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Peninsula Students Impress Industry Leaders at PIC2025

By Nurul Nadia

Peninsula College's next generation of leaders put their skills to the test at the Peninsula Industrial Challenge 2025 (PIC2025). Students from the Georgetown and Shah Alam campuses went head-to-head, applying their knowledge to solve pressing, real-world problems in the logistics industry.

The challenge is a cornerstone of the 'Peninsula Advantage'—an industry-led learning model that moves education beyond the textbook. Instead of a typical assessment, students were immersed in actual operational challenges. They worked in teams to analyze issues, develop innovative strategies, and pitch their solutions directly to industry veterans.

Participants were trained in high-level professional frameworks such as lean methodologies, value stream mapping (VSM), and failure mode and effects analysis (FMEA). They also gained hands-on familiarity with the technology driving the sector, from warehouse management systems (WMS) and handheld scanners to modern automation.

After a rigorous semi-final at The Lighthouse Campus in Shah Alam, the competition concluded with a high-stakes grand finale at The Ship Campus in Penang. The final teams—ByteHaulers, Gan BA Logistics, UNSO Force, and Kaizen Warrior—presented compelling solutions for warehouse efficiency, ESG implementation, and automation.

Team ByteHaulers, comprised of Richard Ian Tanakinjal, Khor Chun Leong, Ang Yi Zhi, and Ooi Yu Zhen, ultimately clinched the Gold Award. As a testament to their potential, all finalist team leaders have earned eligibility for the prestigious COO Protégé Programme at PKT Logistics Group—a fast-track path to leadership.



PIC2025 highlights how Peninsula College is bridging the gap between education and industry, producing future-ready graduates poised to make an immediate impact!

Industry Advisory Panel Meeting 2025

By Brighton Heng

On 10 July 2025, Peninsula College Georgetown (PCG) gathered senior figures from Malaysia's government-linked agencies and multinational corporations for its second Industry Advisory Panel (IAP) meeting, advancing a shared agenda to sharpen graduate employability, align curricula with market needs, and chart practical responses to the rise of AI and sustainability reporting.

The advisory panel included:

Mr. Thomas Mathew - CEO, Talent Corporation Malaysia Berhad (Talent Corp), Chairman
Dato' Seri (Dr.) Michael Tio - CEO and Group Managing Director, PKT Logistics Group
Ts. Ng Kwang Ming - CEO, Digital Penang
Mr. Muhammad Ghaddaffi Sardar Mohamed - Director, MIDA Penang
Mr. Lee Eng Keat - GM, LAM Research
Ms. Jeannie Khoo Poh Gaik - Group COO, AYER Holding Bhd.
Mr. Sayron Ruiz - Senior Operation Director, Boston Scientific
Mr. Sui Keng Huat - Managing Director, INOKOM Sdn. Bhd.
Mr. Royce Tan - Director, Bosch Rexroth
Dato' Seri Lee Teong Li - Chairman, FMM Penang (represented by Mr Tan Leng Hock)
Dato' Sasedharan Vasudevan - CEO, Penang Port (represented by Mr. Muhammad Izzat Md Jonid)



The Industry Advisory Panel brought together leaders from the industry who offered candid, practical feedback drawn from current market realities. Their insights sharpened our focus on graduate employability—highlighting emerging skills, workplace communication expectations, technology adoption, and evolving regulatory trends—while also pointing to concrete ways to strengthen internships, industry projects, and curriculum design. Collectively, the panel's perspectives help ensure our programmes remain relevant, future-facing, and closely aligned with what employers need now and next. The meeting underscored a growing alliance between academia and employers to ensure PCG graduates are ready, relevant, and resilient for Malaysia's future economy.

Forum with Datuk Ruben Emir Gnanalingam

By Dr Latha Haridass



We were honoured to welcome Datuk Ruben Emir Gnanalingam, Executive Chairman of Westports Holdings Berhad, to The Ship Campus for a special forum that left a lasting impression on our community.

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From global port operations to strategic supply chain management, the session was rich with insights, real-world experiences, and inspirational stories that sparked curiosity and ambition among our future logistics professionals.

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Lightning Insights 2025 Extended Abstracts

By Brighton Heng

Peninsula College Georgetown, in collaboration with Politeknik Seberang Perai (PSP), is proud to release Lightning Insights 2025: Extended Abstracts with eISBN —a quick, practice-first collection for busy English educators. Inside, you'll find concise write-ups, classroom pilots, and AI-enhanced teaching ideas you can adapt this term.

