

TU delays convocation

by Farhah Syamilah bt. Mazmil

SUBANG JAYA | Taylor's University (TU) has delayed its 13th convocation to 29 April next year.

The graduation ceremony was supposed to take place on 19 November this year.

According to TU Public Relations and Communications Senior Manager Azura bt. Abdullah, the delay was necessary to improve TU's performance on graduate employability in the Ministry Of Higher Education (MOHE) Graduate Tracer Study.

The MOHE Graduate Tracer Study, which is a survey for all graduates from higher learning institutions, aims to improve the standard of higher learning in Malaysia.

The questions in the survey include feedbacks about the study programs, facilities and services in the institutions, the graduates' current employment and their progress in the working world.

Azura said the change in the convocation date had affected students who completed their graduation requirements between May and October this year.

"The decision to move the date was made after considering the interest of various stakeholders and following similar practice of other higher learning institutions in Malaysia," she said, adding that they have received about 30 complaints over the delay from affected students, so far.

Azura said the University would provide a Letter of Completion and an official Academic Transcript upon requests from affected students.

"We are also willing to speak to their prospective employers in case they need verification," she said.

She added that the University was aware that this decision had affected some students who had made travel and accommodation plans to attend the graduation ceremony.

Azura said the University may consider compensating the students, on a case-by-case basis, if they could provide the necessary and relevant documents for verification.

"We sincerely apologise for the inconvenience that we may have caused because of this change which was done out of a necessity and had to be made at some point," she said, adding that this delay was a

one-time occurrence in this year and there would still be two graduation ceremonies in the following years.

School Of Communication student, Teh Tze Lin, 22, claimed that the delay had affected her plans to join a work-and-travel overseas program that overlaps with the new graduation date.

"I wish they didn't have to change the dates as it is a longer wait for us now.

"We want to move on to the next chapter of our lives, especially for students who plan to leave the country for a long period," she said.

While some may think of the convocation as a non-event, others view it as a meaningful milestone to signify the completion of their tertiary studies and have become a graduate.

"There won't be a formal graduation from being a student to a working adult, now that the convocation is postponed for five months," said School Of Business student, Andrea Ong Tse Theng, 22.

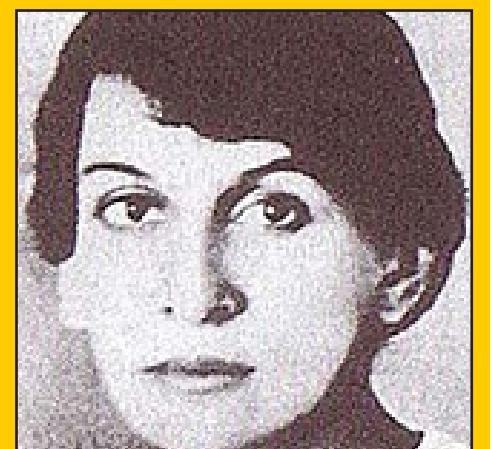
Students who require advice regarding convocation matters can email convocations@taylors.edu.my.

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NEED FOR SPEED... Taylor's Racing Team and other members showing off their newly built race car TR16 (left) and its predecessor TR15 during a media showcase at the Centre of Design and Architecture, Lakeside Campus. The team will race the TR16 at the 2016 Formula Society Of Automotive Engineers Australasia (Formula SAE-A) in Melbourne, Australia in December.

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Security escorts students to cars, homes at night

by Farhah Sharmila bt. Mazmil

SUBANG JAYA | The Control Department of Taylor's University initiated the Security Escort Service six years ago but many students remain unaware of this service.

The service provides walking escort for students to their cars or homes in the vicinity of Lakeside Campus at night.

School Of Business student, Daashini Subramaniam, 22, said she did not know about this service until a signage was placed near the car park entrance.

School Of Engineering student, Anis Raihana bt. Abdul Aziz, 23, said the service would be useful for students who worried about their safety while walking to their cars at night.

School Of Communication student, Syaniza bt. Mohamed Nasir, 26, who had used the service before, said she greatly recommends the service to other students.

"I requested for the service one night, when I stayed back on campus to finish up my assignment.

"A security guard walked me to my car in Zone H safely. I'm grateful for this service," said Syaniza.

Taylor's Auxiliary Police Sub Inspector Singaraveloo Renganathan said students should approach the Control Department behind block B or any security post situated at car park areas if they require the service.



A Security Escort Service signage placed near the entrance of Zone H car park.

"We want students who stay back on campus at night to feel safe when they walk to their cars, especially if they parked at isolated areas like the Zone H car park," he said, adding that three months ago, they have put up a signage about the availability of the service.

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TU racing team aims for victory

by Ili Ruzanna bt. Iqbal

SUBANG JAYA | Taylor's Racing Team (TRT) showcased their newly built race car, the 'TR16' with a Yamaha R6 engine at the Centre of Design and Architecture on 9 September.

