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U connects wishes all Muslims "Eid Mubarak" "Selamat Hari Raya" as we finish off this final leg of fasting during this auspicious Ramadhan month. At U Residence, we saw many Muslims from all over come together in prayer, "break fast" together, celebrating and revering this auspicious month for the first time away from home, surrounded by new found families under one roof..Many more wishes to all while you browse through the awesome activities enjoyed by all at Taylor's Residences.



Service Learning



Families in harmony - family values at it's best

An awesome 2 day weekend program called "Family Values", that rendered us speechless! Through the mentorship of the team members of DOTS Program, our residents created magic through their collage of families in harmony for a group of about 40 children from a low income community called Lembah Subang. Through these 2 days, many of us were emotionally charged, tears were shed by children, residents, and parents alike during the whole weekend as collages were created and presented to their respective mums and dads. These expressions of thoughts from their hearts to their parents verbalized what they could not express in words, from forgiveness to love and understanding. It goes without saying, our residents themselves opened their hearts in a way they never thought they are capable of.

"I was stunned when this child said that when he grows up he will buy a car for his mum to make life easier for her. While I never thought about doing anything for mine... I was humbled. I thank these children for showing us the way, in the process we did not really help them, they helped us ..."
Shared by a resident during a post program reflection session

"From what I received from today's activity, I had to take care of a 12 year old very ambitious kid with a big dream. He got the influence from his parents' support to become a football player, and his aim is to be a skillful and well-known player (Arsenal was the group he mentioned during the conversation). There's a photo of him pointing to the team at the center of his montage, just below the big title.

His family members' names were written on the back of the montage. As what was told by him, they aren't so close with each other because of ages and personality. And, he called himself a naughty boy. His father is a security guard, and mom is selling nasi lemak. The first time he was asked to write his dad's name, he said that he didn't know. He's a fast worker, though not a good speller. He goes to a Cybercafe to use a computer for his work and saves money by reducing the intake of meals ...He is so looking forward to join an athlete school.

Appreciated that I'm able to join the activity, letting me meet an amazing boy, I've learned so much to day which I may not have had an opportunity to prior to today's activity".
Another shared story ...by Ash Gan

A visit from the girls of Good Shepherd Teenage Centre.

It started as just a normal Saturday, the 16th of June 2012 but those of us present can only say "thank you" to these girls who choose to show up that day and work through "a drama therapy" program with us. That afternoon showed us and reminded us of deep within the magnificence and power of friendship and what healing powers it brings forth. A total of 12 girls came and with the assistance of the Ms Vinitha, our Dean from Taylor's Business School, we had a day of expressions, celebrations, tears and acceptance through the experiences shared with these girls. As a special request from the Good Shepherd Management, there are no pictures on this session to protect the privacy of these girls, Thank you Mary Naidu for the McD lunch ... the afternoon ended with loads of munching on snacks to distract us and help us manage our emotions, least we fall apart as we see these girls who have shown us the strength it takes to embrace life and the willingness to keep going no matter what.a day that is imprinted in all our lives forever. Special thanks to the residents and staff for making this journey such a meaningful one.



Safety starts with YOU

- Always lock your house gate and doors
- Avoid dark and quiet areas
- Walk in groups if possible
- Be vigilant at all times

Student Briefing for Bursary student at Taylor's College Subang Jaya.

Wow! What a crowd.... About 400++ pax of bursary students packed the hall at Taylors College on.... July 2012... it was a wonderful sea of faces all starting their journey from ground zero. Some reality sharing where the SPM results no longer matter as now it's a whole new journey that encompasses decisions they have to make as young adults, the responsibilities and the accountabilities of their actions will have to be managed..... lots of laughter, fun and getting to know each other. I do thank Diana for stepping up and helping with the ice breaker... so much to share but so little time.... No worries, for the next couple of months keeping fingers crossed we meet every 2 to 3 weeks empowering you guys to 'show up', 'step up' and make a difference in your new community and institution and of course, shine at Taylors by 'standing out'... A total of 36 students had agreed to apply to be a members of the Student Resident Council. Special thanks to the SRC members from U Residence who showed up for these 2 sessions and helped to make this happen.

Security Brief at Taylor's College Sri Hartamas

Going back to the day of yesteryears, where doors were left open for the neighbors to pop in and borrow a cup of sugar, students who are under care were reminded that this is a City Living with security concerns at every corner, thus the "no no's" were discussed and shared for all to understand and appreciate the behaviors needed to address highlighted security breaches. Most important were, making sure the grills were locked while in as well as out of the apartment, no allowing any unauthorized people into the apartments, only hostel maintenance staff, security numbers and protocols were again shared, ensure that all knows what needs to be done...in case of emergency. We shall meet again, this time on service learning and the setting up of Puncak Prima's own Student Resident Council.

Au Revoir

from U residents who will no longer be familiar faces along our corridors.