Highlights from this issue

- *Grammatical Error Analysis in Narrative Essays of Secondary Students in Perak: A Case Study, by Dr Bharathi Mutty and Shuhasyini Balan*
- *From Draft to Masterpiece: AI-Powered Self-Editing in ESL Writing, by Mariappen Gopalakrishnan and Gaytri Kandaiah*
- *Enhancing English Language Teaching through Curipod: A Digital Pedagogical Approach, by Sri Sarmila Dewi Khrishnan — Interactive lesson design to lift participation and formative feedback*
- *Smart Talk: Polite Negotiation through PhBL, a Finnish-Inspired Digital ELT Model for Business English Learners, by Kalaievaanie Devaraj and Shalini A.V Paramasivam*
- *Scaffolded Vocabulary Learning through ChatGPT and Quizizz Integration by Heng Wen Zhuo*
- *Vivaai Framework: Revolutionizing Interview Readiness in ELT Classrooms by Shuhasyini Balan*



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Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who made Lightning Insights 2025: Extended Abstracts possible. We are grateful to the Organising Committee and working teams for their tireless coordination; to the Editorial Board and reviewers for careful stewardship and on-time production; and to all presenters and authors whose ideas and classroom innovations power this publication.

Special appreciation goes to our partners at Politeknik Seberang Perai (PSP) for their steadfast collaboration, as well as the many colleagues and support staff who handled logistics, communications, and design behind the scenes. Your collective effort turned rapid insights into a shared resource for educators everywhere—thank you.

Meet The Expert : Ms. Jeannie Khoo

By Tengku Aishah Nerina

Peninsula College Georgetown's lecturers recently had the privilege of attending an insightful session titled "The Talent Dilemma: Aligning Education with Emerging Global Shifts," delivered by the esteemed speaker, Ms. Jeannie Khoo, Group Chief Operating Officer at AYER Holdings Berhad.

In her thought-provoking presentation, Ms. Jeannie shed light on the evolving landscape of talent development, addressing both the challenges and opportunities brought about by the rapidly changing global workforce. She emphasized the urgent need to bridge the gap between education and industry, stressing the importance of equipping graduates with the right mix of skills and competencies that are most in demand today.

Her engaging delivery not only highlighted future-oriented skills but also sparked meaningful conversations among attendees, inspiring educators to rethink approaches to curriculum design and student readiness. The session provided valuable insights into how academic institutions can better align educational outcomes with the realities of the job market ensuring that students are well-prepared to thrive in a world of constant change.

This session served as a powerful reminder of our role in shaping graduates who are not just academically competent, but also industry-ready and globally relevant.



Featured Alumni : Selva Darshini

By Tengku Aishah Nerina

From her student days at Peninsula College to managing a large team in one of the leading global logistics hubs, Selva Darshini A/P S. Gnanapupathi is a shining example of resilience, determination, and leadership.

Currently serving as a Warehouse Shipping Executive at PKT – LAM Research International Sdn. Bhd, KLIA, Selva has built an impressive career in a relatively short span of time. Her professional journey began in customer service, where she was soon entrusted with greater responsibilities, moving into a supervisory role. Within three months, she was promoted again, this time as an Executive leading a department of 18 members in the shipping division.

During her time at Peninsula College, Selva was not only a dedicated student but also an active leader, serving as part of the Student Council under the Academic Exco department. This experience honed her leadership, teamwork, and communication skills, qualities that have proven invaluable in her current professional role.



Reflecting on her college years, Selva fondly recalls the multicultural friendships and strong teamwork spirit that shaped her interpersonal skills and boosted her confidence to thrive in diverse workplace settings.

“My journey at Peninsula College makes me who I am today. The Peninsula Advantage programme gave me the foundation I needed actually, from leadership and teamwork to industry exposure and career readiness. These modules prepared me to adapt quickly and stand out in the workplace. I encourage every student to take full advantage of these opportunities, because they truly make a difference in your growth and future employability. On top of that, get the JBSB certificate to stand out from other nominees. Learn through work experience, and remember that the way you communicate matters.” - Selva Darshini.

