

Student Achievement Awards 2017

Award Recipients

CATEGORY: LEADERSHIP

| Leadership (Bronze) | |
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| Ng Aik Loong <i>NUS Students' Community Service Club</i> | <p>Aik Loong advocated for needs analysis for RVPs and SPs in NUS CSC to initiate exploring the relevance of each programme. He also saw great value in establishing and maintaining alumni relations to build an inclusive volunteering community. He also envisioned and advocated for a tightknit volunteering community, with the CSC clubroom as a hub of volunteers' activities.</p> |
| Tan Li Ting <i>NUS Students' Science Club</i> | <p>As the President of Science Club, Li Ting oversees a team of volunteers and was able to deal with unexpected situations calmly such as the effective handling of feedback that the organisation receives from the public pertaining to her events and conduct of event volunteers.</p> |
| Gan Xian Kai <i>Temasek Hall</i> | <p>Xian Kai embarked on his role with a direction for the cultural scene that was ambitious but also realistic given the circumstances. He also shared his proposed plan with his successor for the next batch to improve and advance on.</p> |
| Cassandra Pee Xue Yi <i>University Scholars' Club</i> | <p>Cassandra directed SEAM conference across 12 time zones comprising of both USP and Yale students. With 2 co-directors and 4 subcommittees, it was an unprecedented team structure. Cassandra adapted quickly and strove to facilitate communication within teams, between teams, as well as between the USP and Yale students, to improve team cohesiveness.</p> <p>All team goals were achieved as a result and the conference exceeded expectations, drawing praise by international speakers and participants.</p> |
| Luk Po Ling Pauline <i>UTown Residence</i> | <p>Pauline has been a leading resident assistant at UTR since June 2013. She has initiated several innovative and interactive events for residents, including NUSycle (which serves 1000 residents annually), Artjam (which serves 100-200 residents per semester), Interests Groups (Volunteer, Hiking, Cultural), and UTR Amazing Race. She has always been able to generate new ideas to motivate the team to organize more interesting and attractive events to enhance community bonding.</p> |

| Leadership (Silver) | |
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| Kevin Martens Wong <i>Kodrah Kristang</i> | <p>Kristang is an endangered language with less than 100 mostly elderly speakers left in Singapore; Creole language descended from Portuguese (vocabulary) and Malay (grammar).</p> <p>Kevin's initiative almost singlehandedly transformed situation in just 7 months: 136 new Kodrah learners learning Kristang almost doubled the number of existing speakers in Singapore.</p> |
| Yeo En Fei Walter <i>Migrant Workers Awareness Week</i> | <p>Walter is a resourceful leader who is able to quickly identify the needs of an organization and then go about securing the necessary resources to make the event or project a reality.</p> <p>Walter put together a team to identify the specific needs of MRAW, drawing up a list of possible solutions including donors, and Walter set out to secure these partnerships, with the team. He worked on the sponsorship prospectus, information booklet and personally attended numerous meetings to gain the confidence of a major donor, Rajah & Tann LLP and even worked to improve MRAW's reputation with the Ministry of Manpower (Singapore).</p> |
| Lim Jue Ru Audrey <i>NUS Graduate Students' Society</i> | <p>Audrey is a balanced mix of a fun-loving and compassionate leader who is also firm and decisive when the need arises. She never lost sight of the vision and the interest of the society, and always had the welfare of her members at heart. As such, she is respected and well-liked by her committee members.</p> |
| Gracie Low <i>NUS Students Against Violation of the Earth</i> | <p>Gracie has shown exemplary qualities as a leader and an ambassador of NUS SAVE. In AY 2014/15, she led her team in her capacity as Assistant Director of the Green Canteens campaign to conduct an NUS wide survey to assess the ground sentiments of a possible "Disposable-Free Day" in the NUS. She managed to rally 70% of the total of 1,090 staffs and students to be supportive of her proposal and respondents who take away meals frequently.</p> |
| M Premikha <i>NUS Tamil Language Society</i> | <p>Premikha felt a strong need to empower her members in order to achieve her vision for the society. She oversaw the planning and execution of Saadhana 2016, and allowed the Saadhana directors to gain an ownership of the project by being open minded to their ideas. She constantly guided her members at crafting such documents and taught them writing/translation skills. The nominee's conscious effort to empower her members enhanced their sense of belonging to the society.</p> |

Leadership (Gold)

Elaine Sam

*NUS Students Against
Violation of the Earth*

Elaine fronted key partnership negotiation with external organizations which would help enhance SAVE's operational portfolio as well as members development. She also often engage in talks with national agencies to align our environmental campaigns with the national agenda.

