

# BUZZ • 2020



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Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine

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**Coffee, Black Tea to Plasma Metalloproteinase Activity in Obstructive Pulmonary Disease**  
Wei Jie Seow,\* Dorrain Federico Torta, Deron R. Markus R. Wenk, E Shyq...

Scope: Coffee and tea are among the most widely consumed beverages. However, the association between coffee and tea consumption with metabolomic changes in the blood is largely unknown. Methods and Results: 158 men and 99 women from the population-based Singapore Health Study were included in this study using mass spectrometry (MS) to estimate the association between coffee and tea consumption and metabolomic changes in the blood.

**Development of a Genetic Engineering Strategy for Lipase Production in *Yarrowia lipolytica***  
Tao Sun, Wee Chiew Kwok, Jonathan D. Chesnut, In Youn Kim, H. Phillip Koeffler<sup>1,6,7</sup>

ABSTRACT: Chinese hamster ovary cell culture models used for the production of recombinant proteins need to generate stable CHO cell lines with stable expression. Antibiotic selection is commonly used to generate stable cell lines with stable expression, but this process is labor-intensive and expensive. We developed a genetic engineering strategy for the production of stable CHO cell lines using a CRISPR-Cas9 system for the targeted deletion of the neomycin resistance gene.

**Use of a competency framework to explore the benefits of student-generated multiple-choice questions (MCQs) on student engagement**  
Foong May Yeong<sup>a</sup>, Cheen Fei Chin<sup>a</sup> and Aik Ling Tan<sup>b</sup>

ABSTRACT: Student engagement in large Life Sciences classes can be challenging, especially with the course work done outside formal class hours. To enhance student engagement with the course, we designed an assignment spanning one semester that required students to author MCQs. We used Bloom's taxonomy to evaluate the MCQs. Additionally, we derived a three-level framework to analyse the MCQs based on the student question-setters by determining the cognitive level required to construct the MCQs. This two-tier



# MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF DEPARTMENT



Professor Markus Wenk

*Dear All,*

Thank you very much for all your contributions to the Department, School and University during the past year, even more so given the challenges of the year 2020. This BUZZ again lists many of these achievements awards to students and staff among other events throughout last year. Among all of these I would like to express my particular gratitude and appreciation to Maxey Chung for his efforts and support as Deputy Head of Department for the past five years. I wish all of you a good start into the New Year 2021, health, happiness and success.

*Best wishes,*

*Markus*



**THANK YOU**  
*Associate Professor Maxey Chung*



# STAFF congratulations

## AWARDS & APPOINTMENTS

- Department of Biochemistry received the Excellence Award for the NUS Safety & Health Awards (NUSSHA) 2020.
- Recipients of the NUS Medicine Fortitude Award in recognition of their contributions and efforts beyond the call of duty during the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic:
  - Associate Professor Marie Clement
  - Associate Professor Theresa Tan
  - Dr Kenneth Ban
- Associate Professor Yeong Foong May being accorded Senior Fellowship with the Higher Education Academy, United Kingdom.
- Dr Kenneth Ban being appointed as Deputy Head of Department of Biochemistry from 1 January 2021.
- Associate Professor Tang Bor Luen has been appointed as Department's Safety Chair from 1 January 2021.
- Mr Chow Kean Pang, Ms Wang Yuwei, Cheryl and Dr Chua Yee Liu on their promotion to Assistant Lab Manager.

## RESEARCH GRANT AWARDS

PI	Project Title	Amount
Associate Professor Too Heng-Phon	Developing solutions for cryopreservation and hypotermic transport of therapeutic modified MSCs for brain tumor treatment – Grant Call 17 - NHIC-I2D-1908233 - NUHS	\$205,000
	Towards commercialization of "TraFEN: Technology – Increasing Technology Readiness of a novel non-viral gene medication for Cell Therapy and Biotechnology – Grant Call: Ad-hoc funding for Cell Therapy and Biotechnology	\$1,488,000
Associate Professor Caroline Lee	Exploring miRNAs in Saliva as Biomarkers for Hepatocellular Carcinoma in Cirrhotic Patients – MOE Tier 1	\$149,900
Associate Professor Gan Yunn Hwen	Deciphering the post-transcriptional regulatory networks involved in virulence and antibiotic resistance of Klebsiella pneumonia - Third NRF-ISF Joint Grant Call	\$425,844
Associate Professor Matthew Chang	Synthetic Biology Strategic Research Programme: Repurposing probiotics for autonomous prevention and treatment of human diseases – MOE Tier 1	\$130,000
Assistant Professor Yvonne Tay	Pseudogenes in colorectal cancer: key regulators or evolutionary junk? – MOE Tier 1	\$150,000
Assistant Professor Dennis Kappei	Deciphering highly recurrent TERT promoter mutations through single-locus chromatin purification coupled to quantitative mass spectrometry - NUSMed Post-Doctoral Fellowship (PDF)	-
Research Assistant Professor Federico Tesio Torta	Sphingolipids as diagnostic markers and regulators of cardiovascular and metabolic diseases – Third NRF-ISF Joint Grant Call	\$414,000
Research Assistant Professor Hwang In Young	Fighting Amebiasis with bacteria: a combined approach with natural probiotics and engineered bacteria – NRF-ISF Joint Scientific Research Program	\$423,600