Chief Engineer and Lead Driver, Farah Raman bt. Danial Raman Raj, said the TR16 had an improved air intake system to increase acceleration, including a Formula SAE Standard Z Rack, which is an ultra-lightweight steering rack for better maneuverability compared to the older TR15.

She said the team had harnessed various skills to develop and improve the race car's performance in terms of body design and system.

"We trust that the newly upgraded car will perform better and will be able to represent Malaysia at worldwide races like Formula SAE Germany and Silverstone," said Farah Raman, adding that the team had high hopes in making TU and Malaysia proud.

She added that the team would be racing the TR16 in the 2016 Formula Society of Automotive Engineers Australasia (Formula SAE-A) in Melbourne, Australia from 8 to 13 December.

The Formula SAE-A is an industry-known competition involving 400 university teams, whereby each team is required to build and race a small ideal race car.

Last December, the TRT was the first team from a Malaysian private institution to qualify for Formula SAE-A.

They achieved third place in the business presentation category and 25th place in the race, out of 35 teams.

TRT used to cater to engineering students but opened its membership to other schools this year.

"For the first time, our team members have increased with students from Taylor's Business School, School Of Computing and IT and School Of Communication," said Farah Raman.

School Of Engineering Dean, Dr Ir Satesh Narayana Namasivayam said they hoped that this project would inspire students to develop new ideas by applying their knowledge.

"We believe that each student should follow their passion," he added.

Malaysia's Largest in-Campus Job Fair to visit TU

by Park Jung-A

SUBANG JAYA | More than 60 companies will be participating in the Malaysia's Largest In-Campus Job Fair at Taylor's University (TU) on 10 October.

Malaysia's Largest In-Campus Job Fair Project Executive, Joice Pang said the job fair is designed for effective job matches between the employers and students.

"The job fair is open to all students and they get to grab many interview opportunities in one venue," she said.

The fair will be held from 10am to 4pm at The Grand Hall.

There will be many companies from various industries to cater to students from different schools in TU.

School Of Hospitality, Tourism and Culinary Arts student, Caryn



Last year's Internship Fair in The Grand Hall. Photo Credit: Taylor's Career & Employment Fair 2015

Tan Poh Choon, 22, said she hoped there would be more established companies at the fair.

"I think this fair will help us to get

into international companies as we are able to engage directly with the HR (human resources) manager and ask questions," she added.

TUISC events to be called off

SUBANG JAYA | Taylor's University International Student Council (TUISC) had to cancel its annual World Fest and International Week due to budget cuts.

"The events were cancelled due to the budget cuts by top management as Student Experience (TUISC's Department) is a cost centre not a revenue centre," said the President of TUISC, Rayyan Muqthadi, 22.

He added that the management is thinking on whether it is necessary to spend on events.

Rayyan said earlier preparation and better contingency planning is necessary to prevent similar issues.

National Futsal League postponed

SUBANG JAYA | The delay of the National Futsal League (LFK) to next January by the Football Association Of Malaysia (FAM) has brought disappointment to Taylor's University futsal players.

"It is really a big disadvantage for the younger generation of players to develop their talent," said School Of Business student, Thiventiran Shanmugam, 21.

Senior Lecturer of American Degree Transfer Programme, Dr Mohd Faizal Fauzan, said the postponement will affect potential players.

The Chairman of FAM Futsal And Beach Soccer Committee, Datuk Mohd Yusuff Mahadi stated the withdrawal of FELDA as their main sponsor was the cause of the delay.

HIP: Social Service postponed

SUBANG JAYA | The Highly Immersive Programme (HIP): Social Service through a drama project organised by the Taylor's Language Centre has been postponed to next year due to a lack of student volunteers.

"We could not reach the minimum numbers required in order to handle 140 school students.

"Therefore, instead of a 10-week programme, we have decided to organise a one-day English camp in its place," said HIP Programme Project Manager, Chandra Sakaran Khalid.

The 'English in Camp' will be held on 20 October.

Adding a human touch in TU

by Clarissa Loi Pui Ling

SUBANG JAYA | Heartfelt stories and inspiring portraits of everyday Taylorians take centre stage on the Humans of Taylor's Facebook page.

This page was founded in June by the Taylor's University International Student Council (TUISC), and has amassed more than 1,300 likes by this month.

The initiative aimed to provide a sense of perspective to Taylorians, while encouraging them to be more connected and open-minded as well.

"We felt that a lot of people have inspirational stories to share, but none of them have the opportunity to voice it out," said President of TUISC, Rayyan Muqthadi, 22.

The overwhelmingly positive responses from readers since the page's first post of Taylor's Business School lecturer R Ratneswary V Rasiah, has floored the team, he said.

"Our initial target was to hit 50-60 likes. It was shocking because we did not know how to live up to the expectations.

"There was a bit of uncertainty after achieving this benchmark, and the challenge was to have another post that could match up to the success of the first one. It was bittersweet," said Rayyan.

The page's featured profiles were selected through the team's personal observations, and word-of-mouth.

