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# PTPTN-UMK-PKT Industrial and Professional Certification Program (KPTIP) 2025



By Jacqueline Gee

The PTPTN - UMK - PKT Industrial and Professional Certification Program (KPTIP) 2025, organised by Peninsula Skills, was successfully conducted from 17 February to 1 March 2025 at Peninsula College Georgetown, The Ship Campus. A total of 246 students participated in this initiative, a collaboration between PTPTN, Universiti Malaysia Kelantan (UMK) and PKT Logistics. The programme aimed to equip students with industry-recognized certifications and practical exposure to logistics and supply chain management.

Participants undertook five specialised modules covering critical aspects of logistics, warehouse operations, and supply chain management over two weeks of intensive learning and industry engagement. These modules provided students with a solid theoretical framework, complemented by practical insights into industry best practices.

As part of the programme, Ts. Amir Rasyadan conducted an in-depth session on the IoT Ecosystem and its Data, highlighting the growing significance of digital transformation within the logistics industry. The session offered valuable insights into how the Internet of Things (IoT) optimises data management and enhances operational efficiency, preparing students for the increasing integration of technology in supply chain management.

A key highlight of the program was the industry visit to The 12 Waves, where participants observed real-world warehouse operations. This visit provided invaluable exposure to modern logistics practices, enabling students to gain firsthand experience of large-scale warehouse management. In addition, participants engaged in warehouse activities, applying their theoretical knowledge in a practical setting to develop essential industry competencies.

To further enhance their analytical and problem-solving skills, students participated in a warehouse-building challenge, where they were required to design and construct a warehouse model using recyclable materials. This exercise fostered critical thinking, teamwork, and innovative problem-solving, culminating in a presentation session where participants showcased their designs and logistical strategies.

Upon completion of the program, students earned industry certifications from PKT Logistics and professional certification from Bosch Rexroth, boosting their employability and professional qualifications in the logistics and engineering sectors.

The PTPTN - UMK - PKT Industrial and Professional Certification Program (KPTIP) 2025 reflects the Ministry of Higher Education's (KPT) commitment to fostering stronger industry-academia collaboration and ensuring that graduates are equipped with both theoretical knowledge and hands-on experience. This initiative serves as a vital step in bridging the gap between education and industry, preparing students for dynamic career opportunities in the logistics sector.

# Full Accreditation for Diploma in Travel and Tourism Management



By Jacqueline Gee

Peninsula College Georgetown is proud to announce that its Diploma in Travel and Tourism Management (MQA/FA 13893) has successfully attained Full Accreditation from the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA). The accreditation assessment, held on 23 and 24 January 2025, marks a significant achievement in the college's commitment to academic excellence.

The evaluation was conducted by Dr. Fadzilah Mohd Shariff and Puan Wan Azmin Mohd Abu Bakar, with Puan Fatin Syafiqha binti Saidi as the MQA coordinating officer. The panel carried out a thorough review of academic documentation, programme structure, and student assessments. They also inspected facilities, classrooms, and educational resources to ensure a conducive learning environment.

Additionally, the auditors conducted interviews with faculty, students, and administrators to gather insights into teaching quality and student experiences. Classroom observations were also held to assess lesson delivery, engagement, and learning outcomes. Following the comprehensive evaluation, Peninsula College Georgetown successfully secured Full Accreditation, reinforcing the programme's quality, relevance, and industry alignment. This recognition assures students that they are receiving a certified and reputable education, equipping them with the necessary skills for careers in the tourism sector.

The college extends its sincere appreciation to MQA, faculty, staff, and students for their dedication and efforts in achieving this milestone. With this accreditation, Peninsula College Georgetown remains committed to providing top-tier education and preparing students for success in the travel and tourism industry.

## Driving Excellence Through Internal Audit



By Brighton Heng

Peninsula College Georgetown successfully carried out its annual Internal Audit exercise from February to March 2025. Led by the Quality Enhancement Department under the leadership of Ms. Ooi Kien Bee, the audit brought together appointed staff members who served as Internal Auditors. These auditors were grouped into teams and assigned to critically review key areas of the college, including academic programmes, examination processes, human resources, and educational resources.