# STAFF LONG SERVICE AWARDS

**35 years**

Mrs Kalimuthu Malihay

**30 years**

Mrs Long Lee Hua

**20 years**

Associate Professor Caroline Lee  
Associate Professor Theresa Tan

**15 years**

Professor Markus Wenk  
Associate Professor Deng Lih Wen  
Miss Tan Weiqi

**10 years**

Research Assistant Professor Amaury Cazenave Gassiot  
Research Assistant Professor Maybelle Darlene Kho Go  
Ms Chew Yuanyuan  
Ms Shen Yanqing

**5 years**

Assistant Professor Yvonne Tay  
Research Assistant Professor Hwang In Young  
Dr Chua Koon Jiew  
Ms Liu Ruirui  
Miss Adelia Vicanatalita Susanto  
Mr Koh Yong Zher  
Miss Ng Xiao Wei

# UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC YEAR 2019 / 2020 STUDENT AWARDS

**AWARD** : Singapore Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Medal

**DESCRIPTION** : Top 10 Honours Project Students

**STUDENT** : Liow Yuh Yiing (PI: Dr Yvonne Tay)

**AWARD** : Emeritus Professor Sit Kim Ping's Book Prize

**STUDENT** : Lew Zhe Zhang, Ryan (PI: Associate Professor Gan Yunn Hwen)





# congratulations



## POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS' CONFERMENT

Name	Main Supervisor
Chai Tin Fan	Adjunct Associate Professor Mei Wang-Casey
Chen Weiming	Assistant Professor Jiang Jianming
Chua Puay Suan, Jasmine	Associate Professor Yew Wen Shan
Geraldine Tu Xue En	Associate Professor Too Heng-Phon
Han Jian	Associate Professor Caroline Lee
Kerem Fidan	Adjunct Professor Vinay Tergaonkar
Liao Dan	Assistant Professor Jiang Jianming
Lim Lee Jin	Associate Professor Caroline Lee
Mert Burak Ozturk	Adjunct Professor Vinay Tergaonkar
Nguyen Thi Ha Linh	Assistant Professor Adrian Teo
Nikhil Aggarwal	Associate Professor Matthew Chang
Ong Chengsi	Professor Christiani Jeyakumar Henry
Pierre-Alexis Vincent Goy	Adjunct Associate Professor Ernesto Guccione*
Shainan Hora	Assistant Professor Sudhakar Jha
Sun Tao	Associate Professor Matthew Chang
Tan Chew Teng	Adjunct Professor Wang Yue
Tan Hwei Ling	Associate Professor Chen Ee Sin
Wang Siyu	Assistant Professor Jiang Jianming
Wong Wei Jie Garrett	Associate Professor Yew Wen Shan
Yohannes Abere Ambaw	Professor Markus Wenk

\* : Adjunct staff contract lapse in 2020.



# NEW HIRES STAFF

David Cameron-Smith  
Professor

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Singapore Institute of Clinical  
Sciences, A\*STAR