American Degree Transfer Program lecturer, Abdul Razak Mohd Kassim, who was the project's fourth highlighted personality, hoped that his story will raise awareness about disabled individuals, while



Abdul Razak Mohd Kassim with his students. Photo credit: Abdul Razak.

encouraging his students to take control of their lives.

"Regardless of their environment or what situations they face, they need to be patient in order to handle it well.

If you can't control yourself, even a minor thing can cause chaos," he advised.

"We hope that the Humans of Taylor's page will be the legacy of

TUISC, where it can continue to share the inspiring stories of Taylorians," said Rayyan.

Seven more inspiring posts are slated to be uploaded by the end of this year.

For more inspiring reads, visit the Humans of Taylor's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/humansoftaylor>.

ETC. Film Festival brings out local pride in 'Our Story Continues'

by Tan Tee May

SUBANG JAYA | Students can look forward to an upcoming film festival which celebrates the success of Malaysia's broadcasting industry by screening two local movies, *The Journey* and *Ola Bola*.

The theme is 'Patriotism', where Malaysians explore the history of the local production industry and its growth by making its mark with films such as *Sepet*, *Talentine*, and *Mukhsin*.

"Malaysia has come a long way from P. Ramlee's comedic storytelling to Yasmin Ahmad's craft of creating tears out of her watchful audience," said the President of ETC. Magazine, Winona Rajamohan, 19.

The festival will be held on 1 October in LT 1 and tickets are priced at RM20 each.

Aside from movie screenings, well-known figures have been invited to share their thoughts on the rising success of the local production industry in hopes to inspire young filmmakers.

Public figure Dan Khoo, founder of his own Youtube channel with over 360,000 subscribers, will be making an appearance during the film festival.

The other speakers are Lina Tan, founder of Red Communications production house and Michael Lim and Jojo Struys, co-founders of Kyanite.TV.

The tagline 'Our Story Continues' is an effort to take action and educate youngsters about the rising success of the local film industry.

"Movies like *Ola Bola* and *The Journey* generate hope for the future of our local film industry, especially for young film students that are interested in pursuing a career in the broadcasting industry," said the Chairperson and School Of Communication student, Nur Amirah Rasyiqah, 19.

"Many students prefer to pursue their studies overseas but are not aware that Malaysia provides an equally worthy platform for them to hone their producing skills," she added.

The cast of *Ola Bola* will also be making an appearance, with a 30-minute Q&A session for students to ask them anything they want relating to the movie as well as their experiences in the industry.

Forgotten History

by Park Jung-A

On 6 September, Google Doodle marked the 117th anniversary of war hero Sybil Kathigasu's birth. This simple doodle made me wonder who she was and prompted me to ask questions to my fellow classmates, most of whom were Malaysians. However, none of them knew or were interested in who she was.

I was not surprised when my classmates told me that they did not know about her. What shocked me was that they were not interested at all! It appears that history is a boring subject or insignificant to them.

Since when and where did youths begin to lose interest in history? Was it always just a flat out boring subject to learn? Who really is to be blamed?

I believe that history should be a pillar for society, especially to remember those who had sacrificed for their country. Our very existence could be called into question if not for the bravery of war heroes in history. For one to neglect one's own culture and history is inexcusable.

A potential cause for the issue could be due to the lack of government support in educating youths about history. Have historians given up on delivering justice to

the past and making the learning experience an exciting journey for students? Is the system itself flawed?

For a start, the government should accept the system's shortcomings and amend them for the sake of students. It is never too late to start over.

Even if one was fully brought up with the motivation to learn and give appreciation for history, the official sources seem to lack credibility. It is not unheard of for textbooks to twist the facts especially when there is a political motive behind it.

Other countries have been accused of this as well, such as Japan. But keeping within the context of Malaysia, we are at a point where as a nation; we no longer know what to believe.

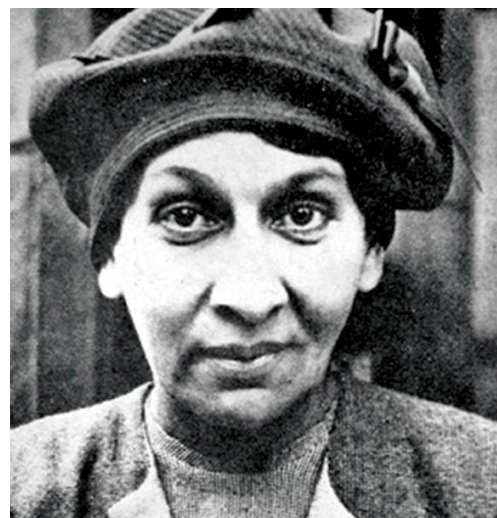
There is no such thing as an empire that survives forever. The government should give opportunities for students to learn about the facts of their own history so that students would appreciate the country and equality among different races.

Setting up a system where students can study and do more research on influential people from the past and how they have affected the present day could generate interest.

