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UPFRONT: SFMS Appoints a New Principal/CEO



It is with great pleasure that we announce the appointment of Mrs. Lenie Cho as the new Principal and Chief Executive Officer of St. Francis Methodist School (SFMS). This appointment is with effective from 1st August 2008.

Officially introduced to the staff of SFMS at a tea gathering on 24th July, Mrs Lenie Cho received strong endorsement from Dr. Stephen Yeo, the Chairman of Executive Board of Directors, who believes she is an excellent leader who will guide SFMS to greater heights.

Mrs. Cho brings with her a wide range of experience as an educator and an administrator. Prior to her appointment with SFMS, Mrs. Cho was the Deputy Principal of Anglo-Chinese School (Independent) for 17 years.

An active leader in community services and non-governmental organizations, Mrs. Cho has served in various capacities as

- Member of Geography Consultative Committee at NUS (1992-2002).
- Chairperson of the Geography Teachers' Association of Singapore (1992-2003)

Mrs. Cho is currently serving in Living Waters Methodist Church as a Sunday school teacher as well as a member of the Local Council Executive Committee (LCEC).

■ ABOUT MRS. LENIE CHO

Title: Principal, Chief Executive Officer of St. Francis Methodist School

Personal: Married with 3 children

Education: BA (Honours) in History and Geography, University of Singapore; teaching qualifications, local Teachers' Training College; MSc (Curriculum and Instruction), University of Wisconsin, Madison, USA; Diploma in Educational Administration, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Awards: Long Service Award (30 years) from MOE 2001, National Day Award, Commendation Medal 1998.



Jasline Neo, our HR and Administrative Executive and Andrew Ponniah, COO-Planning, Marketing & HRD; holding the certificate with much pride and joy!

Stamp of Approval

Marking yet another milestone in the history of St. Francis Methodist School, our school was once again awarded with the certificate of

'Singapore Quality Class for Private Education Organisations' (SQX-PEO) by SPRING Singapore. A prestigious award, the

SQX-PEO certificate is only conferred to private education providers that have achieved commendable standards in business and organisational excellence. Well done, St. Francis!

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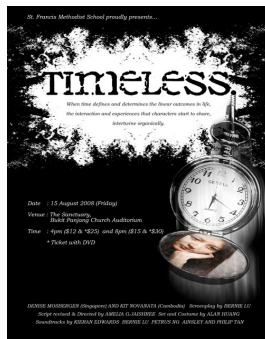
A Timeless Affair

A firm believer in the importance of performing arts, music and drama, St. Francis understands the importance of providing a platform to sharpen the talents of students with such giftings. As such, a team of production crew led by Ms. Amelia G. Jaishree and Mr. Alan Huang armed with a screenplay titled 'Timeless' written by student, Bernie Lu, will be screened at Bukit Panjang Church Auditorium on 15th August 2008.

The sneak preview of the drama can be view [here](#).

Details of Timeless

Date: 15 August 2008
Venue: The Sanctuary
(Bukit Panjang Church Auditorium)
Show Time: 4 PM, 8 PM
Ticket for 4PM: S\$8.
S\$12, S\$22 (with DVD)
Ticket for 8 PM: S\$10,
S\$15, S\$25(with DVD)



What Makes SFMS Different?

"What I have also discovered about St. Francis Methodist School (SFMS) that makes a difference is their high level of counseling in their school that truly set them apart from other schools"

Alicia Teo, 'Your Choice' Magazine



St. Francis Methodist School's holistic counseling programme was recently featured in a self enrichment magazine, 'Your Choice'.

Our counseling programme which seeks to help young people develop to their maximum potential while ensuring academic success was celebrated as the uniqueness of SFMS in comparison to other education institutions. In the article titled 'Making Choices for a Better Future' by Alicia Teo, our school counselor Mr. Ian Poulier also shared the winning formula to our highly successful, wholesome programme.



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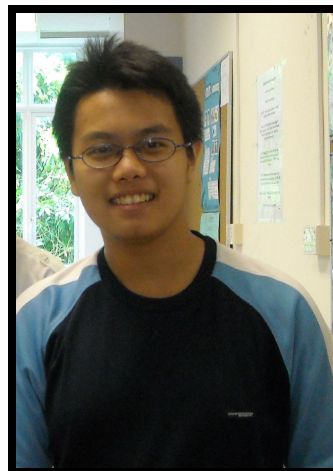
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Internship Experience@ St. Francis Methodist School by Leonard Yee

The NUS High School has an internship program for all the Grade 12 students. There were many internship choices available. Unfortunately for me, most of them were physics related, which is not my strong point. However, the internship opportunity at St. Francis Methodist School (SFMS) for the position as a lab technician aroused my interest. Back in my school, I have always wondered how the lab technicians manage to get all the apparatus prepared on time. In some cases, the lab technicians help us to understand our work better. With these thoughts in mind, I was looking forward to my internship with SFMS.

On the first day of my internship, I reported to Mr. Izam, the lab technician in charge of the physics labs. He was very friendly and tried to let me settle down in the new environment. I was introduced to the staffs of the science department and I was able to meet most of the science teachers.

There was never a dull moment during my internship time at SFMS.



SFMS intern, Leonard Yee from NUS High

Ms Priya, the lab technician who is in charge of the chemistry and biology lab, showed me the 'mysteries' behind the prepared chemicals and apparatus. Some of the teachers also showed me some things associated with chemistry and biology matters that I never knew before. On the second day, I was involved in the preparation of the chemicals to be used for lessons. In just a week (3 days of work), I was already settling comfortably in SFMS, involved in the teachers' lessons planning. Overall, these three weeks at the internship with SFMS were enjoyable. I felt that I was enriched in work skills as a lab technician and in knowledge as a student.

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