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Editorial – Today is the tomorrow you were talking about yesterday

Greetings!

John Wooden is often dubbed America's most successful college basketball coach simply because he took his University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) team through 10 national championship victories over a 12-year period. Wooden's coaching and living philosophy was built on the advice his father gave him at a very young age: "Make each day your masterpiece."

Wooden was distinctively different from other coaches. Instead of gearing his players toward important games in the future, he always focused on *today*. He treated practice sessions as important as any championship game. He wanted his players to wrap up each day with an important thought: "Today I was at my best."

Have you ever thought of *today* being the microcosm of your entire life? You were "born" when you woke up and you will

"die" when you retire to bed. It was designed this way so that you could live your whole life in a day. Most of us, however, do not want it to be this way. If we were asked whether today could be used as a model to judge our entire life by, we would shriek! Most of us want our lives to accumulate. We think of life as being strung together, perhaps like a long smoky train.

Indeed, life is now; not later on! The more we hypnotize ourselves into thinking we have all the time in the world to do what we want to do, the more we sleepwalk past life's finest opportunities.

Cheers!

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AGM & Dinner Update

The 6th AGM cum Reunion Dinner was held on April 22, 2006 at UPM. A total of 80 people attended the dinner – pretty encouraging considering our membership count of 100+. UPM was chosen as the venue (first time!) to commemorate UPM's 75th anniversary. Judging from the feedback received, most members had a nice interactive evening. Earlier at the AGM, members elected a 'new' management committee. There are three new faces in the 2006/07 Management Committee (see left panel for details), however, most of us (except for the President) will be working with new portfolios.

The new faces are:

- Dr S Vikneswaran Nair (a Senior Lecturer and Head of R&D at the School of Hospitality & Tourism, Taylor's College),
- Ms Chubashini Suntharalingam (a Research Officer at the Economics and Technology Management Center, MARDI), and
- Dr Sharmili Vidyadaran (a lecturer at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, UPM).

Membership Update

Welcome aboard to the following new members:

- Saravanan Raman
- Janagi Mourugan
- Ragunathan Rao
- Sumatra Appavo
- Selvakumar Subramaniam
- Ragu Ponusamy
- Kathiravan
- Thawendran @ Anthony

- Puavan Santharasilan
- Manraj Singh

To-date, our total membership stands at 115. The Management Committee is in the process of updating the membership records. If everything goes well, we would soon have an online membership database. More information on this will be available in the next issue. Stay tuned!



Congratulations to...

Mr K Palasuberniam (a Deputy Director at the Division of Plant Protection and Quarantine, Department of Agriculture, and a former IGAUPM committee member)

on being appointed as an Agriculture Counsellor at the Malaysian Embassy in the Netherlands for 3 years beginning May 2006. agricultural trade relations between Malaysia and Europe, and to establish networking (with government agencies and private companies) in the field of agriculture.

Pala can be contacted via email at: pkaliannan@hotmail.com.

Mr Manraj Singh (an academic staff at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, UPM, and a new IGAUPM member)

on being awarded the Commonwealth Scholarship by the British Council to pursue his

doctorate in Molecular Toxicology at the University of Surrey, UK. The scholarship, in the amount of £90,000.00, is tenable over a 3-year period beginning July 2006.

Manraj can be contacted via email at: motzruz@yahoo.com.

Dr Vikneswaran Nair (Head of R&D and Senior Lecturer of Taylor's College, School of Hospitality & Tourism, and a new IGAUPM Committee Member)

on being elected as the Vice President of the Asia-Pacific Council for Hotel, Restaurant & Institutional Education (APacCHRIE) in the recently concluded General Assembly in Hualien, Taiwan.

Dr. Vicky can be contacted via email at: vicky.n@taylors.edu.my.



Once the game is over, the king and the pawn go back to the same box." — Italian proverb

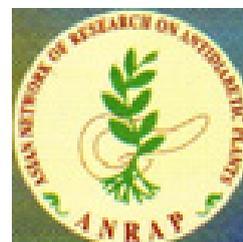
Random Information

• 2nd Agriculture Congress 2006

UPM will hold the above event with the theme "Agriculture for Life and Wealth Creation" in Putrajaya from December 12-15, 2006. This congress will cover the following areas: Agricultural Production Technologies, Animal Production, Aquaculture, Extension Services, Food Processing and Industries, Food Safety and Health Products, Genetically Modified Organisms, Genetic Resources and Utilization, Marketing and Policies, Microbial Technologies, New Crops, Nutraceutical, Pest Management, Plant Nutrition and Fertilizer, and Sustainable Agriculture. For further information, visit www.agri.upm.edu.my/congress/

• 5th Asian Network for Research on Anti-diabetes Plants (ANRAP) International Seminar

University Malaya and the Malaysian Natural Products Society will hold the above event in Kuala Lumpur from November 8-10, 2006. This seminar will deliberate on issues ranging from basic research on diabetes mellitus to modern management and development of drugs. For further information, visit www.kimia.um.edu.my/anrap.htm.