Another contributing factor is that some may be ashamed of their history. Is history ever something to be ashamed of? For every winner there is a loser.

Furthermore, it's not only the victories that are worth remembering. Losses are also a key part of history and embracing it can have far more profound effects as opposed to papering over the cracks and thus, losing a crucial lesson to be learned from the past.

There is a saying that ignorance is not a crime, but neglecting to correct, is said to be ignorance.



Sybil Kathigasu; the only Malayan woman to be awarded the George Medal for bravery.
Source: ipohecho.com.my

Governments ignoring their respective citizens' right to know the facts should also be considered a crime. Everyone, including the youth, should know the facts when it comes to their own history and embody it, no matter what.

After all, isn't a fact something that cannot be changed?

The education system might be a hard thing to change. Nonetheless, if we don't adopt the mindset in which we think that this wrong can be rectified, we will be trapped in a vicious cycle of ignorance for eternity.

Taking the initiative to learn about history on your own seems to be the only hope and alternative at this juncture, especially with the internet and the wealth of free resources. With this in mind, it does seem like the fate of history lies in the hands of the youth, and how they choose or neglect to harness the power of the internet.

On one hand lies empowerment from learning the lessons of the past, and the other a dark future that features a society that seems doomed to repeat the mistakes of their forefathers.

Students to be more open to counselling on campus

by Tan Tee May

Just around Block A in Taylor's University in the far right end beside the Student Central counter, is a white sign labeled "Counselling Services". The door gives a gentle ring as I push it open. A couple of counsellors greet me with a warm smile, and I gradually feel more welcome as they offer me a glass of water and hand me a few magazines to occupy myself while I wait. A couple minutes later a woman appears and politely asks me about my day as we seat ourselves comfortably and she changes the room slot to 'engaged'.

She introduces herself as Miss Nithiya Ramasamy and we begin our session. I share about my day, the highlight of the entire week as she listens and nods appreciatively. The minutes tick by and I end up sharing a lot more than originally planned. Before I realise it, an hour has passed, and I leave the room feeling much lighter and less burdened.

Counselling services have always been provided in all educational institutions; however, most students do not utilise them as they are

mostly afraid of being judged by their peers. They are held back by the preconceived notion that going for counselling means you are weak and unstable.

However, this is nothing new. Many times I have walked by the sign and had a silent debate to go in and enquire, or risk another moment of regret the instant I went home. Out of curiosity and small measure of desperation, I resorted to making an appointment online via the Student Central portal, which is another way to book an appointment if you are too shy to approach the counter.

While counselling is largely used to treat people with mental illness such as depression, anxiety, bipolar and eating disorders, it is not limited to such issues. Students are more than welcome to share any problems they may be facing, such as family-related stress, assignments, friends, challenges in fitting in, or adapting to a new environment.

"What's important is that they are willing to take the first step in

opening up. Once they do, there's nothing to worry about. We are more than willing to listen," said Nithiya.

She adds that they have clinical psychologists for those that may be suffering from a more serious form of mental ailment and want to be diagnosed. However, they do not prescribe medications.

"We encourage students to get professional help outside if they really need it," said Nithiya.

However, if students are not comfortable in approaching the counsellors, they may go through their lecturer or a trusted friend to book an appointment.

There have been cases where students are referred to a counsellor by their lecturers, often if they have not been performing well or have a number of unexplained absences.

Majority of students seem to need prodding before they are willing to take steps in confronting their problems.

Too often we simply brush the problems aside and blindly hope for the best. However, this only creates

extreme stress for the student and it is not a healthy state to be in.

Too often we do not realise the importance in taking care of one's mental health, especially when we are surrounded by so many crippling pressures and expectations extended by the society today.

"I really enjoy the sessions I have with my counsellor. She lets me talk about anything I want and isn't judgmental in the least," said School Of Computing and IT student, Samanza Kishwar Parvez, 19.

Information shared in the counselling sessions are strictly confidential.

"We do not disclose anything that you have shared with us. We abide by our own code of ethics," said Nithiya.

When asked what she would say to students that are still too scared to come forward, Nithiya smiled and said, "My boss used to say that we don't bite."

Students can drop by the Counselling Services anytime from 10am to 4pm on weekdays.

DC/Marvel Comics You Should Know About

by Lim Yue Lynn

In the early days of superhero movies, audience's excitement are mainly spurred on by Batman and Superman films, followed later on by a broader brand of heroics featuring prominently powered team-ups (*Avengers* and *X-men*) and anti-heroes or villains (*Deadpool* and *Suicide Squad*).

Of course, the highly anticipated *Wonder Woman* film deserves a special mention as well! Their television counterparts are no less superb too, boasting an increasingly diverse cast of characters, storylines and genres.

Let's get to know some fascinating DC and Marvel titles gracing the comic world now.

Black Panther (Marvel)

One of the standouts from *Captain America: Civil War* was the timely introduction of Black Panther, aka T'Challa, brilliantly portrayed by Chadwick Boseman.

