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WORDS FROM
RESIDENCE
MASTER





**Prof. Alvin Leung
& Family**



With the passing of the pandemic, I am thrilled to witness the resumption of numerous student activities that have enriched our hall life and fostered our vibrant ABC Hall culture. Throughout the year, we have seen an impressive array of student-initiated projects, Hall Residence Cabinet activities, and residence tutor-led events, surpassing a total of 60 in number. These activities spanned across various domains, including cultural sharing, sports, and games. I extend my heartfelt appreciation to all the organizers whose dedication and passion have made our hall life richer and more engaging. Through these endeavors, we have embraced the values of academic excellence, balanced development, and community citizenship, which lie at the core of our ABC Hall culture. Furthermore, our hall has made notable strides in inter-hall and university-wide competitions.

It gives me immense pride to announce our achievements, such as securing the silver medal in both the male and female 4x100m relays, as well as clinching the bronze medal in the 4x50m freestyle swimming relay.

Additionally, our hall's remarkable performance in the male Tug-of-War event earned us the title of third runner-up. These accomplishments not only demonstrate our athletic prowess but also symbolize the spirit of teamwork and perseverance that defines our hall.

In 2024, we reached a momentous milestone as we celebrated our 20th Anniversary. This remarkable achievement signifies the enduring legacy and vibrant community that we have built together. As we reflect on our past accomplishments, we eagerly anticipate the promising year that lies ahead. With each passing day, we strive to create an even brighter future for our hall, fostering an environment that nurtures personal growth, meaningful connections, and unforgettable experiences.

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Wishing you all a remarkable journey ahead!

Alvin Leung,

Residence Master

Jockey Club Academy Hall (JCAC)





RESIDENCE
TUTORS
2023 / 24



NG CHUN HEI (ANDREAS), RESIDENCE TUTOR, (Event and Facilities), 1-2F

Hello Dear Residents of Hall 4, this is your Event and Facility RT Andreas. This is my 3rd Year of staying in Hall 4 the Academy Hall and I can't feel more honored to be able to take the role of Resident Tutor. Here has been a home and also, much more than home that it takes up the major part of my university life where I met friends from both hall 4 and other halls and ran across different experiences such as taking part in the PEK competition and have late night snacks with mates in Nam Shan Estate. I am now in charge of both the first and second floor and I am also the Facility and Event RT. First floor is a full male floor whilst the Second is a Co-ed floor but I bet you can always feel the Academians' spirit no matter what floor you're staying.



LI WENYI (CHRISTINA) RESIDENCE TUTOR, (Finance and Events), 3F

I am happy to be at your side this year, serving as a Residence Tutor in charge of Finance and Events. It is my third year at Hall 4. Hall 4 carries a lot of sweet memories from when I came to Hong Kong. It is the starting point of my new life: living alone from home. I am really grateful for everyone I met here, and I appreciate the time we spent together. I felt infinite love and care from my previous RT and other residents. That's why I hope to pass on this responsibility and broadcast the love to every one of you. You are always welcome to find me if you have any problems, whether I am in charge of you or not. I am there to give a hand anytime. I am also willing to make friends with you. I am a very outgoing and talkative person; as long as you chat with me, you will see. Thanks for your cooperation in our work. I hope we have a good time together!



AIDAR GARIFULLIN, RESIDENCE TUTOR, (Finance), 4F

I am the Senior RT of Hall 4 – Aidar. I am also a Finance RT in the Hall, making sure that the expenses you make for Student Initiated Projects or floor activities are accounted for and timely reimbursed. I am also in charge of 4/F, so if you happen to be from my floor, then we will probably see each other often! You are now part of Hall 4 family, and your hall management team is here to make your stay comfortable and enjoyable. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions when it comes to hall life.



ISHMAMUL ISLAM RESIDENCE TUTOR, (ICFD and Scholarship), 5F

My name is Ishmam, and I am delighted to serve as your Residence Tutor for this academic year. As we embark on this exciting journey together, I want to extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you. Jockey Club Academic Hall is not just a place to study and sleep; it is a vibrant community that thrives on diversity, inclusivity, and academic excellence. Whether you're a first-year student navigating the challenges of university life or a senior with valuable experiences to share, we are here to support and uplift one another. As your Residence Tutor, my primary goal is to create a nurturing and inclusive environment where you can thrive academically, socially, and personally. I am here to listen, offer guidance, and provide resources to help you make the most of your time at Jockey Club Academic Hall. From organizing study groups and hosting workshops to fostering a sense of belonging, I am committed to ensuring your residential experience is fulfilling and memorable.



ADRIANUS HANS VIARY, RESIDENCE TUTOR, (Facilities and ICFD), 6-7F

I am Hans, the facilities and ICFD RT for Hall 4. I am also in charge of the 6th and 7th floor.

In the last three years, I have spent it in Hall 4. Unexpectedly, I took up a role as Residence Tutor right now. I can tell that I do have many memories living in hall 4, starting as a freshman who just moved in, then suddenly moving out due to renovations, as well as the time I spent doing hall activities such as playing Badminton and joining SIP events.

I hope you all can share some stories of your hall life and you can reach out to me if you have some stories to tell or if you have any questions!



FUNG YUET (SOFIA) RESIDENCE TUTOR, (DISCIPLINE), 8F

Hello! I am Sofia, the Residence Tutor for the 8th Floor! I am also your Discipline tutor and responsible for enforcing hall rules. So please follow the hall rules and build a harmonious hall environment together! You are always welcome to find me if you have questions or chit-chat with me on the 8/F. I love making new friends around the globe.

I wish you all a wonderful hall life this year and look forward to meeting you all!



HARNE AASTHA MUKUND, RESIDENCE TUTOR, (Advocacy), 9F

Greetings from Aastha, your Residence Tutor on the 9th floor! I hope you're all excited about the upcoming hall experiences. As the Residence Tutor, my goal is to create a disciplined and enjoyable living environment for all of us. I'm also thrilled to serve as the Advocacy RT, responsible for the social media and Publicity team. I want to express my sincere appreciation for your incredible support and enthusiasm. Our hall activities are always in full swing, thanks to everyone's energy and dedication.

The 9th floor, our girls' floor, is a wonderful mix of residents from different countries and academic backgrounds. I wish you all a colourful and memorable residential life this year. Let's continue to embrace the JCAC spirit and support one another in our journey.



ARUNA MURATKYZY RESIDENCE TUTOR, (Return), 10-11F

Hello everyone! My name is Aruna and I am thrilled to introduce myself as the Residence Tutor for the 10th and 11th floors at the Jockey Club Academy Hall of CityU. As the Residence Tutor, I am also responsible for overseeing the Returning Exercise, ensuring a smooth and engaging experience for all residents.

I am genuinely excited to serve the residents of our vibrant community. My primary goal is to create a supportive and inclusive environment where everyone feels at home. Whether you have questions or concerns or simply need someone to talk to, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. I am here to assist you and address any challenges you may face during your stay. In addition to providing assistance, I strongly encourage all residents to participate in the numerous activities we have planned actively. These activities are an excellent opportunity to socialise, make new friends, and foster a sense of belonging within the Hall community. Together, we can create unforgettable memories and enrich our university experience.





STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVES
2023 / 2024



WONG SAU YAT (Bradley)

Hello, I am Bradley, a fourth-year resident in Hall 4 and the student representative this year. During the four years, I have experienced an exciting hall life: Communicating and making friends with residents from all around the world, proposing my own Resident Association Cabinet, participating in and organizing different hall activities, practicing for the interhall sports competition, and winning medals. To me, Hall 4 is more than just a bed but is also a place for study, exploration, and growth. The four years of hall life have brought me invaluable experiences and created numerous unforgettable memories. I believe that you will also have your reward through engaging in the hall life. I would like to take this opportunity to appreciate our residence master, all Hall Management Team members, and every one of you who have together created this amazing hall. Goodbye Academians!



ARYANK BHARGAVA

As a third-year resident in Hall 4 and a student representative, I have had the privilege of engaging with fellow Academians, forming meaningful friendships, and contributing to our vibrant community. Interacting with exchange students from diverse backgrounds has broadened my perspective and fostered a spirit of global unity. I have actively participated in organizing hall activities, particularly the SIPs, to provide enriching experiences for our residents. Additionally, as a member of the Hall Management Team, I have worked to address concerns and support the smooth functioning of our hall. Representing Hall 4 in ICFD sports events has allowed me to compete with passion and uphold the values of sportsmanship. I am grateful to our Residence Master, the Hall Management Team, and each resident for creating an amazing hall environment. Hall 4 has been a place of study, exploration, and growth, and I encourage you to cherish your experiences and find your own rewards through engagement in hall life. Until next time!



HALL RESIDENCE CABINET FOUR - UNITY

NOVEMBER

- High Table Dinner

JANUARY

- Semester Kick-Off
- Door Decorating Competition

MARCH

- Poon Choi
- Tram Party
- Singing Contest
- Academians Night

DECEMBER

- Exam Energy Station
- XMAS Celebration

FEBRUARY

- Cupid's Delivery

FOLLOW OUR IG !!



Name: Muhammad Ishfaq Zubair MALIK

Cabinet Position: Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Major: Computational Finance and Financial Technology

Hey everybody! I'm Ishfaq, the chief-executive officer of the Hall Residence Cabinet Four-Unity for the year 23/24 for our hall. I just want to mention that it has been a great ride serving all of you and organizing events for you guys, when I got the idea of creating this cabinet my vision was to foster and normalize a culture of diversity, inclusivity and unity in our hall, The objective I had with this cabinet was to make sure every resident living in our hall feels included and important and make sure that each and every one of their voices are heard and their concerns are taken into account. It really has been a memorable journey uptill now in Hall 4 as this is only my first year here but in this short time I have met some amazing people and made some life-long friends on the way and I am thankful to each resident of this hall for electing us to be your HRC and responding in such a positive to all of our events, your support is what kept us going. I aim to organize even bigger and better events for you guys in the coming months and I hope that you find something special and make some amazing and life-long connections in these events.

Name: LIU Cheuk Chi
Cabinet Position: Vice-Chief Executive Officer
Major: Biomedical Engineering

Hello Academians! This is Liu Cheuk Chi. You can call me Ivy. I am the Vice president for the hall cabinet—Four Unity!! I am a second-year student, majoring in biomedical engineering. I absolutely love playing piano, reading lotsss of books, contributing back to community via volunteering and hiking during my free time! Thus, I am looking forward to meet y'all in the hall events.



Name: Phraewa PHURIYAPHAN
Cabinet Position: Secretary
Major: Information Management

My name is Pai, and I am a second-year student from Thailand studying information management. Living in this hall has allowed me to develop various soft skills such as effective communication, leadership abilities, and, most importantly, teamwork through organizing numerous events with my fellow HRC members. Additionally, residing in Hall 4 has allowed me to forge friendships with residents from diverse nationalities, broadening my cultural understanding. Overall, my time in Hall 4 has been an invaluable experience in my college life that has contributed significantly to my personal growth.

Name: Ayaulym ABAIKHANOVA

Cabinet Position: Cultural Activity Officer I

Major: Civil Engineering

Hello-hello, I'm Ayaulym from Kazakhstan! You may see me run around the hall hurrying to the next event or taking my sweet time on my floor's common room at dinner time, and though I may seem shy at first, I'm very open to having a pleasant conversation if you start one. I know it's going to be pleasant, because living in JCAC, it's impossible to count the many moments that led me to joyful encounters, lively activities, and loyal friendships. I've felt nothing but support and inclusivity from my hallmates, RTs, and the RM. I'm very glad to be surrounded by Academians who helped me spark that hall spirit, so this year as a member of the Hall Residence Cabinet, I do my best to create a safe space and a vibrant hall experience for our residents.



Name: Marisa ARJANAONT

Cabinet Position: Decoration Officer

Major: Biomedical Engineering

Hey everyone, I'm Marisa Arjananont from Thailand :) If I had to describe my experience in Hall 4 in one word, I would say "Fantastic." My hallmates are the nicest people I've ever met, and joining the Four-unity Hall Resident Cabinet(HRC) has been one of my best decisions ever. Apart from studying, I get to use my creativity and discover new talents and abilities I never knew I had, from managing hall events to participating in sports competitions, which has been a lot of fun. Overall, Hall 4 has become my second home, and I am grateful for the fantastic experiences and memories I have had here.

Name: Musab ABDUR REHMAN

Cabinet Position: Cultural Activity Officer II

Major: Mechanical Engineering

As the founding member of the HRC Four-Unity, my time in the hall residence cabinet has been nothing short of incredible. The diversity within our cabinet, consisting of 12 members from 8 different countries, added immense value to our work. Collaborating with my team to organize signature hall events was a truly rewarding experience, filled with teamwork and collaboration. Through this role, I formed lasting friendships and connected with numerous individuals within the hall community. Looking ahead, I am eager to embark on similar leadership roles in the future, as this experience has inspired me in leaving a positive impact, wherever I go.



Name: Aumio Kumar SARKER

Cabinet Position: IT Officer

Major: Electrical Engineering

I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to be part of the HRC, organizing a diverse range of events for the residents of Hall 4. I am filled with immense pride for what we have achieved together as a team. Whether it was organizing memorable occasions like High Table Dinner or Xmas Celebration or simply fostering an inclusive atmosphere within our residence, our efforts have undeniably made a profound impact on the lives of those around us. This experience has changed me profoundly, allowing me to improve my communication skills and develop productive teamwork with essential leadership qualities. It is my sincere hope that residents thoroughly enjoyed participating in our events and had the chance to connect with like-minded individuals, forging meaningful friendships within the Hall 4 community. I eagerly look forward to being an Academian next year as we continue to create unforgettable memories together.

Name: Darren KESUMA

Cabinet Position: Sports Activity Officer

Major: Creative Media

Hello, I am Darren, a Creative Media student from Indonesia. It is my second year living in JCAC Hall 4, and I would say living here has given me a wonderful journey. I have met tons of incredible people all around the world, locals, internationals, and exchange students. I got a chance to be friends with them and learn about their experience and culture. Moreover, Hall 4 provides facilities to do fun activities, such as the music room, gym, snooker room, party room, etc. Not to mention, the activities organized by the hall are very fun and diverse, from sports activities and competitions, fun games, cultural activities, and many more. It is stress-releasing and also helps us to bond with each other. Besides that, I am grateful to be a part of the Hall Residence Cabinet, Four-Unity, which has given me new experiences and helps me to grow as a person. As a cabinet, we work together to organize various events for the residents, from small events like giving snacks, to big events like the High Table Dinner. So far, I really enjoyed my life in Hall 4, which has become my home in Hong Kong. I never thought of having such an incredible experience, and I am looking forward to continue being a part of Hall 4's family.



Name: YU Keyao

Cabinet Position: Finance Officer

Major: Global Business

As a financial officer, I'm in charge of the financial issues in HRC activities. Meanwhile, I actively participated hall activities especially sports competitions.

Name: HU Tung Hiu

Cabinet Position: Event Officer

Major: Finance

I have already lived in hall 4 for three years. Within the bustling walls of my university's hall, I found a space that nurtured my personal and academic growth, while fostering a sense of community and connection. One of the most significant aspects of my hall experience was the opportunity to forge deep and lasting connections with fellow residents. From the very beginning, I was embraced by a diverse group of individuals who quickly became my friends and confidants. Late-night conversations, shared meals, and countless adventures created a sense of camaraderie that made my hall feel like a second home. Through these connections, I discovered the power of support, encouragement, and the joy of shared experiences.



Name: MA Ka Wing

Cabinet Position: Welfare Officer

Major: Criminology and Sociology

Hello everyone! I'm Louis, and it has been an exhilarating journey living on the lively 11/F, albeit with a twist this year. As a proud member of our floor for two years. Though I was away for part of the year due to exchange program in semester B, my heart never left 11/F. The diversity, energy, and warmth of our floor have always been a constant source of inspiration and comfort, making it truly a home away from home. The first half of the year on 11/F was filled with unforgettable memories, from shared laughs in the common room to the supportive late-night study sessions. Serving as the Welfare Officer of the hall residence cabinet, I've had the privilege of contributing to our community's well-being, advocating for your needs, and organizing events that hopefully brought us all a little closer. This role has been incredibly fulfilling, allowing me to connect with many of you on a deeper level and to ensure that our residence is not just a place to stay, but a space where everyone feels supported and valued. As I reminisce about our time together and look forward to the future, I am grateful for both the familiar faces on 11/F and the new perspectives gained from my time abroad. The blend of these experiences has been a significant part of my university life, and I am excited to bring back new ideas and energy to our community.



JCAC HALL EVENTS





HALL INDUCTION RECEPTION

On September 13th, 2023, an atmosphere of excitement and camaraderie filled Multifunction Hall C as returning and new residents gathered for the highly anticipated Hall Induction, marking the beginning of the academic year. The hall was abuzz with electrifying encounters and heartwarming reunions as residents eagerly connected with their hallmates. The event commenced with an engaging Q&A session led by Residence Master, Mr. Alvin Leung, fostering a sense of connection between old and new residents. A comprehensive presentation followed, introducing essential hall regulations, highlighting upcoming events and Inter-Hall Contest Fun Day dates, and unveiling the array of facilities available for residents to enjoy throughout their stay in our vibrant hall community. Afterward, the resident tutors took center stage, introducing themselves and outlining their roles and responsibilities.

