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1 Introduction week

The introduction week provides students with the needed information as they prepare for a new stay away from home. It is also fun for students to meet fellow students, make new friends and get to know more about the Faculty, lecturers, and staff.



Source: Ardha Irfan



Source: Gaurav Singh and Ardha Irfan

2 Mayor welcome ITC and Saxion University students to Enschede

The Mayor of the Municipality of Enschede on the 16th of October 2022, hosted students from the University of Twente and Saxion to a welcome event at the official City Hall, Langestraat 24, Enschede for one hour. The attendants were served assorted drinks and snacks while they awaited the address from the deputy mayor who stood in for his boss.



Source: Brian Wamubeyi



Source: Annette Toonen

Fun Events



3 *Amsterdam Excursion*

The participants included students, SAB executives, and Student Affairs Officers. Students registered as members of SAB benefitted from the account, an indication of the need for more students to consider registering as members. Although 72 participants registered for the event, 60 tickets were eventually purchased. A probable reason for the lower-than-expected turnout could be that the first disbursement of the monthly allowance was yet to be received as at the time of the excursion. The two-hour trip to Amsterdam went smoothly by bus. After arriving in Amsterdam, participants were guided into the boat for the canal tour that was complemented by a tour guide who described the historical places and the stories behind them. The tour lasted about 45 minutes and participants were allowed to visit other places they wish to. Thereafter, the participants dispersed in different directions, first-year students mostly relied on the recommendation and direction of the second-year students though limited in experience, because the event did not happen last year, and other students resorted to the use of Google maps because the event did not happen the previous year.



Source: Brian Wamubeyi and Paulo Kagosi





Source: Akshay Chaprana

4 International Evening

The International Evening which is Considered by many as a fun and social highlight of an ITC student's stay, is an opportunity for students to share something of their culture and country and of course showcase the many individual artistic talents of the ITC community. This year had presentations from Iran, Ghana, Indonesia, Nigeria, Rwanda, and India.



Source: UT/ITC News

5 *Ice Skating*

This year, ITC hosted the Ice skating event together with the faculty EEMCS, so there was also an opportunity to meet new international students and have a good time with fellow students and lecturers.



ICE SKATING



6 COP OUT 27



At the EU regional level, the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD) is the new framework and an upgrade of the 2014 Non-financial Reporting Directive (NFRD). It seeks to enhance corporate sustainability disclosures from 12,000 to 50,000 companies. It focuses on three main areas: Company's impact on the environment, sustainability-related risks, as well as human rights and social governance standards.

Curious questions: What regional and country-level efforts are being made from your home country/region)? What about from your individual perspective?

We all must be aware of the climate change effects, as well as the international and regional efforts taking place to combat the effects. The likes of UNFCC's framework, Kyoto Protocol, Paris Agreement, and the just concluded COP27 held in Egypt. The above graphic represents the snag the COP27 hit amid the global social, economic, and environmental challenges that countries, mostly from the global south are facing because of their low capacity to cope and mitigate the effects. What would be your best caption for this situation? (Top 10 captions would be featured in the next newsletter issue).