From then onwards, the Wakandan royalty, who has a rich history in Marvel stories, rose from obscurity to fame.

Black Panther issue #1 April debut was that month's top-selling single issue, surpassing the 250k mark.

The series revolving around heroism, rebellion, terrorism and making hard choices is written by bestselling author of *Between the World and Me*, Ta-Nehisi Coates, and drawn by veteran artist, Brian Stelfreeze.

DC Comics: Bombshells (DC)

This series smugly hits jackpot with a solid offering to readers by putting a large roster of diverse DC female main characters (heroines, villainess and anti-heroines). *DC Comics: Bombshells* is a 'what if' alternate history tale set in World War II whereby the ladies are reimagined as war heroines and baddies fighting on the front lines.

Besides spotting an all-female cast of bombshells, ranging from icons such as Wonder Woman, Catwoman, Harley Quinn, Supergirl to underrated characters such as The Question, Amanda Waller, Huntress, and many more, this adored series also features themes like Nazis, female empowerment, retro aesthetics and war missions all wrapped up in a delightful bow.

This series even has its own line of statues!

Silk (Marvel)

Marvel has a stellar line-up of ongoing Spider-related titles (Spider-Man, Spider-Gwen, Spider-Woman) and then, there's Silk.

For the uninitiated, Silk is the crime-fighting alter ego of Cindy Moon, an Asian American girl who was bitten by the same spider that bit Peter Parker.

Despite sharing similar Spider-like abilities with Peter, she does have her own distinctive backstory, having been in isolation for 10 years.

This means that she doesn't play well with others, thus putting herself in a collision course with other Marvel Universe members in her journey of rediscovering her identity, finding her family and playing catch up with the world.

All-New Wolverine (Marvel)

Bye, Logan. Hello, Laura. In terms of breathtaking debuts, this series hits the ball out of the ballpark in great fashion.

With her painful and dark past behind her, Laura Kinney, formerly known as X-23, is now the new Wolverine with an all-new thrilling adventure in front of her.

Mixing complex moralities with classic high-energy action in her current solo series, Laura Kinney quickly cements her worthy position in the Marvel Universe as the heroine you should be rooting for.

Captain Marvel (Marvel)

Carol Danvers or Captain Marvel is the powerhouse ally you need and want to be on your side of the fight if a fictional war ever breaks out like the famous Civil War II.

A fan-favourite character, Captain Marvel is back on duty with her new Alpha Flight team as Earth's first line of defense against any intergalactic attacks in her latest space-themed, action-adventure story.

Coupled with the fact that Brie Larson is playing the famed captain in Marvel Cinematic Universe's first solo female superhero film, there's no direction but upwards and onwards for Carol Danvers.

Thanks to Hollywood, comic books are currently enjoying a mighty upswing in sales.

After all, film adaptations are huge and significant contributors on the increasing attention towards 'illustrated books'.

Quarter-life crisis as portrayed by society

by Theodora

Quarter-life Crisis is a term that derives from the analogy, mid-life crisis. It involves a series of symptoms namely anxiety, insecurity, loneliness and depression due to employment, finances and relationship problems.

A survey conducted by Gumtree.com found 86% of millennials admitted to feeling pressured to succeed in their relationships and careers before turning 30. The data showed 40% were worried about not earning enough money, while the other 32% were pressured to marry and have children by the age of 30.

Author of *Get it Together: A Guide to Surviving Your Quarterlife Crisis*, Damian Barr agreed that the 20s is a scary time; fighting millions of fresh graduates for a job while trying to hold on to rocky relationships.

Unlike mid-life crisis, there are no 'experts' to assist in this matter, hence our perception of quarter-life crisis is mostly shaped by the media.

Like other millennials (the unlucky ones, at least), I romanticise quarter-life crisis with existential quotes like one by F. Scott Fitzgerald, "It's never too late to be whoever you want to be."



Megan gives advice to the Anika Hunter about dealing with a quarter-life crisis from the movie *Laggies*. Source: Netflix.com

And if you've heard that outrageous advice: "It's okay to quit your well-paid job to travel the world" and actually considered it at some point in your 20s, you are definitely a millennial going through quarter-life crisis.

However, no affirmative phrases can really save us from the agony of quarter-life crisis.

We were never prepared for our 20s with no one to warn us that 'dream job' is just a myth or that 'the one' does not exist. We were not taught how to deal with this looming anxiety, depression and loneliness.

What we learnt instead, were to get good grades so that we can go to a top university, get a financially secured job and find a loving spouse.

At 24, nothing felt as stable as I would have liked it to be. As soon as I finish this final semester, I would have to enter the 'real world'.

The idea of graduating terrifies me because of the expectations and the pressures to form a 'perfect' life.

I am constantly asking myself: Is this all I will ever be?

Do I really have to live up to everyone's expectations, to earn lots of money and to get married?

Most of all, I contemplate my absurd choices like taking a year off travelling after graduation just like the journey of 'self-discovery' in movies.

