

Research shows Internet has globalised local youth
Recent study by local university shows positive effect of the Web
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A local university recently conducted interviews at the beginning of 2007 with over 500 local Secondary school students to find out how the Internet has affected them. The study was in line with the university's centennial celebrations which revolved around the theme of 'Globalisation'.

The findings revealed that with greater access to information from all over the world, local youths have become more familiar with world events and are more equipped to live and work outside Singapore compared to their counterparts 10 years ago.

Interviewees were surveyed on their current affairs knowledge regarding happenings all over the world in the last 5 years. Over 85% of the youths were able to get almost all the answers correct. More than 90% attributed the Internet as their main source of information for global news, as well as the television, newspapers and magazines. On average, they spent 3 hours a day surfing the Internet for information and chatting online to keep in touch with their local and foreign friends.

"I keep in touch with the latest happenings in the world, so I can engage in conversations with my friends. It's so convenient." says Melissa Wong, a Secondary Two student who does not leave home without her mobile phone.

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