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Word from the CEO

Dear SITCM community,

I am honoured to take the role of CEO in this longstanding centre of learning. My focus will be on continuing the work of my predecessor, Yifan Yang, in fulfilling SITCM's Mission, Vision and Values.

The *Mission* of SITCM is to empower the next generation of TCM practitioners through collaborative learning with healthcare professionals.

The *Vision* of SITCM is to be the leading educational hub of Australia's TCM sector.

The *Values* of SITCM are service, respect, integrity and community.

Feedback from students is key to achieving the above. Positive feedback enables us SITCM consolidate its strengths, while negative feedback helps SITCM to address its weaknesses. You can always send us feedback, either via the pathways listed on our Student Feedback webpage or by emailing me directly: damien.mathews@sitcm.edu.au.

Rest assured that Yifan will remain a familiar presence around campus, through his continuing role as a lecturer and clinic supervisor.

As you now near the end of Semester 1 2023, I wish you all the best in your final assessments. I hope this semester has been a fruitful one, and that the winter holiday period provides you with much-needed respite.

Happy learning,

Damien Mathews

Word from Student Rep.

Dear Students and SITCM staff,

Firstly I'd like to say hi and hello to students new and old as well as to the teachers and SITCM staff. The last few years have been a bit rough but we all pulled through and have emerged wiser, stronger, and much more fabulous than before. I have seen through my own eyes the communal and institutional growth of the SITCM community and I must say I am extremely impressed with the effort, resourcefulness and resilience of the student body, administration and all the teachers. You guys are amazing and it is an honour to be a small cog amongst you!

To my fellow students, as you are all aware the exam period is nearly upon us and I know this is a difficult time but know that you have been preparing and growing throughout the entire semester and that you are more knowledgeable than you realise. It's easy to punish ourselves and say I should have done this or paid more attention to this or practiced this technique more, but life gets in the way and it is okay to get distracted. What is most important is that you improve every day, compare yourself to the person you were yesterday and if you have improved even slightly know that that was time well spent.

Finally, I'd like to impart that if you are struggling or feel that you need some help the SITCM admin and teachers are there to support you. You are not insignificant, and your education is never a bother.

Thank you for your time,

Raymond Huang



News and Reminders

- We thank Edward Ye and Elyse Chen for their years of service, and warmly welcome SITCM's new IT Officer, Steven Lee, and new Governance Officer, Megan Lavender.
- Check your SITCM email account at least every two days. Enabling email notifications on your phone makes this easy – email steven.lee@sitcm.edu.au for assistance.
- We wish to expand our list of external TCM clinics approved for student observations – email jian@sitcm.edu.au to tell us any clinics you hope to see added to the list.
- Follow us on social media! We regularly post on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#).

Key Student Feedback

- Some needle disposal bins are too far from treatment tables in the clinic.
 - ☐ Our response: There is now a needle disposal bin beside every table.
- Practice exams should be provided for all units with final exams.
 - ☐ Our response: All units with a final exam now a practice exam available.
- Some students do not participate in group activities during tutorials.
 - ☐ Our response: We will add a “Learning Engagement” section to each unit guide to set expectations for tutorial classes.
- We'd like a professional clinic receptionist.
 - ☐ Our response: We are reviewing this issue and will update you on the solution in due course.

You can always provide anonymous feedback via Moodle's [Anonymous Feedback](#) page.

New Workshops

SITCM has organised the following workshops for Semester 2 2023:

Date	Time	Topic	Link
27-Jul	1:00pm	Basic Acupuncture Needling Techniques & Clinical Application	F2F
3-Aug	1:30pm	Library Tour	Teams
4-Aug	1:30pm	Library Tour	Teams
7-Aug	1:00pm	What to do if you cannot complete assessment on time	Teams
8-Aug	6:00pm	Chiropractic Care for Common Spinal Related Disorders	Teams
10-Aug	10:00am	7th Edition: APA Style Referencing	Teams

These workshops help optimise your learning, gain a better understanding of professional identity and are a way to develop approaches to become more collaborative interprofessional team members.

Enjoy!