And if this was a movie directed by Lynn Shelton, I would have made an impulsive decision whenever I want to 'take a break from life'.

I would be hiding out at a high school student's home and falling in love with her father resulting in all my problems magically disappearing.

Unfortunately for me, this is not a movie and no good looking man will save me from my misery.

Just like majority of movies that depicts quarter-life crisis, Shelton's movie, *Laggies*, draws an unrealistic answer to quarter-life crisis.

Instead, she taught us to explore the territory of quarter-life crisis and portrayed the issue as an inherently funny condition.

The falseness of 'happily ever after' depicted by society has left me, as well as some, hopeful yet unfulfilled.

Although we are all clouded by angst and concerns, let's not forget our dreams and aspirations.

After all, there has never been a successful story without passion and determination.

From tragic loss to rapper in the making

by Ili Ruzanna bt. Iqbal

A phone call answered from 8,000km away, and a voice said that your mother had passed on. How could anyone bear that much pain, especially for a 15-year-old son?

That was what Taona Oswald Chipunza aka 'Teemak' from Zimbabwe had to endure in September 2012 while he was in Malaysia.

"The worst thing that could ever happen to me, happened, I could not see myself surviving in this world without my mother and I was hurt."

As a young boy, Teemak has always been very fond of music, and he knew he was born for it. At nine years old, he and his mother recorded an album together titled *Mother & Son*. The album was his mother's dream, and they wanted to do it together.

However, as they got busier and time was not on their side, his mother could not fully commit to making music with him. Nevertheless, Teemak continued on his own and started singing at churches.

In 2011, 14-year-old Teemak moved to Malaysia to pursue his studies. Apart from that, he also started writing raps as a way to express himself. He was a natural when it came to putting words together.

"I listened to many rappers who were as young as me and that motivated me to follow the passion of rap," said Teemak.

His initial stage name was actually Lil Tee, Tee being derived from his first name Taona. He recorded his first song titled *Good Life*, performing it everywhere as the song filled him with immense happiness. He was not just outstanding in front of a crowd, rapping his heart out; even the crowd thought he was outstanding.



The crowd cheering Teemak at the Christmas Miracle event at Taylor's University Student Life Centre last year. Photo Credit: Joe Onn Lim

As more papers were inked with rap lyrics, Teemak felt closer to achieving his dream of becoming a rapper musician, since people around him were amazed at his talent at such a young age.

In June 2012, his favourite song of all time titled *My Ambition* was recorded which led to releasing publicly in September. He was

ecstatic about it so he sent the song to his friends, and all the way to Zimbabwe for his mother to hear it.

"My younger brother made her listen to it, and he said that she loved it."

Everything was going so well for Teemak, until a few weeks later.

On 15 September, his mother, Makanyara passed away in her sleep due to heart failure.

With a heavy heart, he flew back to his birthplace to attend her funeral.

"I released *My Ambition* 13 days after her funeral, in honour of her life," expressed Teemak.

Most 15-year-olds would react negatively to a situation like this, but not Teemak. He decided that Lil Tee was not working for him anymore, as he was getting older.

In honour of his mother and her dream of recording their first album together, he decided to be Teemak, with 'Tee' derived from his first name Taona, and 'Mak' from his mother's name Makanyara.

Since then, he knew that his mother had always been the sole inspiration to his music and the songs he has been writing.

"I feel her around me sometimes. She is the reason as to why I put my heart and soul into every single word I write."

Teemak has achieved much success in his music career. His latest single *Heaven and Hell* has been on the music charts three consecutive times in Zimbabwe. He has also won the Osiris International Talent in Malaysia in April this year.

Other than rap, he also creates hip-hop music, rhythm and blues as well as soulful music that focuses on spreading the message of love.

After everything that Teemak has been through, his biggest challenge yet is having self-doubt.

But with time, he learned to appreciate the talent he has been gifted with and use it to impact the world as best as he could.

"Stay true to your ambition and never be afraid of who you are.

"Be original as possible, because no one wants another Beyoncé or Ed Sheeran," said Teemak.

He collaborated with an award-winning artist from Zimbabwe to produce a song titled *24* which was released on 15 September.

This marked four years since his mother's passing.