Yu Haojie  
Assistant Professor

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Centre for Translational Medicine,  
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Reporting Officer	Staff	Designation
Research Assistant Professor Amaury Cazenave Gassiot	Lim Pei Yen	Research Assistant
Professor Barry Halliwell	Tang Ming Yi, Richard	Research Assistant
Professor Brian Kennedy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fann Yang-Wei David</li> <li>Lee Noela Jin-Young</li> <li>Lim Zi Xiang</li> </ul>	Research Fellow Research Fellow Research Fellow
Associate Professor Caroline Lee	Lim Lee Jin	Research Fellow
Associate Professor Matthew Chang	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christopher Martinus</li> <li>Deepshikha</li> <li>Quek Hui Ping Delia</li> </ul>	Research Assistant Research Assistant Research Associate
Assistant Professor Dennis Kappei	Chua Boon Haow <sup>#</sup>	Research Fellow
Research Assistant Professor Federico Tesio Torta	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gao Liang</li> <li>Tham Wai Kin<sup>#</sup></li> </ul>	Assistant Lab Manager Research Assistant
Research Assistant Professor Goh Jor Ming	Bibek Gyanwali	Research Fellow
Associate Professor Gan Yunn Hwen	Goh Kwok Jian	Research Fellow
Professor Markus Wenk	Schoett Hans Frieder	Senior Research Fellow
Assistant Professor Nguyen Nam Long	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baik Sangha<sup>#</sup></li> <li>Le Thanh Nha Uyen</li> <li>Nguyen Huong Tra<sup>*</sup></li> <li>Tejasvene Ramesh</li> </ul>	Research Fellow Research Fellow Research Assistant Research Assistant
Associate Professor Too Heng-Phon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ng Wei Qing, Justin</li> <li>Teh Yuan Han</li> <li>Tham Koei Wan<sup>#</sup></li> <li>Wee Tze Boon Kenneth</li> </ul>	Research Fellow Research Assistant Research Assistant Research Fellow
Associate Professor Yew Wen Shan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chua Puay Suan, Jasmine<sup>*</sup></li> <li>Chua Yuen Siong<sup>*</sup></li> <li>Theng Poh Ying</li> <li>Zhu Tingting</li> </ul>	Research Assistant Research Assistant Research Assistant Research Assistant
Ms Violet Teo, Senior Manager	Putera Dandiar Bin Ahmad	Management Assistant Officer

\* : Staff has since left the department in 2020 as well.

# : Staff has left department in early 2021.



## NEW POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS

# PhD

Student Name	Main Supervisor
Chang Jing Kai	Professor Markus Wenk
Chua Yuen Siong	Associate Professor Yew Wen Shan
Fong Weijie, Zachary	Professor Hong Wanjin
Ha Thi Thuy Hoa	Assistant Professor Nguyen Nam Long
Jessica Ng Pei Zhen	Associate Professor Matthew Chang
Lee Tian Seong Andrew	Professor Hong Wanjin
Maximilian Unfried	Professor Brian Kennedy
Yong Qian Ying Cheryl	Associate Professor Tang Bor Luen

# MSc

Student Name	Main Supervisor
Adelia Vicanatalita Susanto	Associate Professor Matthew Chang
Shabana Binte Idres	Associate Professor Deng Lih Wen



# ACTIVITIES

## EDUCATION-RELATED

By Dr Lee Zheng Wei, Instructor

Associate Professor Yeong Foong May, Dr Lee Zheng-Wei, Ms Chew Yuanyuan, Dr Lee Seow Chong.  
*Teaching Connections*. Centre for Development of Teaching & Learning, National University of Singapore.  
 (Ambient) Lights, (iPhone) Camera, (Simulated) Action!

Shooting videos for laboratory demonstrations using what we have on hand. 19 August 2020.

### Teaching Connections

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AUGUST 19, 2020

## (Ambient) Lights, (iPhone) Camera, (Simulated) Action! Shooting Videos for Laboratory Demonstrations Using What We Have On Hand

**YEONG Foong May, LEE Zheng Wei, CHEW Yuanyuan, and LEE Seow Chong**  
 Department of Biochemistry,  
 Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine (YLLSoM)

*Foong May, Zheng Wei, Yuanyuan, and Seow Chong discuss how they produced videos of fundamental laboratory techniques using available equipment such as mobile phones and free video editing software.*

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#### Follow us

In this blogpost, we shared how we produced videos using readily available materials and equipment to demonstrate several laboratory techniques applicable in our practical modules. We also suggested tips and considerations to teachers who intend to make use of videos to deliver laboratory techniques.

Click [link](#) to read more!



#### SIGNATURE EVENT

Online Higher Education Campus Conference (e-HECC) 2020  
 8-9 December 2020

This year, the *Higher Education Campus Conference* went fully online. The theme, "Re-examining learning, research, and teaching in challenging contexts: from disruption to possibilities", built upon many recent conversations on responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, addressing new workplace demands and needs, as well as developing interdisciplinary programmes, all in the context of the permeability of digital education.