AI Training : The Smart Way to Set High-Quality Exam Papers

By Bryan Chew

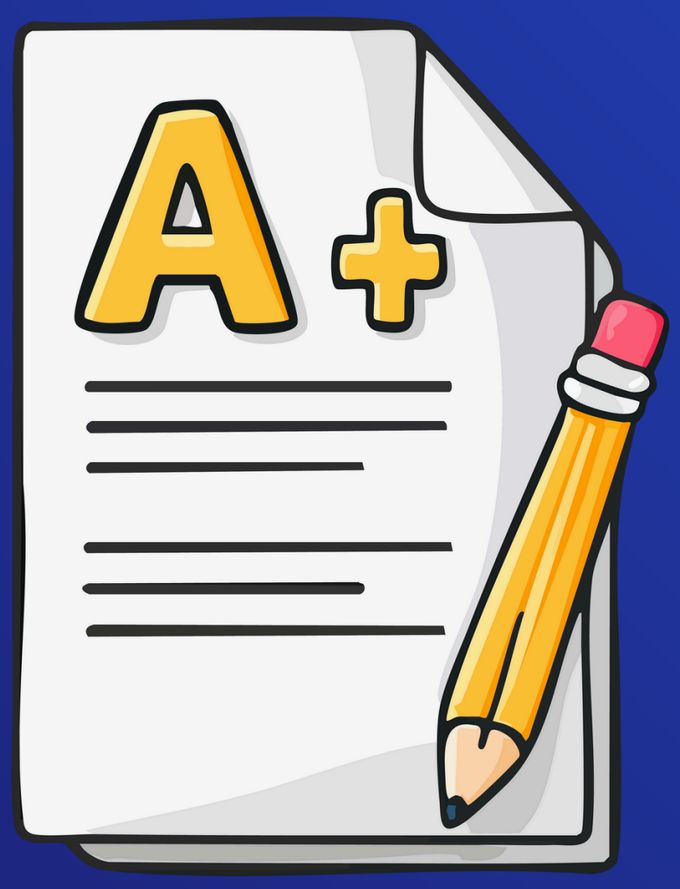
Peninsula College Georgetown is embracing the AI revolution! To ensure our academic staff remains at the forefront of educational technology, Ts. Mohd Khairi has conducted a specialised training session on Generative AI for Exam Paper Setting. Held on 11 June 2025, the hands-on session equipped the team to leverage powerful AI tools, including Gemini, DeepSeek, and ChatGPT, to design more effective and diverse assessments.

This training is expected to significantly reduce the time lecturers spend creating assessments while simultaneously ensuring every question aligns precisely with the Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs). This strategic adoption of AI tools helps guarantee that all assessment requirements are fulfilled and that marks are distributed fairly and logically across the paper.

The hands-on training went beyond mere question generation, focusing heavily on advanced prompt engineering. Lecturers were specifically guided on how to utilize the AI tools to generate questions that test different levels of cognitive mastery. This ensures that exam papers cover the full spectrum of Bloom's Taxonomy—from foundational Remembering and Understanding questions to higher-order skills like Applying, Analyzing, Evaluating, and Creating. This focus guarantees a more rigorous and balanced assessment design.

This initiative underscores Peninsula College Georgetown's commitment to continuously adopting EdTech innovation, ensuring our educators are empowered to provide the best possible learning and assessment experience for our students.





Career Fair 2025

By Tengku Aishah Nerina

We are proud to collaborate with Perkeso and MyFutureJobs in organising an exciting Career Fair @ The Ship Campus. We welcomed more than 15 reputable employers from various industries, giving participants access to a wide range of real career opportunities. These companies are not only well-established but also actively seeking fresh talent, making the fair a valuable platform for our students and graduates.



The Career Fair served as a dynamic platform where participants explored a wide range of real career opportunities across multiple industries. Attendees were able to ask questions, seek guidance, and build professional connections that could shape their future career paths. For many of our students, the experience also served as a stepping stone to better understand the recruitment process, industry trends, and the skills currently in high demand.

By hosting initiatives such as this, Peninsula College Georgetown continues to strengthen its role in bridging the gap between education and employment. We believe that empowering our students and graduates with exposure to real-world opportunities and professional networks is crucial in ensuring they are not only career-ready but also confident in taking the next steps towards their future.

The career fair is more than just an event, it is a commitment to creating a thriving ecosystem where education, industry, and talent come together to inspire success.

