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UOMSEA Art & Bowling Charity Day - 5 November 2022 In support of the President's Challenge

Our Journey



The University of Manchester (South East Asia) Centre celebrates its 30th Anniversary through UOMSEA Art & Bowling Charity Day.

It took 128 days of dedication and generosity of 68 donors to raise more than S\$40,000 donation. It was truly an honour to have not one, but two VIPs to grace our charity event and the hard work of 26 passionate volunteers and Centre staff combined to garner 186 attendees, including 90 happy participating beneficiaries.

It is indeed a sweet note of success to end the year 2022!

Video Highlight



On 5 November 2022, we brought together over 180 valued guests from Singapore and the region for a fun-filled morning of Art Jamming and Bowling at the Civil Service Club @ Tessensohn, in Singapore.

The University of Manchester (South East Asia) Art & Bowling Charity Day 2022 was organised to express our gratitude to alumni, students and donors for their support in our fundraising campaign, and to commemorate a significant milestone for us in Singapore.

For the past 15 years, The University of Manchester South East Asia (UOMSEA) Centre and alumni communities have been actively supporting local charitable organisations as part of our firm commitment to social responsibility and our goal to make a positive difference in the society we live in. As 2022 marks our 30th anniversary in Singapore, we wanted to focus on raising funds to support the President's Challenge 2022, specifically focusing on those whose lives have been impacted by the pandemic.











Sir Konstantin, Ms Lim Bee Ing + Assoc. Prof Dr Faishal

We were delighted to have our prominent senior alumnus, Associate Professor Doctor Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim, Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs & Ministry of National Development, grace the event as a Guest of honour. In his opening speech, Dr Faishal commented, "In many countries, such opportunities, such

events like this are the ideals of what they want to achieve, and I think we should be happy with what we have achieved!"

Our other eminent guest, Sir Konstantin Novoselov, Nobel Prize Laureate of 2010 in Physics and Langworthy Professor of Physics at The University of Manchester, also made his appearance at the event and impressed the participants with his exquisite drawing. In his speech, Sir Konstantin Novoselov expressed his happiness to attend such a beautiful occasion!

Undoubtedly, both honoured guests have significantly raised the camaraderie and connections at the event and their presence was greatly appreciated by everyone who attended. As a token of appreciation, each guest was presented with a "UOMSEA 30th Anniversary, Art & Bowling Charity Day" painting created by two of our beneficiaries – Ain Society and DoorSING.



It was heartening to see all participants and beneficiaries of various ages from <u>Ain Society</u>, <u>VOX @ Children's Society</u>, <u>CampusImpact</u>, and DoorSING had a delightful time and bonding session with families and friends at the Charity Day, whether they were participating in art jamming or bowling.

Before starting the Art Jamming and Bowling activities, Ms Loh Wan Ting, Founder & Senior Art Therapist at Red Ballroom Therapy, led a Mental Health Wellness workshop for all to participate. The session began with a relaxing drawing exercise to facilitate emotional regulation, focus, and mindfulness of being present in the moment. This meaningful programme also attests to UOMSEA's elemental efforts to raise awareness for mental wellness.

Our campaign initially targeted to raise S\$30,000 by 16 December 2022. With the support of our alumni and student communities, we exceeded our goal and raised more than S\$40,000 by early November. It truly shows that when people come together, good things happen!

All proceeds will be donated to programmes organised by two beneficiaries of the President's Challenge – Ain Society's Relief Fund under the Serenity Cancer Care and <u>Filos Community Services</u>' 'Waves of Blessing' project. We hope that the donations will help alleviate challenges faced by members of the programme and that they emerge stronger from the pandemic and this uncertain economy.



We want to express our deepest gratitude to The University of Manchester Alumni Association of Singapore (UOMAAS) and Manchester Business School Alumni Association of Singapore (MBSAAS) for jointly organising this fundraising campaign with us and for being there at the Charity Day to ensure that our guests had an exuberant time.

Reflecting on the campaign, we can't help but look back at our various initiatives for the last 15 years and take pride in producing thousands of graduates. How far we have come. We know that we would not have been able to succeed year after year if not for the active and continuous support of our alumni and volunteers.

Thank you all for your generosity and willingness to help those in need. It is truly a privilege to witness the University's Social Responsibility engrained in our alumni as we continue its legacy.

President's Challenge Appreciation Night 2022



The University of Manchester (South East Asia) Centre was invited to attend the annual President's Challenge Appreciation Night at the Istana on 24 November 2022. It was an evening dedicated to celebrating the tremendous efforts and generosity of their donors and partners who have been instrumental in shaping PC's success this year and raising funds for their 82 benefitting agencies.

It was indeed an honour for our Regional Director, Ms Lim Bee Ing, to receive an appreciation award from

Singapore's President Halimah Yacob on behalf of the Centre and alumni communities. Guests were treated to a beautiful musical performance by Musical Theatre Live MTL and Cerebral Palsy Alliance Singapore.

Your contribution towards President's Challenge via UOMSEA Art & Bowling Charity Day 2022 has positively impacted social service users. Thank you for empowering them to fulfil their potential!

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