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ENDING TERM 1 WITH A BANG!

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9th March, 2018: As students left the premises after PDP activities, looking to relax on the last day of term, the staff members of TJC gathered at the parade square to send it off with a bang – satay party!



Organised by the college's Staff Wellbeing Committee, all staff members of the college were invited to this annual event, which appears to be a popular one, with many even showing up with family members in tow.

With tables piled high with food lining the perimeter of the parade square, attendees of the party enjoyed a vast selection of food and drinks from kueh, bread, prata and curry, to the highlight of the day – freshly grilled beef, chicken, and mutton satay. There was even an ice-cream van which drew a lot of attention from children and adults alike.



If there was anything that set this year's party apart from previous years', it was its change in location. The party, usually held at the basketball courts, was unable to be held there again this year, due to ongoing construction of the sheltered courts. Fortunately, the attendees of the party seemed to agree that it did not detract from the experience. "It's not the venue that matters, but the company," said a teacher, who did not wish to be named. In fact, the parade square turned out to be the ideal location, with its expansive space flanked by the Adventure Tower and Rockwall, which looked beautiful in the evening light.



There were a few first-timers at this year's party as well, one of them being Dr Bernard Thong, the Chairman of the College Advisory Committee, and an alumnus of TJC. While he had been unable to attend in previous years due to personal matters, he said he had an enjoyable time at his first TJC satay party, promising that he would return in the future if he could make it.

Even as the sky darkened over the venue, the party still went on in full swing, the parade square lit up by bright floodlights and cheerful tunes playing over the speakers. While the staff mixed and mingled, exchanging greetings and friendly conversations, the children entertained themselves by running across the field and playing their own games.

All in all, this year's satay party was a huge success – the relaxed atmosphere, good food and camaraderie drawing out a smile on everybody's faces as the evening went on. "It never gets old," said Mrs Cindy Lim from the Mathematics Department. And, seeing how popular the event remains even after having been held annually for more than twenty years now, perhaps it never will.

