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ECE GRADUATES INSPIRED TO EMBRACE MESSY PLAY IN INDIA

New Zealand Tertiary College (NZTC) India celebrated their largest contingent of early childhood education graduates to date in Mumbai in October.



NZTC Chief Executive Selena Fox with graduates

The event marked the ninth annual graduation ceremony in India for the college with 50 graduates awarded with qualifications ranging from certificate to postgraduate level.

NZTC Chief Executive Selena Fox traveled from New Zealand to attend the ceremony, sharing the importance of unstructured messy play for young children's brain development to support language skills, fine and gross motor skills, mathematics, science, problem solving and reasoning.

"This message of play to parents, teachers, and all those caring for and educating young children is critically important. Play allows children to use their creativity while developing their imagination, dexterity, their physical, cognitive, and emotional strength, which is why New Zealand's early childhood curriculum and NZTC's programs emphasise its vital role in child development," said Fox.

Each graduate was gifted a copy of *Recipes for Messy Play* – a recent collaboration between NZTC, New Shoots and Curiate to update the beloved publication that has been popular in the New Zealand early childhood sector for a number of years.

The key achievements of the graduates were reflected on by Fox, as well as the many families, communities and young children whose lives will be influenced in the future years in positive, immeasurable ways.

Graduate speaker Disha Aggarwal shared her Bachelor of Education (ECE) learning journey at the ceremony.

"We all want to make a difference in the early childhood education field in India and NZTC has given us the opportunity to do so," she said.



“ While starting this course I was highly sceptical of how online education would work, but NZTC has shown me exactly how well it can work. This course helped me realise what my belief system was when it came to early childhood education and also helped me realise what my true potential is. ”

Graduate speaker – Disha Aggarwal

Most outstanding student special commendations were awarded to Forum Mehta, Nadeesha Yurangi Liyana Arachchige and Ashwini Vadiraj Murad for their respective early childhood education qualifications, and the recipient of NZTC's treasured values award was Rachael Hate.

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS RECEIVE CAREER SUPPORT AT ORIENTATION

New Zealand Tertiary College (NZTC) Senior Marketing Manager Sanil Haria spoke to a room filled with attentive new students at a career seminar during October's orientation week.

Students from China, India, Sri Lanka, Philippines, Nepal and South Korea received career guidance to support them as they progress towards their future as qualified early childhood education professionals.



Christchurch international students and NZTC team members enjoy the 'Garden City' in full bloom

Sanil shared practical advice on topics such as finding job opportunities, completing job applications and adapting to New Zealand's working culture.

Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Early Childhood Education) student Zhen Liu was impressed that the college was already offering guidance and support to prepare new students for the workforce.

“ Our study only takes one year compared with the many years we'll spend in our career, so it is important that we are prepared to find jobs in New Zealand. The seminar offered useful career information and resources that I never knew existed. ”

Postgraduate Diploma in Education (ECE) student – Zhen Liu

The week began with a pōhiri followed by information sessions with the International, IT Support, Library, Pastoral Support and Academic Support teams.

Another highlight of orientation week was the Christchurch and Auckland city tours, where students got the opportunity to explore their new cities, build friendships and familiarise themselves with the public transport systems.

Master of Early Childhood Education student Sylvia de Souza described orientation week as an intense but relieving experience.

“ At the start of the week I was filled with nerves, but now I feel like everything's falling into place and we've received constant support from day one. ”

Master of Early Childhood Education student – Sylvia de Souza



International students on Auckland's cherry blossom lined streets



CALL FOR ECE TEACHERS TO BE ADDED TO LONG TERM SKILL SHORTAGE LIST

The New Zealand ECE sector are strongly advocating for Immigration New Zealand to add the occupation of Early Childhood (Pre-primary School) teaching to the Long Term Skill Shortage List. The consultation ends on 9 November and New Zealand Tertiary College has advocated on your behalf. We will be sure to keep you updated in the coming months.

NZTC STUDENTS SHARE THEIR HIGHLIGHTS SINCE ARRIVING IN NEW ZEALAND

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Our new international students share why they enjoy studying in New Zealand with NZTC.



Activities

“ My brother and I travelled to Tauranga and Rotorua when I first arrived, meeting new people and seeing new places was so awesome. I keep falling more and more in love with this country. ”

Jyotsana Maharjan

New Zealand Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 5)



Environment

“ I came here with my husband and daughter and we were instantly surprised by the environment and the education system. New Zealand is like a paradise for children. ”

Bang Sil Kim

Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Early Childhood Education)



People

“ When I first arrived I was walking with two huge suitcases and four drivers stopped asking me if I needed help. I felt that people would do something genuinely just because they wanted to help. ”

Xiang (Frank) Yan

Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Early Childhood Education)



Family

“ The thing I love most about New Zealand is the strong belief in bonding, family values and intercultural relationships. There's so much respect for all different cultures here so you always feel safe, secure and loved. ”

Mona Verma

Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Early Childhood Education)



Independence

“ Back in the Philippines I was very dependent on my parents, but here I have so much freedom. It's been such a great experience for me, going for long drives, watching the sunset, hiking and water rafting. ”

Novicharl Gallego

Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Early Childhood Education)



Career

“ I was working in the Fiji islands as a Curriculum Developer focusing on literacy, which inspired me to look more into early childhood education. I looked around at study options and found NZTC to be a high quality internationally recognised provider. ”

Subashini Jayalath

Master of Early Childhood Education

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NZTC'S GLOBAL COMMUNITY GROWS IN SOUTH EAST ASIA

New Zealand Tertiary College (NZTC)'s presence in the South East Asian early childhood education sector has grown significantly in 2018.



Dika College Chief Executive Pua Chee Ling (left) with
NZTC Chief Executive Selena Fox

NZTC is the first tertiary education provider in New Zealand to have a degree accredited by the Malaysian Qualifications Agency.

In March, the college's three year Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood Education) degree was approved for delivery in Malaysia through Dika College, a well-known and respected specialist early childhood teacher education provider.

NZTC Chief Executive Selena Fox visited Dika College in October to celebrate the commencement of their first student intake, sharing a session on play-based learning with the new Bachelor of Education (ECE) students.

"NZTC has been working on establishing educational relationships in Malaysia for a number of years and it is so exciting to see these relationships grow. We look forward to the relationships between New Zealand and South East Asia continuing to evolve, founded on the value of education for us all," said Fox.

Dika College Chief Executive Pua Chee Ling expressed great excitement for the partnership, which she hopes will enable her to learn from New Zealand's advanced early childhood education sector.

“New Zealand is world-famous for ECE and has a lot to offer Malaysia in terms of knowledge and experience. Their established ECE sector is a great model of what we aspire to manifest in Malaysia.”

Dika College Chief Executive – Pua Chee Ling

NZTC Senior Marketing Manager Sanil Haria also noticed growing demand for high quality early childhood teacher education providers during his recent trip to the Philippines, Malaysia and India.

"The ECE sector is developing throughout South East Asia, causing the demand for high-quality education providers to rise. We are so excited to be at the forefront of this global progress," said Haria.

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