CATEGORY: COMPETITIONS

| Competitions (Bronze) | |
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| <p>NUS Chinese Debate Team</p> <p><i>Hua Xia Cup – the 8th International Chinese Debating Competition</i></p> | <p>Over the course of 5 days, the NUS Chinese Debate team demonstrated great resilience to beat 16 teams from powerhouses China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Australia, Europe and Malaysia to emerge as the grand finalists. Team NUS was also crowned as the Champion for the most influential international Chinese debate competitions in the world. The event also had a broad reach in publicity as it was reported by People’s daily, Sydney today and China News online.</p> |
| <p>NUS Greyhats</p> <p><i>Singapore Cyber Conquest 2015</i></p> | <p>The competition is one of the most prestigious information security competition in Singapore. To win the competition, participants not only have to use their offensive security skills in identifying and exploiting loopholes, but also methodically defend, analyse and respond to cyber-attacks. NUS Greyhats once again clinched the top prize for the third year running.</p> |
| <p>Rrwatamedia</p> <p><i>ACM ICPC Jakarta Regional</i></p> | <p>The competition is an annual multi-tiered programming competition among the universities of the world. The regional competitions served as a preliminary rounds to the World Finals.</p> |
| <p>SENE Consulting</p> <p><i>Australian Undergraduate Business Case Competition</i></p> | <p>The competition is an annual international case competition that brings together undergraduate university students from across the world to compete in fast paced, challenging business case studies. The week-long program provides students with a chance to visit Australia, build cross-cultural relationships to tackle real world business challenges.</p> <p>AUBCC’15 was held in Sydney, Australia and consisted of 16 teams, participating in high intensity business case analysis, workshopping and presentation delivery, culminating in a champion team emerging on the final day.</p> |
| <p>Spectre Consulting</p> <p><i>HSBC/HKU Asia Pacific Business Case Competition 2016</i></p> | <p>This international case competitions with 24 teams from all over the world required participants to solve 3-4 intense business cases of 3 hours each in a team of 4.</p> <p>Senior business leaders from around the globe were present for the judging of each teams, and this team representing NUS emerged as champion.</p> |
| Competitions (Silver) | |
| <p>Argon Associates</p> | <p>The Competition is a leading international case competition that brings together undergraduate students from the United States and 11 other countries to compete in a fast paced and challenging business case</p> |

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| <p><i>Global Business Case Competition</i></p> | <p>study. Over a 48-hour period, teams had to grapple with various challenging real-world scenarios.</p> |
| <p>Pearson Consulting <i>Belgrade International Case Competition</i></p> | <p>The competition presented an unique opportunity for international business schools to not only take part in the challenging case competition, but also experience Serbia and its exotic culture.</p> <p>This competition brought 16 top teams from universities all over the world to solve a real-world business problem with innovative ideas where teams are expected to come up with unique solutions for 2 cases in a 5-hour and 24-hour time period respectively.</p> |
| <p>Sashi <i>Money 20/20 Hackathon 2015</i></p> | <p>With an estimated of 10,000+ attendees, including more than 1,000 CEOs, from over 3,000 companies and 75 countries, Money20/20 is critical to realising the vision of disruptive ways in which consumers and businesses manage, spend and borrow money.</p> <p>In just 2 years, the Money20/20 Hackathon has been established as a premier event for the world’s best developers and has set an entirely new standard for Hackathons globally.</p> |

