Dear Reader,

Greetings to you!!

I am pleased to present you with the fifth issue of our UON Singapore Business Club Magazine. In this issue, we have students from different countries who have joined the club and have made contributions to our important events and activities with the main goal of pushing their horizons beyond the formal classroom theories and concepts. I hope the group dynamic during their term becomes the laboratory to experiment and learn how to become a good leader and team player in the future.

Learning is a boundless process and it doesn’t end with the conclusion of your degree. It is indeed a lifelong process. UON is oriented to student development and adaptation to various methods befitting the dynamic forces of our rapidly changing world. It is also typified by UON values of equity, excellence, engagement, innovation, integrity and sustainability. UON makes every effort to constantly permeate these qualities in students’ characters.

The current issue is a reflection of those qualities. It reveals a variety of creative skills ranging from writing to editing and even designing the magazine. I would like to thank all 2018 – 2019 BC committee members for their hard work and dedication that has made the publication of this issue possible. At this juncture, I am also very pleased to announce that the University of Newcastle (UON) has improved its quality by rising 17 places in the QS global world ranking. The UON is ranked 207 out of the world’s top 1000, up from 245 in 2017 and 256 in 2016. My heartiest congratulations to UON on this achievement! May this achievement inspire and motivate all of us to keep working towards achieving our hopes, goals, and dreams.
Good day all! I am Wayne from Bachelor of Business, majoring in Leadership, Marketing, and Management. It has been quite a journey for me since I took on the role of the Vice President back in Trimester 118 and took over the President role in Trimester 218. Initially, the daunting challenge was to lead a team of people from different countries, cultural background and beliefs and it seemed extremely intimidating. Thankfully the unwavering support of my team helped me grow and gave me valuable insights and perspective which I hadn’t been exposed to before. UON Business Club would not be where it is today without the spontaneity of my team. Other than helping me to grow, I gained many valuable opportunities to attend events like networking night and leadership talks to expand my network. I would strongly encourage anyone who has spare time to take up leadership roles as this will broaden your horizon and look good in your resume as well and most importantly, it will teach you soft skills which you will not be able to learn in a classroom setting.

Every day is a learning day, and this term with UON Business Club, was none the less. I gained a great deal of experience and knowledge being in the club and being a Vice President. This year I have more opportunities to improve, to network, to support, and to collaborate with other clubs in UON. This term’s takeaway for me is the abundant and enriching experiences I gained by working with other clubs in UON and working hand in hand with the staff of UON as well to learn, improve, and contribute as and when required. The team, this year, has been wonderful to work with, everyone has their own unique talents to bring to the table. P.S. This club is not all about serious events and talks session, we also have a lot of fun together. Taking this opportunity to thank everyone from UON, Dr. Rita Pidani, and all student leaders for making this club an amazing place to be.
Hi everyone, I'm Satya Archana, a self-motivated and career-oriented individual with a passion to live my life to the fullest. I'm pursuing my MBA from the University of Newcastle, Singapore, one of the world's prestigious University, well equipped with extremely qualified faculty and talented students. UON business Club organizes different activities to gain knowledge about future career perspectives from experts in various specializations. I'm privileged to be a Secretary in this club, which provides a platform to enhance my communication skills, leadership qualities, networking skills, and many other employability skills.

G'day mate! I am Seo Yezin, from South Korea. I am now studying in a UON with a Bachelor of Commerce degree. My role in UON Business Club is Event Manager, and I have joined our club for around a year. UON Singapore organizes a lot of events so I have also participated in some events as well. Our UON Business Club makes me be together with new people, and it is always enjoyable! Moreover, the Business club gives me many opportunities to build relationships and social life, so that I can be a real "BUSINESS" person! It is so happy to join our club and hope to participate in more events from UON!
FELIX BOWI

My name is Felix Bowi and I am Indonesian. I'm currently doing my MBA in the University of Newcastle in Singapore. My previous Bachelor is in Mechanical Engineering by Coventry University. I took this MBA course because I wanted to broaden my scope to the business world and prepare for my future. Fortunately, the University of Newcastle Singapore offered me an opportunity to join as a part of this executive Business Club. This UON Business Club has done a great job as many previous members of the club gained experiences and taken more opportunities rather than other ordinary students and equip them for their future. I really recommend that YOU to join our UON Business Club as we can grow and learn together. See ya!

TAN YEN SEN, SHERYL

Hi guys!! My name is Tan Yen San, Sheryl from Singapore. I'm currently a UON student, doing a Bachelor of Business degree. I've joined the Business Club for a year ago. My role in the Business Club is an Assistant Events Manager. I was also involved in other clubs like the Community Service Club and Business & Entrepreneurship Club.

I've participated in some events like UON Singapore Awards & Business Networking Night as well as Young Sustainability Innovators Challenge. Business Club allows me to interact with people from different countries and cultures. It is a lifelong communication skill that is needed to build relationships with one another. I'm glad to have joined the Business Club!!!
SHALI MARY ABRAHAM

Music fanatic, dog lover, ambivert, art devotee is what I am in a nutshell. I see getting lost as an adventure and travel is always my stress buster. Originally a graduate in Science, I moved up the professional ladder being a sales enthusiast, mostly because I loved challenges and chasing numbers. I am passionate about people and wish to grow in social congruence with any business environment. Being part of the business club has been an exciting journey and an excellent platform to utilize my work experience in marketing.

