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UPCOMING EVENT(S)

- SMESA Annual General Meeting (AGM) – 27 April

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SMESA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING — 2024

27th April 2024
2.00 PM – 3.30 PM



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SMESA AGM

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Message from **Ms. Chew Siew Kheng, SMESA President:**

2023 was a great year for us as we resumed our physical meetings, School anniversary celebration and a few SMESA activities. We were extremely happy and blessed to have met some of you at our members' activities. As always, we have so much to be thankful for and continue to give thanks and praise to God for His unfailing love and faithfulness towards St. Margaret's School and SMESA.



On 27 April 2024, we will be conducting our AGM and according to our constitution, we will need at least 97 Life members in order to convene our meeting on time, thus would really appreciate your attendance and support. As the current board's 2-year term is up, we will be electing a new Board at the AGM. If you know of anyone who is suitable for the Board, please fill up the nomination form which you should have received via email dated 4 March. Do get in touch with us if you did not receive the said email.

Please register using the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/SMESA2024AGM> or scan the QR code on the front cover of the newsletter by **6:00 pm on Saturday, 13 April 2024.**

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome aboard the following new members :-

		SMPS	SMSS
1.	Cheryl Teo Hui Min	2003	2007
2.	Alka Victoria Tan	1998	2002
3.	Chandhini Pandey	2005	2010
4.	Faith Seah	--	2005
5.	Hannah Loh Yun Lei	--	2002
6.	Natasha Yeo	2010	--
7.	Adeline Kwek	2002	2006

SMESA MEMBERSHIPS

We offer both Life membership and Youth membership.

For further details, please visit our website:
<http://www.smesa.org.sg/membership>.

SMESA Members' Social Gathering



The SMESA Members' Social Gathering took place on 27 January 2024 at St. Margaret's Secondary, which provided an ideal setting for reminiscing cherished memories, old friends to reconnect and new friendships forged.

Alumni were greeted with warm embraces and genuine smiles, rekindling bonds forged during their academic years. Conversations flowed effortlessly as individuals shared anecdotes and updates about their lives post-graduation. Engaging activities such as icebreaker games, trivia challenges, and group discussions added an element of fun to the event. These activities facilitated interactions among attendees and encouraged participation from all generations of alumni.

SMESA would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to all attendees for their enthusiastic participation and contribution to the success of the event.

SMESA Members' Social Gathering

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It's my first time participating in a SMESA event. It feels really nice to meeting other old girls from St Margaret's. I look forward to joining in more of such events (:

Hazel Peh
(SMSS, 2008)

I'm a new member of SMESA and this was my first event. It was nice connecting with this group of fun loving and warm ladies this afternoon.

Natasha Zhao
(SMPS, 1998)

This is my first time in SMESA and it was really joyful. I am thankful to be here and reconnect with the SMESA community. It has been enriching getting to know more of our rich strong history. Thank you for arranging this.

Hannah Loh (SMSS, 2002)

The alumni social gathering was a first for me! The atmosphere was fun and light. We had a great time learning a little history of our school mixed with fun and games! Got to know some new kakis from different years and surprised to meet someone I know while in school. Everyone in the committee was friendly and fun. It was an enjoyable gathering!

Corina Tennakoon (SMSS, 1986)



Chinese New Year Visit to St. Andrew's Cathedral Home

Reflections from Mdm Lenny Riyanti

"It was my first time visiting St. Andrew's Cathedral Home which SMESA members had organised for the Chinese New Year celebration.

It was a fulfilling and enjoyable experience for me. SMESA members had done a fantastic job in planning for a singing session and art and craft activities for the residents. I could feel that the residents thoroughly appreciated the entertainment provided for them. I even had the pleasure to have a conversation with one of the residents there. I was very impressed by how knowledgeable she was of current affairs. Once she knew that we were from SMESA, she was more than eager to share her knowledge about the school. I am definitely looking forward to the next visit where I can listen to more of their stories."



SMS(P) – PERI-Upgrading Project Fundraising Appeal

SMS(P) is grateful to all well-wishers who continue to keep the school in their thoughts and prayers.

