



**Kudos to all:** The students are all smiles after successfully organising the event. With them is Lee (back row, third from left), and directors from Sunway Education Group and Sunway University.

## Yes, it's the Oscars!

IT wasn't Hollywood, but "celebrities" received their Oscars and sashayed in their glamorous gowns.

The 10 recipients each took home the Oscar for Best Teacher and even posed for photos as they walked on the red carpet that was rolled out just for them.

It was to celebrate Sunway University's Teachers Day celebration.

Over 200 teachers, principals and counselors from several schools around the Klang Valley celebrated at the gala event to honour a stellar cast of teachers who were presented with the Oscars.

The event was organised by students from the Diploma in Events Management and Diploma in Hotel Management under Sunway University's Centre for Tourism, Hospitality and Culinary Management (CTCHM).

Guests posed for photographs against backdrops specially prepared by the students.

The teachers were also treated to a delicious lunch spread.

Delectable desserts were specially prepared for the occasion by students from CTCHM who are all pursuing a Degree in Culinary Management.

The event was to pay tribute to dedicated members of the teaching profession, and for their tireless contributions, hard work and support throughout the years.

"Your role is certainly not an easy one," said Sunway Education Group and Sunway University senior executive director Elizabeth Lee.

"But I'm sure you will agree with me that teaching has its many rewards, especially when you see the transformation of your students into competent and responsible individuals.

"Bear in mind that your work today shapes the future. In your classrooms now are our future leaders.

"The responsibility of shaping the leaders of tomorrow lies very much in your hands," said Lee in addressing the teachers.

The occasion provided a good experience for the CTCHM students, as they were given the opportunity for a hands-on learning experience in organising the event.

They were tasked with planning, managing finance and preparing the decoration, backdrop, props and food.

"Being involved in an event like this means learning much more than what we get in the classroom," said Emily Cheng Siaw Yen, a second-year student pursuing a degree in Culinary Management.

"This is different from our usual training. The expectation on us is higher and we are much more careful with our food presentation, as we need to fit in with the theme."

For team leader Lai Kian Seng, it was a learning experience.

Event coordinator Merlin Yong Shi Hui learnt to manage his time better as he had to cope with planning and preparing for the event and completing his assignments at the same time.

Lai and Yong are currently in their last semester of the Diploma in Hotel Management programme.

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