MyNext Briefing by Talent Corp

By Tengku Aishah Nerina

Peninsula College Georgetown recently had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. Azlan Nasrun, Lead Private Institution Engagement, Graduate Emerging Talent (GET), TalentCorp Malaysia, to our New Students' Induction Programme. His presence brought an inspiring start to the journey of our latest intake.

During the session, Mr. Azlan introduced MyNext Talent Briefing, a specially crafted, all-in-one platform designed to link students, companies, universities, and the workforce. This platform serves as a vital bridge between education and future employability, offering students a clearer pathway from classroom to career.
He explained how MyNext incorporates a series of assessments curated by experienced psychologists and educationalists to help students better understand their competencies and self-readiness for career opportunities. The platform also exposes students to diverse career paths aligned with their unique skill sets and interests.

Mr. Azlan also shared valuable insights on the upcoming launch of the MyNext portal, which will soon be available for our students to explore exciting opportunities for growth and career readiness. His presentation encouraged our fresh intake to take advantage of these tools early, equipping themselves with the knowledge and networks needed to succeed in today's competitive job market.



We extend our heartfelt thanks to TalentCorp Malaysia for inspiring our students at the very start of their journey with us and for reinforcing Peninsula College's commitment to preparing industry-ready graduates.

Peninsula Students Volunteer at PRISM 2025: Bionic Edge

By Jacqualine Gee



On 28 and 29 July 2025, ten students and two lecturers from Peninsula College Georgetown actively contributed as volunteers and participants at PRISM 2025: Bionic Edge, an event organised by the Project Management Institute (PMI) Malaysia Chapter. The two-day programme was held at St Giles Wembley, Penang, and brought together industry professionals, educators, and students to explore the latest developments in innovation, digital transformation, and project leadership.

Throughout the event, the college's representatives assisted in various facilitation roles, supporting the smooth execution of activities and engaging with participants from diverse professional backgrounds. This involvement provided the students with valuable exposure to real-world project management practices, networking opportunities, and insights into emerging technologies shaping the future of work.

Peninsula College Georgetown extends its gratitude to PMI Malaysia Chapter for the opportunity to participate in and contribute to this meaningful event.

Logistics Students Lead Successful Conservation Project at Sungai Merbok

By Bryan Chew

On 2 July 2025, students from the Diploma in Logistics Management programme, alongside their lecturer Ms. Nurul Nadia Mohamad, successfully executed a vital Mangrove Conservation Project at Sungai Merbok.

As part of the MPU2412 Community Service 1 course, the team planted a total of 500 mangrove saplings. This significant environmental effort was powered by the students' dedicated fundraising, which raised RM 3,000 through two weeks of campus booth sales. Their initiative was generously supplemented by an RM 2,000 sponsorship from the Lions Club Langkawi.



Our sincere gratitude to Jabatan Perhutanan for their invaluable collaboration and support, which were essential to the project's success. This project contributes directly to national tree planting campaigns and the preservation of coastal ecosystems. We are proud of our students for supporting this lasting environmental initiative, reinforcing the importance of mangroves for coastal protection and wildlife.

Despite initial heavy rain, the students demonstrated great resilience and enthusiasm, embracing the challenging, muddy conditions. The hands-on experience, while physically demanding, was a memorable and impactful learning opportunity for all involved.

Visit to Kampung Orang Asli Semai Ulu Jelintoh, Gopeng

By Jacqualine Gee



On Sunday, 20 July 2025, the MPU2412 Community Service 1 students from Peninsula College Georgetown organised a meaningful outreach trip to Kampung Orang Asli Semai Ulu Jelintoh, Gopeng.

Led by their advisor, Ms. Nurul Nadia Mohamad, a total of 40 students participated in the programme. Their dedication and teamwork were evident in their successful fundraising efforts, which raised RM 2,000 to make this visit possible.

This marked the first time many students had the opportunity to interact directly with the Orang Asli Semai community, one of the largest indigenous groups in Peninsular Malaysia. The Semai people, guided by Tok Batin Mansur—their spiritual and cultural leader—maintain a unique blend of traditional and modern lifestyles. Livelihoods in the village primarily rely on forest harvesting and wage labour, with bamboo, rattan, and petai collection being common income sources, alongside factory and quarry work.

The programme was organised in collaboration with Epic Pathfinder, an organisation that works closely with indigenous communities. Under their guidance, students conducted household mapping surveys, visiting selected families' homes and spending approximately 45 minutes at each location.