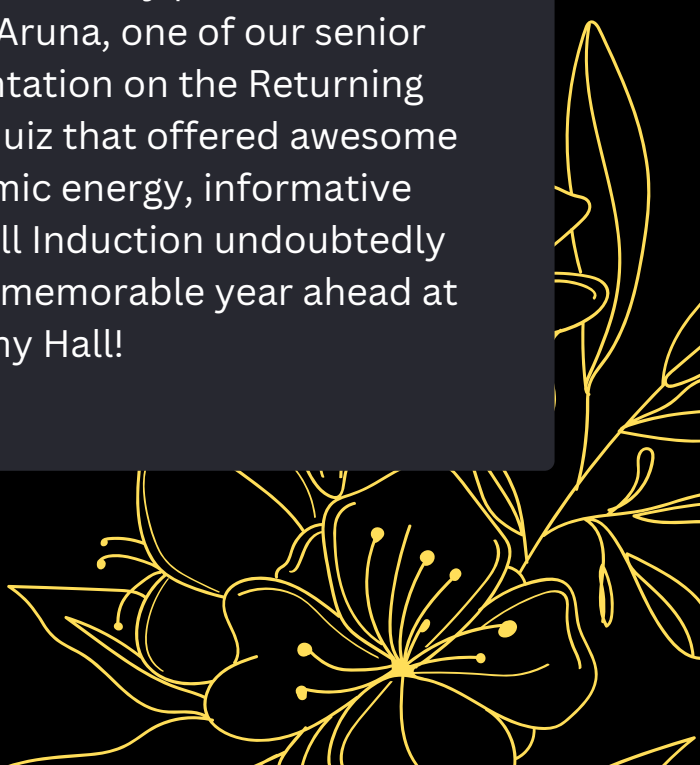
To add a touch of delight, various desserts, refreshing beverages, and delicious foods were generously provided for the residents to enjoy during the event. Aruna, one of our senior RTs, delivered an informative presentation on the Returning Scheme, followed by an entertaining quiz that offered awesome prizes to the winners. With its dynamic energy, informative sessions, and delightful treats, the Hall Induction undoubtedly set the stage for an extraordinary and memorable year ahead at Jockey Club Academy Hall!

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MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL

Hall 4's Booth and Performances Ignite Joy at Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration

The Student Residence hosted the signature and one of the most anticipated events, the Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration, on the evening of September 27, 2023. The roundabout was decorated with captivating lanterns and booths representing various halls and international student societies residing in the student residents, creating an enchanting and festive atmosphere.

Hall 4's booth, dazzled with shiny tinsels and handmade lanterns, captured everyone's attention immediately after entering the event venue. The booth also hosted engaging activities, guessing mooncake flavors and solving riddles, which proved highly intriguing. So much so that all the mooncakes were finished within two hours, with the riddles adding excitement to the overall experience. Adding to the thrill, the performances by the residents of Hall 4 were extraordinary. Joey Wong, the winner of the Inter-hall Signing Contest, mesmerized everyone with the song 'Night Changes.' Furthermore, Christina and her dance crew delivered a powerful dance performance on 'Shut Down' by BLACKPINK, leaving the audience entertained.



Writer : Pai

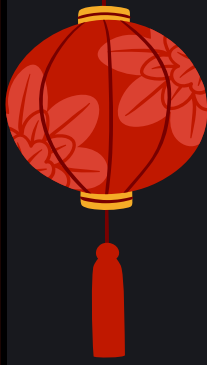
Photographer: Alina

Editor: Nancy and Lorraine

Designer: Musab



We want to extend our appreciation to Marisa, Aumio, Ayau, and Linda, the talented decoration team behind the mesmerizing Mid-Autumn-themed booth decoration. We would also like to thank Nancy, Jason, Pai, and Irena from the receptionist team for organizing and overseeing the enjoyable games for the participants.



Academicians' Talk Training Workshop with Dr. Zachary Leung

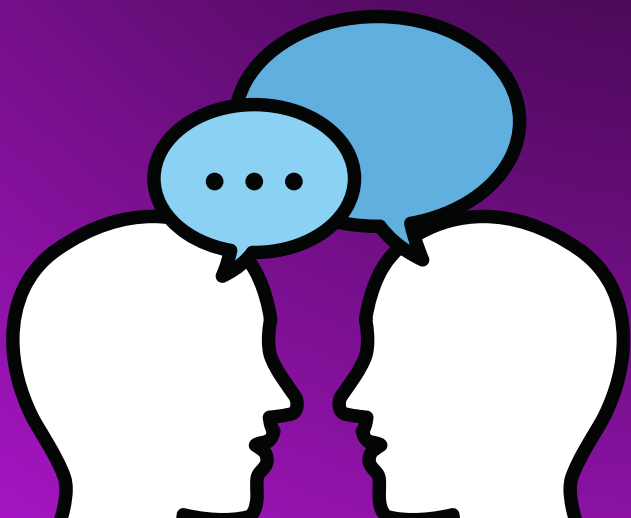
The Jockey Club Academy Hall organized a highly informative and entertaining workshop on the 11th of September, 2023. The workshop aimed to improve students' ability to speak confidently in public, a crucial skill for success in various aspects of life.

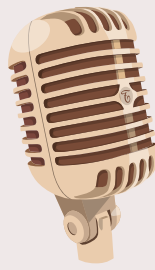
The workshop trainer was Dr. Zachary Leung, a distinguished speaker with a Ph.D. from MIT and six years of experience coaching the CityU case team. The workshop introduced the practical method for successful public speaking, known as the 4Ps method. Coined by Dr. Zachary Leung, the 4Ps emphasized four key stages: Process, Prepare, Present, and Postmortem. The straightforward approach of the 4Ps method not only captured the attendees' attention but also left them with knowledge and feeling empowered by the end of the workshop. The workshop also created an interactive environment where participants actively engaged by answering diverse questions and offering intriguing suggestions. This active participation impressed the trainer, Dr. Zachary Leung, and left fellow students in awe. As a result, participants gained valuable insights and practical strategies that they could immediately apply to enhance their public speaking skills.



Writer: Pai
Photographer: Jason
Editors: Nancy & Aumio
Designer: Yigit

We would like to thank Dr. Zachary Leung for leading a fantastic and engaging workshop. It was incredibly useful and exciting, and we appreciate the valuable knowledge and insights he shared. His expertise made the workshop a truly enriching experience for all of us.





Academians' Talk SERIES 1

Hall Residents share their academic insights in
JCAC-hosted talk series

Theme: Human Well-being and Innovation

Jockey Club Academy Hall launched its Academian talk series for the 2023/2024 academic year on November 1st, continuing a beloved tradition. This year, the event was not confined to the eloquent voices of Hall 4 alone, it beckoned all student residents to join this captivating intellectual voyage. Prior to this grand event, there was a training session on October 11th, an appetizer of academic brilliance hosted by none other than the distinguished Professor Zachary Leung. A former coach of the CityU team for the HKU/HSBC case competition, Professor Leung's session served as the overture, setting the bar high for the main event.

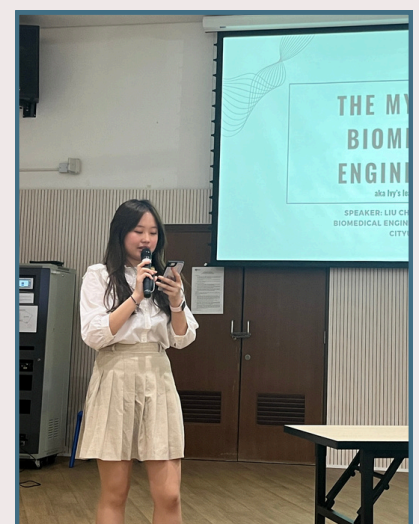


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Designer: Jessica

The inaugural session of the year centered on the thought-provoking theme, "Human Well-being and Innovation." Three Academians took the center stage, each weaving a distinctive tapestry of knowledge and insight. Leung Sum Yee illuminated the audience with "Unleashing the Power Within: Exploring the Science of Positive Psychology for Flourishing Lives." Liu Cheuk Chi introduced transformative innovations in biomedical engineering with her talk, "Hands of Hope? 希望之手? How do biomedical devices assist the daily life of doctors and nurses?" The evening's grand finale was led by Karina Duisenova, whose talk, "Psychology of Movies: How Filmmakers Make You Laugh and Cry," delved into the art and science of storytelling on screen.



The speakers' collective brilliance, evident in the rapt attention of the audience and the discerning judging panel, left an indelible mark. Each speaker received no less than 9 points out of 15. It is with genuine appreciation that we congratulate Karina Duisenova, who emerged as the talk series champion, boasting an impressive average score of 13.42. We express our special thanks to the dedicated organizers, whose meticulous planning made the event possible, and to all the participants who shared their academic passions with their peers.



ACADEMIANS' TALK SERIES 2

THEME: ADVANCEMENTS IN TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIETY

The second installment of this year's academians talk series took place in late November, captivating the audience on diverse academic themes, spearheading an intellectual journey into varied domains under the common theme of "Advancement in Technology and Society." Opening its doors to not just Hall 4 students but also the broader resident community served as a platform for Hall 4 to demonstrate their intellectual prowess to their neighbors. The event was preceded by a separate set of talks on the topic of "Human Well-being and Innovation," which took place just one month prior.

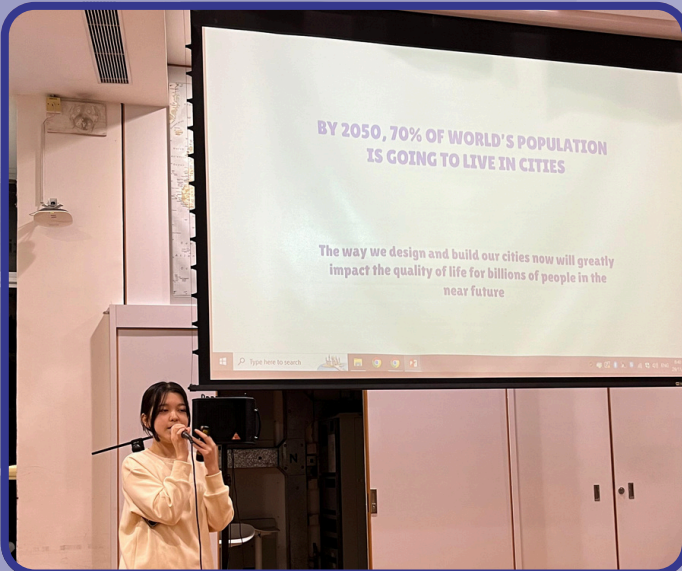


During the evening, three esteemed Academians – Adam, Musab, and Ayaulym—took the stage as speakers. Adam Sutherland GEAR, a second-year student majoring in Computational Finance, illuminated the audience with insights on 'The Future of AI: Opportunity or Existential Risk?' His discourse ventured into the potential impacts of Artificial Intelligence on humanity, exploring its disruptive potential in both short-term disturbances and long-term existential risks. ABDUR REHMAN Musab, a Mechanical Engineering major, shed light on 'Risk Engineering: Mitigating Uncertainties for a Safer Tomorrow.' Unveiling the fundamental principles of risk assessment, hazard identification, and the integration of risk management into engineering design, his talk underscored the pivotal role of risk engineering in fostering safety and sustainability across industries.



Writer: Adam
Photographer: Louis
Editors: Nancy & Aumio
Designer: Jessica

Ayaulym Abaikhanova, a Civil Engineering major, presented 'Tokyo to Los Angeles: Designing Cities that Put People First,' offering insights into crafting walkable cities for enhanced urban life. Her exploration encompassed the challenges faced by cities like Los Angeles juxtaposed with the pedestrian-friendly environments of Tokyo and London, aiming to inspire innovative approaches for vibrant, people-centric urban landscapes and sustainable modern cities.



The speakers all gave riveting and engaging presentations, evident from the high scores they received from both the judging and the audience panel. We extend our congratulations to Adam for achieving the highest score for this event. We eagerly await similarly stimulating conversations, talks, and engagements in the semester ahead!



ACADEMIANS' TALK SERIES 3

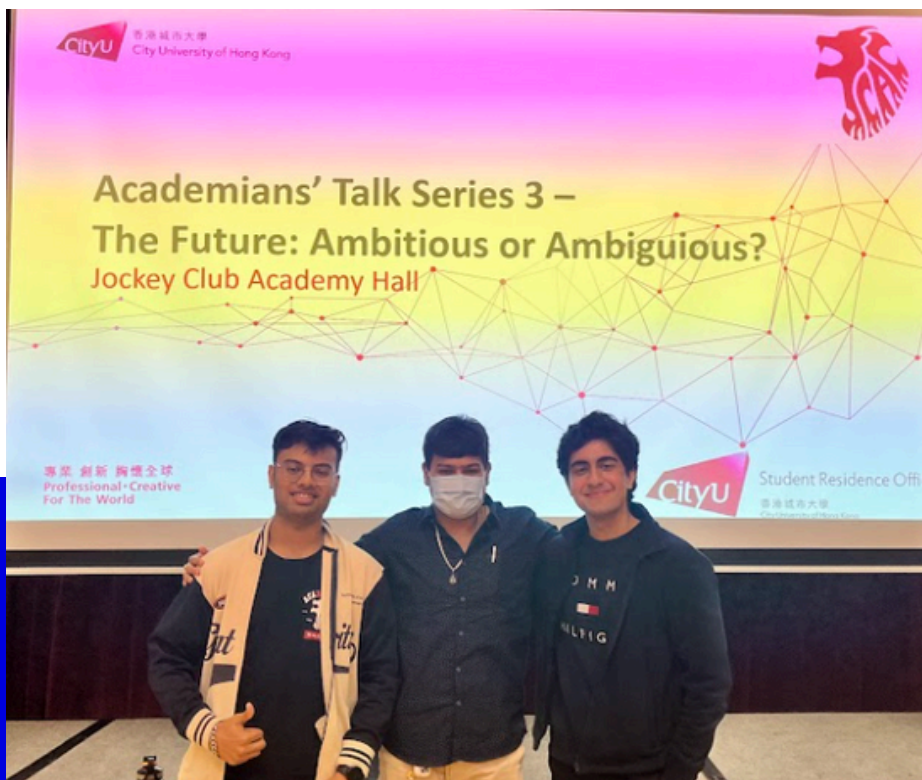
Theme: The Future: Ambitious, or Ambiguous?

On the evening of February 7th, 2024, Multifunction Hall A was illuminated with vibrant lights to create a welcoming atmosphere for one of Hall 4's signature events: the Academians' Talk. This special event provided a platform for our talented Academians to share their expertise and passion in their respective fields. It was an excellent opportunity for everyone to come together and share knowledge, allowing us to broaden our horizons and learn from one another. Now, we are moving on to the third series of the Academians' Talk, and the theme for this series is "The Future: Ambitious, or Ambiguous?" This series aims to explore the impact of technology on our future and how it can either shape a bright path or introduce uncertainties.



Writer: Pai
Photographer: Marisa
Editors: Nancy
Designer: Yigit

The Academians' Talk began with an informative presentation by Aryank titled "Sports Analytics: Utilizing Data and Technology to Enhance Performance Optimization." In this talk, Aryank highlighted the power of advanced technology in sports by demonstrating how data analytics can improve team performance. Next, Manit took the stage and delivered an engaging talk titled "Navigating the Digital Abyss: Unveiling the Shifting Shadows of Cyber Threats." With an interactive demonstration using an actual hacker device, Mannit illuminated the vulnerability of our devices, bringing attention to the fact that they are often targets for cyber threats. The event ended successfully with a final talk by Ishfaq titled "The World of Fintech and Cryptocurrency: Pioneering the Financial Landscape or a Web of Deceptions." His talk centered on the concept of "Fintech" and the rapidly emerging field of financial technology, focusing on cryptocurrency. Each speaker demonstrated remarkable expertise and delivered their talks with brilliance, captivating the audience and impressing the judging panel, receiving impressive scores. We congratulate Mannit for winning the Academians' Talk Series 3. We also like to thank the organizers and helpers who made this event successful.



JCAC
PRESENTS

ACADEMIANS' TALK SERIES 4

**THEME: EMPOWERMENT THROUGH UNDERSTANDING:
NAVIGATING BOUNDARIES, NATURE AND SOCIAL CONNECTIONS**



The MFH-C buzzed with excitement as residents gathered for an enlightening event. Catherine delivered a talk on 'Unveiling the veiled: A Critical Examination of Voyeurism and Indecent Assault in Hong Kong,' skillfully explaining complex legal matters in an accessible way. Lorraine shared captivating stories of wildlife rescue in Central America in her talk, 'Wild Encounters: Tales of Wildlife Veterinary Externships.' Anna's talk, 'Unlocking the Social Butterfly,' offered valuable insights on conquering social anxiety and building positive connections. These talks enriched our knowledge and strengthened bonds within the JCAC community.

Writer: Pai
Photographer: Linda
Editor: Kenneth
Designer: Aryank

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SPRING FESTIVAL

The Student Residence came alive with a burst of colors and festivities as the much-anticipated Spring Festival Celebration took place on the evening of February 22, 2024. The event brought Academians together through a diverse range of intercultural elements, infusing traditional Spring Festival customs with a delightful twist.

Vibrant and meticulously decorated booths representing each hall captivated all residents as they entered the venue. The hall4's booth offers two engaging games: the art of red paper cutting and the challenge of ring toss. Participants eagerly showcased their skills, vying for a chance to win festive prizes. Laughter and cheers filled the air as residents immersed themselves in the joyous atmosphere.

The highlight of the evening was the stunning performances by the talented residents of Hall 4. The audience was enthralled as Christina, our residence tutor, graced the stage with a mesmerizing dance performance, weaving together grace and precision. The melody of "A

Thousand Years" filled the air as Kangmin and Darren joined forces, their harmonious collaboration on piano and guitar evoking a symphony of emotions that resonated deep within the hearts of the audience.

A wooden scroll with a tree trunk base, containing the names of the event staff in red text.

Writer: Irena
Photographer: Linda
Editor: Kenneth
Designer: Musab

The success of the Spring Festival Celebration would not have been possible without the dedicated efforts of the booth game team: Aryank, Ishfaq, Jenny, and Nancy, and the booth decoration team, consisting of Seline, Xavier, Audrey, Darren, and Hannah, who brought the lively spirit of the Spring Festival to life through their intricate and captivating decorations.

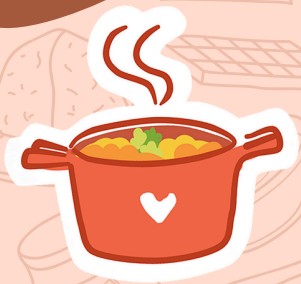
The Spring Festival Celebration was a testament to the power of cultural integration and the joy that comes from embracing diversity. It fostered an atmosphere of unity and camaraderie, created lasting memories, and left a profound impact on all who attended.



COOKING COMPETITION



THE COMMON LOUNGES CAME ALIVE WITH SIZZLING PANS AND ENTICING AROMAS AS PARTICIPANTS TRANSFORMED RAW INGREDIENTS INTO DELECTABLE MASTERPIECES. FLAMES DANCED ON STOVETOPS, AND WITH GRACE AND PRECISION, PARTICIPANTS SHOWCASED THEIR CULINARY EXPERTISE.



