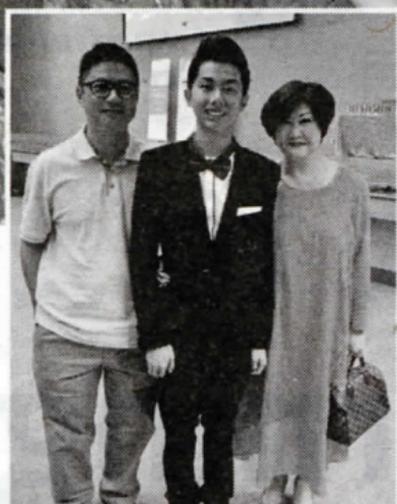
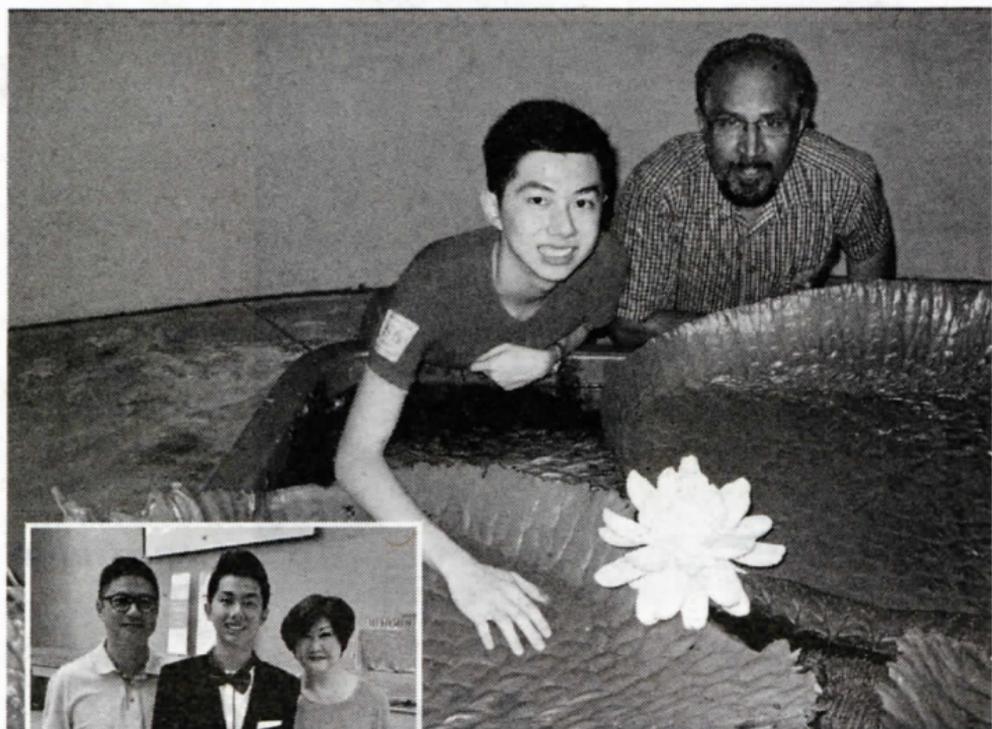


EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION



Aaron Ang Chun Hou (left) and Science and Engineering Resources head **Dr K.A. Sagathevan** with the 'Victoria amazonica'.

(Inset) Aaron Ang Chun Hou, flanked by his father, **Ang Chin Wee**, and mother, **Ker Ah Lian**, at Sunway College's A-Level tea party.

Students bloom at Sunway

SUNWAY College has achieved a 100 per cent pass rate, with 64 per cent of its students scoring straight As in the Cambridge A-Level examinations in November last year.

Aaron Ang Chun Hou is one of the high achievers.

He has made good use of his interest in botany to benefit the college, on top of scoring As in Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics.

He has contributed immensely to the college by helping establish a plant house on campus.

One of the plant house's latest acquisitions is the *Victoria amazonica*, or giant water lily.

The giant water lily now graces Sunway University's rooftop, thanks to Ang's dedication and the university's head of Science and Engineering Resources, Dr K.A. Sagathevan.

The plant is known for its huge leaves that can grow up to 2.7m in diameter and hold up approximately 50kg. It flowered for the first time on April 8, and subsequently, on April 12 and 13.

The success of growing the giant water lily at Sunway has provided Ang, an aspiring botanist, with the confidence to pursue his dreams.

Ang, who is deeply passionate about plant biology, will pursue his studies in Biological Sciences (Plant Science) at the University of Edinburgh in the United Kingdom.

He said he felt that he had chosen the right pre-university programme, adding that he was grate-

ful that his A-Level lecturers, especially Biology lecturer Nesa Ramani, were motivators.

"Sunway College continues to assist me in developing my passion for Botanical Science. My lecturers were supportive, allowing me to talk about my passion in class.

"After completing the programme, I accepted an internship offer that allows me to start plant collections at Sunway, in particular, experimenting on growing the giant water lily."

Ang found the plant at a local nursery in Sungai Buloh, which he bought and brought to the plant house.

His parents said they were pleased with the conducive environment at Sunway, which they believe had encouraged a positive change in their son's personality.

Ker Ah Lian said her son became more independent and adventurous after completing his A Levels.

Sunway College has received numerous accolades for producing students with good A-Level results.

It has the highest number of awards in Malaysia, with 55 Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards.

Others include awards for being in the Top 40 in the World, Top 13 in Malaysia, 1 Best Across 4 Cambridge International AS Levels and 1 Best Across 3 Cambridge International A Levels.

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