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Dear Students/Staff

INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

From the University of Malta to UniSey- The Baldacchino's visit



UniSey had the pleasure of welcoming two high profile academics from the University of Malta, Professor Godfrey Baldacchino and Dr Anna Baldacchino, who visited on 3rd to 8th March 2022. To further enhance the collaboration between the two Universities, both academics met and discussed topics of interest with the Vice Chancellor, Dean of Faculty, Director of Creole Language and Cultural Institute, Senior Manager of the International and Local Engagement Section and external stakeholders.

As part of their visit, both academics conducted a seminar. Professor Godfrey Baldacchino's seminar was based on Small Island States and Dr Anna Baldacchino presented about the Emergent curriculum among Early Childhood education. Professor Baldacchino also met with PhD students enrolled with the University of Malta.



New Chinese Volunteers



The Vice Chancellor; Joëlle Perreau and the Director of Confucius; Mrs. Wang Dongxia met with the two new Confucius volunteers; Yan Meng and Zhang Chenhui on Tuesday 8th March 2022 to formally welcome them to the University of Seychelles. They arrived on Monday 7th March 2022.

Welcome to the UniSey family Yan and Zhang!

LOCAL ENGAGEMENT

Certificate presentation for Basic ICT training



Mr. Bernard Songwar officially presented the CEO of IECD, Mrs Shirley Choppy with certificates in Basic ICT Training for childminders on Wednesday 2nd February 2022 at Espace Building. The Basic ICT Training course was held on Saturday 27th November 2021 at the ICT Centre, Mont Fleuri, which targeted childminders who have little or no familiarity with using a computer. The intention was to give the childminders basic knowledge needed as elementary users. A total of twenty-four childminders participated in the training. At the end of the



course, participants could correctly use the mouse and keyboard, create and edit a simple document and navigate a webpage.

French Ambassador Visit to UniSey



On Wednesday 9th February 2022, the French Ambassador; Mr. Dominique Mas, visited the University of Seychelles to get a first-hand experience about the seaweed aquaculture and seagrass-coral interaction research project. The project has been funded by the French Foreign Affairs Ministry through the Solidarity Fund for Innovative Projects (FSPI).



Ambassador Mas had the pleasure of interacting with both staff and students. He was accompanied by Deputy to the Head of mission, Mr. Lilian Cassiede-Yturbide, IRD representative, Mr. Francis Marsac. He was welcomed by the Dean of Faculty, Dr Justin Zelime, Director of BERI, Ms Sylvanna Antat, Head of Department Environmental Science, Dr Nuette Gordon, Senior Lecturer Dr Jerome Harlay, Senior Manager ILES, Mrs Prema Servina and Senior Officer ILES, Mrs Vicky Rachel.



MA in Peace Studies

The first cohort in MA in Peace Studies started its online class on 14th February 2022. The course is being conducted in partnership with the Durban University of Technology, South Africa. The aim is to equip students with a thorough understanding of the nature of peace and challenges in its fulfilment. In addition to generic principles, it will enable students to locate the issue of peace and conflict resolution within their own experience and where appropriate, to seek non-violent solutions. Accordingly, two major reasons for offering degrees in peace studies, are to motivate people to choose non-violent ways of dealing with the inevitable conflicts which occur, and to educate them about the range of non-violent options available. The framework will also allow students to specialize in law in addition to the main core of peace and conflict resolution courses.



Official crowning ceremony of Miss University Africa



On Friday 18th February 2022, the Vice Chancellor; Ms Joëlle Perreau, the Director of Marketing; Ms Dolivette Chang-Ko and the Senior Manager of International and Local Engagement; Mrs Prema Servina represented UniSey at a ceremony to crown the achievements of Miss Gabriella Gonthier. Ms Gonthier won the Miss University Africa Tourism 2021 at the Miss University Africa 2021 pageant held on December 18, 2021 in Abuja, Nigeria.

Among her prizes is an offer for her to attend further studies of her choice at the University of Seychelles (UniSey) sponsored by the university. Ms Gonthier is a senior monitoring and evaluation officer at the Ministry of Fisheries and the Blue Economy and is also responsible for international cooperation in the department of the Blue Economy. She completed her studies at the UniSey in 2020 after enrolling on a three-year course for the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, specializing in International Business, a programme from the University of London.



Meeting with NIHSS



To establish ground work for collaboration with NIHSS, some UniSey staff attended a meeting on Tuesday 1st March 2022 with representatives from the post-secondary institution. In attendance was the Head of Department of Health & Social Care; Mrs. Betty-Mai Sofa, Lecturer; Mr. Georges Nicette and Senior International & Local Engagement Officer; Mrs. Vicky. More opportunities for UniSey with its stakeholders.

Launching of SNYC values at UniSey

SNYC launched their values in a ceremony at UniSey on Monday 7th March 2022. The four values launched were determination, tolerance, compassion and forgiveness. Participants to the ceremony included the Deputy Chief Executive of SNYC; Ms. Ghislaine Belmont and students from different post-secondary institutions, including UniSey students.



Women's Day Forum

On Tuesday 8th March 2022 the Vice Chancellor; Joëlle Perreau and Research Officer; Uvicka Bristol attended a women's day forum at Savoy. It was an event where the achievements of Seychellois women were celebrated.