TEAM MUSAB EMERGED AS CHAMPIONS WITH THEIR CHICKEN CURRY DISH, TEAM ALEX CLAIMED THE FIRST RUNNER-UP POSITION WITH THEIR EXPERTLY PREPARED CHICKEN FRICASSEE, AND TEAM GRISHA SECURED THE SECOND RUNNER-UP SPOT WITH THEIR TRADITIONAL TATARSTAN RUSSIAN DESSERT, CHAK-CHAK. THE AUDIENCE CROWNED TEAM ANSON'S MENTAIKO SPAGHETTI WITH TONKATSU AS THEIR FAVORITE DISH.



**WRITER: IRENA
PHOTOGRAPHER: JASON
EDITOR: LORRAINE
DESIGNER: ARYANK**

Triumph of Intellect

On the 14th of March, our MFH-A came alive with the spirited gathering of three teams ready to put their intellectual skills and abilities to the test. The Q&A competition encompassed three challenging quiz blocks, each focusing on technology, culture, and business.

Under the guidance of our remarkable residence tutor, Sophia, and with the support of our dedicated helpers, the competition commenced with the technology block. Despite initial expectations of it being a tough round, our teams effortlessly sailed through, showcasing their proficiency in the subject matter.

As the competition progressed into the second stage, it became evident that our teams possessed a wealth of technical knowledge. Some questions proved to be a piece of cake, while others demanded their utmost effort and concentration. The overall journey was anything but straightforward.

Then came the climactic final stage – the business round. Ansel, one of our esteemed helpers, curated a set of questions that he had forewarned would be the toughest, and he was absolutely right! This stage became an exhilarating mix of enjoyment and challenge, leaving all the teams on the edge of their seats.

After meticulous tallying of the points and building up suspense with a drumroll, the triumphant champions emerged as Team Tigers, consisting of Ishfaq, Maanit, Musab, and Aumio. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the event organizers, especially Sophia, for orchestrating such a demanding competition. Their efforts ensured a seamless experience for all participants, resulting in an incredibly enjoyable time shared by everyone involved.



Writer: Grisha
Photographer: Marisa
Editors: Lorraine
Designer: Yigit



INTER-HALL
CONTEST FUN
DAY



TUG OF WAR



On the evening of September 21st, our hall residents made a strong statement of strength and determination at the Tug-of-War tournament. The event involved participation from over 30 engaged and enthusiastic Academians. Facing fierce opponents, our teams achieved remarkable outcomes that filled our community with pride.

Our female team demonstrated their prowess by securing a victory against Hall 8, propelling them to the quarter-finals. Although their journey concluded at that stage, their inspiring teamwork left a lasting impression.

Likewise, our male team exhibited outstanding performance, advancing to the semi-finals with triumphant victories over formidable opponents, including Hall 6 and Hall 1. Unfortunately, they were eventually eliminated by Hall 8, but their journey was filled with moments of true determination.



Writer: Adam
Photographer: Jason
Editor: Aumio & Lorraine
Designer: Clarissa



We would also like to extend our gratitude to the spirited cheerleaders whose energetic presence uplifted the atmosphere and fueled our athletes, underscoring the bonds within our hall community.

This exhilarating Tug-of-War competition sets an impressive tone for JCAC's upcoming year of inter-hall competitions. We express our sincere congratulations to our male team for their remarkable achievement in reaching the semi-finals and to our female team for their commendable effort in reaching the quarter-finals. The dedication and resilience displayed by our teams are a testament to the spirit of JCAC, and we look forward to their continued success in future competitions.



ICFD BADMINTON

After intense training sessions, a total of 16 representatives from Hall 4 participated in this year's badminton inter-hall contest fun day. On October 2nd, our players arrived early at the venue to prepare. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon, the exciting badminton competition finally began. There were five matches in total: Men and Women's Singles, Men and Women's Doubles, and Mixed Doubles. The match was against Hall 3. Our player in the Men's Singles was a strong and powerful player. Right from the beginning, the air was filled with an intense atmosphere, and our male player overwhelmed the player from other dorms with his excellent performance. Meanwhile, the female player in the Women's Singles also participated in a fierce match but unfortunately lost to the player from Hall 3. The matches in Men's and Women's Doubles were also highly intense. Our players used solid defensive techniques, resulting in a close score difference. However, the opponents seemed to identify our players' weaknesses and formulated powerful attacks. Unfortunately, we sadly lost a few rounds in the Men's and Women's Doubles matches, which failed to make it to the next stage in the tournament. In the Mixed Doubles match, our team faced a challenging opponent who seemed to have stronger strategies. Despite our players' full efforts, they regrettably lost to the opposing team. At the same time, our cheering team provided warm and deserved support to the Hall 4 players. This badminton competition made everyone feel like a part of the Hall 4 family. We will come back stronger next year!

Writer: Irena

Photographer: Jason

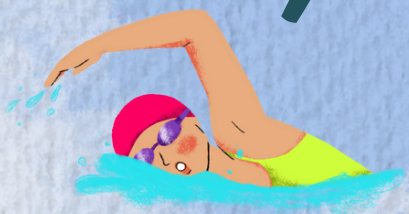
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Aquatic Meet



“Take your mark and dive into the pool of the uncharted waters!”

Against all odds, our hall took an extraordinary leap by taking part in the Aquatic Meet this year!

Our representatives, Grigorii, Adam, Huon, and Conor, poured their hearts and souls into the thrilling 50x4 relay race alongside professional athletes from CityU and other universities. Amidst, surrounded by formidable athletes, our representatives showcased their unwavering passion and commitment, leaving no room for doubt in their quest for victory.



However, our female team was unable to compete in the event due to some unexpected issues. Nonetheless, they proved to be fantastic supporters for our male participants, who became extraordinarily vigorous upon receiving cheers from the female team, tried their best, and thus won a bronze for our Hall!





We express our sincere gratitude to our Residence Master and Residence Tutors. Due to their efforts, we secured our hall's spot in the CityU Aquatic Meet Competition.

The Aquatic Meet proved to be a highly intensive competition as our residents were competing against skilled athletes. Nevertheless, our selected swimmers, with sheer determination, managed to thrive in the competition by securing 3rd place for hall 4. We extend our sincere congratulations to our male team and to our entire hall for this incredible achievement. Furthermore, we hope that our student residents, both male and female, will carry this shining legacy of success, as we wish them all the luck in future events and inter-hall activities!



Writer: Grisha

Photographer: Charles

Editor: Aumio & Kenneth

Designer: Clarissa

Hall 4 JCAC Club: Celebrating Extraordinary Achievements at Athletic Meet 2023

In a breathtaking display of skill, determination, and unwavering spirit, Hall4 JCAC athletes left an indelible mark on the recent Athletic Meet 2023 held on 22nd October 2023. With their exceptional performances, they have brought honor and glory to our community, leaving us in awe of their extraordinary achievements.

The atmosphere was electric as the highly anticipated 4x100m relays unfolded. Two male teams from Hall4 JCAC took to the track, ready to showcase their abilities. Team 1, consisting of Halit Yigit Gunduz, Hu Tung Hiu, Shi Zeming, Wong Sau Yat, and substitute Musab Abdur Rehman, left spectators breathless with their lightning-fast speed and impeccable coordination. Their seamless baton exchanges and synchronized strides propelled them to a well-deserved silver medal, solidifying their place among the elite athletes of our community.

Not to be outdone, Team 2, composed of determined individuals, displayed their unwavering commitment to the sport. With every stride, they demonstrated their tenacity and unyielding dedication to excellence. Led by their relentless pursuit of greatness, they secured a commendable fifth place, leaving a lasting impression on all who witnessed their remarkable performance.

The female team from Hall4 JCAC proved to be an unstoppable force, showcasing their passion and remarkable teamwork in the relay event. YU Keyao, Seline Hung, Tsui Sze Ching, Duisenova Karina, and substitute Ayaulym Abaikhanova exhibited a level of synchronicity and determination that propelled them to the top. Their extraordinary efforts resulted in a silver medal, making them true champions in every sense of the word. Their achievement serves as a testament to the power of unity and collaboration.



Writer: Ivy

Photographer: Alina

Editors: Nancy & Kenneth

Designer: Yigit

As a community, let us join together in celebrating the remarkable accomplishments of our male and female teams. Their unwavering dedication, perseverance, and pursuit of excellence have not only brought glory to Hall4 JCAC but also inspired us all to reach new heights. We applaud their relentless efforts and extend our heartfelt congratulations on their well-deserved success.

Behind every great athlete, there are spirited cheerers who provide unwavering support. We express our deepest gratitude to the enthusiastic individuals whose cheers and encouragement echoed throughout the event, igniting the flames of passion within our athletes.

The memories of Athletic Meet 2023 will forever be etched in our minds. The photographs capturing these significant moments will serve as a testament to the extraordinary achievements of our athletes, reminding us of their indomitable spirit and the power of unity.

Congratulations once again to the male and female teams of Hall4 JCAC for their exceptional performances. They have set a shining example for future generations, proving that with perseverance and dedication, anything is possible. Let us continue to support and nurture the talents within our community, as we strive together towards even greater heights of success.





ICFD BASKETBALL

Competition



The long-awaited and exhilarating basketball tournament finally kicked off at this year's Inter-Hall Contest Fun Day, commencing with the 3v3 women's basketball competition on November 4th, 2023. Hall 4's team, led by manager Karina, comprised of Marisa, Akgul, Ayaulym, Jeannie, Manwai, and Pai. With countless hours of rigorous training, the team was determined to give it all during the game.

The first match, against hall 11, was a nail-biter, with both teams exhibiting exceptional skills and effort, resulting in an intense and highly competitive match. The electrifying atmosphere on the court was amplified by the enthusiastic Academians cheering from the sidelines, showcasing their hall spirit. Although the final score of 3-6 did not meet their expectations, our players gained valuable experience and forged strong bonds through their intensive training. Each player demonstrated resilience and remarkable teamwork, leaving a lasting impression.

Hall 4's male's basketball team comprised of talented and motivated players, including Vojin, Jason, Aleks, Darren, Jerming, Edwin, Musab, Adrian, Max, Cyrus, Tommy, Kai, Xavier, Martin, Kent, and Feng. Like the female's team, they dedicated themselves to extensive practice sessions to prepare for the competition. Their goal was to epitomize the true spirit of Hall 4 and deliver an outstanding performance.



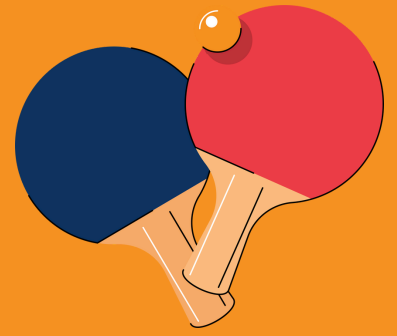
Writer: Pai
Editor: Aumio, Lorraine
Photographer: Marisa
Designer: Clarissa

Their first game took place on November 12th, 2023, against Hall 1. From the start, the team astonished spectators with their exceptional dribbling, passing, and shooting skills. The match quickly became one of the most memorable of this year's ICFD basketball tournament, with both teams displaying a closely contested score throughout. The highlight of the game came in the last five minutes when the score was tied. During this crucial period, the Hall 4 team showcased their utmost effort, demonstrating their defensive and offensive skills, honed through hours of practice. They managed to maintain the tie score until nearly the end of the match. But, unfortunately, the final score ended up being 25-23 in favor of the opposing team. Despite falling short of their desired result, the Hall 4 family couldn't be more proud of the team's perseverance and teamwork. The night became an unforgettable experience, highlighting the dedication and unity of Hall 4's male's basketball team.

We extend our sincerest gratitude to the players and managers of Hall 4's male's and female's basketball teams for their extraordinary dedication to embodying the spirit of Hall 4. Each and every one of players has made us immensely proud. Furthermore, we would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to our incredible cheerers, who played a vital role in making the games so thrilling. Their support from the sidelines, shouting and cheering for the players, truly enhanced the excitement and energy of the matches. Together, the players, managers, and cheerers have created an unforgettable experience, showcasing the unity and enthusiasm within the Hall 4 family.



TABLE TENNIS SHOWDOWN



THE TABLE TENNIS COMPETITION ORGANIZED BY SRO FOR THE HALL RESIDENTS WAS AN EXCITING EVENT THAT BROUGHT TOGETHER PARTICIPANTS FROM DIFFERENT HALLS. HALL 4, IN PARTICULAR, HAD A RIGOROUS TRAINING PROGRAM CONSISTING OF 11 SESSIONS TO PREPARE FOR THE COMPETITION. AROUND 50 PEOPLE INITIALLY APPLIED, BUT ONLY 16 ACADEMICIANS (8 MALE AND 8 FEMALE) WERE SHORTLISTED AND GIVEN EXCLUSIVE TRAINING.



AFTER THE INTENSE TRAINING SESSIONS, THE MANAGER, GRISHA, WASTED NO TIME AND CALLED THE SHORTLISTED RESIDENTS FOR ANOTHER TRAINING SESSION, FURTHER HONING THEIR SKILLS AND PREPARING THEM FOR THE UPCOMING COMPETITION.



IN THE FIRST MATCH, HALL 4 FACED OFF AGAINST HALL 7, THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S WINNER. HOWEVER, TO EVERYONE'S SURPRISE, HALL 7 WASN'T AS STRONG AS THEY WERE IN THE LAST YEAR, AND HALL 4'S TEAM EASILY DEFEATED THEM, SECURING A VICTORY.



**WRITER: GRISHA
PHOTOGRAPHER: MARISA
EDITOR: NANCY
DESIGNER: MUSAB**

MOVING ON TO THE NEXT MATCH, HALL 4 COMPETED AGAINST HALL 1. FEELING CONFIDENT AFTER THEIR WIN AGAINST HALL 7, THE TEAM DECIDED TO LET THEIR BEST PLAYERS REST FOR A WHILE. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS DECISION PROVED TO BE A STUMBLING BLOCK AS THEY LOST THE MIXED DOUBLES MATCH, ELIMINATING THEM FROM THE COMPETITION, AND THEY COULD NOT PROGRESS TO THE SEMI-FINALS.

DESPITE THE SETBACK, THE RESIDENTS OF HALL 4 STILL WANTED TO EXPRESS THEIR APPRECIATION FOR THE RTS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR PREPARATION, NAMELY ISHMAM AND AASTHA, AS WELL AS THEIR MANAGER, GRISHA. THEY ACKNOWLEDGED THE HARD WORK AND EFFORT PUT IN BY THESE INDIVIDUALS, RECOGNIZING THEIR SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TRAINING AND PREPARATION PROCESS.

IN CONCLUSION, WHILE HALL 4 DIDN'T MAKE IT TO THE LATER STAGES OF THE COMPETITION, THEY WERE GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT AND DEDICATION SHOWN BY THEIR TRAINERS AND MANAGER, AND THEY RECOGNIZED THE VALUABLE EXPERIENCE GAINED FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE EVENT.





Hall 4's Talent Shines Bright in

ICFD SINGING COMPETITION



The glimmering spotlight illuminated WCLHY Hall in the Lau Ming Wai Academic Building as the highly anticipated ICFD Singing Contest commenced on March 25th. Hall 4, renowned for its exceptional talents, proudly showcased its performers, leaving a lasting impression on the audience.



Anson and Kenny, as a group, mesmerised the crowd with their heartfelt rendition of "永久損毀." Their synchronised harmonies and magnetic stage presence enthralled the entire audience, creating a harmonious atmosphere. Zoey, a solo contestant representing Hall 4, once again proved her mettle as an extraordinary performer. Fearlessly embracing the challenge of "笑忘書," a demanding song, Zoey's commanding stage presence and impeccable vocal control left the audience spellbound. Although Zoey, Anson, and Kenny narrowly missed securing a spot in the top three, their undeniable talent was evident throughout their captivating performances.

Writer: Irena
Photographer: Linda
Editors: Kenneth
Designer: Jessica



Adding a touch of star-studded glamour to the evening, the SRO surprised the audience by inviting local male singer Leung Chiu Fung from the renowned singing group C AllStar. His charismatic stage presence captivated the hearts of all who were present.

The ICFD Singing Contest celebrated the power of music and the unbreakable bond within Hall 4. With hopes for the future, Hall 4 aims to bring even more talent to the ICFD singing contest stage next year.





HALL
RESIDENCE
CABINET
(HRC)
EVENTS



JCAC HIGH TABLE DINNER

The enchanting evening of November 24th, 2023, witnessed the grandeur of Hall4 Jockey Academic Club (JCAC) as it hosted its highly anticipated High Table Dinner and HRC – Four-Unity Inauguration Ceremony. This illustrious event, themed "Hollywood," captivated the senses and left an indelible mark on the attendees' hearts.



The inauguration of Hall 4 marked a significant milestone. Ivy's speech highlighted the ABC culture, which encapsulates the hall's core values: "A"cademic Excellence, "B"alanced Development, and "C"ommunity Citizenship. This shared ethos binds the Academians together, fostering a caring and family-like environment within JCAC. Indeed, the unity of Hall 4, affectionately known as Four Unity, resonated strongly throughout the evening.



WRITER : IVY

PHOTOGRAPHER: LOIUS

EDITOR: NANCY, LORRAINE

DESIGNER: ARYANK

20 YEARS OF JCAC

CELEBRATING MILESTONES AND COMMUNITY REUNION

Happy 20th birthday, JCAC! To celebrate another milestone, Four-Unity Hall Residence Cabinet organized JCAC Birthday Celebration with Poon Choi Feast on the night of 15th March 2024 at MFH-A. The goal of this event is to celebrate another year of accomplishment and cherish good memories during the past year. We are delighted to warmly welcome the esteemed guests at our event, including representatives from the Hall's Alumni Association and our Residence Master, Dr. Alvin Leung. Additionally, we are honored to have members of last year's Hall Residence Cabinet, who have played a significant role in shaping the Hall's legacy and fostering a strong community spirit.

