

Halogen Foundation Singapore
2 Orchard Link #05-07B *SCAPE
Singapore 237978
Tel: 6509 6700 Fax: 6509 6770
Web: <http://www.halogenasia.org/>



Media Contact

Jael Chng
jael@halogenfoundation.org
93662297

Building Young Leaders of Good Character and Active Citizenship through “The Leadership Face-Off 2012” – a National Sports-Themed Leadership Competition for Secondary School students

Singapore, 15 June 2012 – The final 39 students of the 120 Secondary Two and Three students from 30 schools pitted against each other mentally, emotionally and physically to be champions at “The Leadership Face-Off 2012”. The competition was designed by Temasek Secondary School (TSS), Temasek Junior College (TJC), Halogen Foundation Singapore in partnership with the Singapore Sports Council. The competition was structured with a strong emphasis on leadership development in character and citizenship.

The winners of the competition were the Singapore Chinese Girls’ School team with the teams from Serangoon Garden Secondary School and Crescent Girls’ School coming in at second and third place respectively. These 39 students in 10 teams competed in challenges that included designing a new sport, creating a video to promote the Olympic Spirit, getting the public to make pledges to support the London-bound Team Singapore and raising funds for the President’s Challenge. To increase the level of difficulty, students were not always in groups from their own schools.

The design of these challenges were based on the theme of “Faster, Higher, Stronger”, to promote the Olympic values of excellence, respect and friendship. These values-based challenges were created to develop leadership competencies in problem solving, creative thinking, communication and teamwork. The challenges also opened up opportunities for students to catch the Singapore Spirit through sports and actively contributing back to the community. Participants were assessed on how well they reached the objectives, as well as the display of leadership qualities and behaviours.

A deliberate decision was made to field Temasek Junior College (TJC) students as facilitators for the teams as it provided them a national opportunity to lead. Halogen Foundation Singapore, a charity dedicated to youth leadership development, trained the students on best leadership practices from the 30-year research-backed leadership development programme: The Student Leadership Challenge[®]. The students also had access to a 360 degree leadership assessment tool, The Student Leadership Practices Inventory, which measured their leadership behaviours. The students also had the opportunity to hear real-life leadership stories from Singaporean Olympian, C. Kunalan.

Martin Tan, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Halogen Foundation Singapore shared, “ It is our heartbeat to raise a generation of young leaders who are highly competent with good character and hearts of compassion. We want to grow leaders who will not live just for themselves but be active contributors to our community. We are excited to be part of this national competition to build young leaders by equipping them with both leadership best practices and also facilitating leadership experiences.”

Mr Lim Cheng Tju, Vice Principal, Temasek Junior College (TJC), added on, "TJC's leadership framework is anchored on Character and Citizenship Education (CCE) through values education and competencies. This is accomplished primarily through experiential learning and facilitation. The Leadership Face-Off is one of the platforms that we allow TJCians to experience leadership in a unique competition format, but also for secondary school students to learn and understand elements of CCE, not just from the TJC facilitators but also from each other."

About The Leadership Face-Off



Temasek Secondary School, Temasek Junior College and Halogen Foundation Singapore came together in 2011 to organize a national competition to develop leaders. The Leadership Face-Off aims to provide a yearly national platform for youths to develop their leadership potential through leadership education and experiences.

In 2011, Temasek Secondary School, Temasek Junior College and Halogen Foundation Singapore partnered with National Family Council to create leadership challenges with a Family theme. In 2012, Temasek Secondary School, Temasek Junior College and Halogen Foundation Singapore, partners with the Singapore Sports Council with the support of Ministry of Education (MOE) East 2 Schools Cluster in support of President's Challenge 2012, to roll out leadership challenges with a sports theme.

About Halogen Foundation Singapore

Halogen Foundation Singapore is a not-for-profit, values-based organisation dedicated to youth leadership development. Defining leadership as influence, Halogen seeks to build young leaders who will practically change the world in the issues they believe in. We aim to make quality leadership education and experiences available and accessible to all young people regardless of race, income or religion. Through events, training programmes, service projects, community building and research initiatives, Halogen inspires and influences a generation of young people to lead themselves and others well. With both character and competence, we believe that every young person can fulfill their dreams and be positive change agents in society.

Halogen Foundation Singapore

Address: 2 Orchard Link #05-07B *SCAPE Singapore 237978

Tel: 6509 6700 **Fax:** 6509 6770

Web: <http://www.halogenasia.org/>

Facebook: <http://www.fb.com/halogensg>

Twitter: <http://www.twitter.com/halogensg>

About Temasek Junior College

Temasek Junior College (TJC) is one of Singapore's distinguished schools. The college achieved the School Excellence Award in 2008, which is the highest award in MOE's Masterplan of Awards, and was also selected to be the Centre of Excellence for Research for East Zone schools. TJC aspires to groom and nurture the thinkers, leaders and trailblazers of tomorrow. Temasek Excellence, which is TJC's brand of holistic excellence, aims to develop greatness in intellect, character and leadership in every student. The Student Leadership Department in TJC provides opportunities for all students to be involved in myriad leadership development programmes to develop key leadership and core 21st century competencies and skills, placing an equal emphasis on both experiential and structured learning.