CATEGORY: COMMUNITY SERVICE (PROJECTS)

| Community Service (Bronze) | |
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| <p>Code Blue <i>Amberbrook</i></p> | <p>Code Blue creates a gamified First Aid experience that normalizes First Aid among the populace, providing refresher courses and motivating the participants to seek formal First Aid certification. 1057 participants this year went through the teaching and maze alongside 150 volunteers and committee members.</p> |
| <p>Innocence Project (Singapore) <i>Criminal Justice Club (Law Club)</i></p> | <p>The first and only such organisation in Singapore, the Innocence Project is an independent student-led initiative that provides recourse to individuals who believe they have been wrongfully convicted. To date, the Project has received close to 115 applications and is currently handling 28 active cases.</p> |
| <p>EVC Movement for the Intellectually Disabled <i>Eusoff Hall</i></p> | <p>Eusoff Voluntary Corp (MINDS) serves at MINDS Clementi Training and Development Centre (CTDC) on a weekly basis in both academic semesters. The beneficiaries at MINDS CTDC are adults with intellectual disabilities. 16 volunteers would take turns to interact with them.</p> <p>Student-led fundraising events such as Car-Wash and the Grant-A-Wish programme has created a positive impact on the lives of these individuals, and also providing the students with the opportunity to engage adults with intellectual disabilities.</p> |
| <p>Cang Yuan Synergy 2016 <i>Nursing Sub Club (ALCNS)</i></p> | <p>In line with the practice of preventive medicine, health awareness through conducting mass health education talks were conducted. At the same time, collaboration with overseas hosts were established to organise health screenings and follow ups for the various villagers.</p> <p>The team managed to screen 3 villages as well as the Cangyuan Nursing Home, despite bad weather conditions. In total, about 100 participants benefitted.</p> |
| <p>Kura West Timor Medical Mission 2016 <i>Nursing Sub Club (ALCNS)</i></p> | <p>In Kura 2016, the team travelled out to Niki Niki and facilitated medical consultation in 2 villages, treated 575 villagers in collaboration with local doctors and local nursing institute.</p> <p>They also conducted a women’s programme for 50 East Timorese Internally Displaced women, as well as a children’s programme for 120 East Timorese Internally Displaced children.</p> |

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| <p>Neighbourhood Health Service 2015</p> <p><i>NUS Medical Society</i></p> | <p>In 2015, NHS screened a total of 636 residents in Marine Terrace and Bukit Merah, across a 4- day period. It saw an increase in student volunteer participation from both NUS & Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine from 240 in its first year to the 528 in 2015.</p> |
| <p>Catch Up @ Jalan Kukoh RC</p> <p><i>NUS Rotaract Club</i></p> | <p>Catch Up Programme @ JKRC is a collaboration between NUS Rotaract Club and the Jalan Kukoh Residents' Committee (JKRC). Approximately 2, 025 students ranging from Primary 1 to Secondary 3 benefitted from the regular tuition programmes by these volunteers. Improvements in academic results were seen among the student beneficiaries, since the start of this programme.</p> |
| <p>Maalu Maalu Lanka 2015</p> <p><i>NUS Tamil Language Society</i></p> | <p>Since 2011, MML has reached out to more than 500 students introducing students to useful IT skills yearly and to about 20 schools within the Batticaloa zone, in eastern Sri Lanka.</p> <p>The Zonal Education Office in partnership provides continued support in face of its successful outcome of the project for the past 5 years, thereby ensuring the continuity of their partnership.</p> |
| <p>Project Embrace</p> <p><i>Rotaract Club</i></p> | <p>Project Embrace is a new initiative under Rotaract Club of NUS that focuses on benefitting children and teenagers with autism. Having just 18 volunteers, the aim was to provide a buddy system whenever possible to promote interaction between the beneficiaries and the volunteers. Till date, Project Embrace has conducted 1 Dance Therapy Session, 1 Christmas Party, 3 outings, 1 tango movement therapy session and more than 15 regular sessions.</p> |
| <p>Project HAK 2015</p> <p><i>Rotaract Club</i></p> | <p>Project HAK is an OCIP to Laos, Pong Song village, project targeting local education as well as sustainability. HAK'15 focused on accessibility to education, sustainable education and healthcare. There were other areas of focus such as cultural exchange and teaching IT.</p> <p>The students helped out in the construction of a 6-classroom block, providing funding for materials as well as manpower.</p> |
| <p>ThooKool4Skool</p> <p><i>Temasek Hall</i></p> | <p>ThooKool4Skool seeks to preserve and maintain the environment and culture of Nusa Penida, the island of Bali, Indonesia. They also empowered and inspired the locals to do the same through their bird sanctuary conservation efforts as well as the plantation and irrigation projects to educate the local beneficiaries.</p> |
| <p>Sabai Vision 2016</p> | <p>Sabai Vision is an annual overseas CIP that organises free eye screenings for villages in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. They worked with</p> |