MFH-A was filled with lively conversations as residents had the chance to socialize and connect. This event served to bring the JCAC community together after a long week, providing a warm and friendly ambiance. It allowed residents to relax, chat, and form connections, fostering a sense of togetherness and support. The event began with a memorable opening speech by Dr. Alvin Leung, who acknowledged the hall community's remarkable journey and collective achievements. Furthermore, he expressed heartfelt gratitude for the Academians' active participation and dedication in shaping a warm and inclusive community by hosting various events and representing JCAC in sports. Following the opening speech, the participants had the opportunity to gather with fellow hall residents around a large Poon Choi pot, savoring the delicious communal dish. Additionally, no birthday celebration would be complete without a cake, the participants enjoyed a flavorful cake, adding sweetness to the event.



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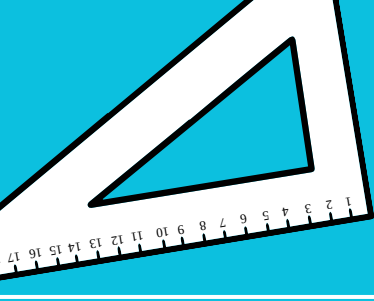
To enhance the lively atmosphere, three captivating performances took center stage. Kangmin enchanted the audience with his delightful piano songs, creating a soothing and pleasing musical experience. Andreas showcased his exceptional talent through a remarkable guitar performance accompanied by his captivating singing. Xavier amazed the crowd with his stunning magic show, leaving everyone in awe. Lastly, Hannah's beautiful and smooth voice captivated the audience, drawing everyone's attention and creating a memorable experience.

The beautiful night concluded with a lucky draw and entertaining quizzes, accompanied by amazing gifts generously sponsored by JCAC and the Alumni Association, including an electric kettle, Kindle, cash prize, headphones, and a speaker. These activities served as a way to reward the residents for their unwavering commitment to shaping a warm and vibrant community.

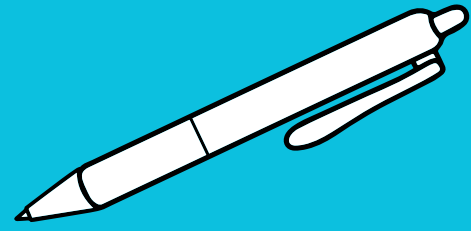
Congratulations to all the lucky winners!

We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to the Four-Unity Hall Residence Cabinet for hosting this exceptional event. Their efforts have contributed to the creation of meaningful memories that will be cherished by all participants for years to come. We would also like to thank the talented performers and MCs who made the night special with outstanding contributions. Furthermore, we would like to acknowledge the support of our Hall Master and the Alumni Association, without whom this event would not have been possible. Lastly, we extend our appreciation to all the Academians who continuously contribute to creating a wonderful hall community. Here's to an exciting future filled with memorable moments and continued growth within our hall community





EXAM ENERGY STATION



BOOSTING UP THE ENERGY WITH FOUR UNITY'S EXAM ENERGY STATION

AS WE APPROACHED THE END OF THE SEMESTER, THE ATMOSPHERE BECAME FILLED WITH ANTICIPATION AND STRESS, SIGNALING THE ARRIVAL OF FINAL EXAMS SEASON. UNDERSTANDING THE CHALLENGES THAT STUDENTS FACE DURING THIS DEMANDING PERIOD, FOUR-UNITY TOOK THE INITIATIVE TO ORGANIZE AN EXAM ENERGY STATION IN THE G/F LOBBY. OUR GOAL WAS TO PROVIDE A REFRESHING BOOST AND ADD A TOUCH OF SWEETNESS TO ALLEVIATE THE STRESS AND PRESSURE THAT ACCOMPANIES STUDENTS DURING THESE CHALLENGING TIMES.

DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF DECEMBER 2023, RESIDENTS WERE INVITED TO VISIT OUR TABLE AND INDULGE IN A WIDE ARRAY OF TEMPTING SWEETS AND REVITALIZING BEVERAGES. THE SELECTION OF CANDIES AND SNACKS WAS THOUGHTFULLY CURATED TO BRING SMILES AND OFFER RESIDENTS A MOMENTARY ESCAPE FROM THE OVERWHELMING PRESSURES OF EXAMS.

HOWEVER, OUR SUPPORT EXTENDED BEYOND JUST TREATS. THE MEMBERS OF FOUR UNITY TOOK THIS OPPORTUNITY TO OFFER WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE RESIDENTS. WE WANTED TO REMIND THEM THAT THEY WERE NOT ALONE IN THEIR STRUGGLES AND THAT THEIR HARD WORK WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY YIELD THE DESIRED RESULTS. TO UNDERSTAND THAT THEY HAD A STRONG AND CARING COMMUNITY BY THEIR SIDE DURING THESE CHALLENGING PERIODS, WE HOPED TO IMPROVE RESIDENTS' SPIRITS AND PROVIDE THEM WITH THE EMOTIONAL SUPPORT NEEDED TO GO THROUGH THIS PERIOD.



WRITER : PAI

PHOTOGRAPHER: MARISA

EDITOR: KENNETH & NANCY

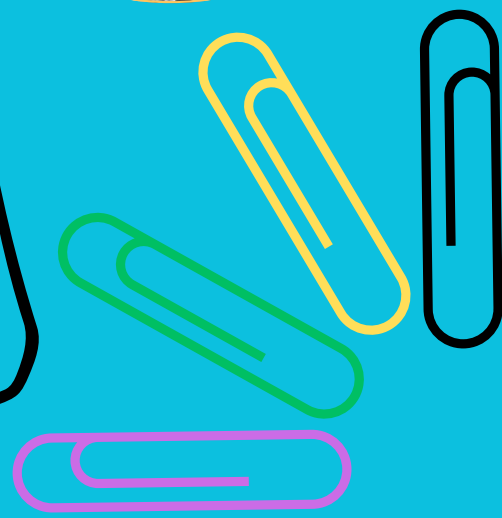
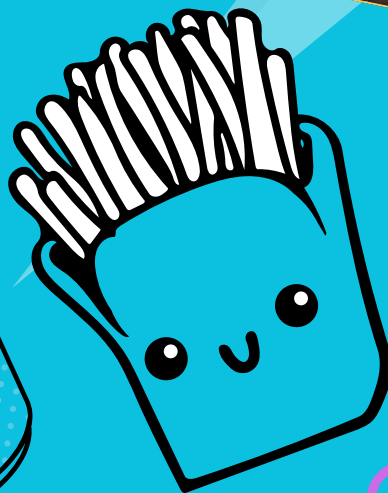
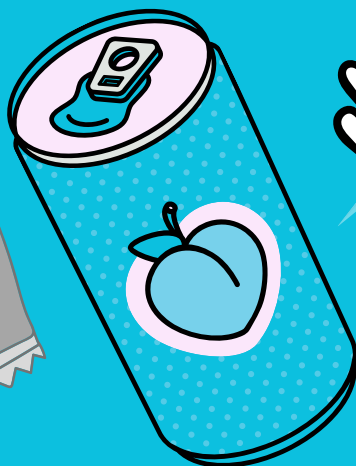
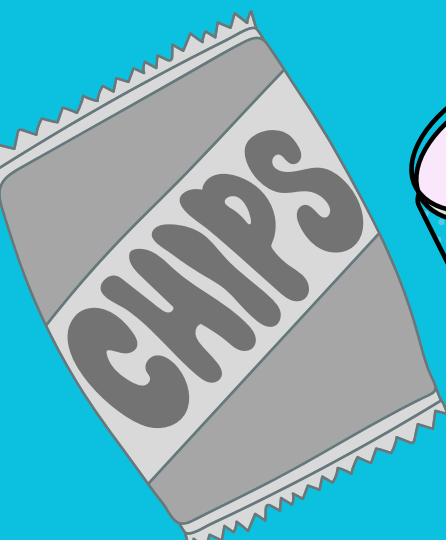
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THE EXAM ENERGY STATION WAS A RESOUNDING SUCCESS, AS RESIDENTS FLOCKED TO THE TABLE TO REFUEL AND RECHARGE. THE POSITIVE ENERGY AND CAMARADERIE THAT FILLED THE AIR WERE TRULY INSPIRING. IT WAS HEARTWARMING TO WITNESS THE SMILES ON EVERYONE'S FACES AND TO WITNESS THE POWER OF UNITY IN HELPING EACH OTHER OVERCOME THE OBSTACLES THAT EXAMS PRESENT.

FOUR-UNITY IS PROUD TO HAVE ORGANIZED THIS EVENT, AND WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT OUR FELLOW RESIDENTS DURING THIS CRUCIAL TIME. WE BELIEVE THAT FOSTERING A SENSE OF COMMUNITY AND PROVIDING MOMENTS OF JOY AMIDST THE STRESS IS ESSENTIAL FOR PROMOTING WELL-BEING AND ACADEMIC SUCCESS.

AS THE SEMESTER DRAWS TO A CLOSE, LET US REMEMBER THE STRENGTH WE FIND IN UNITY AND CONTINUE TO SUPPORT AND UPLIFT ONE ANOTHER. TOGETHER, WE CAN ACHIEVE GREATNESS.



Christmas Cheer

On December 28th, the Hall Residence Cabinet organized a truly memorable event for our residents, combining the festive spirit of Christmas with a farewell party for some of our fellow academicians.



The atmosphere buzzed with joy and excitement. Our Residence Master, Alvin Leung, warmly welcomed all the residents, extending congratulations on the conclusion of 2023 and best wishes for the upcoming year. Adding to the festive spirit, the responsible residence tutors and Mr. Alvin himself announced the results of the Cleanliness Competition, presenting well-deserved gifts to the winning floors.



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Editors: Nancy & Aumio
Designer: Jessica



However, the highlight of the gathering manifested in the celebration of Christmas and the opportunity to congratulate one another while enjoying quality time with friends. The Hall Residence Cabinet impressed us with engaging games like Where's Waldo and Christmas bomb, rewarding residents with exciting prizes. In between the games, our talented residents, Bosco, Andreas, Kangmin and Edward, showcased their musical prowess, singing and playing instruments, thereby elevating the atmosphere of this beautiful event.



As the event progressed, it was time to exchange gifts and wishes for Christmas. Everyone brought thoughtful gifts, fostering a sense of camaraderie and joy as we exchanged them with one another.

Toward the end of the event, people shared their resolutions for the upcoming year, engaging in meaningful conversations while enjoying the delicious food provided by the organizers. We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to our Hall Residence Cabinet for organizing such a remarkable event. Their efforts to create an inviting atmosphere and foster deep emotional connections with the residents are truly appreciated.



In conclusion, we would like to extend our warm congratulations to everyone as we approach Christmas and the new year. May you be surrounded by great individuals who share your interests, bringing brightness and fulfillment to your lives.



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SEM B KICK OFF AND HALL INDUCTION

The kick-off commenced with a warm and inspiring speech by the Residence Master, setting the tone for the evening. The host took the stage, engaging the audience in an interactive presentation that introduced the Hall Residence Cabinet (HRC) members and Resident Tutors (RTs). The energy in the room was palpable as the residents eagerly absorbed every word, their eyes gleaming with anticipation.

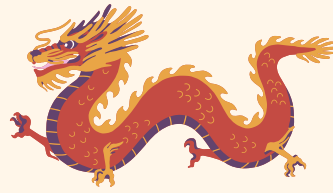




JCAC, has set the stage for a semester filled with growth, friendship, and unforgettable memories. It is a place where residents can lean on one another, explore their passions, and create a home away from home. The Semester B journey has just begun, and the residents of Hall 4 are ready to embrace it with open arms, ready to make their mark and leave a lasting legacy.



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Editor: Nancy, Kenneth
Designer: Aryank



BLOOMING TRADITIONS: Chinese New Year Door Board Decorations at Hall4 JACA

Our Hall, at the beginning of Semester B, became a hub of creativity as students eagerly prepared for the Chinese New Year celebrations. The highly anticipated HRC Chinese New Year Door Board Decorations Competition provided an exceptional platform for students to showcase their artistic prowess and fully immerse themselves in the rich tapestry of Chinese cultural traditions. The competition proved to be a resounding success, as participants transformed the hallways into a breathtaking visual extravaganza, brimming with color and symbolic representations.



Embracing the theme of "Harmony in Blooms: Blossoming Traditions," participants beautifully captured the essence of flowers in Chinese culture through their doorboard decorations. Intricate paper-cut designs, resplendent red and gold accents, delicate cherry blossom branches, and skillfully crafted traditional calligraphy adorned the doorboards. The fusion of traditional and contemporary elements created a mesmerizing display that celebrated both heritage and innovation. Each doorboard told a unique story, captivating onlookers with its artistic brilliance. The decorations showcased the participants' ability to blend old and new, creating a botanical wonderland of symbolism and cultural heritage.

Writer: Ivy
Photographer: Tommy
Editors: Nancy & Lorraine
Designer: Jessica

Following an intense community-wide voting period, TAI Shum Hei's design, featuring a vibrant peony, claimed the well-deserved first place. Klára Ondrušová and Işıl Yaşar's dynamic design secured the second-place spot, while Huang Tsz Yin and Law Yuk Man's creation earned a commendable third place.



The Door Board Decoration Competition, presented by Four-Unity HRC, brought together creativity, cultural appreciation, and a strong sense of unity. The captivating designs served as a powerful reminder of the significance of diversity and the boundless possibilities of artistic expression within our Hall.

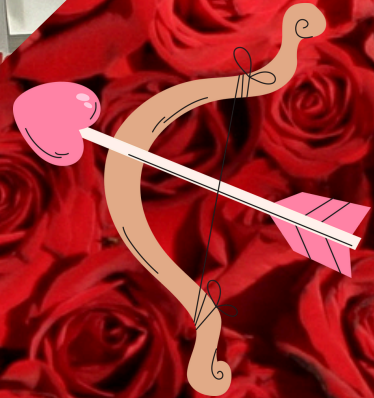
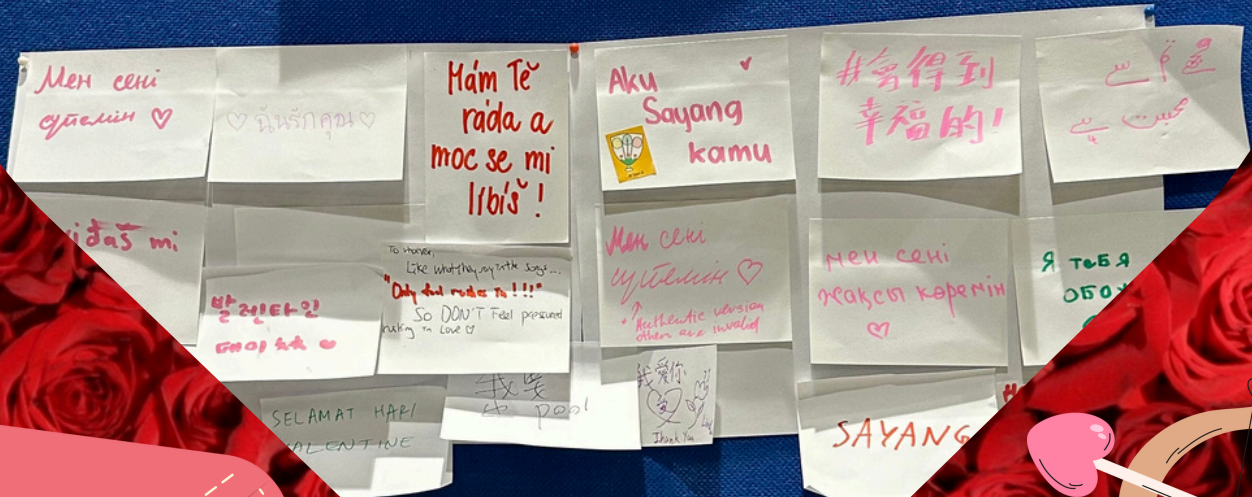
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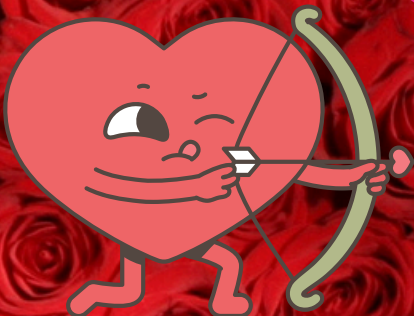
CUPID'S DELIVERY



Your Valentines



The residents of Hall 4 had the opportunity to express their feelings for someone special or write down compliments and cute messages for their friends and loved ones. It was a chance for the hall residents to showcase their affection and appreciation.



Everyone were grateful to the organisers and expressed their appreciation for the effort put into making the event enjoyable. Everyone is already looking forward to next year's Valentine's Day celebration, hoping it will be just as exciting and memorable.



Writer: Grisha
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Editor: Lorraine
Designer: ArYank

Tram Party

In the rhythmic heartbeats of Hong Kong, where the iconic 'Ding Ding' echoes the city's pulse, Hall 4's Four Unity hosted an enchanting, first and ever Tram Party. The evening of 19th March 2024 transformed into a rolling canvas of celebration, connecting hearts and painting the night with joyous hues as we commemorated JCAC's 20th birthday celebration.

Commencing outside our very own Hall 4, the anticipation was palpable as the attendees, a vibrant mix of mainly Hall 4 residents and their friends from other halls, huddled in excitement. Our vibrant journey found momentum through the veins of the MTR, leading to the embrace of Whitty Street Tram Depot, our gateway to revelry.

As the night unfurled aboard the vintage red tram, participants were whisked away on a round trip, caressed by the cool evening breeze that carried melodies and laughter along the tracks from Causeway Bay to Happy Valley and back. The tram, aglow with festivity, offered a mobile soiree where pizzas and soft drinks fueled conversations and burgeoning friendships.

Music sparked impromptu dances, and everyone felt the rhythm of togetherness under the stars. A tableau of glowing faces illuminated by the soft tram lights and the city's nocturnal splendor told tales of an unforgettable gathering. Between slices and sips, multicultural friends shared stories, forging bonds in the aura of the moving party.

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Photographer: Marisa

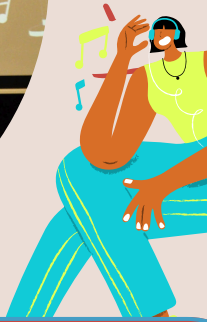
Editors: Nancy

Designer: Yigit

As the tram retraced its route through the beating heart of Hong Kong, the participants savored the captivating night view, filling the air with an infectious energy that marked the memorable 20th birthday celebration of the JCAC. It was a night that echoed with the sounds of new connections, resonating on the ding of the tram and the dance of city lights.