Findings revealed that several homes faced urgent issues, including tilted structures, leaking roofs, damaged wooden floors, and shared toilets among multiple households. These insights will help inform future development initiatives and support efforts.

The College commends the students for their commitment to community engagement and hopes this initiative will pave the way for continued partnerships that bring meaningful and lasting change to Kampung Orang Asli Ulu Jelintoh.



Industrial Visit to UCT

By Tengku Aishah Nerina

On 23 July 2025, a group of Peninsula College Georgetown students had the opportunity to visit Ultra Clean Technology (UCT), a leading multinational company in the semiconductor industry. This visit was part of our Campus-In-Industry approach, which is designed to expose students to real-world working environments while complementing their classroom learning.

Throughout the day, students were introduced to UCT's advanced manufacturing processes, including precision welding and other specialised operations that are crucial in semiconductor production. They were also able to observe first-hand the dynamic workplace culture that drives innovation, productivity, and excellence within the company.



The experience was not only technical but also highly inspirational. Students gained meaningful industry insights, particularly about the skills, expectations, and competencies required to succeed in the competitive semiconductor sector. This exposure strengthened their understanding of how academic knowledge can be effectively applied in real-world industrial settings.

Overall, the visit proved to be an impactful and eye-opening experience, sparking excitement and motivation as students begin to envision their future career pathways in high-tech industries.

Industrial Visit to Jambatan Kedua Sdn Bhd (JKSB)

By Jacqualine Gee

On 9 July 2025, six lecturers and twenty-four logistics students from the School of Maritime Business & Logistics, Peninsula College Georgetown, participated in an industrial visit to Jambatan Kedua Sdn Bhd (JKSB), the organisation responsible for managing and operating the Sultan Abdul Halim Muadzam Shah Bridge, more commonly known as the Second Penang Bridge.

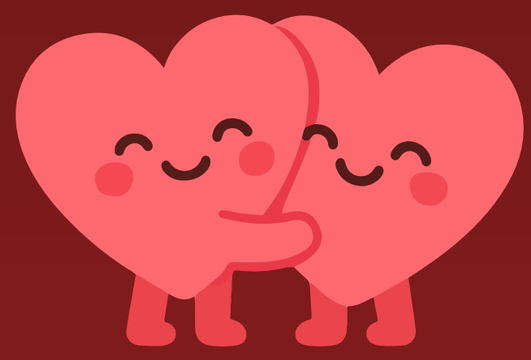
The visit was part of the College's ongoing effort to bridge academic learning with industry practice, giving students first-hand exposure to real-world operations in Malaysia's transport and logistics sector. Hosted by JKSB's dedicated team, students were given a comprehensive briefing on the bridge's operational management, covering traffic monitoring systems, maintenance protocols, safety measures, and sustainability initiatives. These practices are implemented to ensure the bridge's long-term functionality, reflecting the Ministry of Finance's commitment to national infrastructure excellence.

The programme also deepened students' understanding of the regulations and governance that underpin large-scale infrastructure projects, particularly the requirements under the Road Transportation Act and the Construction Labour Act. By linking these industry insights with classroom lessons in infrastructure management, supply chain coordination, and public sector governance, the visit offered a holistic view of how technical, regulatory, and technological elements come together in managing a major national asset.

The College expresses its sincere appreciation to JKSB for their warm welcome, hospitality, and the wealth of knowledge shared.



