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## The TJC IP Open House – Another Resounding Success!

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With colourful balloons and streamers lining the hallways, and food stalls which are local favorites eagerly at the service of the bustling crowds, TJC was truly a sight to behold on Saturday, 25 May 2019 at our annual Integrated Programme (IP) Open House 2019. However, what truly drew people into our campus and what was truly outstanding and impressive was not merely the decorations; neither was it the upbeat music around the campus. It was the warmth and hospitality from the staff and students, the way the air crackled with excitement and indescribable energy, courtesy of the students who were more than prepared to showcase their pride as TJCians.

When Mr Tan Teck Joo, Mr Timothy Ho and Ms Kwan Kah Wai were interviewed separately on what makes the TJ IP Open House stand out from the rest, all three tutors had a similar response – “students” – students from all 4 cohorts of the IP level who came back to school and took on different roles at the event with great gusto. Students who never once hesitated to man booths, usher guests and help out with logistic means. Students who voluntarily rushed down to the “Mushroom under LT2” to dance along to our Mass Dance once the familiar upbeat tunes of “Speedy” and “You” started playing. Students who stayed back after hours to help staff pack up equipment from booths and tidy up the campus. Though our Open House was orchestrated by the staff, it is safe to say that the students were the essence of the event on the day itself.

Our TJCians at reception booths welcomed visitors with great hospitality. Not everyone is comfortable with starting conversations with strangers, but the TJ students truly took Open House as an opportunity to venture out of their comfort zone and warm up to visitors. Not only did student ambassadors share about their experiences in school with visitors, they also took them on a tour around campus to give a brief overview of the facilities and programmes offered in our “Botanic Gardens of the East”. Further insights into subjects and curriculum in TJ would then be further elaborated on at the subject booths that housed students well-versed in their respective subject. The same goes for Personal Development Program (PDP) booths, where students run the booths to showcase the different non-academic curriculum of TJ that aims to foster and develop holistic and all-rounded character development. The emcees entertained the audience and ensured smooth-sailing talks from the Principal, the survey committee sought for constructive feedback and opinions on the event, whilst the publicity team strived hard to ensure that our event was well promoted and that our Open House was jostling with guests. We cannot forget our unsung heroes who were “behind-the-scenes” - the logistics and decoration teams whom we must thank for the bedecking of decorations around the campus that was truly a sight to behold.



*Students at subject booths, explaining the subject to parents and engaging kids in hands-on activities*

Between the Principal talks, the guests were treated to a feast for the senses as they marvelled at our various performances presented by our very own TJCians. Whether it was the melodious harmony of the IP Choir, the rhythmic beats of the Dikir Barat presented by the Malay Cultural Society dancing through the air or the graceful and entrancing movements of the IP Modern Dance Club, everyone was completely captivated by the arts scene in TJC. Other performances range from the IP Symphonic Band and the Chinese Orchestra to the Guitar Club and Music Elective Programme, a clear showcase of how TJC boasts a broad spectrum of talents. Our JC cheerleaders (also known as Cheerios) from their respective houses - Alpha, Beta, Gamma and Delta – donned their house-themed uniforms, face paint and ribbons while they staged their zestful and animated performances. Our TJ spirit alongside our house pride was proudly displayed to our guests as our students also continued to belt out the college and house cheers. This definitely spoke volumes of our innate TJC culture.



*Beta Cheerios cheering their hearts out*

All in all, the TJC IP Open House 2019 was a massive success with the jostling crowds and a successful showcase of our modus vivendi here at TJC. It was surely a day to remember for students and teachers alike who left the campus feeling contented and fulfilled at the end of the day. Here’s to many more years of successful and vibrant IP Open Houses!