 <p>Seoyoung Jeon - Korea</p> <p><i>"When I arrived at Malaysia, I felt unfamiliar, but thanks to your assistance, everything was okay and we didn't have problems making friends, even foreigners..:D Through the Buddy program, we had precious experience and sightseeing surrounding attractions. At U-residence, we could settle into a foreign country with ease with many familiar faces and it was very convenient and a pleasant environment."</i></p>	 <p>Diana Soka</p> <p><i>"I came into the hostel last January, my first impressions were there wasn't much bonding in the hostels. But that changed soon, when the new management took over we could see instantly that the staff were our parents and the students were like our brothers and sisters from different continents. Activities at U Residence opened my mind and gave me skills to be out there in the real world, Ms Rani, Ms Shirley and Ms Wan were good mentors. I am truly fortunate and blessed to have found a place like U Residence. Love you all and miss all the crazy, noisy madness! mwah."</i></p>	 <p>Kenan - Indonesia Vice president A3 2011-2012</p> <p><i>"To me staying in U-Residence was a great experience. I found that the facilities for students (such as Student Lounge, Discussion room and Gym) is modern and well maintained. Staying in U-Residence is easy to make friends, that's why I never feel homesick while living in here, but I bet I will be feeling homesick missing my family and my community back here at U Residence. It was also awesome being part of the 1st Student Residence Council and stepping up making a difference where possible."</i></p>	 <p>Taha Riaz - Pakistan Editor and SRC for 2011-2012</p> <p><i>"I had fun being the co-editor of newsletter and sitting at the front desk helping people. U-Residence also gave me the platform to advertise SIFE Taylor's University (a club that I was a founding member) and Overall, my time in U Residence was life changing and I plan to come back to meet all the friends I made and keep participating in any activities organised since I am a stone throw away completing my degree program across the highway!"</i></p>
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Events & Happenings



Pakistan Night
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Pakistan Night by Asad Aamir

It was a night of music and food, what better way is there to get people from different cultures to reach common ground. Food is what makes us who we are. After long days and nights of preparation work, our final assembly was in place. We prepared food for our fellow residents making sure that we captured all the flavors and smells of our country, the place we call home- our beloved Pakistan. Pakistani night proved to be a success; our guests seemed to enjoy it. There were many things we learned about working as a team; our Pakistani bonds have never been stronger.

I would like to thank the people who made the event possible and our guests who were the life of our event. It was a great night, surely something I will keep with myself for a long time.



Language Classes by the residents for the residents
by Marie Claire Valerie Baya

"I teach French and Spanish every week. It's a very good experience for me as I have residents from several countries who come to my classes. I like teaching to them as I learn more from them mainly in terms of pronunciation. In my classes i don't feel that i give them anything but instead, they give me something because for 30 minutes I forget that I'm a student with lots of assignments. It's not that boring or serious like it is during regular classes. U residence is not only a place to stay, but it is also a big family where everyone learns from each other".



"French and Spanish have always been two of the many languages I've wanted to learn. Love the classes and the way they are conducted." - Brandon McMaster, Namibia

Amenities @ U Residence

	<p>Acomodation Online Services THM online services is available via your student portal for the following request:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accommodation feedback • E - Check out form • E - Maintenance request form • E - Change of room request form
	<p>Bus Shuttle Wawasan Sutera: Further down the road via the shuttle bus (or cabs) is the nearest Mall ..the haven for our residents over the weekend. Just take the bus RM1.50 and it's your there in 10 mins flat....and don't forget to take the last bus by 8pm.....otherwise it's quite a walk. So hey, download the Bus Shuttle Schedule from the Student Portal.</p>
	<p>Health Service Not well, minor injuries, ...head out to our Health Service centre located at Block C, Level 1, or call 017-2583371 (8am - 6pm), the medical hotline for assistance.</p>
	<p>Taxis For Common Pick Up points, do not negotiate with Taxi guards. Any taxi at our pick up points who do not use the meter can be reported to the nearest security guard immediately. Or simply use "My Teksi" services. You can</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get a taxi in the Klang Valley, one week in advance. • Book information about your driver before your ride and estimated cost. <p>Available via IPhone App Store, Google Play, Or SMS : SEND TO 36881 Teksi <pick up address>, # Drop of address, # remarks Or simply google for other taxi's available on call. Be Safe !!</p>
	<p>Lost & Found To locate your lost item, go to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Our security station 2. THM office 3. OR at Uni grounds ..proceed to Student Central Life Centre 4. File a complaint lost item report via at Taylor's Student Central Portal

Musings from the Residents

Greetings, readers!

I am proud to introduce our 3rd newsletter for this year. It has been a great two months, with cultural nights, language classes and service learning programs. Also, renovations are underway so we will be looking at revamped, refurbished U Residence student lounge, common areas, as well as study rooms and a new payment counter at the office. So very exciting!

We are also looking forward to seeing a lot of new faces from all over the world. Hence, we are working towards events which can bring together these people from all walks of life to acclimatize the newbies to our multicultural country.

Till next time!

Sapna

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