Throughout the audit period, the teams conducted thorough evaluations and engaged with relevant departments to gain a deeper understanding of operational strengths and areas for improvement. The process was collaborative and transparent, reflecting the college's commitment to maintaining high standards across all aspects of its operations.

Reflecting on her experience, Dr. Elly Teoh, one of the auditors, shared, "It was a truly immersive and stimulating experience which gave us dual perspectives as both auditors and auditees, which I believe will greatly facilitate future official audits."

By the end of the exercise, the Internal Audit team successfully submitted detailed reports and actionable recommendations to the college leadership. These findings are now being reviewed to inform strategic decisions and shape future initiatives aimed at enhancing institutional quality.

Peninsula College Georgetown extends its appreciation to all staff members who contributed their time, expertise, and insights to this important process. Their dedication ensures that the college continues to improve, innovate, and deliver excellence in education.

# Meet Our New Programme Leaders at the School of Business, Accountancy and Tourism

By Latha Haridass

Peninsula College Georgetown is proud to introduce three outstanding lecturers who have stepped into key academic leadership roles within the School of Business, Accountancy and Tourism. With their diverse backgrounds in industry and education, they bring a wealth of knowledge and a shared commitment to academic excellence and student success.

## Mr. Elgin Loh Yi Xian (MBA)

Programme Leader, Diploma in Business Studies



With over eight years of experience in both the manufacturing and education sectors, Mr. Elgin Loh brings a multifaceted perspective to his role. For the past seven years, he has been dedicated to teaching a wide range of programmes, including Cambridge A-Level, Foundation in Business, AUSMAT, MUFY, Diploma in Digital Business, Diploma in Business Studies, and the University of Plymouth Degree programme.

Elgin holds a Master of Business Administration from Universiti Teknologi Malaysia and a degree in International Financial Economics from Universiti Malaysia Sabah. His academic expertise spans Econometrics, Financial Economics, Business Administration, and Strategic Management. In the classroom, Elgin fosters active learning through case studies, group discussions, and simulations, aiming to equip students with the analytical tools and practical skills needed to thrive in real-world business environments.

## Ms. Rachel Soong Gze Peng, C.A (M), ACCA (UK)

Programme Leader, Diploma of Accountancy, BA (Hons) Accounting and Finance

A Chartered Accountant and HRD Corp Accredited Trainer, Ms. Rachel Soong's approach to education is grounded in adaptability and lifelong learning. She believes that in a rapidly evolving profession like accounting, the ability to embrace change is just as important as technical knowledge.

Rachel is passionate about mentoring future accountants and instilling in her students the value of continuous growth. She often shares the guiding principle, "What you do now determines your future," encouraging students to reflect, adapt, and stay open to new knowledge. Her balanced perspective and forward-thinking mindset not only shape her teaching but also inspire others to navigate the changing landscape of the accounting world with confidence and purpose.



## Ms. Ranjani A/P Narayanan (MBA)

Programme Leader, Diploma in E-Business Technology

Ms. Ranjani Narayanan began her career in banking, rising through the ranks at HSBC and Standard Chartered in roles spanning compliance and anti-money laundering. Her global experience included training staff across different countries, enriching her understanding of cross-cultural business practices and regulatory frameworks.

After earning her MBA in 2018, Ranjani transitioned into academia, where she found new purpose in shaping future professionals. She is currently pursuing a PhD in Accounting and Corporate Governance at Universiti Sains Malaysia. Alongside her degrees, she holds professional certifications in digital marketing and e-commerce entrepreneurship and is an HRD Corp Accredited Trainer. These credentials, together with her corporate background, inform her teaching and fuel her passion for linking classroom theory to real-world application. Her journey from industry to education exemplifies lifelong learning and agile career evolution.



# 7 Steps for Career Development in MNC

By Tengku Aishah Nerina



On February 12, 2025, we had the privilege of hosting an insightful session with Mr. Raveendhar Vasu, the former CFO of OSRAM Opto Semiconductor Malaysia and an esteemed Industry Fellow at Peninsula College. This event was tailored specifically for our final-year students preparing for their industrial training, alongside our dedicated lecturers who support them in their academic journeys.