Peninsula Health Day 2025



By Tengku Aishah Nerina

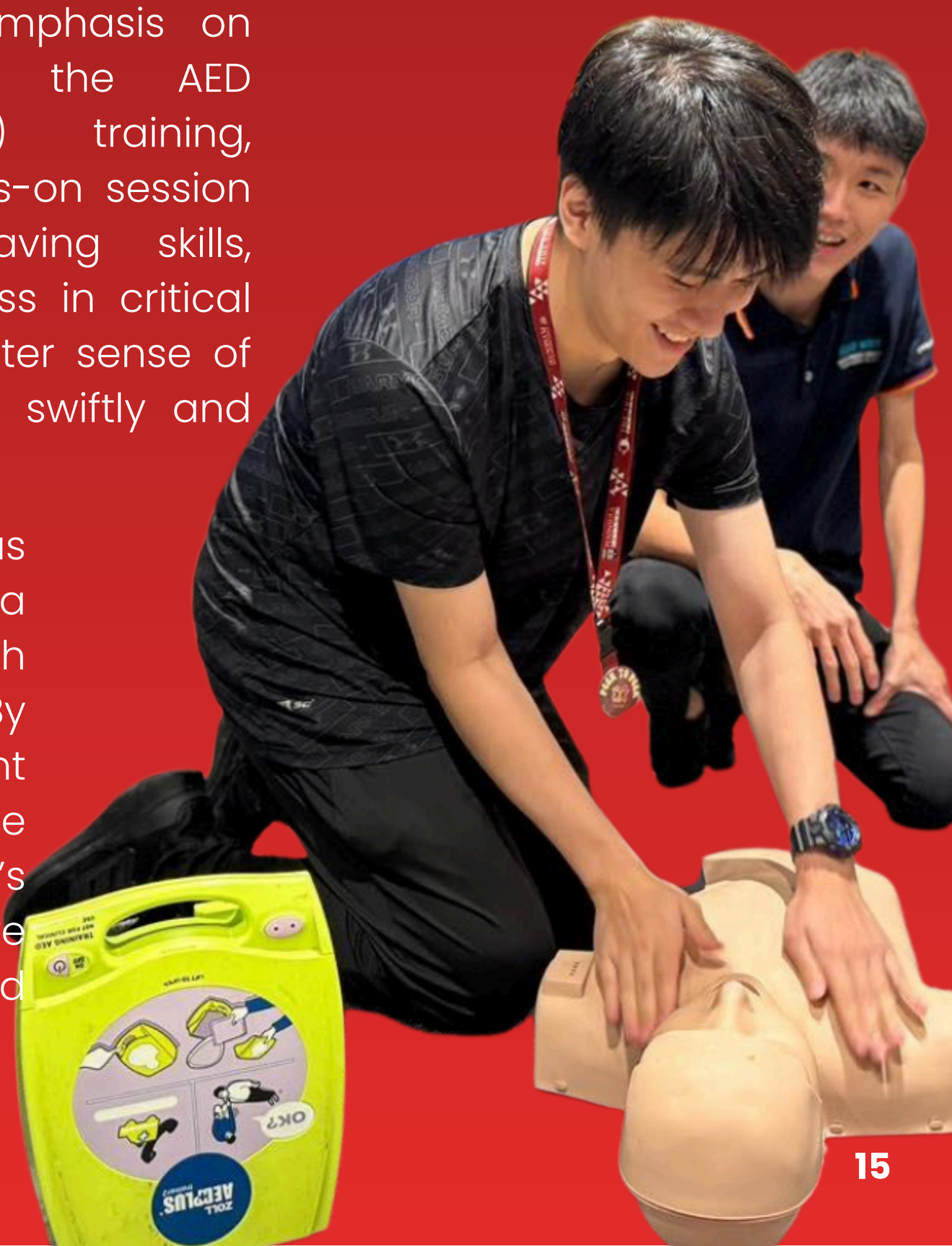
Peninsula Health Day 2025 was a resounding success, drawing strong participation from students, staff, and members of the wider community. Organized by the Centre of Student Services, the event was designed to promote holistic well-being and to raise awareness on the importance of proactive healthcare.

One of the highlights of the event was the free health screenings, which gave attendees valuable insights into their current health status. These screenings played a crucial role in helping participants identify potential health concerns early and encouraged them to take proactive steps towards healthier lifestyles. Many participants expressed appreciation for the opportunity, as it allowed them to better understand and monitor their personal health.