JCAC Singing Competition



THE SINGING CONTEST WAS A CELEBRATION OF MUSIC AND TALENT, FOSTERING COMMUNITY AND SUPPORT. GROUP PERFORMANCES LIKE "FOUR HEAVENLY QUEENS," "MINIONS," AND "LIONDEAN" SHOWCASED HARMONIOUS VOICES AND CAPTIVATING STAGE PRESENCE. THESE PERFORMANCES ADDED EXCITEMENT AND DIVERSITY TO THE EVENT, SHOWCASING THE TALENT WITHIN OUR HALL. THE SINGING CONTEST SHOWCASED MESMERIZING PERFORMANCES AS SOLOISTS JERMING, AUDREY, KELVIN, TOMMY, HANNAH, ANSON, MICKEY, KANGMIN, JOEY, EDWARD, DEREK, AND CHLORIS TOOK THE STAGE. THEIR UNIQUE VOICES AND STYLES CAPTIVATED THE AUDIENCE, LEAVING A LASTING IMPRESSION.



WRITER: IVY
PHOTOGRAPHER: ANNA
EDITOR: AUMIO
DESIGNER: ARYANK

JCAC PRESENTS ATHLETES CELEBRATION PARTY

CLASS OF
2023



On April 12, 2024, Hall 4 hosted a grand celebration party to honor jCAC's resident athletes. The event praised their outstanding participation and representation in various sports throughout the year. The atmosphere was electric with cheers, speeches, and heartfelt recognition. The party fostered unity, community spirit, and inspired others to pursue their sporting dreams. It was a memorable night of celebration, camaraderie, and pride in the achievements of these remarkable individuals.

Writer: Aryank
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Editor: Aryank
Designer: Aryank



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Boursakh Day

A Culinary Journey of Connection

Celebrate the vibrant tapestry of our community with Boursakh Day, a truly delightful event held right here in our bustling hall. We want to extend our heartfelt appreciation to Akgul and Dina for organizing this fantastic cultural experience. Boursakh Day surpassed the boundaries of a typical food festival, immersing attendees in a captivating exploration of diverse cultures through engaging conversations and, of course, mouthwatering Boursakh buns.

As you entered the ground floor of the hall, the tantalizing aroma of freshly fried Boursakh buns greeted your senses. At the heart of this flavourful affair was the dedicated curator of the Boursakh stand, positioned near the entrance, warmly welcoming residents and inviting them to indulge in these delectable treats.

The Boursakh curator skillfully initiated enlightening dialogues with residents from various cultural backgrounds, seamlessly transitioning from discussing Boursakh's origins in Kazakhstan to sharing personal memories of family gatherings centered around these fried delights.



Writer: Ivy
Photographer:
Editor: Kenneth & Lorraine
Designer: Jessica

What truly made Boursakh Day extraordinary was the opportunity it provided for cultural exchange. The Boursakh aficionado passionately engaged attendees in animated discussions, sharing intriguing anecdotes and insights about the rich history and significance of Boursakh in Central Asian cuisine.



The magic of Boursakh Day lay in these moments of connection. It went beyond a mere culinary experience; it was about the stories and experiences woven into each bite. Participants with Korean roots marvelled at the similarities between Boursakh and Korean pancakes, while others from Mexico found solace in the universal joy of fried dough.

Ultimately, Boursakh Day wasn't just about the flavours tantalizing our palates; it celebrated the cultural tapestry that unites our diverse community. It was a day when flavours and conversations transcended borders, reminding us all that food possesses the incredible power to bring us together, regardless of our origins.



Participants left with warm Boursakh buns in hand, their faces lit up with heartfelt smiles, grateful for the shared experiences and connections forged on this day. Boursakh Day left an indelible mark, serving as a beautiful reminder that unity and understanding within our community can be as simple and satisfying as breaking bread together.

Chai Chat

Unveiling the secrets behind South-Asian Milk tea

Chai lovers and enthusiasts gathered on the enchanting evening of October 9th for a delightful and informative SIP event called Chai Chat, aimed at unraveling the secrets behind South Asian milk tea and celebrating the rich tea culture found in the region.

The event commenced with an engaging introduction to the captivating tea culture of South Asia. Participants embarked on a journey to explore the origins of chai, its historical background, and the diverse types of chai that graced the region. Fascinating insights were shared, including the Cantonese origin of the word “chai” from 茶, the ingredients used, and the cultural significance of chai in everyday life. It was an eye-opening exploration that deepened the attendee’s appreciation for this beloved beverage.

Following the informative session, participants were treated to a sensory delight—the taste of aromatic milk tea. Cups of fragrant chai were distributed, allowing everyone to savor the flavors and aromas of South Asian chai. In favor of complementing the tea, a selection of delectable biscuits was served as a dessert. The biscuits paired perfectly with the tea, providing the participants with a true chai experience. Chai Chat aimed not only to indulge in the deliciousness of milk tea but also to empower participants with the knowledge and skills to make their own. The organizer demonstrated the tea-making process, allowing participants to witness firsthand the art and technique of brewing tea.

To infuse the event with excitement and friendly competition, a Kahoot game was organized. Participants put their knowledge to the test, answering questions about the facts and cultural nuances shared earlier in the event. It was a lively and engaging experience that encouraged active participation and deepened the connection between attendees and the tea culture they were exploring.



Writer : Irena
Photographer: Jason
Editor: Kenneth
Lorraine
Designer: Musab

Additionally, the event organizer held a tea testing station in the ground floor lobby in the afternoon. The station allowing passersby to conveniently partake in the experience of South Asian chai. Some attendees not only enjoyed the opportunity to taste tea but also expressed a desire for its return, the positive feedbacks highlighted the success of the event.



Chai Chat successfully accomplished its dual purpose of providing an enjoyable tea-tasting experience while educating participants about the cultural heritage of South Asian milk tea. The event fostered a sense of community among chai enthusiasts, creating an environment where they could not only delight in the flavors of chai but also appreciate the cultural significance and stories behind this cherished beverage.





DIYA DELIGHTS

ON NOVEMBER 27TH, ARYANK AND MAX ORCHESTRATED A TRULY ENLIGHTENING EVENT CENTERED AROUND THE ILLUSTRIOUS HINDU FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS – DIWALI. THIS STUDENT-LED INITIATIVE WAS DESIGNED TO SHOWCASE THE CAPTIVATING ESSENCE OF THE FESTIVAL AND DELVE INTO THE CHERISHED TRADITIONS OF THE INDIAN PEOPLE.

THE EVENT KICKED OFF WITH AN ENGAGING AND INFORMATIVE SESSION, CLEVERLY INCORPORATING A PLAYFUL PRESENTATION USING THE INTERACTIVE PLATFORM KAHOOT. EACH INTRIGUING FACT ABOUT DIWALI WAS FOLLOWED BY A LIVELY QUIZ, ENSURING THAT EVERY PARTICIPANT WAS FULLY IMMERSSED IN THE FESTIVE ATMOSPHERE. THE INFORMATION SESSION CONCLUDED WITH AN INTERACTIVE Q&A, FOSTERING A VIBRANT EXCHANGE WHERE PARTICIPANTS COULD LEARN MORE ABOUT DIVERSE CULTURES AND DISCOVER SIMILAR CELEBRATIONS AROUND THE WORLD.

ARYANK TOOK THE SPOTLIGHT BY PRESENTING THE QUINTESSENTIAL SYMBOL OF DIWALI – THE DIVINE DIWALI CLAY LAMPS. EACH PARTICIPANT WAS GIVEN A PRICELESS OPPORTUNITY TO DECORATE THEIR OWN LAMP, ALLOWING THEM TO EXPRESS THEIR UNIQUE VISION OF THE FESTIVAL. THE LEVEL OF ENGAGEMENT WAS SO PROFOUND THAT IT TOOK A DELIGHTFUL HALF AN HOUR FOR EVERYONE TO COMPLETE THEIR LAMP DECORATIONS, RESULTING IN A MARVELOUS DISPLAY OF DIVERSE AND CREATIVE DESIGNS.



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PHOTOGRAPHER: JASON
EDITOR: AUMIO & NANCY
DESIGNER: MUSAB**



TO CONCLUDE THE EVENT ON A LUMINOUS NOTE, ARYANK GUIDED THE LIGHTING OF EACH LAMP, CASTING A MESMERISING GLOW THAT TRANSFORMED THE COMMON ROOM INTO A REALM OF ENCHANTMENT. FOLLOWING THIS CAPTIVATING MOMENT, MOUTH-WATERING SWEETS, SYNONYMOUS WITH DIWALI CELEBRATIONS, WAS GENEROUSLY SHARED, ALLOWING EVERYONE TO SAVOUR THE DELECTABLE FLAVOURS.

LET'S EXTEND OUR APPRECIATION TO ARYANK AND MAX FOR THEIR REMARKABLE EFFORTS. THROUGH THEIR ENDEAVOURS, THEY NOT ONLY BROADENED THE HORIZONS OF OUR HALL RESIDENTS BUT ALSO SHOWCASED THE REMARKABLE DIVERSITY WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY. THEIR ELECTRIFYING ACTIVITIES LEFT AN INDELIBLE MARK, CREATING AN ATMOSPHERE OF UNITY, UNDERSTANDING, AND CELEBRATION.



Celebrating Thai Tradition: JCAC Loy Krathong's Day

On December 1st, 2023, JCAC Hall 4 celebrated the renowned Loy Krathong's Day. Organized by Marisa, Pai, and Darren, the celebration took place in the G/F Common room, aiming to honor Thailand's iconic and widely celebrated traditional event while promoting Thai culture within the hall.

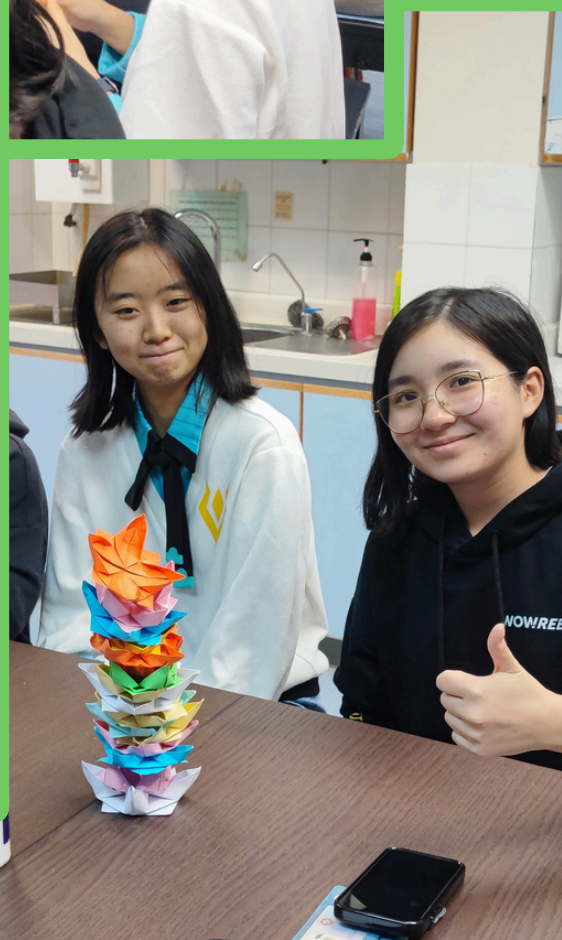
Loy Krathong is a festival dedicated to honoring the Goddess of waters, expressing gratitude for the abundant supply she provides throughout the year, and seeking forgiveness for any harm caused to the waters by floating "Krathong" into the river. The event started with a short but informative presentation about Loy Krathong's Day. This presentation covered the festival's purpose, highlighting the customary practices and sharing exciting facts related to Loy Krathong's Day. Participants were captivated by the presentation and expressed amazement as they learned about the vibrant and meaningful ways that Thai people celebrate Loy Krathong. This deepened their appreciation for the festival's cultural essence and its resonance within Thai society.

After that, participants partook in an origami activity: crafting a miniature version of "Krathongs." This engaging activity provided a pleasant diversion and served as a cheerful means to alleviate the tension preceding their final exams. Once they finished crafting their origami "Krathongs," attendees had the opportunity to virtually float them and convey their wishes.



Writer: Pai
Photographer: Marisa
Editors: Kennety & Nancy
Designer: Yigit

To round off the evening, a Thai dessert called "Tako" was served to conclude the memorable evening. Everyone enjoyed the dessert, adding a touch of sweetness to the event's overall experience.



Delights of Nge-Wedang

In the vibrant and multicultural community of Hall 4 JACA, a remarkable student-initiated project took place on January 20th, captivating residents with an exotic experience. The unique flavors of Nge-Wedang, a beloved Indonesian dessert, were introduced to the enthusiastic residents of Hall 4.

The event commenced with an enlightening introduction to Nge-Wedang, its roots deeply embedded in Indonesian culture. Participants eagerly immersed themselves in the rich history and traditions surrounding this cherished beverage, often found adorning the bustling streets of Indonesia.

With a delightful blend of simplicity and creativity, the ingredients for Nge-Wedang were unveiled - flour, water, and optional colorants to add an artistic touch. Guided by skilled hands and beaming smiles, participants mixed and kneaded the dough, infusing it with vibrant hues that mirrored their own vibrant personalities. Laughter and camaraderie filled the air as they embraced the creative process.

After shaping the Nge-Wedang, it was time to cook and savor the fruits of their labor. The ginger-infused soup simmered, building anticipation among the participants.

With eager faces and a sense of wonder, they took their first spoonfuls of the steaming delicacy. The addition of ginger juice not only added flavor but also provided a comforting warmth, making it particularly delightful during the winter months.

Writer: Irena

Photographer: Jason

Editors: Lorraine & Aumio

Designer: Yigit



The Nge-Wedang event in our hall went beyond being a simple dessert introduction. It became a harmonious symphony of flavors, a gateway for cultural exploration, and a joyous celebration of diversity. As the event came to a close, participants departed with cherished memories, having embarked on a truly memorable and immersive culinary journey.



Survival Thai 101

On the night of February 6th, Academians gathered in a cozy common room.

They were excited to delve into the world of the Thai language, which was unfamiliar to many of them. The organizers, Pai and Marisa, enthusiastically greeted the participants, eager to teach them something new. The common room on the ground floor had a warm and inviting atmosphere, creating a comfortable space for everyone to learn and interact. With anticipation, the attendees were ready to discover the beauty and uniqueness of the Thai language, expanding their horizons and embracing this new culture.

The event started with a basic introduction to Thai greetings and expressions of gratitude, which are fundamental when learning a new language. Participants were introduced to simple phrases that would prove essential in everyday conversations. Moving forward, the lesson transitioned to practicing self-introduction sentences, emphasizing their significance in building connections. Attendees were given the opportunity to engage in Thai communication exercises, allowing them to apply what they had learned and experience real-life scenarios where Thai phrases would come in handy. This gave the participants a valuable and practical learning experience, enabling them to gain confidence and familiarity with using Thai in real-life situations.





Indeed, when learning a new language, knowing how to write and pronounce one's name is essential. The organizers were enthusiastic about teaching each participant how to write their names in Thai script. They patiently guided the attendees and provided personalized assistance, ensuring that everyone had the opportunity to transcribe their names accurately. Moreover, lucky participants were also rewarded with unique prizes from Thailand during the pop quiz activities. These prizes tested their understanding and served as memorable souvenirs, allowing them to remember their experience.

Participants were treated to a selection of Thai snacks to wrap up the event, adding a flavorful conclusion to the night of learning. This not only provided a delightful experience but also served as a practical connection to the culture of Thailand. By gaining knowledge of the Thai language, participants were equipped with valuable tools for better communication and understanding when visiting the country; a renowned tourist destination.



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Photographer: Jason
Designer: Clarissa

UNLEASHING INDONESIAN TRADITION: CRAFTING WAYANG PUPPETS

On the night of February 19th, 2024, the Multifunction Hall-C was filled with soft Indonesian pop songs and a variety of craft materials, catching the attention of everyone who passed by. Seline, Audrey, and Kenneth organized an event called Wayang Craft, which aimed to showcase the traditional Indonesian culture that is hardly seen nowadays. Wayang, derived from the Javanese language, means 'shadow' or 'imagination'. It refers to a traditional form of puppetry show in Java, Indonesia, where classical stories are recreated using puppets that are controlled by rods behind a translucent screen, casting shadows and creating an intriguing play of light for the audience.



The event started with the introduction of Wayang, followed by a captivating video that showcased the authentic and traditional Wayang puppet theater. The next part is what everyone had been anticipating: crafting time! This was a rare opportunity for residents to individually create Wayang puppets using easily found materials from beginning to end..

Writer: Pai
Photographer: Linda
Editor: Kenneth
Designer: Jessica

The process of creating Wayang puppets was not only exciting but also served as a means to relieve the stress of upcoming midterm exams. Residents found relaxation in decorating the Wayang puppets, as it allowed them to unleash their creativity and divert their attention from the burden of schoolwork. Residents wholeheartedly participate in cutting out Wayang figures from paper, coloring them to craft personalized designs, stringing together various parts of the Wayang puppets, and affixing them to sticks as holders to make the best Wayang puppet that truly reflects their own identity.



We want to express our appreciation to the organizers, Seline, Audrey, and Kenneth, for hosting this genuinely remarkable and once-in-a-lifetime event. Residents had the opportunity not only to showcase their artistic skills but also to expand their horizons by immersing themselves in this beautiful tradition. This experience will undoubtedly become a part of everyone's most treasured memories.

Indulging in a Sweet Delight:

Hong Kong Dessertopia



On a memorable evening, Hall 4 residents gathered to embark on a culinary adventure, immersing themselves in the delectable world of Hong Kong desserts. This delightful event—Hong Kong Dessertopia not only aimed to enhance unity among Hall Four residents but also served as a gateway for new residents to integrate into the community, offering non-local students a taste of Chinese culture and tradition.

On February 26, the event was held in multifunctional Hall C, where residents of Hall 4 came together to explore the art of creating two iconic Hong Kong desserts: mango sago and rice balls with peanuts and sesame seeds. The event is surrounded by the sweet aroma of fresh mangoes, the nutty fragrance of peanuts, and the hint of toasted sesame seeds. Divided into two teams, residents enthusiastically dove into the dessert-making process, enjoying laughter and friendly banter as they followed the recipes.