Mr. Raveendhar emphasized the critical role of having a "navigator" in our career journey, encouraging individuals to seek guidance and mentorship as they navigate the complexities of career development. He discussed the numerous benefits of working in multinational corporations (MNCs), highlighting the potential for substantial career growth, global exposure, extensive networking opportunities, and the attractive compensation package that MNCs often offer.

Additionally, Mr. Raveendhar provided valuable insights into how MNCs operate, explaining that these organizations prioritize profitability through customer satisfaction, ensuring the best quality, cost competitiveness, and timely delivery of products and services. He shared practical tips on how participants can differentiate themselves in a competitive industry, enhancing their visibility and growth potential within their careers.

The importance of developing the right mindset and skills for the corporate world was a recurring theme throughout the session. Mr. Raveendhar encouraged attendees to cultivate a proactive approach to learning and professional development. Overall, this event proved to be an eye-opener for all participants, providing essential insights and actionable strategies for navigating their future careers in MNCs. We are grateful to Mr. Raveendhar for sharing his expertise and to everyone who attended, making the event a success!

## Boosting Career Profile for Industry Employability: LinkedIn Workshop



By Tengku Aishah Nerina

We had a blast on February 19, 2025, at a fantastic workshop with the amazing Ms. Shareen Lee Yong Yong, an inspiring English lecturer and ICF-certified coach! This session, part of our Peninsula Advantage program under the Career Readiness module, was all about boosting our professional profiles.

We dove into the world of LinkedIn, a key player for anyone looking to kickstart their career. With over 20 billion users, it's super important to stand out and grab the attention of potential employers. Shareen showed us how to create catchy headlines, share our unique stories, and highlight our skills, just all to make our profiles pop!

The vibe was super interactive, and everyone got to share ideas and give feedback, which made it even more fun. We learned to think outside the box and showcase our individuality, which is crucial in today's job market. By the end of the workshop, we were pumped and ready to take our LinkedIn profiles to the next level! We're now equipped to make meaningful connections and enhance our job search strategies, ensuring we shine in front of potential employers.

A huge shoutout to Shareen Lee for her awesome insights and guidance! We can't wait to put our new skills to work and continue our journey toward career success on this exciting day!



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## Industrial Visit to Boston Scientific Malaysia

By Tengku Aishah Nerina

What an exhilarating experience at Boston Scientific Malaysia! We had the chance to explore the forefront of medical technology and innovation.

Kicking off with a warm welcome, we learned about how Boston Scientific is transforming healthcare through cutting-edge solutions in cardiology, urology, and beyond. Our final-year students seized the opportunity to connect with industry experts and HR professionals during a dynamic networking session, exploring exciting career pathways and potential collaborations.

The tour of the high-tech facilities left us inspired, showcasing groundbreaking products that are changing lives. The day ended with a lively Q&A, filled with curiosity and enthusiasm. A massive shoutout to Boston Scientific for this incredible opportunity! We're charged up and ready to take on new challenges in our careers!



## Ponggal Celebration!

By Rajasegar Chandra



The Cultural and Heritage Club with Centre of Student Services at Peninsula College organised a vibrant Ponggal celebration that brought the entire college community together for a day filled with joy and cultural appreciation. The event was officiated by Ir. Ts. Edwin Goh Boon Hoe, Deputy Chief Executive (Academics), who highlighted the importance of celebrating traditions and fostering unity within the campus.

The festivities included exciting station games that kept everyone engaged, an on-the-spot breakfast to kickstart the day, and a traditional Ponggal cooking activity where participants came together to prepare the iconic sweet rice dish, symbolising gratitude and prosperity.

The celebration concluded with a delightful banana leaf lunch, allowing everyone to savor traditional flavors while enjoying the warmth and camaraderie of the event. A big thank you to the Student Services team and all participants for making this Ponggal celebration a memorable success!



# The Stress Secret: How the Right Kind Can Actually Boost Your Work Game

We've all been there—racing against a deadline, palms sweaty, heart pounding, wondering if caffeine counts as a food group. Stress often feels like the ultimate workplace villain which the thing that steals sleep, fuels burnout, and turns inbox zero into a mythical creature. But what if I told you stress is not always the bad guy? Meet its misunderstood twin, “eustress”, the stress that is here to help. Let's unpack this.