**33 PAPERS**  
**25 PECHARUCHA SESSIONS**  
**08 POSTER SESSIONS**

e- Higher Education Campus Conference (e-HECC)  
 Re-examining learning, research, and teaching in challenging contexts: From disruption to possibilities.

Dr Lee Zheng-Wei, Associate Professor Yeong Foong May. Moving student-led teaching and learning activities online in unforeseen circumstances: student and instructor experiences on the use of technology. The online Higher Education Campus Conference (e-HECC 2020), National University of Singapore.

In this poster presentation, we shared student's perceptions experiences on the use of technology as classes moving online under unforeseen circumstances in the second semester of AY1920. Specifically, students reported online lessons were not more difficult to follow and possessed greater confidence in asking questions. We also observed large effect size in count of questions asked by students during online lessons. The study showed encouraging student behaviors in online delivery of lessons.

Click [link](#) to read more!

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS  
 DAY 1 | 360 participants\*  
 DAY 2 | 227 participants\*

\*unique participants

**e-HECC 2020**  
 RE-EXAMINING LEARNING, RESEARCH, AND TEACHING IN CHALLENGING CONTEXTS: FROM DISRUPTION TO POSSIBILITIES

**Moving student-led teaching and learning activities online in unforeseen circumstances: student and instructor experiences on the use of technology**

LEE Zheng-Wei and YEONG Foong May  
 Department of Biochemistry, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore.

**Background**  
 We introduced student-led teaching, based on the idea of reciprocal teaching (Robert & Baker, 1964) in the first semester of AY1920. Students took turns to present assigned research articles and reviews or discuss their experimental data assigned over their progress (depending on the module). We provided learning prompts to scaffold students in their reciprocal teaching.

**Instructor's Perceptions**  
 We did not have difficulties using SIG Teams but initially thought that would be a challenge. Considering the students' lack of prior experience with online learning, we anticipated difficulties engaging them in the remote setting.

**Instructor's Observations**  
 Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, face-to-face lessons were interrupted and lessons were replaced by emergency online teaching (EOT) modules. In AY2020, using the online learning system (Canvas LMS), we had a total of the face-to-face and four synchronous online sessions throughout the entire semester.

**Observation of questions posed by students**  
 We observed a significant increase in the number of questions asked by students during online lessons.

**Student's Perceptions**  
 We conducted a survey to assess students' perceptions of the online learning experience. The survey results showed that students perceived online lessons as being more engaging and interactive compared to face-to-face lessons.

**Conclusion**  
 The overall experience reported by students in the online setting was not as negative as we feared. The students observed student behaviour that was encouraging. Certain components of our EOT presentations were helpful for our small-scale sites and the reciprocal teaching format of our modules. The implementation of our online lessons should be supported and provided students with an environment to experiment and present their work. There are needs to further our understanding of student learning experiences for a larger sample size during EOT to provide better teaching outcomes.





# EVENTS

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE TEAM

By Dr Chua Yee Liu, Lead of Biochemistry's Social Welfare Committee. Photos contributed by department staff.

### Staff Welfare: The "new norm" Staff Welfare Events

Year 2020 is a challenging one for everyone. Due to the circuit breaker imposed to fight COVID-19, our staff welfare committee has to think out of the box to carry out our events.

One month after the circuit breaker, we prepared care pack gifts to boost fellow colleagues' morale. The different care packs have a variety of tasty desserts and wholesome food to cater everyone's needs. Everyone stayed connected by sharing photos of the delightful care packs in the common WhatsApp chat group.

As social gathering is still discouraged after post circuit breaker, we decided to distribute sweet and savoury healthy snacks. They are interesting chips like okra, figs or sour cream and onion coated pumpkin so that everyone can munch them without feeling guilty. Those who came to pick up their snacks were happy to see each other and were grinning from ear to ear underneath their masks.



# EVENTS

## SAFETY COMMITTEE TEAM

### Safety Tea on 12 May 2020

By Mr Chow Kean Pang, Member of Biochemistry's Safety Committee



The first e-Safety Tea of the year 2020 was held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020, Tuesday, from 2 to 3 pm. Our HOD, Professor Markus Wenk, opened the session by urging everyone to keep vigilant and to follow the COVID-19 safety measure. This was reinforced by the Safety Chair, Dr Kenneth Ban, who conducted a PolLEV session to gauge the level of awareness of participants and proceeded to explain the different ways of how we could work together to minimize the spread of COVID-19 virus.