7 ITC Restaurant Survey

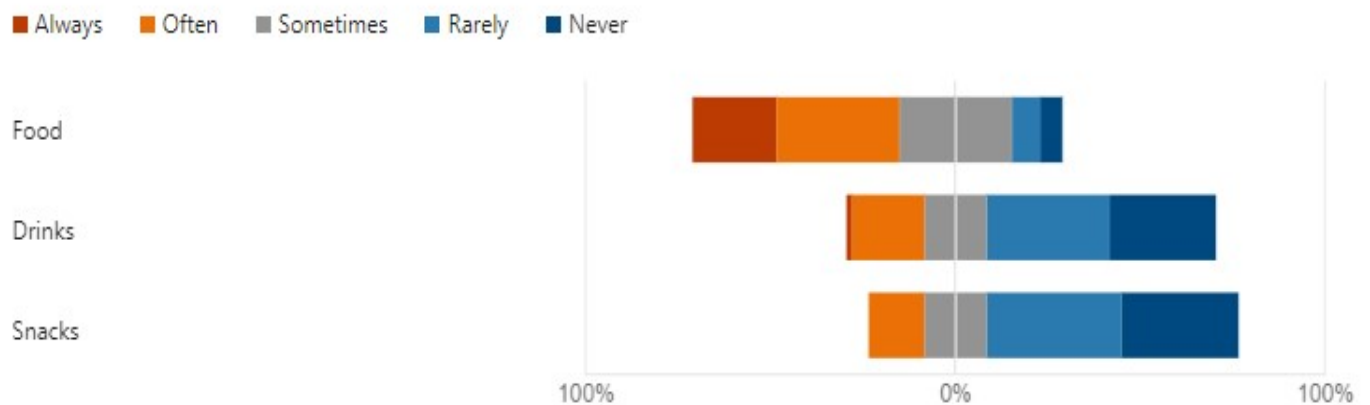
As part of the initiative to discover new insights into student welfare within ITC. We asked you to kindly complete a survey on the satisfaction of students at the ITC restaurant. The results we would like to share them with you. The management of the restaurant will also be notified of your valuable feedback. Thank you for your participation.

Knowledge of the ITC Restaurant

No surprises here, 66 out of the 66 students that completed the survey responded yes. It is well-known among the students in the faculty.

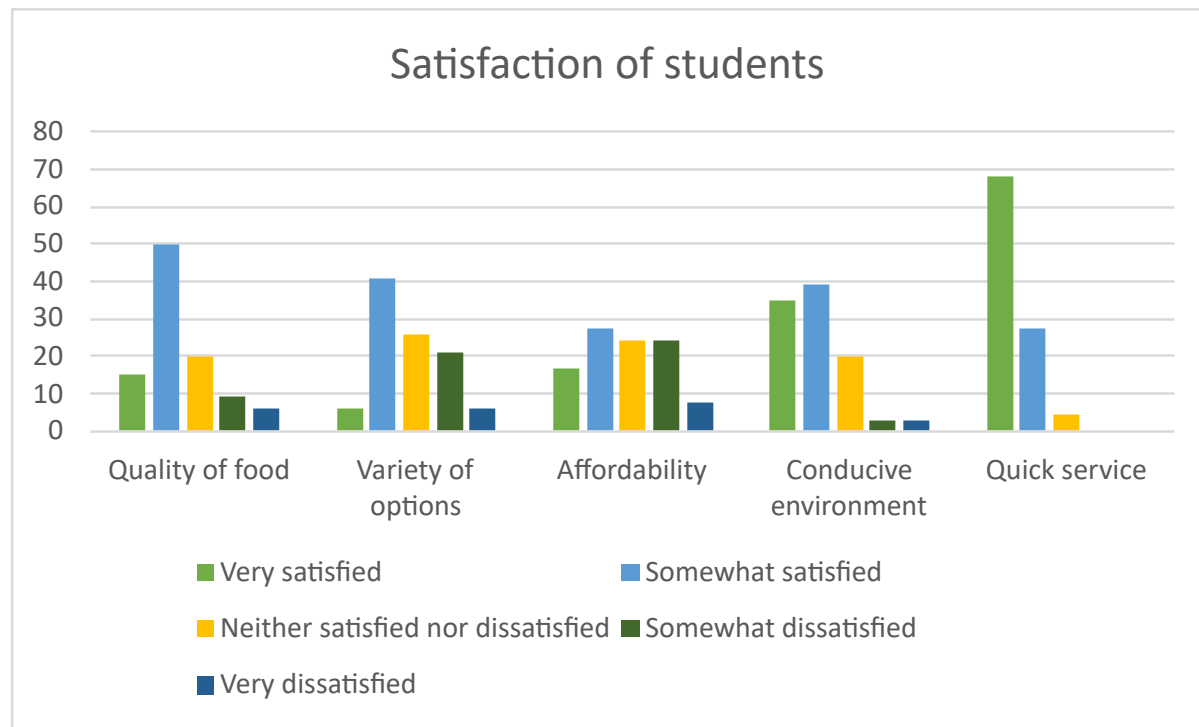
Type and Frequency of Patronage

Food is the most patronized item in the restaurant, only 6.1% of the sampled population have never eaten food at the restaurant yet. The same percentage (33.6%) who often eat food at the restaurant rarely buy drinks. The trend recedes further for snacks as no one signified to always purchase snacks. 78.2% of the students rarely or never buy snacks.