## The Good, The Bad, and The Stressful

**Distress** is that soul-crushing feeling when your to-do list laughs at you. It is the midnight panic over a project with no clear direction, or a toxic work environment that leaves you drained. This is stress gone rogue. It overwhelms, exhausts, and if ignored, can lead to calling in sick “just because” or browsing job boards during work hours.

**Eustress**, though? That's the thrill of a challenge you know you can conquer. It's the buzz of landing a new project, the focus from a tight-but-doable deadline, or the rush of presenting an idea you are proud of. This “good stress” is your cheerleader, pushing you to grow without burning you out.

Think of stress like a guitar string. Too loose, and nothing happens. Too tight, and it snaps. But with the right tension? You create beautiful music. Got it! 🎸

## Why Your Brain Loves a Little Pressure

Ever notice how you ace a task when the stakes are just high enough? That is eustress in action. It sharpens your focus, fuels creativity, and turns “I can't” into “Watch me.” Psychology studies suggest manageable stress can boost performance by priming your brain to tackle challenges.

But when demands spiral into chaos—unrealistic deadlines, vague goals, or a boss who micromanages—the same stress becomes a productivity killer. Distress floods your system with cortisol, fogging your thinking and making Monday mornings feel like marathons.



## How to Keep Stress on Your Side (and Your Team's)

For you, the magic word is agency: Talk about it. Bottling stress amplifies it. Chat with your BFFs, a colleague, or even your manager—chances are, they've been there too.

Embrace the pause. A walk, deep breaths, or a lunch break resets your brain. You'll tackle tasks better after.

At workplace, it's about balance: Ditch the chaos, keep the challenge. Replace “ASAP” with clear, achievable goals. A team that knows what to do and why it matters thrives.

Celebrate small wins. Recognition fuels motivation. A simple “Great job on that presentation!” can turn pressure into pride.

## The Takeaway: Stress Isn't the Enemy—It's Your Co-Worker

Stress isn't going anywhere. But when harnessed right, it's the spark that drives innovation and growth. So next time you feel that familiar buzz, ask: Is this the good kind? If not, it might be time to tweak the dial—or speak up. After all, a workplace that masters the balance of stress isn't just productive—it's human.

**Remember**, you're not a machine.

A little stress? Nah, it's healthy. Constant chaos? Time to change the storyline.

💡 Now, go take that coffee break. You've earned it. ☕



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# Celebrating the Year of the Snake

By Tengku Aishah Nerina

Peninsularians came together to welcome the Year of the Snake with a lively Chinese New Year celebration that brought excitement and joy to our campus. The highlight of the event was an impressive Lion Dance that amazed everyone and showcased our rich cultural traditions. Alongside the dance, there were fun game booths organized by the Student Council, providing plenty of entertainment, and delicious festive treats that delighted all attendees.

The atmosphere was filled with happiness and community spirit, making it a memorable day for everyone involved. This celebration not only highlighted the importance of cultural festivities but also helped strengthen the bonds among students, faculty, and staff.

We want to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who took part in the celebration, whether you joined in the lion dance, enjoyed the games, or simply soaked in the festive spirit. A special shoutout goes to the Student Council for their hard work in organising the booths and making sure everything ran smoothly.

As we look ahead, let's keep this joyful spirit alive and aim to make the 2026 celebration even more amazing. Together, we can continue to celebrate our traditions and create wonderful memories at Peninsula College Georgetown.

# DESK Club's Beach Cleaning Event at Pantai Esen!



By Bryan Chew

Peninsula College Georgetown's DESK Club made a significant impact on our local environment with a recent beach cleaning event at Pantai Esen. A huge shoutout to the 14 dedicated students and other participants who dedicated their time and effort to keeping Pantai Esen clean and beautiful! The event was made possible with the guidance of Mr. Shamfariza, and Mr. Amir and Ms. Tengku Aishah from Centre of Student Services.

This initiative directly supports Sustainable Development Goal 13: Climate Action, demonstrating Peninsula College Georgetown's commitment to combating climate change and protecting our valuable ecosystems. The event was a fantastic opportunity for community engagement and connecting with nature at Pantai Esen. Let's continue working together to protect our environment for a sustainable future!