Following that, Kean provided updates on the department safety during the COVID-19 shutdown and started by thanking all PIs for their donations of lab consumables towards the national testing efforts. He provided OSHE updates as well as a summary of 2019 unannounced inspections and recommendations for improvements. For accidents/incidents, there were 2 accidents in early 2020 and everyone was reminded to stay alert and think safety when doing experiments.

The Committee was also pleased to announce that the department received the Excellence Award for NUSSHA 2020 and thanked everyone for working together to achieve this award. In lieu of a tea treat due to COVID-19 restrictions, a quiz was conducted and participants who answered correctly were given a mystery gift that could be collected after the circuit breaker.



### Needlestick Injury Prevention Programme on 7 July 2020

By Ms Guan Jye Swei, Member of Biochemistry's Safety Committee

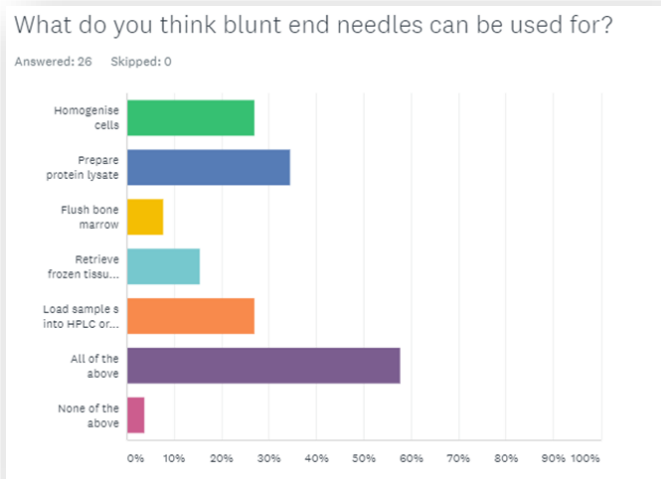
The Safety Committee wanted to raise awareness about needle handling at the workplace as needlestick injuries can occur at any time when people use or dispose of needles. As part of the Needlestick Injury Prevention Programme, a survey was conducted to gauge the understanding on safe handling of needles about lab users.

From the survey, 26 responses were collected. Most of the respondents (96%) knew that they should avoid recapping the needles after use. However, only 12% of the respondents indicated that they were aware that blunt end needles could be used.

Respondents were also asked about situations where blunt-end needles could be used, and they were allowed to choose more than one option. Here, respondents indicated that blunt-end needles could be used to homogenize cells (27%), prepare protein lysate (35%), retrieve frozen tissue sample or cryobeads from cryovials (15%), load samples into HPLC or FPLC (27%) and flush the bone marrow (8%). Overall, more than half of the respondents knew that the needles could be used for the options given.

Finally, most respondents indicated that they would request from BCHSAFETY or purchase the blunt-end needles directly from vendor if needed.

The Safety Committee would like to thank all respondents for participating in this survey. We hope for more participation in future!





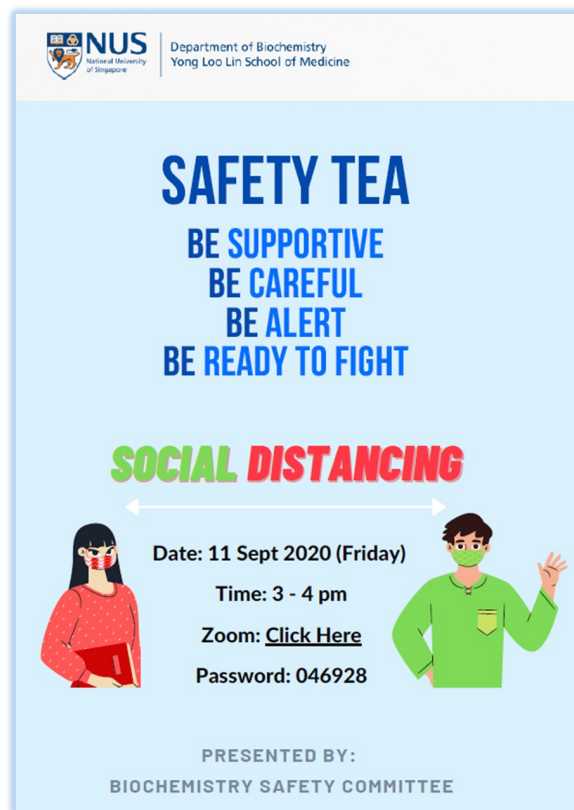
# Safety Tea on 11 September 2020

By Mr Chow Kean Pang, Member of Biochemistry's Safety Committee

The last e-Safety Tea of the year 2020 was held on 11<sup>th</sup> Sept, Friday, from 3 to 4 pm. Our HOD, Professor Markus Wenk, opened the session and this was followed by a presentation by The Safety Chair, Dr Kenneth Ban, on Safety & Health Objectives for 2020.