The School continues to appeal to everyone's generosity to make a donation to the School Building Fund

(<https://www.stmargaretpri.moe.edu.sg/useful-links/fundraising2024/>)



Provide your contact number and Name



SMS(S) Professional Guidance Day

SMESA supports SMS(S) Professional Guidance Day by inviting ex-students to introduce their professions, occupations and vocations to graduating students. Gaining an insight into the work helps students to make informed decisions on their career choice. This year's Professional Guidance Day took place on 2 Jan 2024.



Sharing more about the legal profession
By Ms Sara Liew
Central Chambers Law Corporation



Sharing by our SMESA President, Ms Chew

SMS(S) Work Attachment / Job Shadowing Programme

The SMS(S) Education and Career Guidance (ECG) programme enhances the lessons conducted within the Character and Civic Education (CCE) curriculum through customised experiences, such as the Work Attachment / Job Shadowing Programme. As its name suggests, students participating in it are given the opportunity to learn more about these jobs through experiencing them firsthand.

SMES(S) would like to convey their heartfelt thanks to SMESA members who offered the opportunities for our girls. From the reflections, it is clear that the girls were well taken care of and enjoyed the experience.

The school looks forward to more partners to come on board this programme. If you would like to contribute to this meaningful programme, do reach out to us via (email) smesa.sg@gmail.com or (WhatsApp) 8825 4620.

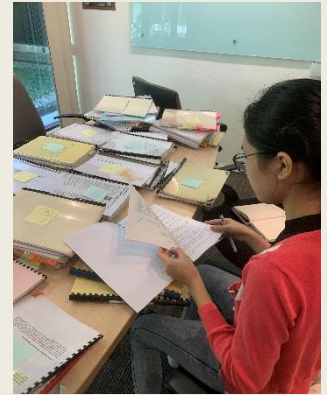


Here are what some of the recent participants had to say about their experiences:

At Central Chambers Law Corporation

By Shanen Fong

“During my time at the law firm, I observed that no matter what the task was, be it a major case or a smaller corporate matter, teamwork was very important. I would always see the lawyers, paralegals, secretaries and other office staff gathering and working together to complete the tasks. They would divide the tasks amongst themselves and thus complete it quickly by being more efficient.



My experience during the attachment has been enlightening. I learnt so much about the legal field, the different aspects of it and how a lot of things work. I received a lot of meaningful advice from the staff members, especially on our education journey. I witnessed many meaningful moments during the work attachment that greatly inspired me to go into the legal field. For instance, during the trial at the Supreme Court, the claimant’s team of lawyers talked about how law is all about shedding light on the truth and ensuring that justice is served. This message really impacted me and it really made me want to pursue law in the future.”

At Confucius Institute, NTU

By Bu Mui Kee

“I think being receptive to feedback is very important as everyone has different opinions and experiences. Feedback can help you change for the better and it will only help you learn and improve to produce good work. I also think being responsible and accountable is important as everyone has a lot of things to do, and everyone has to work together. It is important to do your own work responsibly and account for your mistakes if you have made any. This will help your colleagues and make everything flow smoothly and avoid any hiccups in between.



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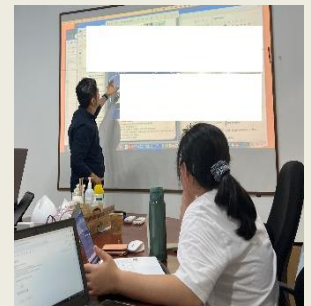
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At Confucius Institute, NTU**By Bu Mui Kee (cont'd)**

I have always been looking at the education industry as I hope to pass on knowledge that I have to others and help them. This experience gave me an opportunity to understand and personally experience what are the duties of a teacher and whether I like this environment or not. In the end, I really enjoyed working together with my colleagues and forging bonds with all of the children. Hence, this experience is memorable and unforgettable to me."

At Pro-Datech Systems**By Clarissa Lim**

"The motto of the company is "Committed to Deliver". They hope to deliver the highest quality of work to their customers. They also heavily emphasise on trust between customer and company, and especially between the employees themselves.



Collaboration is an important part of the work done in the company. This was further proven when most of the tasks assigned to us required us to work with others.

I have learnt that I should be more empathetic towards others. It is easy for me to only think about myself but it is even more important to listen to others and put myself in their shoes. When completing a group project, if someone is unable to complete their part of the project, instead of being critical towards them, I should ask them why they couldn't complete the task and how I can help them."