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| <i>Yong Loo Lin School Of Medicine</i> | optometrists to provide free glasses, as well as free consultations for medical services and surgical services. They reached out to 2 villages and 1 primary school, consisting of about 1,000 patients screened, 20 surgeries performed, and 600 glasses prescribed. |
| Community Service (Silver) | |
| NUS Smile Village Project <i>Department of Architecture (SDE)</i> | Smile Village is a community that provides shelter to families living in slums of Cambodia, as well as skill trainings and job procurement so that they can find stable employment and permanent accommodation. The team designed and built building structures for the villagers and to facilitate training programs for the residents with some 71 families, staffs, visitors and volunteers from schools and corporations worldwide as part of the village's Community Based Tourism program. |
| Paint-A-Home XVII <i>NUS Students' Community Service Club</i> | Paint-A-Home since its inception in 2000 has improved the living conditions of the beneficiaries in need of refurbishments and repainting. Volunteers were recruited for a day of painting and interaction with the beneficiaries; some 418 of them provided their services to the elderly and low income families living in 1 and 2 room rental flats around the region of Jalan Bukit Merah, Banda Street and Redhill Close. |
| Project Angel XIX - Heart Trails <i>NUS Students' Science Club</i> | In 2016, PAXIX – Heart Trails (PAHT), formed by a team of 19 Science students, visited Cambodia for the second year running. PAHT's focus was on sharing knowledge on learning the English language with a total of about 70 Cambodian youths, as well as providing manpower to improve the village infrastructure so as to improve their quality of life. This was done as a continuation to the previous PA project 2015 (PA – Hearts & Hands). |
| Project R.I.C.E.+ 2016 <i>Red Cross Youth (NUS Chapter)</i> | Project R.I.C.E.+ aims to serve beneficiaries better by providing targeted assistance. Food rations were planned and distributed to over 20,000 low income individuals from more than 20 Family Service Centres and Community Centres island wide, overseeing a budget of S\$15,000. The team collaborated with Sheng Siong for the supermarket drive and managed to receive over S\$150,000 in monetary donation, exceeding initial target. |
| Community Service (Gold) | |
| Public Health Service 2015 <i>NUS Medical Society</i> | The Public Health Service (PHS) is a preventive medicine arm of the NUS Medical Society. In its 2015 installation, the project reached out to 12,000 households via its door-to-door health promotion programme, 1,023 participants through its two-day mass health screening event and |

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| | <p>287 secondary school students via its pilot Young Health Ambassadors Programme.</p> <p>The project managed to detect abnormalities in 46% of screened participants. 821 volunteers also clocked in a total of 7116 volunteer service hours.</p> |
| <p>Project Sa'bai <i>NUS Medical Society</i></p> | <p>Project Sa'bai is an overseas Community Service project to Cambodia in its 11th year. Screening clinics were setup and provided health services to the villagers, including various specializations such Ophthalmology, Dental, Women's and Children's clinics.</p> <p>1148 Villagers and 1090 School children were screened, with 145 Cambodian villagers and children referred to local hospitals for further examination.</p> |
| Community Service (Platinum) | |
| <p>Operation Orion 2015 <i>Civil Engineering and Environmental Club (Engineering Club)</i></p> | <p>The objective of the project was to apply engineering concepts to better engage the overseas community in both the technical and service aspects. After intensive research to identify the needs of the community, the team implementing a water catchment that harvests rainwater with the house that they built.</p> <p>The implementation of the project gave the NGO another alternative to the water issue that they were addressing in the Svay Antor District, Prey Veng in Cambodia.</p> |
| <p>Project C.A.N. XIII <i>NUS Students' Community Service Club</i></p> | <p>Project C.A.N. is an annual food donation drive project organised by NUS Students' Community Service Club which collects and redistributes food items to the needy beneficiaries.</p> <p>A total of 43,794 units of food and 2,020kg of rice were collected over the course of the 2 food collection phases by a total of 688 volunteers over the 4 different phases.</p> |

