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YIPPI, SHE LOVES MAKING A SPLASH

TARUC student makes waves from class to pool

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THE members of the Tunku Abdul Rahman University College (TARUC) Swimming Club are bent on making a splash in the pool while making waves in the academic arena.

It is all a matter of time management for the TARUC students balancing their books with their sessions in the swimming pool.

And Sabah-born Yipp Chi Jing, a member of the TARUC Swimming Club, is an expert in adroitly grappling with these “dual tasks” by being in the swim of things, so to speak.

This was attested by the 21-year-old marketing student’s expertise in her role of vice-chairperson who successfully organised the TARUC Swim Fest at the main campus Olympic-size pool, and in Setapak, Kuala Lumpur, on Dec 16 last year.

Yippi, who is of Sino-Kadazan parentage, modestly attributes the success of the Swim Fest to her fellow organising committee members and also the event sponsors.

“It was all hands on deck as the committee members carried out their respective tasks to the letter. There was no bickering and their cooperation, communication and teamwork were just fantastic.

“And the club’s two advisers, Ko Chun Shong and Chooi Sow Yee, guided us in the organising

of the event,” said Yippi.

She added that she was also grateful to the sponsors, SSA Smart Swim Academy, YingFa Ventures Malaysia, Pakatan Tusen Cetak, Infinity Aquatics and KatigoX for their contributions to the event.

Approximately, 155 swimmers, comprising staff, students and alumni took part in the Swim Fest, which featured 10 swimming and life-saving relay events.



The relay events were 4x50m breaststroke, 4x50m freestyle, 4x25m breaststroke, 4x25m freestyle, 4x50m breaststroke

4x50m kickboard swim, 4x50m assisted tow (using the kickboard), 4x50m free tow (holding on to the chin), 4x10m rope rescue (first three swimmers to assist the fourth member back to dry ground) and 4x50m medley relay.

Even though Yippi is only an

ordinary club member, her Swim Fest stint will serve as a “stepping stone” for her to run for the president’s post next March.

And Yippi knows that she will have her hands full by then, with her coursework expected to pile up as she will be in her third year as a marketing degree student (and expected to graduate in May 2019).

But she is ready to grab the bull by the horns as she has laid out her plans for the TARUC Swimming Club.

“If I am elected president, I will improve three aspects of the club: swimming training, life-saving and water polo,” said Yippi, adding that the club do not have any coaches at the moment, and training sessions are flexible and normally held in the evenings.

A backstroke specialist, Yippi

was introduced to swimming by her parents when she was 12 years old.

“However, I stopped training when I was 18 years old as I had to focus on studying for the United Examinations Certificate and only resumed swimming when I entered TARUC in 2014,” said the genial Yippi, whose younger brother, 19-year-old Sin Hung, is also a TARUC Swimming Club member.

Although the club took part in the 2011, 2014 and 2016 editions, they will not be competing in the Higher Education Institutions Sports Championships in Kuala Lumpur next month due to college examinations.

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Organising committee members of the TARUC Swim Fest. PIC BY RICKY YAP



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