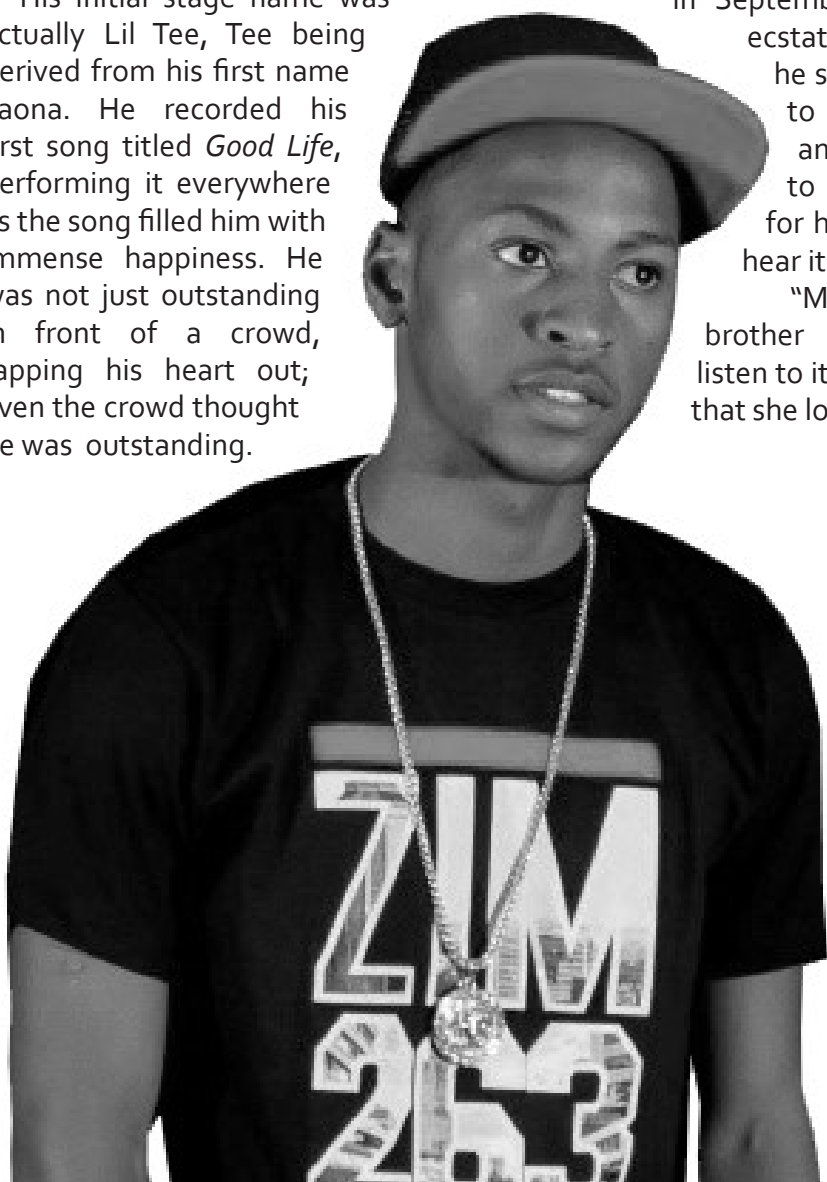
"I could not see myself surviving in this world without my mother and I was hurt," said Teemak.

Despite all that has happened to Teemak, he will not stop at nothing.

Music has brought him divine peace and has strengthened him when he was weak.

As a 19-year-old currently studying Bachelor in Computer Science in Taylor's University, he hopes to inspire young artists to never stop chasing their dreams despite any hardship.

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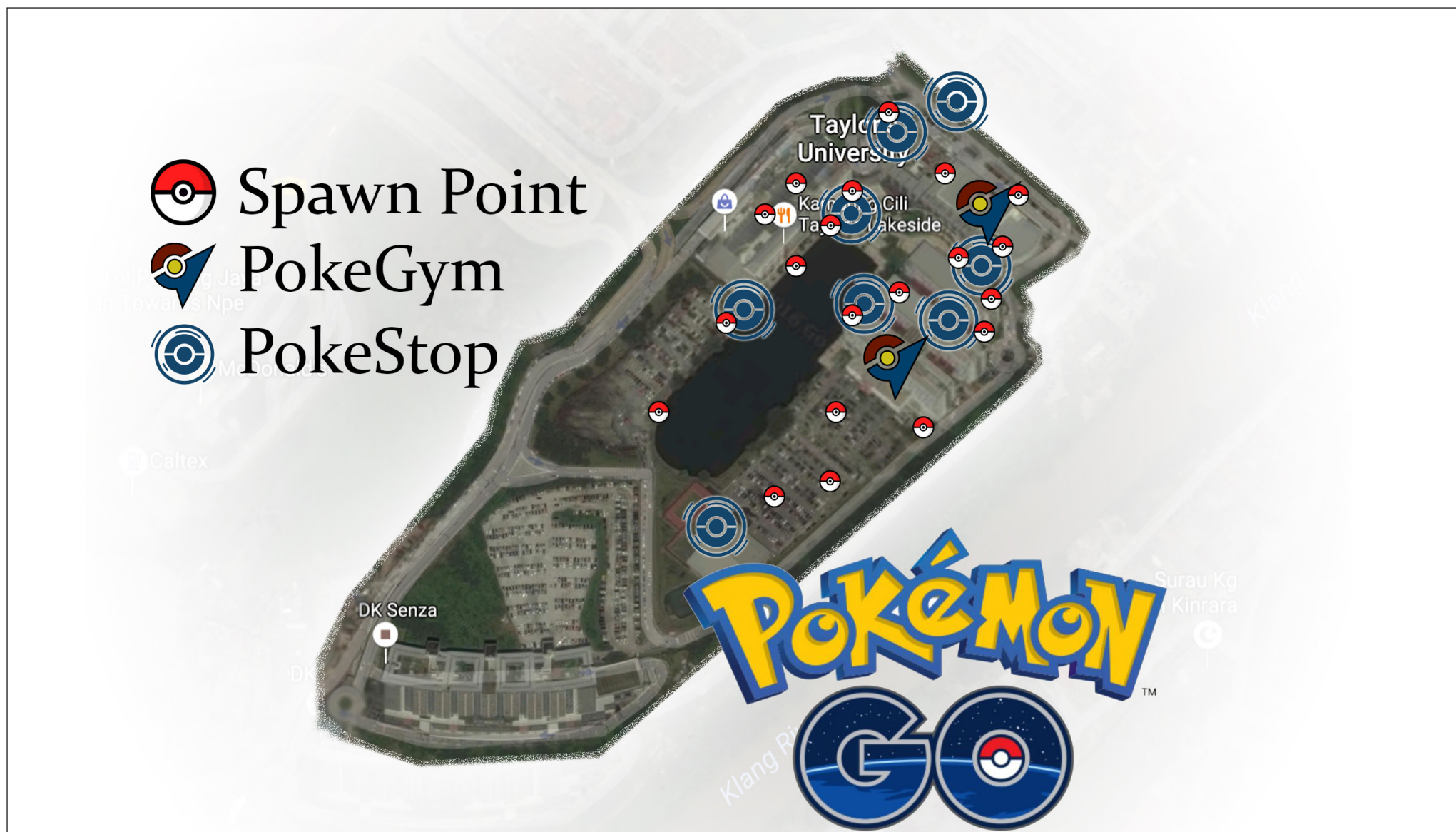