CATEGORY: ARTS & CULTURE (PROJECTS)

| Arts & Culture (Bronze) | |
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| <p>King Edward VII Hall Chinese Drama 15/16 Production: Mumble Jumble</p> <p><i>King Edward VII Hall</i></p> | <p>The performance last year in UCC had been seeing full houses (around 900 people) with a performance that is one of the highest quality and creativity that can be offered by a student organization within the NUS.</p> |
| <p>Vocal Obsession VI: Next Stop – Forever</p> <p><i>NUS CAC Resonance</i></p> | <p>58 NUS students and 14 non NUS students were involved in this biannual concert put up by the NUS CAC Resonance. This is also a first venture into a 2 night concert which saw Alumni involvement as the performers together with their respective current members.</p> |
| <p>Spring Festival Celebrations</p> <p><i>NUS Chinese Society</i></p> | <p>With 480 audience of diverse ethnicities, the Spring Festival Celebrations presents itself as a great opportunity to promote the Chinese culture and foster racial harmony.</p> <p>30 elderlies from the St.John’s home also joined in the celebration.</p> |
| <p>Diwali Night 2015</p> <p><i>NUS Indian Cultural Society</i></p> | <p>The aim of Diwali Night 2015 was to spread awareness about the festival and Indian culture through engagement of participants in a variety of activities. There were Indian</p> <p>song and dance performances by NUS Indian Dance (Bollywood), NUS Sikh Society, NUS Kathak, Soul & Dhol, The Beard Pack, NUS Indian Instrumental Ensemble and a DJ along with a dance floor that ended off the night. The event was a huge success with an attendance of 525 participants.</p> |
| <p>Temasek Hall Dance Production 2016: LUMOS</p> <p><i>Temasek Hall</i></p> | <p>Temasek Hall Dance Production 2016: LUMOS is an annual dance production featuring 9 dance items choreographed by Temasek Hall residents and alumni.</p> <p>The production allow Temasek Hall residents and alumni with no dance background and those with dance background alike to experience a chance to perform on a stage. The event was a resounding success which saw 809 out of the 917 available seats filled.</p> |
| Arts & Culture (Silver) | |
| <p>Eusoff Hall Dance Production 15/16: Continuum</p> <p><i>Eusoff Hall</i></p> | <p>Eusoff Hall Dance Production 15/16: Continuum is an annual dance and drama production held at the UCC Hall for students of various skill sets to showcase their talents. It culminated in a one night show on 5th February 2016 with 177 participants and 927 audience drawn for a single show. A total of \$24,000 was raised through the ticket sales in the effort.</p> |