Satisfaction

The satisfaction of the students was assessed using five indicators: quality of food, variety of options, affordability, conducive environment, and quick service. Most of the students immensely commend the quick service of the restaurant. The students are also highly satisfied with the quality of food and the conduciveness of the environment. A significant percentage (27.3%) expressed dissatisfaction with the variety of options, but a larger percentage (47%) are happy with the available options. The highest level of discontent was about the prices of the food items in the restaurant. Nonetheless, this was not a unanimous take as the perception was evenly distributed.



Feedback

Below are the highlights of

Thumbs up:

- Accessibility
- Quality and variety of food
- Quick and friendly service
- Cozy environment
- Hygiene and cleanliness
- Cheap foods

Thumbs down:

- Limited options for vegetarian foods
- Inconsistency in charges, and lack of transparency of costs
- Prices are a bit expensive
- Not all staff members are polite
- Food variety is not dynamic enough
- No possibility to eat at other times different from the lunch period

Suggestions:

- Part-time employment for students
- Increase the quantity of food to match the cost
- Better options for international students
- Come along to campus!



Restaurant
Food & Drinks

TRANSITION



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MESSAGE FROM THE OUTGOING SAB EXECUTIVES



Praise goes to the almighty God for making my tenure as the SAB President possible and successful. ‘For as the saying goes, whatever that has a beginning has an end’ and so has its reality comes to pass today.

Without any iota of doubt, I must say, occupying this office has been a privilege and a learning curve for me. The journey was tough but with perseverance, commitment, and the desire to serve, I did my best to keep the SAB flame burning and its flag flying high. I appreciate the support we received from the management of ITC, student affairs, our treasurer, the student populace, and all other stakeholders within and beyond the university. All the activities organized by the SAB were made possible with the help of my wonderful and dedicated

team who gave their best in ensuring that we succeeded. I wish you all the best, especially the new SAB, as you take up the leadership mantle, and we believe you will deliver an exquisite administration. Always remember the secret is doing your best and serving with a clear conscience. Have an amazing year ahead! Happy New Year!!

Michael Batame,
SAB President

Saying goodbye has never been easy. However, it could be an indication that an old season has given way to a new one. My journey as a social and gender commissioner has been quite an exciting one, a role that helped me demonstrate my capabilities in various ways. A role that made me serve and made me a part of a family. Nevertheless, all good things come to an end too, but I’m excited that we finally exited for a new batch

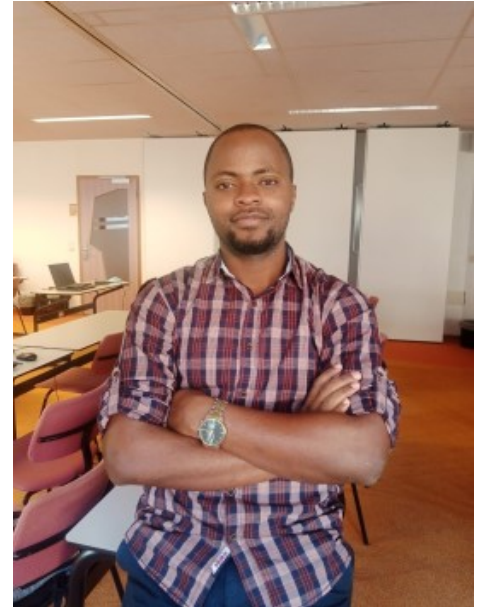
of executives with exceptionally brighter ideas that will make SAB better. I’m grateful to everyone who made my work easy in any way. I’m thankful to my colleagues and friends who made the journey worthwhile. Thank you all. Happy new year.

