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MMI London Strengthens Montessori Vision

----- LANDMARK COLLABORATION IN CYPRUS

Advancing Montessori Education Through Global Partnership

Modern Montessori International (MMI) London is spearheading a transformative step for Montessori education in Cyprus through a landmark collaboration with the University of Limassol and MTC Cyprus Montessori Training Centre, A franchisee of Modern Montessori International London.

At the core of this initiative is MMI London's global leadership in authentic Montessori education, providing the curriculum, training standards, and internationally recognised diploma that ensure students receive a strong and genuine Montessori foundation. Under the leadership of Ms Marianne Bourke, MMI London continues to expand its mission of delivering high-quality Montessori education worldwide.

A key driving force behind this collaboration is Linda Vrakas, Director of MTC Cyprus and franchise representative of MMI London, Ms Marianne Bourke. Their long-standing vision to establish and grow authentic Montessori education across Cyprus has been instrumental in bringing this partnership to life. Through their dedication to maintaining high standards, developing local talent, and creating meaningful training opportunities, Montessori education in Cyprus is being strengthened and aligned with international best practices.

From the University of Limassol, Dr Maria Karamanidou, Vice Chair of the Department of Education, Assistant Professor, and Director of the MSc in Education Leadership and Management, plays a central role in shaping the academic direction of the collaboration. Her vision for innovative, high-quality education and her passion for integrating Montessori philosophy into university programmes are key to bridging academic study with specialised practice.

The initiative is further supported by Dr Maria Anastasou, Director of the BEd in Preschool Education, and Dr Panagiotis Kosmas, Chair of the Department of Education, ensuring strong academic leadership and alignment.

This partnership offers a unique pathway where students combine academic studies with hands-on Montessori training and practical experience. It reflects a powerful shared vision—bringing together MMI London's international expertise, Linda Vrakas's commitment to Montessori development in Cyprus, and strong academic leadership from the University of Limassol—to elevate early childhood education and prepare the next generation of Montessori educators.





How Montessori Helps Children Learn Through Their Senses?

----- HOW CHILDREN UNDERSTAND THE WORLD AROUND THEM

In the early years of life, children explore the world through their senses. They see colours, hear sounds, feel different textures, smell scents, and taste flavours. These everyday experiences help children begin to understand their environment. Dr. Maria Montessori recognised that the senses are the child's first tools for learning.

In Montessori education, we distinguish between sensorial impressions and sensorial education. Sensorial impressions are the natural sensory experiences children receive from their surroundings — such as seeing colours, hearing sounds, or feeling textures. While these experiences help children become aware of the world, the information they receive is still unorganised.

Montessori education helps children refine and organise these sensory impressions through specially designed materials and activities. Children learn to observe carefully, recognise differences, compare objects, and classify them by qualities such as colour, shape, size, or texture. They also learn gradation, arranging objects in order from small to large or light to heavy, which strengthens logical thinking.

By refining their senses, children strengthen their concentration, observation, and reasoning abilities. These important skills build a strong foundation for future learning in areas such as mathematics, language, and science.

Through sensorial education, Montessori classrooms support children in becoming curious, confident, and capable learners who understand and appreciate the world around them.

Educating the Senses in Montessori Classrooms

In Montessori classrooms, children engage with specially designed sensorial materials that help refine and develop their senses in a structured and meaningful way. These materials are carefully created to isolate specific qualities, allowing children to focus on one characteristic at a time and gain a deeper understanding through hands-on exploration.

Through these activities, children learn to explore and distinguish qualities such as:

Visual discrimination: size, shape, colour, and dimension

Tactile discrimination: texture, temperature and weight

Auditory discrimination: different sounds

Olfactory discrimination: different smells

Gustatory discrimination: different tastes

As children interact with these materials, they gradually develop a heightened awareness of their senses. They become more attentive to details, more precise in their observations, and more confident in describing what they experience. This process also strengthens their concentration, coordination, and independence.

Montessori sensorial materials such as the Pink Tower, Colour Tablets, and Sound Boxes provide purposeful, hands-on experiences that encourage children to compare, match, sequence, and classify. Through repeated exploration, children are able to refine their sensory perceptions and build a clearer understanding of the world around them.

By engaging the senses in a deliberate and structured way, Montessori classrooms support children in transforming simple sensory impressions into organised knowledge, laying a strong foundation for future learning.



A special leadership visits

----- WELCOMING MARIANNE BOURKE, HEAD OF MMI LONDON

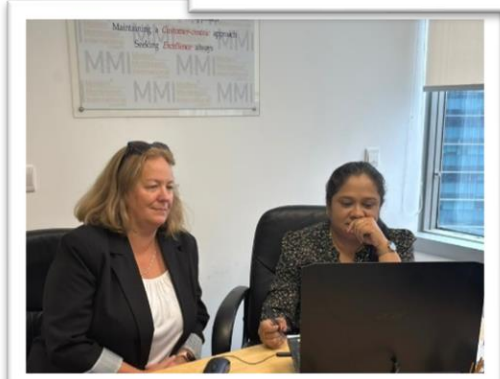
MMI Regional Engagements

We are honoured to welcome Marianne Bourke, Head of MMI London, as she visits our MMI Preschools and Training Centres across Singapore, Indonesia, Vietnam, Malaysia, India, Jakarta, and Sri Lanka.