To reinforce the need for using the uNivUS app, pop quizzes were conducted to test the awareness of its use for contact tracing and the safety reminders on campus. Next, the committee presented results of the OSHE inspection and highlighted an issue with drain blockage from improperly disposed material from the sink. All staff were reminded of proper waste disposal when using the sink. In addition, electrical safety was emphasized especially in situations where water from unattended defrosting of freezers may lead to inadvertent contact with electrical circuits.

As safety is always a priority, the Committee welcomed any suggestions or feedback about improving safety in the department. To show their appreciation for the department's participation in the e-Safety Tea, all attendees were given a healthy snack box that could be collected after the session.



# Wellness Friday on 16 October 2020

By Mr Chow Kean Pang, Member of Biochemistry's Safety Committee

The Safety Committee organized the very first Wellness Day on 16<sup>th</sup> Oct, Friday, 6 pm. The entire session was led by an experienced coach, Mr Tan Wei Siang. He is passionate about gym coaching, sharing it through classes and volunteer work.

Although the session was held online via Zoom, we received a good response from staff who thoroughly enjoyed it! Participants followed the coach's instructions enthusiastically for a healthy workout. This session served to promote health benefits of exercise such as losing weight and reducing the risk of chronic diseases. Above all, it reminded staff to work smart, stay fit and keep moving.

The session was ended with a big smile from all participants. 😊 The Safety Committee would like to thank everyone who tried this first ever online exercise session.

All staff can look forward to more of such activities to come!



# Mini Safety Day on 16 December 2020

By Mr Chow Kean Pang, Member of Biochemistry's Safety Committee

**Department of Biochemistry**  
**E-Safety DAY 2020**

**Date: 16 December 2020 (Wednesday)**  
**Time: 2 - 3 pm**  
**Zoom: [Click Here](#)**  
**Password: 926586**

- Drink coupon for all participants
- Games/ win attractive prizes
- How to stay safe while being active? We tell you!
- Create a unique safety slogan to win voucher

The year of 2020 ended with our very first Department e-Safety Day, it was held on 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020, Wednesday, from 2 to 3 pm. This event serves as a recap of safety knowledge and started with an opening speech by HOD, Professor Markus Wenk.

Next, we have Dr Kenneth Ban, the Safety Chair to say a few words about Safety Day, there are prizes to be won from the interactive games. Thereafter, Kean introduced the invited speaker Ms Juliette Lim, an executive from UHC to talk about the importance of screening, exercises tips, selection of our footwear and ideal mode of recovery to mitigate injuries during exercises.

The event continued with the interactive game – Kahoot! was led by Safety Team member, Melvin Dai with 30 safety related questions, which includes current events, national phase 3 updates, departmental emergency response, biological, chemical and radioactive waste management system and etc. Then, the top 5 highest score players will receive attractive prizes, they are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Ng Xiao Wei, Joey
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Maybelle Darlene Kho Go
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Cheryl Yong
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Lee Hui Ling
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Lim Yan Ping



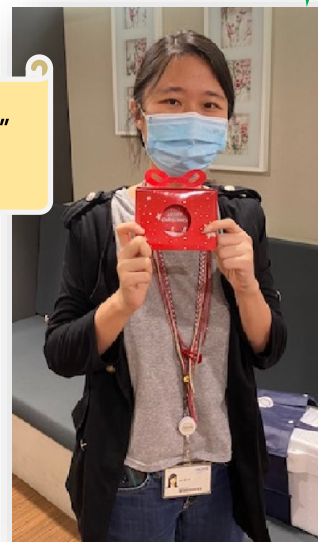
The event followed by announcing of Safety Slogan Competition winner: Sam Qi Hui.

**"A great place to work starts with a safe place to work"**  
By Sam Qi Hui



All participants will receive a complimentary Fruit Drink from Science Canteen.