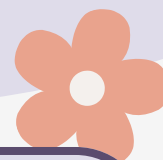
Writer: Irena
Photographer: Jason
Editors: Nancy
Designer: Jessica

As the desserts took shape, a sense of accomplishment and anticipation filled the room. The vibrant mango sago colors and the delicate texture of the rice balls showcased the participants' culinary skills. This shared experience brought the residents closer, creating lasting memories and forging bonds. With smiles of joy, participants savored the fruits of their labor and even shared their creations with their roommates, spreading joy and camaraderie beyond the event itself.




We want to express our appreciation to the organizers, Seline, Audrey, and Kenneth, for hosting this genuinely remarkable and once-in-a-lifetime event. Residents had the opportunity not only to showcase their artistic skills but also to expand their horizons by immersing themselves in this beautiful tradition. This experience will undoubtedly become a part of everyone's most treasured memories.

South Asian Street Food Adventure




On the night of February 29th, 2024, the G/F lobby of Hall 4 had a captivating and inviting aroma that infused the lobby. The air was filled with the warm and comforting fragrance of freshly fried dough from the crispy puris, evoking residents' curiosity and anticipation. Along with the puris, the room was infused with the delightful scent of herbs and spices from various savory fillings with ingredients like spiced chickpeas and boiled potatoes that provide a satisfying and rich flavor.

Pani puri is the perfect cuisine to represent South Asia's rich street food culture. It embodies the essence of this vibrant culinary tradition with its combination of spices and intense flavors that evoke everyone's olfactory sense. The filling of pani puri symbolizes South Asian culinary diversity with the array of ingredients and condiments that create an explosion of flavors and a complex and satisfying taste from all the elements.



Writer: Pai
Editor: Kenneth
Photographer: Charles
Designer: Clarissa



Alongside the delectable pani puris, the residents enjoy the opportunity to spend quality time together, engage in conversations, and catch up on each other's lives. The event provided a break from their hectic routines, allowing them to pause, connect, and improve the sense of tight community at Hall 4. Furthermore, the organizers, Musab, Mannit, and Ishfaq, highlighted the importance of using various ingredients in pani puris, such as spices, herbs, and condiments. They explained how these components contribute to the unique flavors and aromas that make pani puris special. By doing so, they not only provided the residents with new experiences but also expanded their knowledge of different culinary elements.

well done!





HOLIFIESTA



Splashes of color and the sweet scent of traditional Indian lassi welcomed Hall 4 residents as they embraced the exuberance of the Holi Fiesta. The vibrancy of India's most spirited festival brightened our G/F Common Room, setting the stage for an evening of cultural exploration and sensory delight on the 12th of March.

Organized masterfully by Bhargava Aryank, SARKER Aumio Kumar, and Cai Chiu Ho, the event saw eager participants indulge in two sessions of lassi making, crafting the creamy, yogurt-based beverage in an array of flavors, from the tang of mango to the aromatic essence of rose.

Writer: Ivy
Photographer: Tommy
Editors: Aumio
Designer: Jessica

During the interlude, a buzz of clicks and flashes marked the 10-minute photography break, encapsulating the joyful moments of the fiesta. These instants of laughter and camaraderie, frozen in time, painted a vivid memory for all involved. The attendees were drawn into a presentation rich with the legends and lore of Holi, connecting over the rituals and histories woven into the fabric of this glorious festival.



As night fell, the Holi Fiesta left a kaleidoscope of memories in its wake, having served not only mouthwatering lassis but also a deeper understanding and appreciation of the significance of Holi within the JCAC community.



Mouth-Watering Pastry

Who doesn't adore a freshly-baked pastry straight out of the oven? We're absolutely certain it sets everyone's taste buds tingling. Our dear residents, Nancy and Darren, with the assistance of Xavier, prepared a delightful selection of pastries for us.

Chengdu Pastry, being such a delectable dessert-like delicacy, was so incredibly scrumptious that not a single crumb was left behind. Undoubtedly, it must have taken hours to meticulously craft and distribute such a generous amount of pastries. Needless to say, Nancy, alongside Darren, courageously embraced the challenge and emerged triumphant.

In conclusion, we would like to underscore the significance of such events, as they undeniably bring people closer together. Food has always been the cornerstone of communal gatherings, and this event was no exception. Additionally, we would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to the organisers and helpers who made this event possible.



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Photographer: Marisa
Designer: Clarissa

Easter workshop

On February 21st, Hall 4 JCAC's G/E Common Room came alive with the vibrant spirit of Easter. Eager participants gathered in the heart of the hall, finding their places amidst tables and chairs set to create an intimate atmosphere for the evening's soiree. The Easter workshop, designed for 36 culture enthusiasts, promised an immersive exploration of Orthodox Easter traditions without the need for personal supplies—providing a canvas for creativity while honoring age-old rituals.

The event cracked open with an enriching presentation on the history and customs of Easter, unpacking the intricate tapestry of foods and traditions associated with the festivity. Prepared in advance, organizers presented pre-boiled eggs, offering a safe palette for participants to express their artful ambitions in the ancient craft of egg dyeing.

Laughter and color swirled together as attendees dipped and decorated, each egg a testament to the joy and community spirit the workshop was meant to foster. As the event drew to a close, not only were eggs dyed but hearts were tinted with the hues of shared heritage and happiness—a charming and creative soiree masterfully concluded by the meticulous organizers.

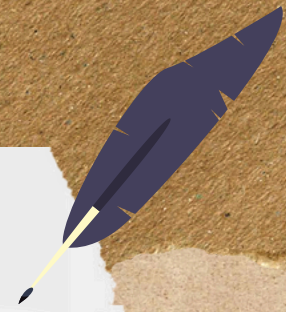
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Immersing in the Art of **Urdu Calligraphy**

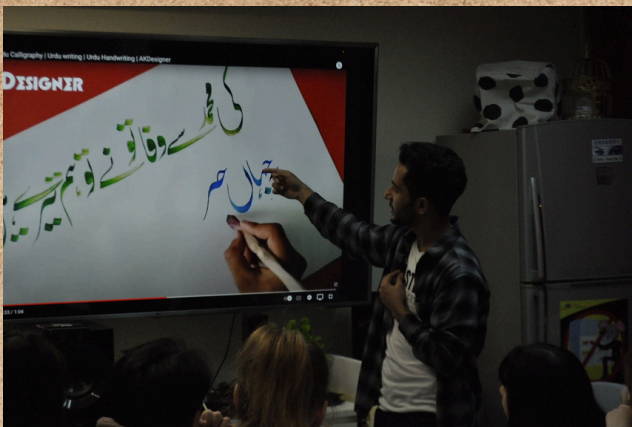
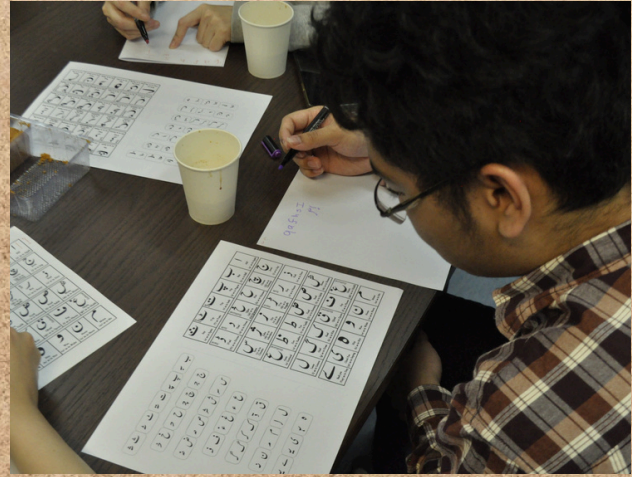


On the evening of March 21st, the organizers of the SIP Urdu Calligraphy event, Musab, Ishfaq, Marisa, and Maanit, gathered the residents of Hall 4 in the ground floor common room to delve into the captivating art of Urdu Calligraphy.

The event commenced with an introduction by Ishfaq, who shared the rich cultural significance of Urdu Calligraphy, along with insights into the traditional tools used. While bamboo pens were historically employed, contemporary times have embraced the use of digital pens. Building upon this foundation, Musab proceeded with a demonstration of reading and writing Urdu Calligraphy alphabets. The writing system of Urdu Calligraphy proved fascinating, with certain alphabets featuring both uppercase and lowercase forms, while others did not. Inspired by the demonstration, participants eagerly embraced the opportunity to write their English names using Urdu alphabets, employing highlighters to explore a range of intensities and textures, ultimately achieving a harmonious flow in their letterforms. Throughout this process, participants exhibited remarkable dedication, while the organizers provided patient guidance on the art of name writing in Urdu Calligraphy.



Writer: Ivy
Photographer: Anna
Editors: Lorraine
Designer: Jessica



Gratitude is extended to the organizers for their thoughtful provision of Middle Eastern tea and sweet biscuits, which further enriched the workshop's ambiance, immersing participants in a truly exotic experience.



ZESTY BITES

ON THE EVENING OF SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH, RESIDENTS GATHERED IN THE G/F COMMON AREA FOR AN ENGAGING EVENT CENTERED AROUND THE BELOVED STREET SNACK, JHALMURI. THE STAGE WAS SET FOR A DELIGHTFUL EXPLORATION OF FLAVORS AND CULTURAL TRADITIONS.

THE EVENT COMMENCED WITH A PRESENTATION ON THE BACKGROUND AND ORIGINS OF JHALMURI. BEFORE DIVING INTO THE HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE, PARTICIPANTS DEEPENED THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE SNACK'S CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE, SOCIAL ASPECT, AND ITS RICH CULINARY HERITAGE FROM BANGLADESH AND WEST BENGAL. JHALMURI IS A QUICK SNACK, MADE BY MIXING PUFFED RICE WITH CHOPPED VEGETABLES LIKE ONIONS, TOMATOES, GREEN CHILI, AND CORIANDER LEAVES AND SPICES SUCH AS RED CHILI POWDER ALONG WITH PICKLE MUSTARD OIL AND CRISPY CHANACHUR (SWEET AND SPICY SNACK MIX).

EMPOWERED BY THIS NEWFOUND KNOWLEDGE, PARTICIPANTS EAGERLY ROLLED UP THEIR SLEEVES AND BEGAN PREPARING THEIR OWN JHALMURI. GUIDED BY THE PLAYFUL DANCE OF SPICES AND THE CRUNCHINESS OF FRESHLY CHOPPED VEGETABLES, EACH PERSON INDULGED IN THE TACTILE JOY OF MIXING AND SEASONING THEIR CREATION, A SENSORY EXPERIENCE THAT FOSTERED A SENSE OF TOGETHERNESS.



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PHOTOGRAPHER: TOMMY

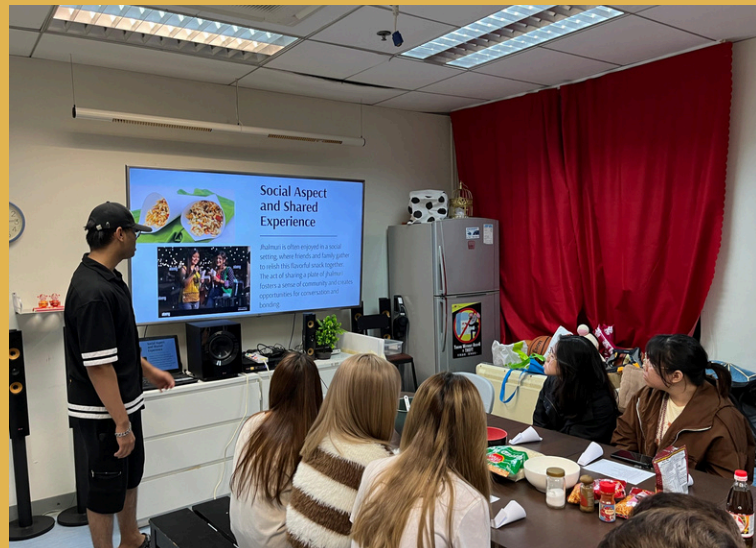
EDITOR: AUMIO

DESIGNER: MUSAB



AMIDST THE COMPANY OF PEERS AND FUELED BY THE CONTAGIOUS ENTHUSIASM OF THE EVENT, PARTICIPANTS SKILLFULLY BALANCED THE PUFFED RICE WITH AN ARRAY OF INGREDIENTS, CUSTOMIZING THEIR MIX TO PERFECTION WITH VARIOUS VEGETABLES AND SPICES. THE ROOM WAS FILLED WITH THE HARMONIOUS SOUNDS OF STIRRING AND LAUGHTER AS RESIDENTS CREATED JHALMURI UNIQUELY TAILORED TO THEIR INDIVIDUAL TASTES.

ZESTY BITES NIGHT TRANSCENDED THE MERE ENJOYMENT OF A TASTY SNACK. IT SERVED AS A BRIDGE, CONNECTING CULINARY HERITAGE WITH CURIOUS EXPLORERS, AND EXEMPLIFIED HALL 4'S DEDICATION TO ENRICHING THE ACADEMIC JOURNEY WITH CULTURAL RELEVANCE AND THE SIMPLE JOY OF COMING TOGETHER TO MAKE AND SHARE FOOD



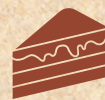
CHINESE HEALTH TEA

TEA, SPLENDID TEA

Tea, a significant element in many cultures, isn't it? The way we consume it and the timing of it hold considerable importance for numerous individuals. And guess what? Our very own Nancy, with the assistance of Darren and Xavier, orchestrated this remarkable project aimed at acquainting our residents with the significance of tea in Chinese culture.

Nancy did an exceptional job showcasing various types of herbal teas renowned for their health benefits. These teas are believed to work wonders for both body and mind, maintaining optimal well-being when consumed regularly.

Towards the culmination of the project, Nancy ensured that everyone had the opportunity to sample the tea. It served as a chance for each individual to explore and assess their thoughts on the flavors. All in all, we're immensely grateful for this initiative, eagerly anticipating more such enriching endeavors in the future.



Writer: Grisha
Editor: Nancy
Photographer: Marisa
Designer: Clarissa

Writer: Pai

Photographer: Tommy

Editor: Aumio

Designer: Aryank



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Iftar Soiree



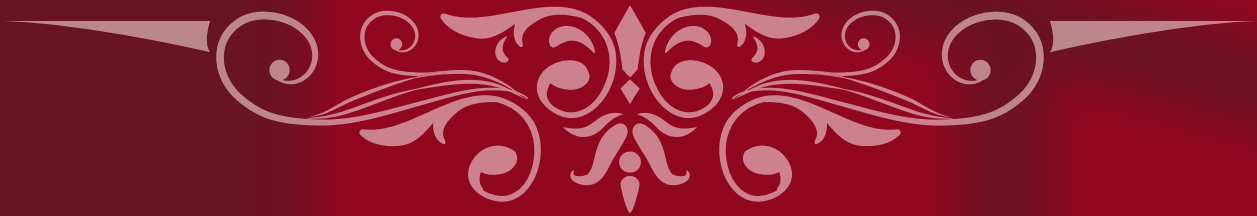
The organizers started with an informative yet fascinating presentation to help residents better immerse themselves in this unfamiliar event, providing essential insights into the fundamentals of Ramadan and fasting.

The presentation includes exciting facts about Ramadan, offering residents a delightful journey through its rich traditions and practices.

Some include the hidden benefits of fasting, ranging from physical to psychological health.



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DO IT YOURSELF



On October 4th and 6th, total 30 residents joined the handmade soap workshop in the ground floor common room for an evening of creativity and fun.

The workshop offered a unique opportunity for our talented residents to unleash their inner artists and craft their very own personalized soaps.

Handmade Soap Workshop



With two types of soap bases available - transparent and opaque. The workshop also provided different base oils, enchanting fragrances, and pigments, allowing participants discovered the magic of using pigments to create captivating layers of colors. The addition of pigment makes ordinary soap look like a delicate dessert. It was like stepping into a candy wonderland!



Writer: Irena
Photographer: Jason
Editor: Aumio
Designer: Aryank



PAINT PARTY

Unleashing Creativity and Joy

On January 29, 2024, the ground floor common room was transformed into a lively atmosphere of colors. Crayons and markers in many vibrant shades filled the room, ready to ignite the imagination of the tired residents who walked in after a long day at school. They eagerly joined the Paint Party event hosted by Dina and Akgul, ready to unwind and let their creativity shine. The atmosphere was filled with laughter and conversation as everyone engaged in each other's conversation. The Paint Party provided a much-needed break from their daily stress, allowing them to relax and enjoy the moment together.

The event started with the hosts handing out different picture sections for each participant to color. Once completed, these individual pieces would be assembled to create a dynamic artwork showcasing everyone involved unique creativity. When the residents were handed their pieces of the picture, their hands were filled with crayons and markers, eager to unleash their creativity and nostalgic emotions into the artwork

Writer : Pai

Photographer: Tommy

Editor: kenneth & Nancy

Designer: Musab

The second activity ignited happiness as participants took turns writing sentences and drawing pictures, passing the paper around the room, creating a collaborative atmosphere. The sentences underwent funny and unexpected transformations, surprising residents and bringing laughter into the room.

The ambiance transported the residents back in time, evoking a sense of youthful nostalgia as they immersed themselves in the joy of coloring with friends. At that moment, the burdens of school and stress melted away, offering a rare escape from the busy university life.

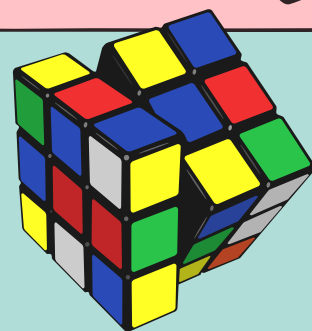


Cubing Extravaganza

TWIST 'N' TURN

Residents of Hall 4 in the G/F Common Room were treated to an entertaining and instructive program on February 23rd called Twist & Turn SIP. The event aimed to teach attendees how to solve the famous Rubik's Cube and reveal its secrets.

The event started with the distribution of Rubik's Cube solutions, adding an element of anticipation and excitement to the atmosphere. This student-led project aimed to celebrate the individualism and cognitive abilities of the participants, challenging them to test their problem-solving skills and engage their minds.