# Meet Your Student Council President

By Latha Haridass

At the heart of every thriving student community is a passionate leader who listens, advocates, and inspires. As the newly elected President of the Student Council for 2024 and 2025, Tristan brings a wealth of experience, a forward-thinking mindset, and a strong dedication to student welfare and engagement. In this exclusive interview, Tristan shares his vision, leadership philosophy, and a few words of encouragement for fellow students.

## Could you introduce yourself to your fellow students at Peninsula?

Hi everyone, my name is Tristan Goh Cher Khai, but my friends call me 'Tris.' I'm currently serving as the President of the Student Council for 2024 and 2025. I'm also pursuing a Diploma in Logistics Management, aiming to continue with a Bachelor of Science with Honours in Maritime Business (Logistics).

Before joining Peninsula College Georgetown, I held leadership roles, including Managing Director of the Youth Entrepreneurs Club, where I led an award-winning team. As President, my focus is on enhancing student welfare and creating more engaging campus events. I believe "Leadership is not about being the best; it's about making everyone else better."

## How would you describe the role of Student Council?

The role of the Student Council is broad, ranging from organising campus events—both academic and non-academic—to enhancing student welfare. At the heart of it all, we serve as the voice of the students. We exist for the students, advocate for their needs, and aim to enrich their college experience. Beyond these responsibilities, the Student Council plays a vital role in shaping the leaders of tomorrow. Through challenges and obstacles, we don't just create events—we cultivate resilience, growth, and leadership.

## What's your role as the President of Student Council?

As the President of the Student Council, my role isn't limited to ensuring that students' voices are heard—it's also about making sure they are acted upon. I serve as a bridge between the students and the college, aiming to create an environment where everyone feels heard, supported, and engaged. If any student has concerns or issues they'd like to discuss, they're always welcome to reach out to me through my socials or meet me in person—I often spend my free time at the library.

## What would you like to say to your fellow students at Peninsula?

"Life is not fun unless you challenge yourself." This is a quote I've lived by for years. I believe it's never embarrassing to try and fail. The first step always takes the most courage, but every step that follows leads you down a path of growth, experience, and wisdom.



