



## **POST-EVENT REPORT**

### **SECRET SANTA**

#### **DATE**

17 DECEMBER 2020

#### **VENUE**

HAERE-ROA, UNIVERSITY OF CANTERBURY

#### **ORGANISER**

CANTERBURY MALAYSIAN STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION (CMSA)

**in collaboration with**

UNIVERSITY OF CANTERBURY GLOBAL SOCIETY (UCGS)

UC VIETNAMESE STUDENT COMMUNITY (UCVSC)

## **Executive Summary**

Canterbury Malaysian Students' Association (CMSA) in collaboration with the UC Global Society (UCGS) and UC Vietnamese Student Association (UCVSC) organised an early Christmas celebration event for all international students that were unable to come back home due to COVID-19 pandemic. The event had successfully gathered these students and help them build connections among each other to share their experiences during these difficult times.

## **Event Overview**

### **Background**

Secret Santa is an event organised for ice breaking and meeting sessions among CMSA members, international and local students of University of Canterbury. The event was full of games and gifts. The theme for the event was Christmas Celebration and we believe this is one of the platforms needed to make stronger connections among us.

### **Objectives**

- I. Meeting new faces around campus.
- II. Catching up sessions with each other after a 6 weeks break.
- III. Providing a platform for international and local audiences to interact and socialize.

### **Event Summary**

The registration of the event started at 5.00 pm as planned and we received a total of 113 attendees for the event. The event started at 5.40 pm after the arrival of UC Vice Chancellor, Professor Cheryl de la Rey. The event kicked off with CMSA's president speech followed by the Vice Chancellor's Speech. The event then proceeded with a vibe up session led by CMSA's event managers. The highlight of the event was when our very own 'Secret Santa', James Waghorn from the UC International Relationships Office made a remarkable appearance and distribute the gifts to all attendees. Afterwards, the attendees were divided into smaller groups to play some games together and were led by the game masters consists of club members from CMSA, UCGS and USVSC. All attendees gave full cooperation and enjoyed the games we had prepared. After the games ended, dinner, catered from OnCampus Catering, was served for all attendees and committees. The event was wound down with the movie, 'Polar Express', as attendees were having dinner and gradually leave the event.

## Conclusion

The Secret Santa event went smoothly although there was a bit impromptu change in schedule. Overall, the event was a success and attendees got to enjoy themselves with the company of their peers and some good food.

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## Appendix



Attendees registering using check in feature through Eventbrite



Professor Cheryl de la Rey giving her speech



Our 'Secret Santa' giving out gifts to the attendees



All attendees happily showing the gifts they received



CMSA Event Managers leading a game and attendees having fun joining it



Attendees taking their dinner