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| <p>The Last Memoir</p> <p><i>Kent Ridge Hall</i></p> | <p>This is the first time that KRHP has taken this approach to theatre – a means to educate and raise awareness on important yet difficult, lesser known issues. The Last Memoir dealt with Singapore’s complex pre-independence history and social inclusion. The original expressionist script and songs used for this performance were also awarded with a grant from COMPASS.</p> |
| <p>NUANSA'15: Flowers of Asmat</p> <p><i>NUANSA Cultural Productions</i></p> | <p>NUANSA is an annual cultural musical production aiming to showcase and preserve the rich Indonesian culture to the local and international communities in Singapore. Being one of the biggest student run production in NUS and Singapore, it attracted more than 1300 audience.</p> |
| <p>CAC+US 2016</p> <p><i>NUS Students' Cultural Activities Club</i></p> | <p>An annual concert stretching over 2 nights and brought to you by the NUS Cultural Activities Club, the CAC+US is an avenue which aims to showcase the talents of its 11 constituent sub-clubs. By creating a platform upon which both the traditional and modern performing arts are staged, the concert aspires to help inculcate a sense of appreciation for cultural arts in the student body and the general public.</p> |
| <p>NUS Symphony Orchestra Tour to Florence, Italy</p> | <p>60 members from NUS Symphony Orchestra represented NUS to participate in the Florence Youth Festival in Italy in June 2016. The Festival consisted of masterclass and 3 concerts in Italian cities: Florence, Cremona and Bologna. Being one of the few Asian groups, NUSSO represented NUS and perform in 3 well-received concerts to over 4,000 Italian audiences.</p> |
| <p>Raffles Hall Musical Production 2015: Viva Lah! Singapura</p> <p><i>Raffles Hall</i></p> | <p>Over 150 residents of various racial and nationality backgrounds came together and bonded over the academic year through this annual musical production. The project reached out to more than 900 audiences. It has the highest turnout rate in our project history by margins and the lowest overall costs compared to the previous editions.</p> |
| <p>Varsity Voices'16: Odyssey</p> <p><i>The NUSChoir</i></p> | <p>Varsity Voices, which is the choir’s annual concert, also reflects the choir’s many years of choral singing and represents an additional milestone in the choir’s ongoing journey to be a world-class choir on both the national and international stage, maintaining a high level of ticket sales of 1,318 sold for the Odyssey.</p> |

CATEGORY: NEW INITIATIVES (PROJECTS)

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| <p>Bento Bash</p> <p><i>NUS Students Against Violation of the Earth</i></p> | <p>The Bento Bash, simulating a lunchbox rental system, aims to raise awareness about the negative environmental impact from usage of disposables, reduce disposables usage in NUS, and inculcate in the NUS community the habit of living a life without disposables.</p> |
| <p>Better Understanding for Better Wellness</p> <p><i>NUS Chua Thian Poh Community Leadership Programme</i></p> | <p>The project sought to reduce prejudice and promote mutual understanding between students and people on mental health issues. The BUBW campaign touched base with close to 200 students, engaged the help of 12 student facilitators, leveraged on 14 outreach channels, partnered 20 individuals from 11 organisations and sparked a movement of the formation of student groups in UTown residential colleges, mooted the mental health cause.</p> |
| <p>Kodrah Kristang ('Awaken, Kristang')</p> <p><i>Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences</i></p> | <p>The project hopes to revive and preserve the language in Singapore, through giving the free public language classes, beginning in March 2016. In six months, more than 100 people have signed up for lessons. Kristang videos put online have also garnered 8000+ views in the short period.</p> <p>Kodrah Kristang is featured in Revista Macau, Observatório da Língua Portuguesa, TODAY, The New Eurasian, SixSix, and The Independent.</p> |
| <p>LKYSPP Student Convention 2016</p> <p><i>Association for Public Affairs</i></p> | <p>The project brought together 10 student committees and groups within LKYSPP who collaborated to produce 8 interactive and non-traditional events, e.g. immersing students in play acting in order to help them better understand policy issues. The convention had a cumulative attendance of over 200 participants.</p> |
| <p>Ministry of Vision 2016</p> <p><i>Raffles Hall</i></p> | <p>This project aims to give at risk youths a voice and opportunities to be heard. Through a Play cum song production these youths act out their life stories in hope that they will serve as a platform for the public to see this often unseen facade of life. The 15 youths performed to more than 300 audiences in a sellout performance.</p> |

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| <p>National Police Cadet Corps Project</p> <p><i>Criminal Justice Club (Law Club)</i></p> | <p>The Project benefited students by giving them better understanding of policing knowledge helping them forge stronger sense of identity as NPCC cadets, thereby instilling greater crime prevention awareness. Ongoing and continuous efforts were also made to help equip cadets with the necessary skills and knowledge to be responsible and caring builders of a safe and secure home.</p> |
| <p>Yutham 2016</p> <p><i>NUS Tamil Language Society</i></p> | <p>Yutham is a Tamil vocabulary competition held in conjunction with Tamil Language Festival (TLF). With 30 participants and about 150 audience gathered, it aims to encourage tertiary students to explore Tamil vocabulary in a fun and lighthearted gameshow.</p> |