# Cyber Safety Workshop with SMJK Keat Hwa 1

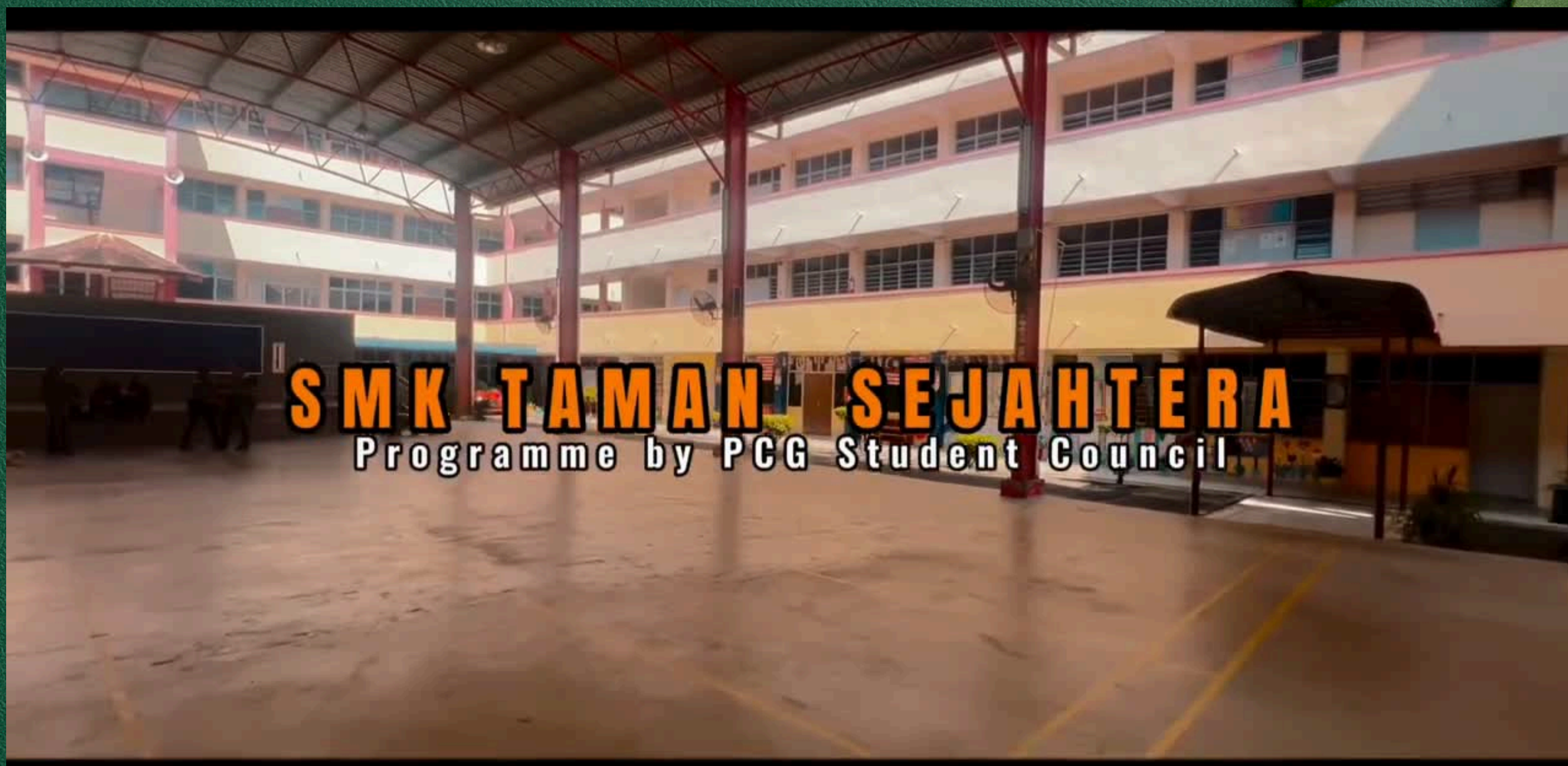
By Nurul Nadia Mohamad

On 9 January 2025, we had the pleasure of welcoming 39 students and 6 teachers from SMJK Keat Hwa 1 for an insightful workshop on cyber safety. The session was conducted by Ms. Nafisah Misriya from the School of Technology and Engineering, who shared valuable knowledge on essential topics such as safe browsing practices, VPN connections, and how to protect against cyber-attacks.

Throughout the workshop, students engaged in interactive discussions and learned practical tips to stay safe online. It was a meaningful experience, reinforcing the importance of cybersecurity in today's precarious digital world. We appreciate the participation of everyone involved and hope the students will apply these skills in their daily online activities.



# SMK Taman Sejahtera Student Team Building



By Tengku Aishah Nerina

On 30 December 2024, the Student Council of Peninsula College Georgetown had the pleasure of hosting an exciting Team Building Program at SMK Taman Sejahtera. A heartfelt thank you goes out to Puan Sharifah Atikhah Syed Alias, Penolong Kanan Kokurikulum, for inviting us and for her unwavering support.

This event engaged approximately 300 students from 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM, creating an atmosphere of fun and camaraderie. The day kicked off with energizing aerobics, setting a lively tone for the activities ahead. Students participated in ice-breaking sessions that fostered connections and teamwork.

The excitement continued with E-Sports games, which captivated 80 participants, showcasing their competitive spirit. Additionally, station games such as Charades, Dodgeball, Water Balloon Toss, Pour the Water, and Pull the Strings provided a mix of challenge and enjoyment, ensuring everyone was involved.

We also extend our gratitude to the students for their incredible energy and participation. It was truly a day filled with teamwork, laughter, and unforgettable moments.

## Crown Your Confidence

By Bryan Chew

A well-groomed hairstyle can significantly enhance a positive first impression, making hair grooming an important aspect of interview preparation. To address this, students from Diploma in Travel and Tourism Management organised a hair grooming workshop designed to provide their peers with essential styling skills for professional settings.

The open workshop was held on March 25, 2025 at Forest lounge. Participants received exclusive benefits, including professional hair grooming tips, a corporate-ready hairstyling demo, and a Q&A session with an expert, Mr. Iz Phang, CEO of H.I Signature Academy.

The workshop aimed to boost confidence and help students maintain a polished and lasting impression. Participants discovered confidence-boosting hairstyles and gained important grooming tips applicable to both interviews and corporate environments.



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save our Earth.**

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