Amanda

What an exciting journey that we have all experienced as SAB members! My role as a SAB member helped me improve my communication skills and team working with outstanding students from different nationalities. So, I would love to thank everyone who supported and helped us to achieve and organize our activities and events throughout this fabulous year.

As a resident commissioner of SAB, I want to thank all ITH’s staff and ITC students for their patience and understanding. Thank you all

Ahmed Hemoudi 🙏



Thank you for believing in me and helping me succeed in my role as your Vice President and General Secretary of SAB. It was a funny and nice journey. Years from now, when I think back on the highlights of my position at SAB, I’ll definitely remember you. I wish all the Best to the coming Board.

Kagusi Paulo



My term as SAB Sports Commissioner has ended along with the year. I count myself extremely fortunate to have been a member of this amazing organization whose primary goal was to enhance ITC students' well-being. I'm happy to connect with many of you directly and almost all of you through various sporting events. I appreciate the memories at ITC that you all contributed to me. So, I want to say a big thank you to everyone for helping me perform my obligations and for your forgiveness if I ever didn't live up to your expectations. Cheers to the connections we build on this fantastic journey we call life!

Akshay



Dear colleagues,
It has been a pleasure to serve and work with you. What a year it has been, I appreciate the support that gave me the opportunity, and the cooperation I have enjoyed. I have learned a lot while contributing to the board's activities through my office. It was an experience I enjoyed. Judging from the motivation of the new executive board members, I am sure you are in good hands for next year.
Best of luck with your studies, and everything else to come..

John

Hi y'all.
2023 is coming and my time in SAB is ending. It has been a lot of new experiences with a lot of new people. I'm glad I had the chance of working in a very diverse community:) I'm grateful to all my friends within and outside of the board for the endless support during my time as a communication commissioner in SAB for the past year.
With this letter, I'm formally signing out.
Happy new year 2023 all!

-Archicute



Hi! With the new year 2023, My time working as Finance Commissioner in SAB is coming to an end. Being a SAB board member was certainly a unique and fun experience for me. I enjoyed helping everyone in any way I could and representing my specialization. I would like to thank everyone for being there for me and aiding me to fulfill my responsibilities as finance commissioner as well as a board member. Wishing you all an awesome 2023!

Cheers,

Cham

9 MESSAGE FROM THE INCOMING SAB EXECUTIVES



From a country of a thousand hills” Rwanda”. Belise Dusabe is a determined, reliable, and avid learner. Thrives from the inner motivation of Self and others currently specializing in Geoinformatics. Passionate about Geoinformation and educating the next generation of technology users and innovators. Drawing from past leadership experiences she hopes to serve, engage, and champion the welfare of ITC Students.

Belise
SAB President



Hi all, my name is Sally Sampson from Ghana. I had my bachelor's in development planning and got so hooked on cities that I decided to take a master's in urban planning and management specialization. I am excited to take up the vice president position, because I can be part of a team that actively helps in making lives better for our not-so-small international community here at ITC. I hope to have an amazing time engaging with all of you!