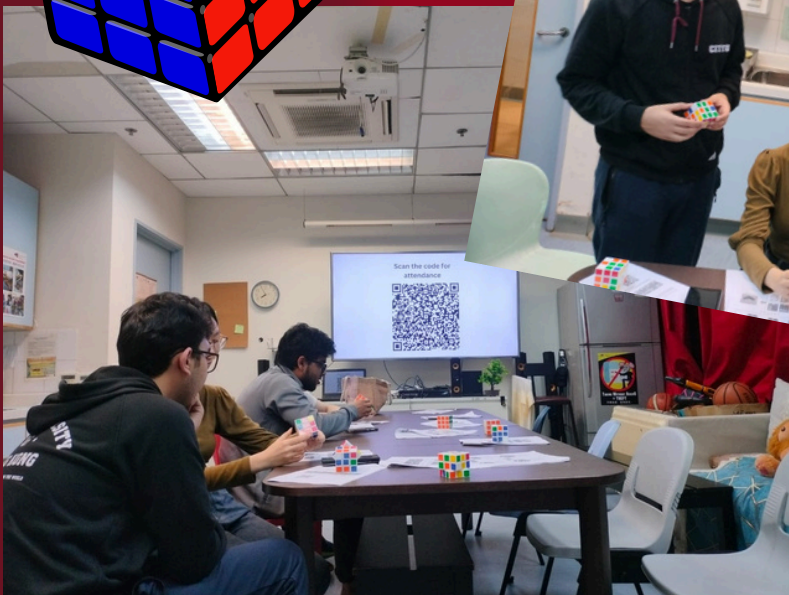
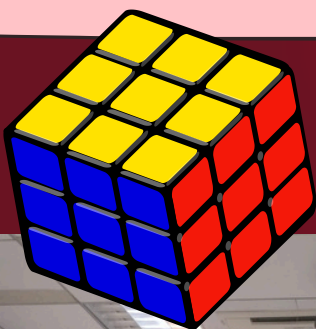
Writer: Grisha
Editor: Aumio
Photographer: Linda
Designer: Clarissa

As the event progressed, the organizers provided occasional assistance to the audience. This gesture ensured that participants who encountered difficulties or became stuck in the solutions received the necessary guidance to overcome their challenges. Their support added a helpful and supportive dimension to the event, ensuring that everyone had a chance to participate and enjoy the experience fully.

Overall, the event was delightful and thrilling, drawing in academicians and puzzle enthusiasts alike. The participants eagerly immersed themselves in unraveling the mysteries of the Rubik's Cube, relishing the opportunity to engage their minds and expand their knowledge. The event fostered a sense of camaraderie among the attendees as they collectively worked towards solving the intricate puzzle.

In conclusion, it is important to express gratitude to the organizers for their efforts in creating such a captivating activity. Their dedication and meticulous planning made the event a memorable and enjoyable experience for all involved.

The event not only provided an entertaining challenge but also served as a platform for fostering intellectual growth and community engagement.



Friendship Band DIY

Celebrating Friendship and Creativity

JCAC held a captivating Friendship Band DIY event on February 15th, creating a lively celebration of friendship and creativity. Taking place in our G/F common room, the event beautifully nurtured a sense of camaraderie and pure joy.

The DIY workshop unfolded with a burst of creative energy as participants eagerly immersed themselves in the array of materials laid before them. Their fingers danced across ice cream sticks, threads, glue, and a kaleidoscope of decorative embellishments. Each participant poured their heart and soul into crafting exquisite friendship bands that reflected their unique personalities and the bond they shared with their friends. The room became a gallery of artistry, with bands that showcased intricate designs, vibrant colors, and heartfelt messages. Amidst the creative fervor, participants took breaks to admire one another's creations, fostering connections and sparking conversations.

The atmosphere was one of warmth and support, as residents exchanged appreciative glances and words of encouragement. Friendships grew stronger, and new connections blossomed, fueled by a shared love for creativity and the joy of giving.



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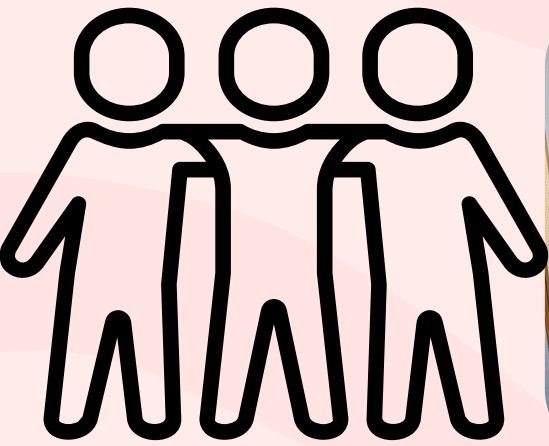
Photographer: Tommy

Editor: Aumio

Designer: Musab

As the evening drew to a close, participants proudly showcased their handmade friendship bands, tangible symbols of their artistic endeavors, and the cherished relationships they had celebrated throughout the event.

The Friendship Band DIY event had accomplished more than the creation of beautiful keepsakes—it had kindled a spirit of togetherness and provided a platform for residents to express their creativity and foster meaningful connections. As participants bid farewell, their faces adorned with smiles, the common room buzzed with the echoes of laughter and the resonance of newfound friendships. It served as a reminder of the beauty found in human connections and the deep joy derived from celebrating the bonds that enrich our lives.



BATIK COASTER

UNLEASHING CREATIVITY THROUGH BATIK

OUR HEARTFELT GRATITUDE GOES TO SELINE, AUDREY, AND DARREN FOR ORGANIZING AND TO XAVIER AND KENNETH FOR HELPING WITH THE CAPTIVATING BATIK COASTER EVENT ON MARCH 16TH. THEIR EFFORTS IN CREATING A MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE FOR THE HALL RESIDENTS WERE TRULY COMMENDABLE.

THE EVENT PROVIDED A DELIGHTFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO UNLEASH THEIR CREATIVITY AND IMMERSE THEMSELVES IN THE RICH CULTURAL TRADITION OF BATIK ART. PARTICIPANTS RECEIVED PIGMENTS, PAPER PLATES AS PIGMENT BOARDS, AND TWO BRUSHES. A SOOTHING AMBIANCE ENVELOPED THE ATMOSPHERE AS MELODIOUS MUSIC PLAYED, SETTING THE PERFECT TONE FOR THE CREATIVE PROCESS. PARTICIPANTS IMMERSED THEMSELVES IN TRANQUILITY, FOCUSING INTENTLY ON THEIR MASTERPIECES WHILE ORGANIZERS OFFERED COMPLIMENTS AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

WRITER : IRENA

PHOTOGRAPHER: ANNA

EDITOR: KENNETH

DESIGNER: MUSAB

GENTLE BRUSH STROKES CREATED A SYMPHONY OF COLORS AS RESIDENTS Poured THEIR ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS ONTO THE COASTERS. EACH COASTER BECAME A UNIQUE REFLECTION OF INDIVIDUAL CREATIVITY, CAPTURING PERSONAL STYLES AND INTERPRETATIONS. THE EVENT FOSTERED A SENSE OF JCAC COMMUNITY, BRINGING RESIDENTS TOGETHER IN A SHARED APPRECIATION FOR ART AND CULTURAL EXPLORATION. PARTICIPANTS LEFT WITH THE BEAUTY OF BATIK ART.



UNLEASHING CREATIVITY: DRAW YOUR OWN ECO BAG

Event to Inspire Environmental Consciousness



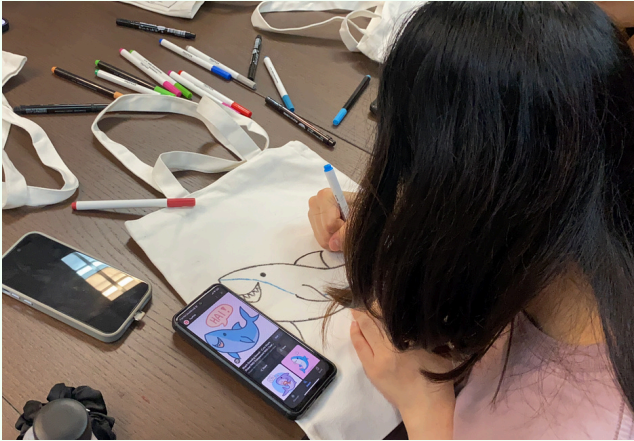
On the evening of March 17th, 2024, the common room buzzed with excitement as residents gathered for a special event called "Draw Your Own Eco Bag." It celebrated our creativity for self-expression and was a testament to our growing environmental awareness. Anson and Kelly, two talented residents, organized this remarkable gathering, responding to our collective yearning for artistic fulfillment.

The organizers began with an enlightening presentation, shedding light on the dangers of plastic pollution and emphasizing the need to adopt eco-friendly alternatives. Plastic pollution continues to pose a grave threat to our ecosystems, polluting our waters, endangering marine life, and leaving lasting scars on our planet. By embracing eco-friendly tote bags, we can minimize our reliance on single-use plastics that take centuries to decompose, safeguarding our environment and paving the way for a sustainable future. The presentation ignited our environmental consciousness, inspiring us to make a positive impact.



Writer: Grisha
Photographer: Linda
Editors: Aumio
Designer: Jessica

This was followed by Anson and Kelly showcasing an array of templates of tote bag designs, teasing us with a glimpse of the artistic possibilities that awaited. The residents were then presented with high-quality tote bags and a vibrant assortment of textile markers, transforming these simple canvases into gateways for our imagination to run wild.



With the stage set, residents immersed themselves in the creative process, fearlessly exploring the vast realm of artistic possibilities. Brushes and markers danced across the fabric, as vibrant colors and intricate designs came to life. Witnessing the transformation of plain tote bags into personalized masterpieces, each reflecting unique style and vision of its creator, was truly awe-inspiring. The atmosphere was charged with energy and a sense of liberation as imagination flowed freely, unrestrained by convention or inhibition.

Through the "Draw Your Own Eco Bag" event, organizers and our fellow residents unleashed their creativity and kindled a profound sense of environmental awareness. We take small yet significant steps toward a greener future by embracing sustainable alternatives and reducing our reliance on plastic. Let us carry the spirit of innovation forward, inspired by our artistic endeavors, as we continue to create a better, more sustainable world for ourselves and future generations.

Kazakh Quill



The residents delved into the fascinating world of quilling—an art form that takes paper strips, rolls them, shapes them, and ingeniously glues them together to form breathtaking decorative designs. But they didn't stop there; they infused their workshop with a touch of Kazakh culture, exploring the rich history, intricate patterns, and symbolic significance of traditional Kazakh ornaments.





Writer: Grisha
Photographer: Linda
Editor: Nancy
Designer: Aryank

The Artistry of Weaving: Craft Your Own Woven Coasters

On April 1st, 2024, Sammi and Hannah orchestrated the SIP: Woven Coasters Workshop, held in the ground floor common room of Hall 4 during the evening. The workshop aimed to provide participants with a unique opportunity to delve into the art of weaving, enabling them to design and craft their very own personalized coasters.




Writer: Irena
Photographer: Anna
Editors: Lorraine
Designer: Jessica



The workshop commenced with a video tutorial showcasing the step-by-step process of creating woven coasters. Equipped with colorful strings and a concise explanation of woven coaster techniques, participants eagerly followed along, immersing themselves in the creative journey. Each step demanded their careful attention, patience, and a meticulous approach. Although the video made the process seem straightforward, participants encountered initial challenges. However, the organizers were readily available, offering detailed explanations and guidance to help them overcome these hurdles. Through this workshop, participants not only acquired fundamental weaving skills but also had the freedom to express their unique styles and preferences in their coaster designs, unleashing their creativity.

By the end of the workshop, some participants proudly completed their woven coasters, while others continued to navigate the initial stages. Regardless of individual progress, the shared experience cultivated a sense of community and camaraderie. Engaging in lively discussions about their crafting journey, participants forged connections and strengthened their bonds within the workshop community. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the organizers for hosting this inspiring and enriching workshop, fostering a vibrant creative spirit within our hall community.





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Fifa Night 2023

Kicking for Glory: The Ultimate FIFA Showdown

From the electrifying atmosphere reminiscent of an actual football stadium to the exceptional organisation led by Aumio, Yernur, and Grigorii, the FIFA tournament in our residence hall was an outstanding success! This student-initiated project provided a fantastic platform for residents to showcase their gaming talents.

Acknowledging that not everyone had prior experience, the thoughtful organisers went above and beyond by offering tutorials, ensuring that all participants could compete on an equal playing field. This commitment to fairness contributed to the friendly and inclusive nature of the tournament.

The tournament kicked off with 16 exhilarating rounds, allowing each participant to fully immerse themselves in the virtual game. Once victories are achieved, participants are rewarded with refreshing soft drinks and the opportunity to progress to the next round. With each triumph, the excitement mounted, leading to the highly anticipated final match between Ishfaq and David.

The final game became the absolute centre of attention, with everyone eagerly awaiting the outcome of a match between two contested fifa players in Hall 4, anxious to discover who would claim the coveted grand prize: a HKD 150 voucher for Festival Walk. The intensity of the match was palpable, but in the end, it was Ishfaq who emerged victorious, securing the grand prize.

We would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to Ishfaq for his remarkable triumph. We are also immensely grateful to all the residents of Hall 4, whose enthusiastic participation contributed to the warm and inviting atmosphere among students. A special note of appreciation goes to the organisers who dedicated their efforts to making this event a reality. Their unwavering commitment and hard work made the FIFA tournament an unforgettable experience for everyone involved.

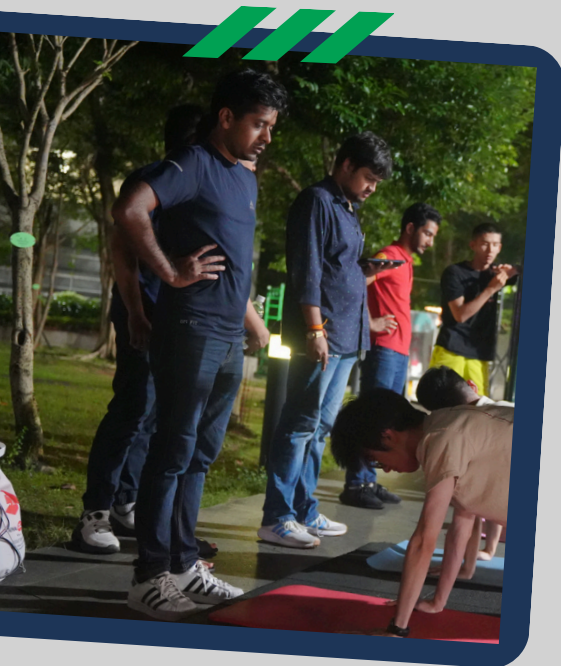
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Designer: Musab



FITNESS FUSION

A SPECTACULAR DISPLAY OF FITNESS AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT

JCAC recently hosted an electrifying fitness event that united residents from all walks of life to showcase their athletic prowess. The event, rightfully named "Fitness Fusion: Unleash Your Inner Athlete," was a testament to the dedication and initiative of a team of passionate students who aimed to promote health and wellness within our hall community.



Under the guidance of organisers Abdur Rehman Musab, [REDACTED], and Malik Muhammad Ishfaq Zubair, the event spanned several weeks of promotion, leading up to the grand activity on October 23rd. Fitness Fusion featured a series of challenging fitness tests, meticulously designed to push participants' endurance, strength, and agility to their limits. From timed plank challenges to skipping rope, push-ups, pull/chin-ups, and crunches, each challenge demanded nothing short of extraordinary effort from the contestants.

The atmosphere at the event was electric, with participants and spectators alike brimming with excitement and anticipation. The organisers left no stone unturned in creating a vibrant and motivating environment, complete with energising background music, as well as refreshing Pocari Sweat drinks and cold water to keep everyone hydrated and fueled for peak performance.

Writer: Ivy
Photographer: Charles
Editor: Lorraine & Kenneth
Designer: Jessica

After an exhilarating competition lasting approximately two hours, the winners emerged, deserving recognition for their undeniable physical prowess. Conor Richard Tobin claimed the highly coveted title of Mr. Fit, impressing the judges with his unwavering determination and exceptional performance. Hu Tung Hiu secured the first runner-up position among the males, demonstrating his remarkable athleticism and unwavering dedication. Meanwhile, Marisa Arjananont showcased her outstanding strength and endurance, earning herself the title of Ms. Fit.



To honor the winner's exceptional accomplishments, JCAC awarded Conor Richard Tobin, Hu Tung Hiu, and Marisa Arjananont the highly-sought Festival Walk vouchers worth HKD \$100 each. Additionally, they were presented with certificates commemorating their triumph in the competition, which are currently pending for approval from the Hall Management Team (HMT).

The Fitness Fusion event successfully achieved its primary objectives of promoting health and wellness within the hall community and fostering a strong sense of camaraderie among residents. By providing a platform for individuals to challenge themselves, inspire others, and be recognized for their fitness achievements, the event celebrated the pursuit of fitness goals in a fun and remarkable way.

Through the unwavering efforts of the organisers and the enthusiastic participation of the residents, Fitness Fusion: Unleash Your Inner Athlete exemplified the indomitable spirit and passion for fitness within Jockey Club Academy Hall. It served as a powerful testament to the strength of communal support, encouraging active lifestyles, and paving the way for future fitness endeavours within our hall community.

POOL TOURNAMENT 2.0

AFTER A SPIRITED DISPLAY OF TALENT AND DETERMINATION, THE TOP THREE RESIDENTS EMERGED AS CHAMPIONS: HUON SECURED THE COVETED FIRST PLACE, CLOSELY FOLLOWED BY XAVIER IN SECOND PLACE, AND JIHOON CLINCHED THE HONOURABLE THIRD PLACE. WHAT MADE THIS COMPETITION ALL THE MORE EXCITING WAS THAT THE FINAL RANKINGS WERE NOT DECIDED BY A SINGLE MATCH BUT THROUGH A 'BEST OF THREE' SYSTEM, SHOWCASING THE CONSISTENCY AND DEPTH OF SKILL POSSESSED BY THESE TALENTED INDIVIDUALS.



THE TRIUMPH OF HUON, XAVIER, AND JIHOON IN SUCH A COMPETITIVE FIELD TRULY UNDERSCORES THEIR REMARKABLE COMPETITIVE SPIRIT AND UNDENIABLE MASTERY OF THE ART OF POOL. THEIR ACHIEVEMENT STANDS AS A TESTAMENT TO THEIR DEDICATION, PERSEVERANCE, AND LOVE FOR THE GAME.