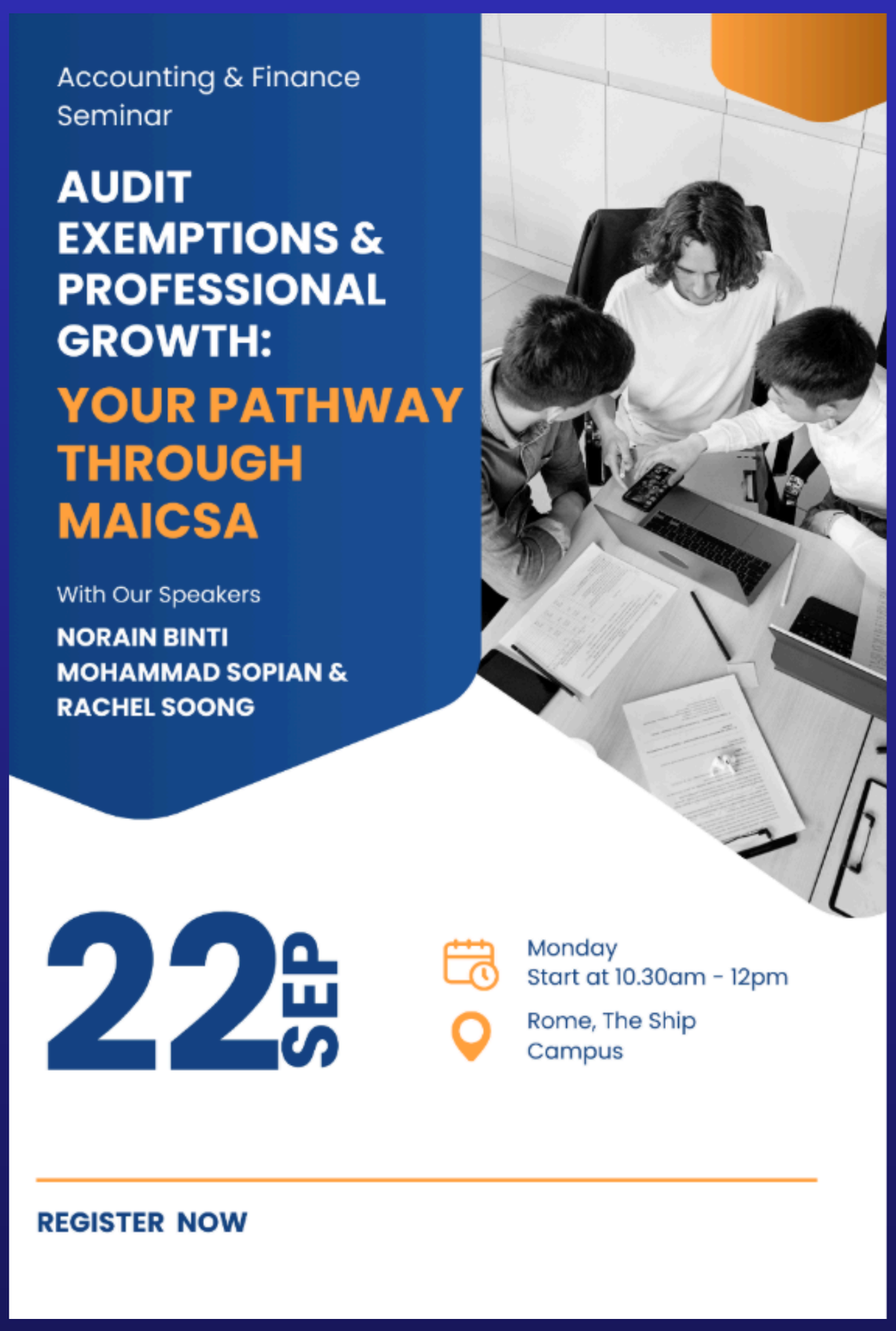
In addition to screenings, the programme also featured an informative health talk delivered by Ms. Inbajoothi from Columbia Asia Hospital. Her session on maintaining a balanced lifestyle and effectively managing health was not only insightful but also engaging, sparking meaningful discussions and questions from participants. The talk shed light on practical steps individuals can incorporate into their daily routines to enhance both physical and mental well-being.

The event also placed a strong emphasis on emergency preparedness through the AED (Automated External Defibrillator) training, conducted by Safety Ware. This hands-on session empowered attendees with life-saving skills, reinforcing the importance of readiness in critical situations. Participants left with a greater sense of confidence in their ability to respond swiftly and effectively during emergencies.

Overall, Peninsula Health Day 2025 was more than just an event—it was a platform to foster a culture of health awareness and community care. By aligning with Sustainable Development Goal 3: Good Health and Well-Being, the initiative underscored Peninsula College's commitment to nurturing healthier, more informed individuals who are equipped to take charge of their well-being.



Connecting Audit, Company Law & MAICSA Professional Pathways



On September 22, 2025, Peninsula College Georgetown hosted an insightful seminar titled, “Audit Exemptions & Professional Growth: Your Pathway through the Malaysian Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (MAICSA)” co-delivered by our expert accounting lecturers, Ms. Norain Bt Mohd Sopian (ICSA) and Ms. Rachel Soong (C.A.(M), ACCA).

