

Developing quality leaders

IN line with Sunway Education Group's aim to nurture quality future leaders who excel in academics and soft skills, 13 shortlisted candidates from Sunway College and two from Sunway International School underwent interview sessions with representatives from the Harvard Club of Malaysia for the Harvard Book Award this year.

Three candidates from Sunway College emerged as winners. Each received a RM2,000 cash prize, copy of the Harvard Book and certificate, and internship opportunity with the Harvard Club of Malaysia.

The winners are Australian Matriculation (Ausmat) student Olivia Bong Kah Wai and A-Levels students Ng Soong Ling and Goay Wei Gee.

Bong shares how honoured she felt that the board found her worthy of such a prestigious prize. Her intention to pursue medicine was the main highlight of her personal statement in her application for the Harvard Book Award.

"I mentioned what inspired me to pursue medicine. According to the World Health Organization, depression has become the leading cause of ill health and disability, and not enough has been done to tackle this silent killer.

"That is why I will be choosing this path – to be there for those who need to deal with these struggles," says Bong.

Ng was surprised and grateful for the award. She says, "Having this award to my name will push me to work harder and achieve more, as the panel saw something in me that can be further developed to its full potential. It has given me confidence to keep aiming higher."

To qualify as a candidate for the Harvard Book Award, candidates need an average academic achievement of 90% and above.

For Ng, it was all about paying attention in class to achieve those excellent academic results.

"I ensured that I really understood what was taught and the whole concept behind each lesson, be it a physics theorem or mathematics formula, instead of blindly memorising it."

Goay was shocked when she was named a Harvard Book Award winner. Having spoken to a few other finalists, she came to realise that each candidate is outstanding in his or her own way and capable of achieving great things in future.

In July, she was chosen as a teaching assistant for the Harvard Asia Leadership Camp at Sunway International School where she assisted with workshops.

After that, she headed off to Sri Lanka on a fully subsidised Gender Equality Future Advocates Training organised by the Royal Commonwealth Society.

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At Sunway College, students can explore and develop their talents and passions through a wide range of pre-university, diploma and professional accounting programmes that cater to different learning styles and ambitions.

These programmes include the Ausmat, Canadian International Matriculation Programme, Monash University Foundation Year, Foundation in Arts, Foundation in Science and Technology, Diploma in Accounting, Diploma in Finance, Diploma in Communication, Diploma in Business Administration, Diploma in Information Technology, Victoria University Bachelor of Business and Victoria University Masters.

The college also offers professional accounting qualifications such as Certified Accounting Technician, Certificate in Finance, Accounting and Business, Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, Certified Internal Auditor, Certified Practising Accountant (Australia) and Chartered Financial Analyst.

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(Front row, from left) Harvard Club of Malaysia president Tan Sri Dr Lin See-Yan, Sunway College pre-university studies director and Sunway International School executive director Cheng Mien Wee, Sunway Education Group marketing director Wong Lei Lei, Sunway Education Group and Sunway University senior executive director Dr Elizabeth Lee, and Sunway Education Group public relations director Jerrine Koay with Sunway College pre-university programme heads, Harvard Book Award finalists and winners from Sunway College and Sunway International School, and their families and friends.

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