

SJIIM celebrates students' success

THE Josephian of the Year Award has been presented to Nicol Yong Jia Jia.

A true Lasallian all-rounder who excels in academia, service work and public speaking, Nicol credited the school's Lasallian roots, education ethos and her teachers for her success and education experience over the last two years.

In her speech, she thanked the school for providing the students with a safe environment where they could pursue their own paths and explore the endless possibilities before them.

She further credited her school mates and is confident that whatever they venture into for the future will be world changing and something that they can be collectively proud of as a Josephian community.

During the St Joseph's Institution International School Malaysia's (SJIIM) second International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) graduation ceremony at its Tropicana PJ Campus auditorium, Nicol received the Tan Sri Tan Chin Tuan Book Prize Award.

The award was presented to her by Tan Sri Tan Foundation council member Datuk Richard Ong. The foundation is also one of SJIIM's IBDP scholarship programme sponsors.

As for her tertiary education plans, Nicol will be heading to the

Yale-NUS College in Singapore where she will be majoring in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics.

The graduation ceremony was attended by scores of graduates, parents, sponsors, teachers and VIP guests.

This included three unique guests of honour, namely Ian Chai, Desiree Leong and Nikodemus Jaya who were all founding SJIIM Singapore Scholars and are currently successful professionals in their respective industries in Singapore.

SJIIM high school principal Dr Nicola Brown said: "We are very proud of our second cohort of graduates."

"Each student has brought something meaningful to our community.

"They have been wonderful role models to our younger students and have acted as accomplished and dignified ambassadors for our Lasallian community.

"I am confident that they will carry our values of faith, service and community with them and that they will derive strength and courage from these values during times of challenge," she said.

Dr Brown said the school looked forward to witnessing them contributing to the world in a positive way.

SJIIM IBDP coordinator Maureen



One for the album as Nicol (centre) with her awards is flanked by SJIIM president Dennis Tang on the left and Ong on the right.

Fitzgerald said she was proud of this amazing group of young people.

"It is an honour and a privilege to be a part of this stage of their life journey, as they move from high school to the next destinations in their lives.

"The contributions that they have brought to the school will continue after they have left, and will be felt in the next places that they are going.

"They are a real testament to the

in producing well rounded graduates in a short period of time for a young school. The school's IBDP graduates also had a special opportunity to chat with Leong, Chai and Nikodemus at a tea reception before the graduation ceremony.

They shared their respective post IBDP experiences and addressed questions raised by the graduands.

A total of 14 student honours were given out during the ceremony comprising six Academic Prizes and eight Major Awards. These included the Sportsperson Of The Year Award, Outstanding Achievement Award, Lasallian Service Award, Academic Excellence Award, Principal's Award, Arts Award, Tan Sri Tan Chin Tuan Book Prize Award and the coveted Josephian of the Year Award.

The ceremony concluded with two musical performances by the graduates along with the singing of the school rally at the end.

Everyone was then treated to a graduation dinner after the ceremony to celebrate the graduates' success.

Applications are still open for SJIIM's 2019/20 IBDP intake in August 2019.

Interested applicants are encouraged to visit www.sji-international.edu.my for more information about the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme.

changes that come from the IB Diploma Programme, when students really put their whole selves forward in the opportunities and challenges that it affords," she said.

Chai, Leong and Nikodemus congratulated the graduates on completing their IBDP with flying colours.

Leong who is a legal consultant at the Humanitarian Organisation for Migration Economics agency in Singapore commended SJIIM on the tremendous strides it has taken