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Cyber Wellness Student Ambassadors' Conference 2012



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Students Promote Cyber Wellness and Positive Use of Social Media Among Peers

Cyber Wellness Student Ambassador Programme trains more than 1,400 students on using information and communications technology positively and responsibly

1. About 450 primary school, secondary school and junior college students will come together over two days to learn how they can be advocates for the positive use of social media among their peers at the Cyber Wellness Student Ambassador Conference 2012, held at Damai Secondary School.
2. The Cyber Wellness Student Ambassadors' Conference is a key annual event under the Cyber Wellness Student Ambassador Programme (CWSAP). The CWSAP is an initiative under BackPackLIVE!, a collaboration between the Ministry of Education (MOE), Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore (IDA) and Microsoft Singapore to inspire, explore and promote safe and responsible use of information and communications technology among students.
3. The theme for this year's conference is "Be the change". It focuses on how student ambassadors can take the lead in helping their peers use social media positively and responsibly. Student leaders from Singapore Polytechnic, who have been involved in shaping the programme, will facilitate workshops to deepen the student ambassadors' understanding of the impact of social media and practical tips that they can employ to help themselves or their friends tackle potential social media issues. Students from Woodlands Ring Secondary School will also share their personal experiences in dealing with cyber wellness issues through a skit.
4. To encourage more student-led efforts, student ambassadors who have made commendable contributions in promoting cyber wellness among their peers will be recognised through the Cyber Wellness Student Ambassador Recognition (STAR) Award. Into its second year, there are 18 participating teams from primary schools, secondary schools and junior colleges. This year's participating teams have created videos, skits and online games to generate greater awareness on cyber bullying and online netiquette among students.
5. Winners of this year's award will be announced at the Cyber Wellness Student Ambassadors' Conference. The winning programmes are decided by the votes of conference participants and the assessment by a panel of judges. The assessment criteria are the student ambassadors' active involvement and notable contribution in promoting cyber wellness education among their peers.
6. At the conference, student ambassadors and teacher coordinators from the participating schools will learn from one another and from an expert speaker and psychologist, Mr Nicholas Gabriel Lim, Assistant Director from the Children-At-Risk Empowerment Association (CARE) on the positive uses of social media. Exhibits on cyber wellness by IDA and the National Library Board (NLB) provide easy steps which students can take to protect themselves online, as well as quizzes on evaluating online information sources.
7. Since its launch in 2009, CWSAP has trained over 1,400 student ambassadors in primary, secondary schools and junior colleges/centralised institutes in Singapore. Besides equipping students with knowledge and skills on how to use online tools safely, the programme also provides schools with a platform to complement their existing cyber wellness education efforts.

TESTIMONIES

From: THAM Yoke Chun (MOE)

Subject: Thank you for your keynote address at the Cyber Wellness Student Ambassadors' Conference 2012

Date: Monday, 26 November, 2012

Dear Nicholas,

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to you for accepting our invitation as keynote speaker for the Cyber Wellness Student Ambassadors' Conference 2012 on 20 and 21 November 2012.

We have received very positive feedback on your keynote address. The students and teachers found your speech very engaging and the strategies and tools you shared were very useful in helping them manage cyber wellness issues and promote cyber wellness among their peers. Thanks too for making efforts to customize the slides to the different audiences.

Thank you once again for your support and participation in the conference.

Warm Regards

Ms Tham Yoke Chun

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From: Liu Kah Yang

Subject: Invitation by Bartley Secondary School

Date: Thursday, 6 December, 2012

Dear Mr Nicholas Lim,

I attended the Cyber Wellness Ambassador programme held in Damai Secondary School recently and had the privilege to see how you engage our students using the "What, So What, Now What" model. Your excellent delivery left a deep impression in me.

As an educator and coordinator of cyber wellness in my school, I firmly believe in inculcating a safe and ethical use of online spaces and this includes raising an awareness of cyber issues such as cyber bullying, video gaming addiction, responsible online expression, online privacy, etc.

I hope to invite you in 2013 as part of our school assembly programme to engage our students in any of the above issues (depending on your specialisation). It will be wonderful if we can have this long term partnership with you and your organisation.

I look forward to hearing from you and if necessary, I'm more than willing to have a face-to-face discussion with you.

Thank you.

Mr Liu Kah Yang

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