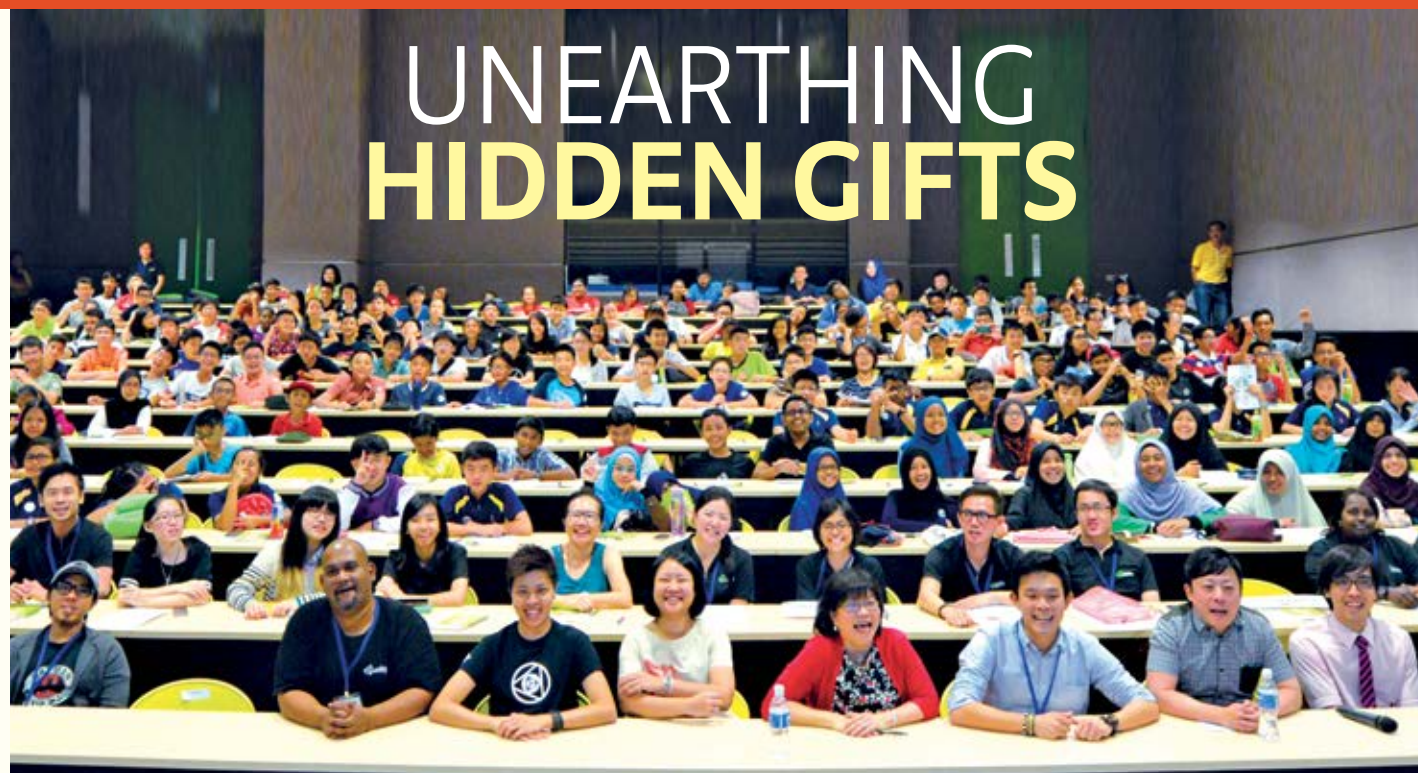


UNEARTHING HIDDEN GIFTS



Through a series of workshops, the **I Am Talented** participants got to explore various subjects and fields as well as discover their potential.

Central Singapore CDC's **I Am Talented** programme encourages students to pursue their dreams beyond the classroom.

It is important for young people to do well in school, but academic prowess is not the only gateway to future success. With proper support, they can in fact parlay their hobbies and talents into rewarding careers. That was the aim of the Central Singapore CDC's **I Am Talented** (IAT) programme, launched on 7 March 2015 at ITE College Central.

Held over three consecutive Saturdays, IAT benefited 170 students from 14 secondary schools and community organisations in the Central Singapore District. They attended three taster workshops on the first day, followed by

hands-on sessions in their workshop of choice. The programme ended with a show-and-tell finale on 21 March, where students presented the projects they had completed in their selected workshops.

In addition to picking up basic skills in their area of interest, participants heard from keynote speakers including IAT founder and university undergraduate Mr David Hoe. The programme also imparted the '3Ds' to students — they learned that exploring novel experiences can lead to the Discovery of their innate talents, and that Diligence and Determination are required to hone their craft.

WHAT PARTICIPANTS SAY

“I've been toying with the idea of being a journalist and the workshop opened my eyes. I learned that there's more to being one than just having a passion for writing.”

Nurasyikeen Binte Nahadi, 17,
New Town Secondary School



“The workshops turned out to be more interesting than expected ... I opted for Fashion Design and I had a great time.”

Ong Hock Sim, 16,
Hougang Secondary School



Industry professionals conducted 9 different “I Am Talented” workshops

Photography

Sponsored by Nikon Singapore, this workshop introduced students to basic camera features and photography techniques.



Public Speaking

Trainers from Pivotal Lifeskills coached students on how to overcome their fear of public speaking and be confident communicators.

Mobile App & Gaming

In this workshop sponsored by Unity Technologies Singapore and the Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore, students learned how to create a game prototype.



Robotics

AIS Cube staff led students through the basics of miniature tabletop gaming and microcontroller programming.



Fashion Design

A Temasek Polytechnic lecturer guided students through the process of producing garment mock-ups.

Website Building

The Singapore Ruby Brigade offered insights on how to build a website using Ruby software.



Screenwriting Fundamentals

Staff from Oak3 Films taught students screenwriting principles such as plot points, character development and dialogue.



Entrepreneurship

Businessman Richard Gavriel covered the essential elements of building a sustainable business.

Journalism

Conducted by the National Book Development Council of Singapore, the workshop exposed students to various aspects of print and online journalism.



A YOUTH-LED INITIATIVE

IAT began in 2011 as a half-day community outreach seminar under the auspices of the United Nations Association of Singapore. It was founded by David Hoe and five other community-minded partners. This year marks their first collaboration with the Central Singapore CDC to transform IAT into a wider-scale social empowerment initiative. To find out more, visit <http://iamtalented.sg>.



The IAT team (2nd from left: Nurfadhilla Kamarul, Maurice Goh, David Hoe, Laurence Putra, Kwan Jin Yao and Melvin Tay) with Mayor Denise Phua and CDC staff.