WRITER: ADAM
PHOTOGRAPHER: ALINA
EDITOR: LORRAINE & KENNETH
DESIGNER: ARYANK



Checkmate Challenge: Clash of Chess Titans

Amidst the whirlwind of midterms and assignments, the talented residents of Hall 4 managed to find time for some exciting extracurricular activities. Brimming with student-initiated projects, the hall became a hub of vibrant energy, offering a much-needed break from the academic grind. One such thrilling event was a chess tournament, expertly organized by our very own year 2 residents, Grisha, Yernur, and Aumio.

The response to the tournament was overwhelming, with a whopping 32 participants eagerly vying for victory. From beginners to seasoned players, the atmosphere was electric as everyone focused intently on their moves, strategizing for the ultimate checkmate. Each game witnessed intense concentration, with only one player from each pair advancing to the next stage. Nevertheless, the spirit of camaraderie prevailed, with enthusiastic support for all the competitors.

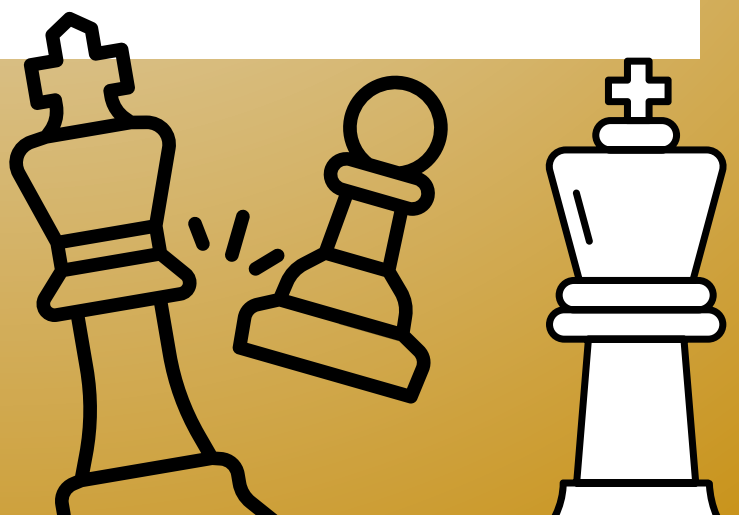
As the tournament progressed, anticipation reached its peak in the nail-biting finals, played under a 5+5 rapid time limit. The battle for the third spot between Farrell and Cheryl showcased remarkable skills, resulting in Farrell emerging triumphant with a resounding 2-0 victory. Meanwhile, the clash between Hand and Akib for the top two positions was an epic showdown that kept everyone on the edge of their seats. Despite being considered the underdog, Hand delivered a stunning performance, sweeping Akib aside with an impressive 2-0 score. Nevertheless, Akib's resilience secured a well-deserved second place, adding an extra layer of excitement to the gripping final.

Writer: Grisha

Photographer: Louis

Editors: Nancy & Aumio

Designer: Yigit



In a nutshell, we extend our heartfelt appreciation to the tireless organizers who made this tournament a roaring success. Their dedication and meticulous planning created an atmosphere charged with enthusiasm and inspiration. We also extend our warmest congratulations to the remarkable triumvirate of Hans, Akib, and Farrell for their outstanding achievements! Their skill, determination, and sportsmanship were truly commendable, leaving a lasting impression on all who witnessed their chess prowess.

The chess tournament in Hall 4 brought together the best of both competitive spirit and community support, leaving participants and spectators alike with unforgettable memories. It was an event that showcased the vibrant and talented individuals who call Hall 4 their home.



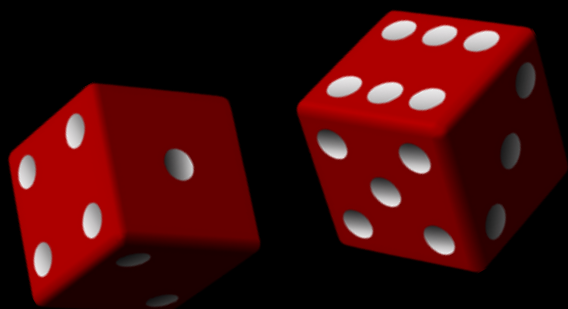


POKER Tournament

On the lively evening of October 30th, 2023, just before Halloween, residents of the hall converged in the cozy ground floor common room for an exhilarating poker tournament. This casual yet exciting event allowed them to test their skills in probability, patience, and the subtle art of bluffing, creating a friendly and competitive atmosphere to demonstrate their poker expertise.

With 25 participants, the enthusiasm among the residents was palpable. As the chips were stacked and bets were made, the competition grew intense. The games provided thrills, including an impressive “straight flush” hand, a rare combination with five cards of the same suit in a continuous sequence, that occurs only once out of every 72,193 hands. After a night filled with fun and competition, Oliver secured an admirable third place, while Kai took a well-deserved second position. Ultimately, Kenneth emerged as the champion, showcasing remarkable skill and unwavering determination.

We commend the spirited participation of the hall's residents, who managed to make the event memorable despite their demanding academic and extracurricular commitments. Our sincere gratitude goes to the dedicated student organizers who skillfully arranged this engaging tournament. Their unwavering dedication played a crucial role in achieving its resounding success, and they deserve recognition for their outstanding efforts.



*Writer : Adam
Photographer: Louis
Editor: Kenneth
& Lorraine
Designer: Musab*



As we bid farewell to this exceptional poker tournament, we congratulate Kenneth, Kai, and Oliver on their triumph, showcasing their competitive drive and proficiency in the nuanced strategies of poker. Their commitment, tenacity, and love for the game were evident, earning the respect and admiration of their fellow competitors. Looking ahead, we eagerly anticipate future gatherings that will further strengthen the sense of community within the hall. These events will not only provide shared experiences but also foster deeper camaraderie and connections among all residents.



STRAIGHT FLUSH!



DRAGON'S BACK HIKING DAY

In a splendid fusion of adventure and camaraderie, Hall4 JACA hosted a Dragon's Back hiking day on December 24th 2023 that left participants spellbound. The journey commenced at noon, weaving through the enchanting trailhead and spiraling upwards along the Dragon's Back ridge.

As hikers ascended, verdant vistas unfolded, offering tantalizing glimpses of the surrounding landscapes. The trail, adorned with dense vegetation, created a scenic tapestry that captivated our senses. The air thick with excitement, we ventured higher, rewarded by panoramic views of the coastline, neighboring islands, and the iconic Shek O Beach.



The pinnacle of the expedition awaited at Shek O Peak, the zenith of the Dragon's Back hike. Here, participants paused to absorb the grandeur, resting amidst the breathtaking vistas. The moments were immortalized through the lenses of keen photographers, freezing in time the shared triumph of reaching the highest point.

In our post-event rendezvous with participants, a captivating Q&A session unfolded, unraveling the personal stories and revelations behind each hiker's journey. Photographs, generously contributed by participants, vividly captured the essence of the day, each frame narrating a unique tale of conquering heights and forging unforgettable memories.

Dragon's Back Hiking Day at Hall4 JACA wasn't merely an ascent; it was a symphony of nature, camaraderie, and personal triumphs, etched indelibly in the hearts of all who ventured into the clouds on that memorable December day.



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THAI GAME NIGHT

On the 23rd of January, two of our fellow residents organized a student-initiated project aimed at bringing the academicians of Hall 4 together to have fun and boost team spirit. Despite initial expectations that the project might be trivial and boring for adults, it turned out to be quite the opposite.

The evening started with a game called Wing Piao or Chase Racing.

Although seemingly simple, it was designed for team play. The participants were divided into two equal teams, led by Pai and Marisa, and the project kicked off on a positive note. The objective of the game was for each team to chase their opponents and touch them with a cloth to indicate a win.

Next, they introduced us to Mon Son Paa, or Hiding a Cloth Behind One's Back. The rules were straightforward: one person would go around a circle of people and drop a cloth on the floor. The person standing nearest to the dropped cloth became the opponent and had to catch the person who dropped it. Our academicians had a great time with this game, finding it interesting and engaging.



Lastly, Pai and Marisa surprised us with the final game, Tee Chap or Kabbadi. In this game, each team had to take one person from the opposing team as a "slave" and protect them from the opponents. However, there was a twist: anyone attempting to take a person had to scream "TEEEEE" while doing so.

The final game was intense, with our residents wrestling and giving their all to secure a victory. Despite being the most challenging game of the evening, it also turned out to be the funniest. It brought out a lot of laughter and camaraderie among the participants.

In conclusion, we would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to the organizers, Pai and Marisa, for arranging such an exciting activity for our residents. It's true that these fun-filled activities designed for kids can indeed bring adults together, and this event proved just that.



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TEKKEN 7 TOURNAMENT



IN A CAPTIVATING DISPLAY OF CAMARADERIE AND GAMING PROWESS, HALL 4 JACA RECENTLY HOSTED AN ELECTRIFYING AND ADRENALINE-FUELED TEKKEN 7 TOURNAMENT. THIS EXTRAORDINARY EVENT IMMERSSED PARTICIPANTS IN AN IMMERSIVE GAMING EXPERIENCE AND CREATED AN ATMOSPHERE OF FRIENDLY RIVALRY.



AS THE TOURNAMENT REACHED ITS THRILLING CONCLUSION, TRIUMPH AND CAMARADERIE REVERBERATED THROUGH THE HALL. HALL 4YO URJ PARAGRAPHIC TEXT AN EVENT THAT SURPASSED EXPECTATIONS, UNITING RESIDENTS THROUGH A SHARED PASSION FOR GAMING. HALL 4 JACA'S TEKKEN 7 TOURNAMENT HAD ACCOMPLISHED MORE THAN GAMING GLORY—IT HAD IGNITED A FIRE OF PASSION AND FRIENDSHIP.



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HAUNTED HOUSE COSTUME PARTY



The Halloween costume party SIP, held on 29th October, cast a spell on attendees, delivering an evening brimming with creativity, camaraderie, and thrilling excitement. From the moment the guests crossed the gates, they sensed they were in for an enthralling experience.

The event kicked off with a slow and suspenseful welcome, setting the stage for the awaited immersive festivities. Participants were provided with stamp-collecting cards, which serve as keys to unlock a series of engaging booths and challenges. Among these, the Spider Web Game tested dexterity, while the Game of Riddles challenged wit and cunning. Each completed challenge earned participants a stamp, and those who collected a complete set were rewarded with trick-or-treat candies. The seamless progression from one activity to another heightened the overall experience, ensuring a dynamic and enjoyable event for all involved.

In the midst of the lively ambiance, a game of Musical Chairs added a touch of whimsy and friendly competition. The crowd erupted in laughter and applause as Dina emerged victorious, adding to the merriment of the night.





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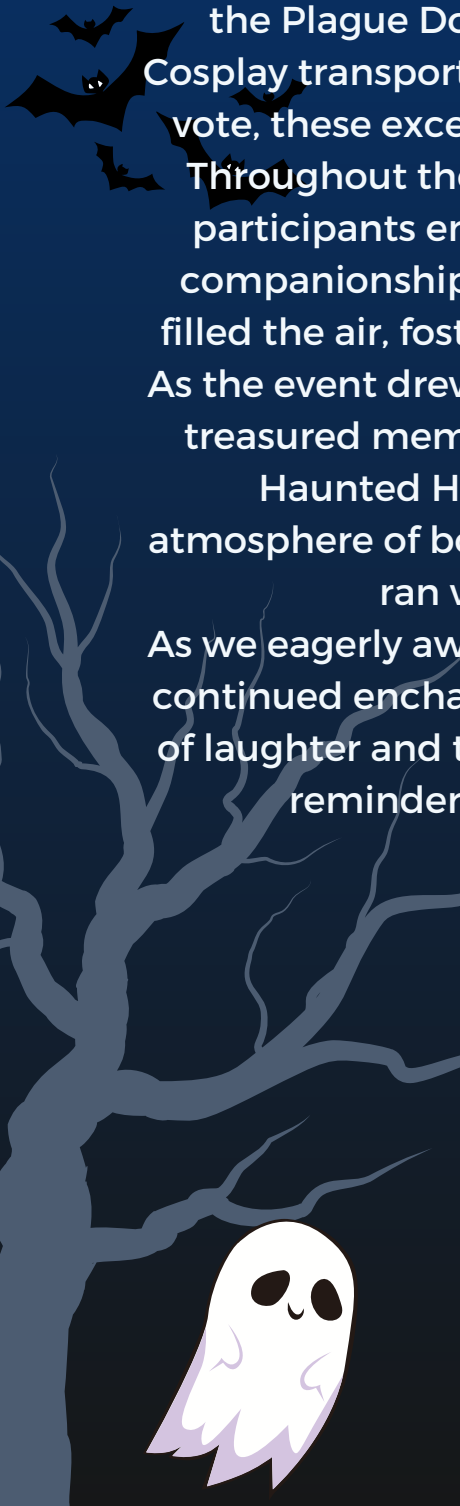


The highly anticipated costume contest showcased a dazzling array of remarkable ensembles. The Chainsaw Man exuded an air of menace, the Plague Doctor brought an aura of mystery, and the Techwear Cosplay transported onlookers to a futuristic realm. Through a collective vote, these exceptional costumes claimed victory in the competition.

Throughout the evening, the venue crackled with electric energy as participants enjoyed thrilling games, engaging challenges, and the companionship of fellow academicians. Laughter and conversations filled the air, fostering a sense of camaraderie and shared anticipation. As the event drew to a close, attendees bid farewell, carrying with them treasured memories of an unforgettable Halloween experience.

The Haunted House Costume Party had successfully fostered an atmosphere of boundless creativity and fellowship, where imaginations ran wild and lasting connections were formed.

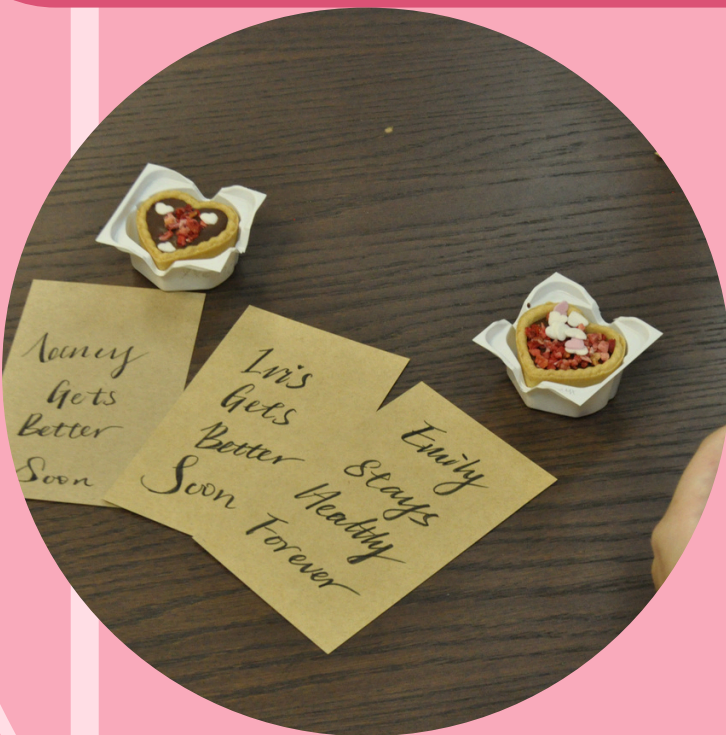
As we eagerly await future events, we are filled with anticipation for the continued enchantment and the delight they will bring. Let the echoes of laughter and the spirit of Halloween linger in our hearts, serving as a reminder of the magical night we experienced together.



Simply Sweet



This activity allowed individuals to express their creativity through drawings and heartfelt messages, making the event even more memorable. By the end of the gathering, participants were delighted to receive their creations - colorful and personalised chocolate tarts. The tarts were visually appealing, reflecting the love and effort invested in their creation. Additionally, participants were provided with charming packaging options, encouraging them to consider using their chocolate tarts as thoughtful gifts for their loved ones.



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BUTTER LADY



Celebrating Kazakh Culture

On the night of March 20th, 2024, the G/F common room was filled with lively conversations as Academians gathered together to participate in a special event called "Butter Lady." Dina, Akgul and Grisha organized this one-of-a-kind event to share a beautiful tradition of Maslenitsa. During Maslenitsa week, various activities and customs occur each day, including games day, pancake day, family day, or the burning of stuffed figures.



The organizers started the event with an informative presentation that delved into Maslenitsa and its fascinating characteristics to captivate interest and clarify the name of the unfamiliar celebration. Among the most captivating details shared was the cultural practice of traditional fighting, where participants would gather together and engage in friendly combat. However, this particular aspect of the event has been discontinued recently for safety reasons. Following the presentation, participants had the opportunity to create their braided bracelets. Interestingly, a few participants had no prior knowledge or experience in braiding. However, that did not prevent them from wholeheartedly embracing the activity. They kept trying and steadily improved with guidance from fellow participants and organizers, overcoming initial challenges.

Moreover, braiding became a soothing and relaxing experience for participants; their worries and stresses faded as they focused on weaving strands.



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Participants were delighted with delicious pancakes and aromatic tea to wrap up an enjoyable evening. The delightful smell of freshly cooked pancakes filled the air, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere. The combination of pancakes and the comforting scent of the tea added to the overall experience, allowing participants to indulge in the delightful flavors and enjoy the pleasant smells that filled the venue.



Choco Bliss



The G/F Common Room buzzed with excitement and the delightful aroma of chocolate as 'Choco Bliss: Cooking Class' unraveled into a beautiful tapestry of taste and camaraderie. Academians gathered to discover the secrets of a cherished dessert called 'Kartoshka,' deeply rooted in post-Soviet traditions.

With eager hands and curious minds, participants teamed up to whisk, blend, and sculpt the delicious concoction under the careful guidance of a detailed, image-rich presentation. The sweet symphony of their labor paused for moments of cultural storytelling, where the fascinating history of Kartoshka was shared, enriching both minds and palettes. Memories were made, woven with laughter and the forging of a new skill.

As the night concluded, participants left with more than just a recipe – they carried a piece of culinary heritage and the warmth of the Hall 4 community. It was a true Choco Bliss experience that went beyond the boundaries of that evening.



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