Sally

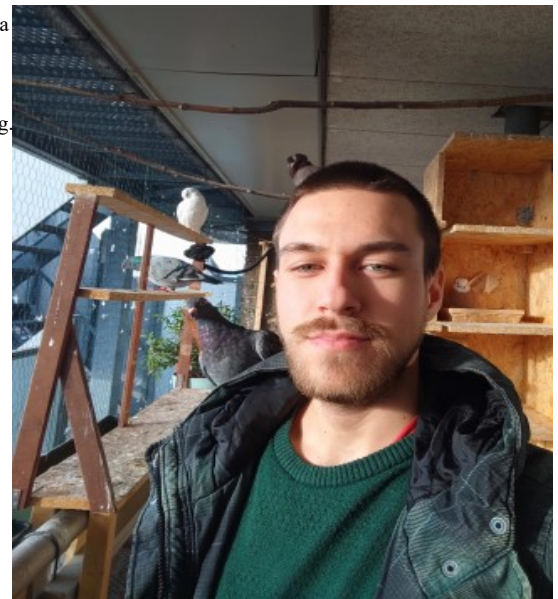
I'm Gaurav Singh from India, and I'm working as a sports commissioner at SAB-ITC right now. I feel lucky to be a part of SAB-ITC, and I know that the experiences I will get there will be precious and beneficial to the development of my complete personality. As a sports commissioner, it will be fun to plan different sporting activities at ITC, and ITC's desire to win the trophy will drive me forward. These tasks will require a lot of cooperation and coordination, which we can only achieve with the help of the other SAB members. Working together, we can plan all the events efficiently.

Gaurav Kumar Singh



"Hi! My name is Ilya Gorbunov. I was born in Russia but grew up in Spain. I have come to UT three years ago to obtain a bachelor's in Civil engineering. Now, I am pursuing a master's in Spatial Engineering. My ambition is to be able to use my knowledge and abilities to increase the well-being of all beings as much as I can. In my free time, I like to bike, work out, read, and play guitar.

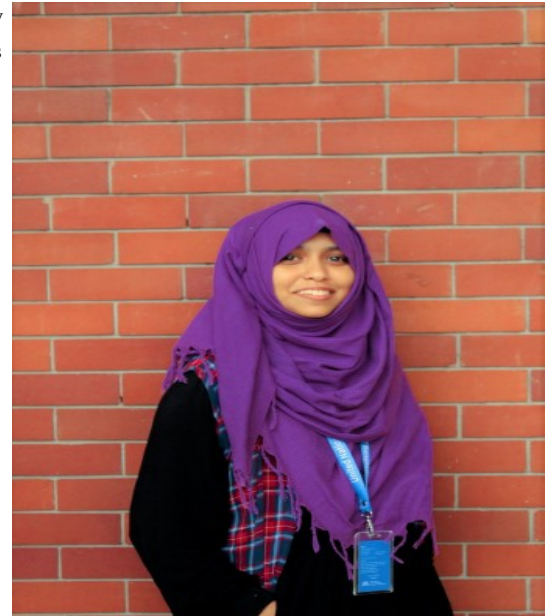
Ilya





Halo! I'm Salsa from Indonesia. I am currently doing M-GEO specializing in Natural Hazards and Disaster Risk Reduction. As the Communication Officer, I'll try my best to keep you updated on what's happening at ITC.

Salsa



Hi, this is Tahmida Sarker Muna. I'm currently enrolled in the MGEO program with a specialization in Water Resource and Environmental Management and working as the ongoing Academic Commissioner of SAB-ITC 2023. Hope to have a fun and impactful journey with the other board members of SAB.

Muna

Hi!, I am Prince Boateng. I am from Ghana. In 2019, I served as the city campus Representative for the Geography and Resource Student Association at the University of Ghana. I am here to offer the best of my service as the Residence Commissioner for the 2022/2023 SAB group.

Prince



I am Sachinthani Weeranyake, from Sri Lanka. I graduated from the Faculty of Science at the University of Peradeniya with a Bachelor of Science Special degree in Geology. I like exploring, walking, nature, rocks, and sleeping. Working in an international environment with different cultural perspectives will be a new experience for me. I work as the Finance Commissioner in SAB 2023. I am excited to work in this international environment and I will fulfill my responsibilities as best I can.

Sachi



9 NOTICE BOARD

Did you miss the ITC Global Impact Magazine?

Discover Alumni stories and learn how their education at ITC shaped their future.

<https://specials.utoday.nl/3990226/3/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Career Fair (Business Days Twente) - 15th & 16th February, 2023

Internship & Career event – TBD

Lecture (The Inspiring life of Christy Aihkorin) - 7th March, 2023

Teacher of the year event – TBD

SAB Newsletter – TBD

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