Safety Team reminded all staff to stay alert while performing experiments. The Committee is also pleased to announce that the department has received the Excellence Award for NUSSHA 2020. We are grateful for this award and will work harder next year! As the department is unable to gather physically altogether due to the restrictions from COVID-19, there were no tea treat for this year, however, participants who have submitted their correct answers to a quiz called "Safety Tea Highlight", received a mystery gift that can be collected after the Circuit Breaker period.





# PUBLICATIONS

EXTRACTED CLAIMED JOURNAL ARTICLES FROM NUS ELEMENTS (JANUARY — DECEMBER 2020)

## AMAURY CAZENAVE GASSIOT, RESEARCH ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

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## CHANG, MATTHEW WOOK, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

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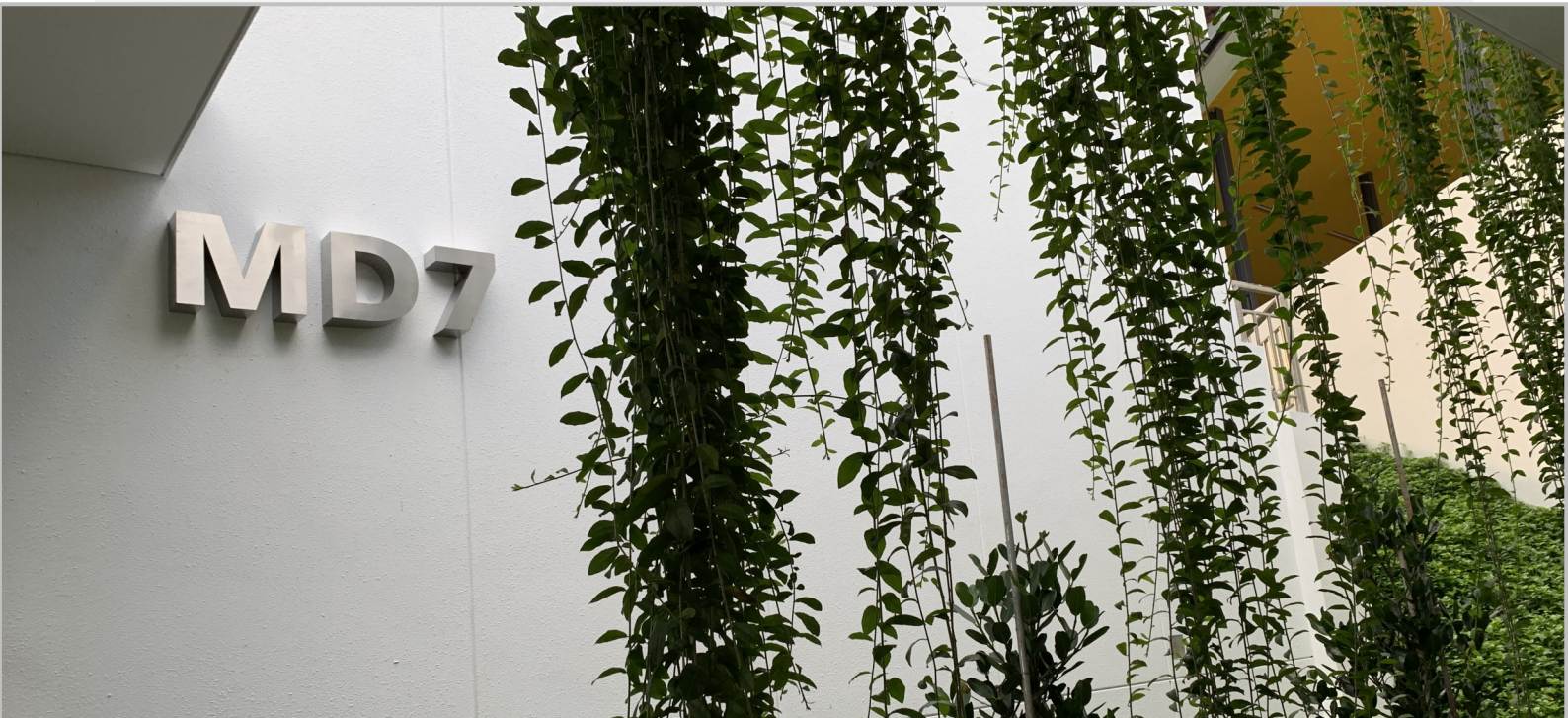
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