Teemak at a photoshoot for his music video, *24* which was released on 22 September. Photo Credit: Tasla Media



Taylorian's guide to Pokémon GO on campus

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The Spawn Points are designated by continuous observation and testing. Not all Spawn Points around TU have been located and the designated ones could change over time.

A couple of months ago, an app took the world by storm as it broke the record for the most downloaded app within the first week of its release. It is the hype and craze of the season. It is Pokémon GO, brought to you by Niantic. Although the game is way different from its predecessors on Nintendo, it did not stop fans from wanting to be the best. So if you are hooked on this game but you got to stay in campus most of the day you might as well know what is native around these parts. The following is an in-depth guide on Pokémon GO around Taylor's University (TU) Lakeside Campus and the game's spawn mechanics.

Spawns, Nests, and Migrations

Before we get into the good stuff, there are a few things you need to know. According to the research done by The Sliph Road, a dedicated team of Pokémon GO researchers, climate and terrain is a part of the game's spawning algorithm. This

means Pokémon do not spawn randomly, your environment may play a role in this. Though it is important to note that these factors are not actually causing spawns, only correlate with them.

For example, if you're near large body of water like a lake, water Pokémon tend to spawn more often. Due to our tropical climate, grass, bug, and fire Pokémon may be more common here.

Secondly, much like how animals in real life have their own habitat patterns, Pokémon GO uses the same concept. They are called nests. Nests are spawning anomalies where one type of Pokémon has a high tendency to spawn at certain locations.

There are a total of three different kinds of nest, the frequent spawn area where a species of Pokémon can be commonly found around the area. A frequent spawn point is a spot where a rare or uncommon Pokémon typically spawn. Lastly, a cluster spawn is an area where there's multiple rare and

uncommon Pokémon spawning at one spot.

When species at known nests change, this is what's called a migration. Though migrations right now are not common, they still happen. On average migrations occur every 23 or 24 days. It is important to note that these aren't drastic changes and that some nests are not affected by it.

Taylor's University's Nests

Now that you have an understanding on how the spawn mechanics in the game work, we can get to the good stuff - Pokémon species and nests that are commonly found on TU grounds. This will cover the campus grounds, the Boardwalk, and the Sports Complex.

Note: This list is based on continuous observation and the list will change over time due to migrations and other factors.

Commonly found species besides Pidgeys, Caterpies, Weedles, and

Zubat, are Slowpokes, Staryus, Krabbys, Eevees, and Poliwhags. There are a few nests around TU grounds as well, especially near the Pokéstops. There are Magikarp nests, Psyduck nests, and Sparrow nests. For the rarer species, Golbats, Kinglers, Magmars, Growlithes, Machops, and Mankeys have been sighted as of late. Though there were reports of Gyarados sightings, I have not confirmed these sightings myself. The rare Pokémon nests that have been observed consist of Dratinis so far.

So now that you have a more in-depth understanding of how the spawning mechanic in the game works, including the factors that correlate with it, and known Pokémon nests around TU, you can now go forth and be the best Pokémon trainer and catch them all on campus. Who knows, you might actually start taking down TU Gyms sooner than you think. My advice is to start finding friends of the same team and then raid the Gyms with sheer numbers.