event

MDIS Breakfast Talk

SINGAPORE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK 2013



The talk will focus on Singapore's Economic Outlook for 2013, followed by the Opportunities in Emerging Markets for Singapore Firms. A panel discussion involving the two panelists will focus on the following issues followed by a Question & Answer session:

- Singapore as a hub and its role in ASEAN.
- Singapore as part of ASEAN and having bilateral agreements with ASEAN+3 partners such as China, Korea and Japan.
- Impact of East Asia on Singapore's competitiveness now and in the long term.
- Pacific Region's influence on Singapore and ASEAN such as Australia, New Zealand, India.
- The possible impact of Eurozone's crisis on Singapore and ASEAN.

Date: 18 January 2013

Time: 8.00am - 8.45am

(Registration with breakfast served)

9.00am (Commencement of Talk)

10.30am (End of Talk)

Venue: MDIS Hostel, Auditorium (Level 2)



Mr. Song Seng Wun is presently the Executive Director and Regional Economist in CMB Research Pte Ltd. Born a Malaysian, Seng Wun holds a Master of the Arts in Econometrics from the University of Canterbury, New Zealand. He started his career as an Economist in Malaysian Banking BHD.

In the early 1990's, he moved to Singapore and worked as a Regional Economist with various major multi-national financial institutions such as Merrill Lynch (formerly Smith Newcourt), Warburg Dillon Reed (formerly SB Warburg) as well as ABN Amro (formerly ABN Amro Heare Govette). Seng Wun's area of focus is in the economics of ASEAN-5. He is an icon in South Asia's media as he regularly contributes his professional views on regional financial markets.



Sanchita Basu Das is a Fellow and the Lead Researcher for Economic Affairs at the ASEAN Studies Centre at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies. Prior to that, she was an economic researcher at the Regional Economic Studies Programme of the Institute.

From 1999-2005, she worked as an economist in the private sector. Sanchita is a co-editor of ASEAN Economic Bulletin. She regularly writes book chapters and articles on economic and financial issues facing Southeast Asia and on regional economic integration. She has authored a book, *Road to Recovery: Singapore's Journey Through the Global Crisis* (ISEAS, 2010) and edited *Achieving the ASEAN Economic Community 2015: Challenges for Member Countries and Businesses* (ISEAS, 2012).

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Alternatively, please register online at <http://www.mdis.edu.sg/Membership/MembershipEvent>

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Breakfast Talk: Singapore Economic Outlook 2013

The talk will focus on Singapore Economic Outlook for 2013, followed by the Opportunities in Emerging Markets for Singapore Firms. A panel discussion involving the two panelists will be followed by a Question & Answer session;

Day/Date : Friday, 18 January 2013
Time : 9.00 am – 10.30 am
Venue : MDIS Campus
Fees : Free



Mobile App Design Workshop

Learn the basics of creating apps that could generally benefit any organisations or themselves. Be part of this growing industry and if you have the next big idea, we may have the workshop to take it to the next level.

Day/Date : Friday, 25 January 2013
Time : 7.00 pm
Venue : MDIS Campus
Fees : TBA



Workshop: Be my Valentine

This dating workshop will help you with the finer points of attracting that special someone or to strengthen the bonds with the one you are already with.

Day/Date : Saturday, 16 February 2013
Time : 12 noon
Venue : MDIS Campus
Fees : Free



Zumba Fitness

Join our certified trainer to help you party yourself into shape with their exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, calorie-burning dance fitness-party that is moving millions of people towards joy and health.

Day/Date : Tuesday, 26 February 2013
Time : 10 am – 12 noon
Venue : MDIS Hostel, Dance Studio
Fees : \$35 (Members)
\$40 (Alumni)



MDIS Interest Groups

Get active in pursuing your personal interests and share sports passion with like-minded friends. Grab the chance to represent MDIS in various sports competitions or tournaments and keep yourself healthy and fit. Join us now for that spice of campus life!

Sports Interest Groups

Badminton Club
Basketball Club
Cricket Club
Dance Club
Soccer Club

Special Interest Groups

Toastmasters Club
Photography Club
Drama Club

For registration and payment of workshop/activity, please proceed to Membership Office, Energy HUB, MDIS Hostel, Level 5 or register your interest at events@mdis.edu.sg.

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