• Computer Professionals Program (CPP)

The Maharishi University of Management in Fairfield, Iowa, USA is offering the above program, which leads to a Master of Science in Computer Science degree. All international students receive financial aid for their tuition, housing, and meals, and the opportunity to undergo two (2) years of practical training in an American company. Full details on the program can be accessed via <http://admin.cs.mum.edu/Admissions/da07.html>.

• Plantation Agronomist in Namibia

The above position is available to anyone interested and equipped with a working knowledge on:

- i) Agronomy of plantation crops
- ii) Research (tissue culture, optimizing oil extraction, use of oil-cake as fertilizer, and bio-fuel production)
- iii) Farm equipments and oil expellers
- iv) Teaching and extension (farmers, government agencies)

Training on specialized techniques of tissue culture can be given.

This job will involve frequent external travel

(between Malaysia and Namibia) and internal travel (within Malaysia). Salary will commensurate academic qualification (s) and work experience. For further details, contact Dr M Thavalingam at: thavalingam@yahoo.com.

• Sri Agathiar Sanmarka Sanggam

The above charity organization has been faithfully helping the poor, regardless of race, religion or any other distinctions that divide the human race, for the past 16 years. Visit www.agathiar.org or call the Service Center at 03 8768 7672 to learn more about how you can contribute toward this organization's charitable pursuits.



Maharishi University of Management

• Yoga for all levels

The Divine Life Society (PJ sub-branch), located at No. 7, Jalan 18/15, Taman Kanagapuram, PJ, is organizing a 3-month *Hatha Yoga Course*. This course is available on Sundays (beginning June 4, 2006) at the beginner (3.30 - 4.30 pm), intermediate and advanced levels (both at 5.00 - 6.00 pm). For details, contact Mr Kalai (019 634 9497) or Ms Sujatha (017 881 0848).

Joint Activity

• NIEC/YIEA 2006

IGAUPM has been given the opportunity to assist in organizing the National Indian Entrepreneurship Conference (NIEC) and the Young Indian Entrepreneur Award (YIEA), scheduled for October, 2006. The lead organizer of these events is the Social Entrepreneurs Network (SeNet) of Selangor/Wilayah Persekutuan.

The YIEA recognizes the achievements of outstanding young Indian entrepreneurs who are well established and have full grown successful business ventures. Nomination for this award is now open!

If you interested to learn more about these events and to advertise your product(s) or service(s) in the NIEC brochure, kindly contact Ms S Chubashini at chubashini@yahoo.com or chuba@mardi.my.

Go Easy...

A man had first class tickets for the 2006 FIFA World Cup Finals. As he sits down, another man comes down and asks if anyone is sitting in the seat next to him. "No," he says. "The seat is empty." "This is incredible!" said the man. "Who in their right mind would have a seat like this for the world cup final, the biggest sporting event in the world, and not use it?" He says, "Well, actually, the seat belongs to me. My wife was supposed to come with me, but she passed away. This is the first tournament we haven't been to together since we got married." "Oh ... I'm sorry to hear that. That's terrible. But couldn't you find someone else - a friend or relative, to take the seat?" The man shakes his head... "No. They're all at the funeral....."

Source:

<http://www.shof.msrsites.co.uk/worldcup.html>

LIVE TODAY!
There are two eternities that really break you down, YESTERDAY & TOMORROW.
One is gone and the other doesn't exist.
So live today.



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We will be on the
Web soon !!!

The Indian Graduates Association Universiti Putra Malaysia, IGAUPM had been existent since 1999. Registered officially on 11 August 2000, the society currently has about 115 registered members and many more to come. IGAUPM, a brainchild of the graduates of Universiti Putra Malaysia (formerly Universiti Pertanian Malaysia), was formed with the main aim to forge friendship among the Indian graduates from the university besides serving as a platform to meet and rekindle the lost friendship of campus days.

The objectives of IGAUPM include:

- To promote interaction among members for mutual benefit.
- To develop and sustain a caring Malaysian society with good family values through social, cultural and religious activities.
- To provide services that promotes academic and career advancement among members in particular and the Malaysian society in general.
- To provide counselling and assistance to members and undergraduates of public and private institutions of higher learning

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Seated: Dr Sharmili Vidyadaran, V . Jeyanny,

Dr A Sivapragasam, Dr S Uma Rani & S. Chubashini.

Standing: Vijiandran Juva Rajah, Thiyagu Devarajan,

Dr S Kulanthayan, Dr Siva K Balasundram & Harris Raj

Kumar.

Insert: Dr S Vikneswaran Nair & R. Dhatchynamoorthy

Email the above information to the Secretariat
for Membership Info.