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YOUNG LEARNERS A SOURCE OF INSPIRATION AND STRENGTH FOR CHINESE STUDENT

NZTC student Michael Wong enrolled in the Graduate Diploma in Teaching (ECE) to pursue his dream of guiding small children on their learning journey.

What inspired you to pursue a career in early childhood education? My whole career path has been hugely associated with teaching. After spending two happy years of secondary teaching in my hometown of Macau, China, I realised that my real passion is to work with small children. I love spending time with the younger ones, who constantly give me strength and inspiration. Most importantly, studying early childhood education at NZTC allows me to reflect on the real meaning of teaching, which is not merely about imparting knowledge.



Michael Wong with children from his centre

How has your NZTC study experience been so far? Studying with NZTC gives me lots of innovative and thought-provoking ideas towards working with children. The courses are organised in a way that assists any new teacher to understand how to teach children through play, guided by lots of interesting questions throughout the course. Even though I was a little bit overwhelmed at first, the lecturing team has offered instant help to address any questions I have. I enjoy studying with NZTC.

Did you have any challenges or triumphs during your studies?

The most challenging thing that I encountered during my studies was my first Field Practice. I had to complete a few hours of Field Practice each day while, at the same time, I also had to complete the course assessments. To my surprise, I received good results in both my coursework and my Field Practice. All the hard work paid off.

What does your current role involve? I am lucky enough to work as an on-call reliever in the pre-schooler room at my Home Centre. Like most other kindy teachers, I have to create some interesting activities that attract children to learn through play. To ensure those activities are educational and meaningful, I read lots of books to enrich my understanding of the subject area. Before creating activities, I have to observe children carefully to discover what their learning disposition and interests are like. I always communicate with their parents to confirm what I observed from the children. But most importantly, I have to ensure children learn in a safe environment.

How has the knowledge gained through the Graduate Diploma in Teaching (ECE) helped you in your work? The first course that I did was related to health and safety in the ECE sector. Some of the course readings, which carefully depicted the importance of the health and safety of children, gave me plenty of innovative ideas of how to provide a safe and healthy environment for them. As the children spend most of their waking hours in the centre, teachers serve as the gatekeepers to guarantee their health and safety. Therefore, I always keep an eye on children's surroundings to eliminate any possible danger. Children will learn best in an environment where it is safe.

What is your advice for others who are considering studying early childhood education? You will never know how much you will gain throughout the journey of studying with NZTC – not only academically, but also practically. The lecturers and staff are all willing to help if you ask. Most importantly, studying with NZTC is flexible enough to fit your own schedule. You do not have to worry that studies will overwhelmingly occupy your life. You can have an equilibrium of study, work and life with the help of NZTC.

Marketing Manager inspired to strengthen relationships in Malaysia and India

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Sanil Haria

Sanil Haria draws on his own experience as he guides others on their study journey.

As someone who was once an international student himself, New Zealand Tertiary College (NZTC) Marketing Manager Sanil Haria understands the journey of students who study abroad.

Originally from India, he travelled to New Zealand to study an MBA in marketing.

"Whenever I meet a student, I see myself when I was going to New Zealand to study. When I see their parents, I see my own parents," said Haria.

He will be travelling to Malaysia and India in September to continue building relationships with international students and the college's educational partners, supporting them by sharing his in-depth knowledge of everything NZTC and personal experience studying in New Zealand.

"I enjoy meeting students who are really passionate to know more about NZTC, and who want to come to New Zealand to study with us so that they can make a difference in the lives of children," he explained.

Haria is excited to meet with the college's educational partners face-to-face in both countries and provide any information or tools they need to support them in their endeavours.

"NZTC and our programs are very unique. I will share with potential students and educational partners our program details and the support services available at the college for international students," he said.

When he is not busy sharing information about NZTC, Haria, who is a devoted foodie, hopes to try some Malaysian dishes and visit the Chinese night market in Kuala Lumpur during his trip.

If you are interested in meeting with Sanil during his travels, please send an email to sanil.harhia@nztertiarycollege.ac.nz or phone +64 9 520 4000

City	Date
Kuching, Malaysia	18–20 September
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	21–23 September
Mumbai, India	25–29 September

Join us at NZTC's Christchurch open day

Our Christchurch open day is around the corner, and we can't wait to see you there!

Visit NZTC's Christchurch Campus on **Wednesday 6 September** from **3:30pm – 5:00pm** to explore the college facilities, meet with lecturers and learn more about our programs first-hand.

NZTC International Marketing Officer Tarol Kan will be available to meet with our educational partners and international students during the event, as well as on Thursday 7 September.

She'll be on hand to answer any questions and provide detailed information about the college's qualifications and flexible study modes.

To arrange to meet with Tarol in Christchurch, email tarol.kan@nztertiarycollege.ac.nz

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Wednesday 6 September
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NZTC Christchurch Campus
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NZTC heads to Sri Lanka to share study possibilities

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NZTC Marketing Manager Sanjay Jain is travelling to Sri Lanka in September – the college's second visit to the country this year.

He will be visiting the cities of Colombo and Kandy in support of the many educational partners and potential students who are interested in learning more about studying with NZTC.

On his previous visits to Sri Lanka, Sanjay has encountered many passionate early childhood teachers who are open to learning and upskilling in the field of early childhood education.

Whether undertaking their studies through NZTC Global in Sri Lanka, or journeying to New Zealand to study, meeting with Sanjay is a great way for students to get to know the ins and outs of the college.

"Choosing to study overseas is a big decision and this requires an in-depth knowledge about the country, institute and qualifications," said Jain.



Sanjay with NZTC students in Sri Lanka

"Face-to-face consultation helps to put a face to the college. It helps us understand the student – their education, family background and, most importantly, what outcome they are looking for when studying with us.

"Furthermore, it helps prospective students to clarify their doubts and understand more about NZTC and its qualifications," he explained.

In addition to sharing information about NZTC's early childhood education qualifications, Sanjay is excited to share more about the college's new, internationally recognised Health and Wellbeing programs available for students to study from within Sri Lanka.

During his trip, Jain will also be attending the following education events:

- Edlocate's Study in New Zealand open days in Colombo (14 September) and Kandy (23 September)
- IDP Sri Lanka's New Zealand Admission Day in Colombo (15 September)

To arrange to meet with Sanjay when he travels to Sri Lanka, please contact him at sanjay.jain@nztertiarycollege.in (+91 88 796 39704)

City	Date
Colombo	12 – 20 September
Kandy	21 – 24 September

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