MARIA GIOVANI ANGELA

Hello. I’m Maria, a student in UON Singapore who is currently pursuing a Master of Business Administration. I’m from Singapore’s neighbouring country, Indonesia. The reason why I decided to take my Master degree here in Singapore was to challenge myself and get out of my comfort zone. By doing so, I believe I can grow as an individual, broaden my thoughts and gain a global mindset. UON Business Club allows me to meet new people from different backgrounds, enabling me to have a piece of greater knowledge about various cultures, gain a new perspective, and of course, make new friends that I greatly appreciate.
UON Singapore Awards & Business Networking Night 2018 occurred on the 13th July 2018. This was the first time UON ever organised an award and a networking event together. This special day was to congratulate the students on their outstanding performance in their respective courses. Also, with a twist, this event has also allowed all participants to network with leaders and professionals from various industry and many insights and knowledge were gained after learning from the leaders through experiences. Some of the companies that came for the networking night include APM and Global Engineering Creators Pte Ltd. These contacts helped many students sieve out opportunities for jobs and partnerships and joint ventures. Such events are useful in providing a platform to improve personal profiling and forging new networks. The night was truly an unforgettable one.
One of UON star event is the Young Sustainability Innovators’ Challenge. This event was held at the National University of Singapore (NUS) Cultural Centre on 1st December 2018. There were 18 teams from various local educational institutions who came forward to present their incorporation of the challenge’s theme, “Sustainability. Sustainability is not just about the 3Rs – Reuse, Reduce and Recycle but it spans a much bigger picture of accounting for the 3Ps – People, Planet and Profit. It is vital to educate the younger generations the importance of sustainability hence, UON Singapore has strategically organized this event to promote innovative young minds to get creative with sustainability. The project focus varied from making water accessible to developing countries to reducing pollution and to even address the issue of elderly with special needs. UON Business Club was extremely fortunate to be able to support the event and gained a better understanding of how such products could address the current global issues that everyone is facing. This is just one of the many benefits and opportunities one gets to experience being in the UON Business Club.
Extended Orientation: UONS Greets the New Students

The Extended Orientation was held on 4 Jan 2019, for the new UON Singapore batch of students (T1-19), organized by the UON Singapore Business Club committee members. The event was spearheaded by our Business Club President, Wayne. Wayne shared the benefits and responsibilities of being in Business Club, and encouraged all the students to join and gain some real-life work exposure. Through the Business Club, students will get to experience working in a diverse team, discover their talents, and enhance their skill set. It was a very fun and informative event. Other members of the club like Ashik and Archana engaged the students by hosting ice breaker games. The icebreaker game created an opportunity for the students to interact, gain knowledge about the new people they just met, exercise their communication skills to stimulate self-confidence and to foster a friendly and fun environment. A lot of gifts and vouchers were also given to the winners of ice breaker games as well. All of the students participated in the activities which were delightful to see. They showed interest, eagerness to engage, and share in creating a wonderful experience.
CPA Australia is one of the leading accounting bodies which serves in 125 countries and regions all over the world. CPA Australia provides post graduate accounting program for its members to complete specialist training, continuing professional development (CPD), and gain an internationally recognized qualification. With over 160,000 members, CPA Australia is without a doubt highly regarded by the professionals.

On 23 January 2019, UON Singapore partnered with CPA Australia and held a sharing session. Through this event, students were able to discover the new roles of an accountant and the future skills required as well as the trends that are happening in the accounting and financial industry. Mr. Darren Tan, Business Development Manager of CPA Australia also shared how students’ career prospects could be strengthened by acquiring a CPA qualification. This qualification can improve the holders’ technical and commercial skill to stand out from other professionals. Overall, the CPA sharing session gave students a new perspective on the accounting world and changed their conventional thoughts about an accountant’s role in a company. Students were enthused to become a part of the CPA network in the future.
The annual tradition of Australian day was an extravagant week, held from 21st January to 25th January 2019 for UON crowd in both campuses of PSB Academy, Singapore. The week was filled with interactive and exciting games with attractive prizes including vouchers and merchandise as well as a great rendezvous for fun and learning. The events started with a Polaroid Photo challenge where we invited students to pose with and upload photos to our social media page. Day 2 called for free nougats to 50 lucky students, followed by free goodies on Day 3 with an amusing ‘Spin the Wheel’ contest. Day 4 was the most exciting because it was Candy Day where free candies were distributed to 50 students across campuses. The most awaited day was the last one, which comprised of a BBQ extravaganza, named Aussie’s Day with delicious food and drinks and non-stop games. The fun-filled evening with laughter and good times also appreciated the winners from the week-long competitions. All of the events were closely associated as social media campaigns which marked our digital presence on Instagram with some quirky content. With tremendous energy from the team and students, the weeklong celebrations for Australian day was a true testimony of well-planned creativity and incredible coordination.
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