The seminar was designed to provide a comprehensive overview of crucial regulatory updates, including Practice Directive No. 10/2024 and the phased audit-exemption rollout. The speakers also navigated key provisions of the Companies Act 2016, detailing everything from auditor appointments and annual obligations to the specific compliance duties of a company secretary.

This matters for students because it connects the "how" of their technical skills with the real-world "why." The session emphasised that while audit techniques are the applied tools, company law provides their legal purpose. It explains when audits are legally required and, in doing so, transforms technical work into a core governance duty. This distinction is vital, as it highlights that high-level careers in governance—such as company secretary or compliance officer—demand a sophisticated blend of both financial literacy and legal awareness.

From a practical standpoint, attendees learned how to assess audit-exemption eligibility and manage the required filings, including resolutions and submissions to the Malaysia Business Reporting System (MBRS). The session clearly demonstrated how core auditing skills like analysis, documentation, and control review are directly transferable to these governance roles. This helped students situate further professional studies, such as those offered by MAICSA, within a clear and strategic long-term career plan.

At Peninsula College Georgetown, we continue to provide learning experiences that connect academic study with the professional realities our graduates will encounter, ensuring they are well-prepared for the complexities of the modern business environment.



Next Gen Leadership Camp



By Tengku Aishah Nerina

The NextGen Leadership Camp 2D1N at Keda Resort Bendang Man brought together student leaders, council candidates, and club representatives for a weekend filled with growth, adventure, and unforgettable memories. Designed to push boundaries and strengthen leadership skills, the camp successfully combined fun outdoor activities with meaningful lessons on teamwork and resilience.

From kayaking across the calm waters, to the thrill of jungle trekking, and the excitement of cooking challenges and team-building games, every moment was an opportunity to learn something new. These activities not only tested physical endurance and creativity but also encouraged students to trust one another, communicate effectively, and work as a team to achieve success.

Beyond the challenges and games, the camp fostered a supportive environment where new friendships blossomed, confidence grew, and leadership potential was discovered. Participants walked away with valuable insights on what it truly means to lead, not just by giving instructions, but by inspiring and uplifting others.

The camp stood as a reminder that leadership is about balance, knowing when to guide, when to listen, and when to step up for the team. Most importantly, it gave students a platform to uncover their own strengths while appreciating the value of collaboration.

A heartfelt thank you goes to the Student Council and the Centre of Student Services for organising such a transformative experience. The camp was more than just a getaway; it was an investment in the future of our student leaders.



From Classroom to Career: Building Future-Ready Accountants

At Peninsula College Georgetown, we are committed to preparing our students not only for academic success but also for the realities of the professional world. Recently, our BA (Hons) Accounting & Finance students who had completed their internships delivered an online Internship Experience Sharing Session to their juniors.



The session was moderated by Rachel Soong and Dr Gabriel Gim, and we were honoured to have Dr Elly Teoh, Head of School for School of Business, Accounting & Tourism, in attendance to support and encourage the students.

The session highlighted how internships transform learning into practice. Our students shared how they:

- Applied accounting and finance theories in real business contexts
- Used professional tools and systems to complete tasks
- Developed workplace skills such as teamwork, communication, and adaptability
- Overcame challenges and built resilience in professional environments
- Gained clearer perspectives on their career aspirations



By hearing the experiences of their seniors, juniors are better equipped to approach their own internships with confidence, curiosity, and purpose. At Peninsula College Georgetown, we are proud of our BA (Hons) Accounting & Finance seniors for their generosity in sharing their journeys, and equally proud of our juniors for their eagerness to learn. Together, we are shaping future-ready graduates who can thrive in the accounting and finance profession.

NatureXcape: Trail & Tide

By Bryan Chew



On 12 July 2025, the Peninsula College community embraced adventure in full spirit at NatureXcape: Trail & Tide, an outdoor experience filled with challenges, laughter, and unforgettable memories.

Organised by the TAM Student Chapter, the event brought together 70 enthusiastic participants – students, lecturers, and committee members – for a day that had it all: muddy jungle trails, fun-filled beach games and an exhilarating boat ride at Pantai Kerachut.

Despite the rain and rugged paths, the energy and resilience of everyone who joined turned the day into more than just an adventure – it was a true celebration of teamwork, camaraderie, and the spirit of Peninsula College. A big thank you to the organising committee for making it such a success. With memories like these, we can't wait for the next thrilling chapter of NatureXcape!



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