SAM Suzhou Celebrates its 20th Anniversary

SUZhou, China—In conjunction with SAM Suzhou's 20th Anniversary, a grand celebration was held at the Renaissance Suzhou Hotel on 10 February 2015. The banquet hall was bustling with SAM Suzhou employees, representatives, customers and suppliers.

The theme of the event was, ‘Together We Show Gratitude, Together We Succeed’. SAM Suzhou was incorporated in 1995 and is now rapidly moving towards higher and sustainable growth. Its accomplishments today was largely due to the contributions and efforts of the employees throughout these 20 years.
The celebration started off with a video presentation showcasing the past, present and future of SAM Suzhou, accompanied by spectacular lighting drums show.

SAM Suzhou General Manager – Mr. Tan Chong Siong expressed his deepest gratitude to the guests and employees for SAM Suzhou's accomplishments to date.

SAM Group CEO – Mr. Jeffrey Goh, Group COO – Mr. Tan Guan Thong and SAM Suzhou General Manager – Mr. Tan Chong Siong, presented the ‘Long Term Service Awards’ to the employees with 15 to 20 years’ service to thank them for their loyalty and contributions.

Other awards presented was ‘Outstanding Training Mentor 2014’, presented by SAM Vice President of Human Resource— Mdm. Helen Luk, and ‘The Best 6 Sigma’ and ‘Project CI’, presented by SAM Group COO.

Congratulations to the awardees!

On behalf of SAM group, Mr. Jeffrey Goh extended his warm congratulations to SAM Suzhou for its 20th Anniversary. Together with Mr. Tan Guan Thong and Mr. Tan Chong Siong, they launched the ‘SAM Suzhou 20th Anniversary’ ceremony with a toast.
The performances were presented by various external parties and employees, who had put in extra effort in making the event meaningful. Some of the performances were Chinese Opera, magic show, contortion and acrobatics as well as lucky draw which was the highlight of the night.

The amazing performances brought a memorable evening of joy, excitement and celebration to the audience.
Although the celebration showcased many interesting moments but the most heartwarming moment was when the employees of 20 years of service were invited on stage to light up the candles on SAM Suzhou's birthday cake, followed by anniversary song, led by SAM Suzhou General Manager.

The organizing committee of the event did a great job in planning this prestigious event as well as the previous Chinese New Year arrangement at the company.
Last but not least, SAM Suzhou would like to thank everybody who participated in the event, not forgetting the employees for their hard work, especially the organizing committee – Tan Chong Siong, Lucy Liu, Ding Ying, Zhu Hong Lei, Gao Qing Wei, Qian Jian Hua, Zhu Ai Ping, Zhang Hong, Zhu Yi, Gu Jing Jing and Jiang Hao.

“Twenty years, from immature to mature, the company grew up strongly and sturdily through the wind and rain. Sincerely thanks to all SAM Suzhou employees for your efforts and sweat”.

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Dalat International School Students Visit to Meerkat Precision

PENANG, Malaysia- A group of Year 11 and 12 students from Dalat International School had a glimpse at Meerkat Precision on 6 February 2015. The purpose of the visit was to expose the students with the career field and introduce them to the aerospace and equipment industry. The students were mainly seniors who will be sitting for the Advanced Placement (AP) examination and are ready to enter university the next year.

The Production Manager of Meerkat Precision (MP), Mr Kumaresan Perumal was on hand to welcome our guests. A presentation on the products and processes was shared with the students and teachers by him.

Brian Brewster, Pre-K - 8 Principal said, “It was amazing to see such large pieces of metal being formed with that level of precision! It is brilliant to expose the students with one of the most important part of the aerobus, see how it is produced and how it works. We are very thankful to the Director of Admissions, Mr Shien Tan for his effort to organize this visit.”

The excitement of the students were seen during the plant tours guided by Kumaresan as well as Samson Koong, the QA Manager of Meerkat Precision with each briefly shared the process.

This collaboration is a continuous effort by SAM Malaysia in creating awareness to attract students to join apprenticeship opportunities in the future as well as enhancing their understanding of the aerospace engineering industry.

The teachers and students were excited to wear the PPE’s before their tour at the production area
A tour of the production area to see & ‘feel’ the real working environment

Let’s keep up the effort in our quest to attract the future leaders by continuously collaborating with these learning institutes

Our thanks to Mr Shien Tan and his students for taking the time to visit our production plant. Visits such as these put their learning in context and gives them insight into where their studies might take them later in life.

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Japanese Student Receives International Experience at SAM

In today’s increasingly competitive employment market, many students and graduates are choosing to go abroad to gain international work experience through programs such as internships.

In the past, studying abroad has been a staple of many students’ university career, but now the trend is moving more towards work experience, with universities increasingly building internships abroad into their courses.

Recognizing the importance of international work experience, Toyohashi University of Technology student Yamamuro Dai started his two months internship at SAM Malaysia on 12 January this year.

“I’m excited”, he said about the new experience.

“I inquired last year about the abroad intern opportunity. I was ecstatic when I heard I could go and get practice with Mechanical Engineering, he said. The challenging part is that I have to speak English in my daily life. I knew this would be difficult since I am more conversational than fluent since it’s not my native language.”

It seems that Dai would secured a position at engineering companies. Being a Mechanical Engineering student, his goal is to achieve a Master’s Degree in Mechanical Engineering within two years.

“I really learned a lot, but the best part was working with and learning from the SAM engineers and of course, working abroad!”, he said.

“I am thankful for my time and education with both the internship program and the Toyohashi University of Technology because this program offers me a job opportunity upon graduation.”

It was my school that arranged foreign companies for 10 Japanese students. SAM is included in it.”

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When he was asked about the most interesting thing at SAM, he smiled and replied, “The most surprising thing was the ‘size’. At Meerkat Precision (PE3-Casing), the products, inspection machine, manufacturing machine, all of them are so big! Whilst at SAM Meerkat (PE7-Equipment), the demand data (excel file) was really big! It’s the first time I dealt with data that include more than 10,000 rows”.

“This experience was fantastic for me, I had the chance to come to Malaysia, to see beautiful places, to understand and see some aspects of the culture which was truly inspiring, and to get an overview of ASEAN business behaviour. These two months were definitively one of the greatest achievements of my life, and I really hope to use it in my future career”.

Dai said he received scholarships that enabled him to complete his studies without worrying about affording necessities like books, and he hopes to someday return the favor.

“I appreciate this opportunity. I was able to experience many things that is impossible to experience in Japan, he said.

Dai went back to Japan on February 25, 2015.

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