During her visit, Marianne had the opportunity to observe our exemplary standards, experience our high-quality programmes, and witness firsthand our beautifully prepared environments in action. She also engaged closely with our professional teaching teams, gaining valuable insights into how our shared Montessori values are brought to life across the region.

This visit reflects MMI's continued commitment to excellence, consistency, and collaboration across our international network, as we work together to provide the best possible early childhood education for our communities.

Singapore Visit



Indonesia Visit



Vietnam Visit





Congratulations to Our K2 Graduands

----- MMI SINGAPORE YEAR-END CONCERT

“The World in the Palm of Their Hands”

We extend our warmest congratulations to our K2 graduands of MMI Singapore as they celebrate a significant milestone in their early learning journey. The Year-End Concert was a memorable and meaningful occasion, filled with joy, pride, and heartfelt moments shared by children, parents, and teachers alike.

The concert beautifully showcased the creativity, confidence, and growth of our young learners. Through their performances, our graduands demonstrated not only their talents, but also the independence, resilience, and self-assurance nurtured throughout their Montessori journey. Each smile, each step on stage, and each proud moment reflected the strong foundation they have built during their formative years at MMI.

As we celebrate this important achievement, we recognise that graduation is not an ending, but the beginning of many new and exciting chapters ahead. Equipped with curiosity, courage, and a love for learning, our children are ready to embrace the opportunities and challenges that await them.

Today, we celebrate their accomplishments and look forward with great confidence as they step forward into the world, a world truly in the palm of their hands, filled with endless possibilities and bright futures.





Rainbow Rendezvous

----- MMI STAFF D&D NIGHT

A Celebration of Colours, Laughter, and Team Spirit

Our Rainbow Rendezvous D&D Night was a vibrant and unforgettable evening filled with colours, laughter, and togetherness. It was a wonderful opportunity for our MMI team to step away from their daily routines and come together in celebration of friendship, unity, and shared purpose.

The night was brought to life with joyful moments, lively conversations, and a strong sense of camaraderie. Beyond the fun and festivities, the event served as a meaningful reminder of the dedication, passion, and heart that each member of our team brings to MMI every single day.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to our amazing staff for their unwavering commitment and teamwork. Because of you, our centres continue to thrive and inspire. Together, we truly shine brighter.





The ANC-MMI Annual Concert

----- MMI SRI LANKA

The MMI Concert and Graduation Ceremony celebrated the everyday superheroes in our children’s lives. Centered on the theme Our Superheroes, the event featured vibrant performances by our students, culminating in a special dance item by parents—mothers and fathers—joined by past MMI students. This unique moment reflected the strong sense of community and continuity that defines MMI. The evening concluded with the graduation ceremony, honouring our young learners as they confidently step into their next chapter.



Art Exhibition – Colours of Ceylon

----- MMI CELEBRATIONS

The MMI Art Exhibition, themed Colours of Ceylon, was a vibrant tribute to Sri Lanka’s rich culture, heritage, and natural beauty. Through a variety of artistic expressions, our children explored colour, texture, and form, drawing inspiration from local landscapes, traditions, and everyday life. The exhibition beautifully showcased creativity nurtured through the Montessori approach, celebrating both individuality and cultural appreciation





MMI India Birthday!



Marked its 22nd

----- MMI MILESTONE

In celebration of MMI's 22nd birthday, the room was filled with laughter, curiosity and story-telling magic.

Stories have the power to spark imagination – and that's exactly what happened when our Batch 45 teacher trainees brought Chicken Licken to life!

Joyful day at Zootopia



It was a joyful day at Zootopia, where the children observed, fed, and gently petted friendly farm animals. This hands-on experience nurtured curiosity, empathy, and a deeper appreciation for animals while enjoying nature and fresh air together.

Dussehra Celebration



It came alive with a meaningful Ramlila presentation by the teachers, bringing the story to life through engaging storytelling. Dressed as characters from the Ramayana, the children added charm, colour, and festive spirit to this memorable celebration.



MMI Indonesia Celebrating Mother's Day

----- A HEARTFELT TRIBUTE TO OUR MOTHERS

MMI Indonesia celebrations

Mother's Day was a special occasion at MMI Indonesia as we came together to express our heartfelt appreciation to all the wonderful mothers in our community. Their unconditional love, care, and dedication play a vital role in nurturing and shaping our children's lives during their most important early years.

Through this celebration, we honored the invaluable contributions of mothers who support their children's learning journeys with patience, encouragement, and unwavering commitment. Their guidance not only helps children grow academically but also fosters confidence, kindness, and emotional well-being.

At MMI, we recognize that mothers are our children's first teachers and strongest pillars of support. This Mother's Day celebration served as a meaningful reminder of the important role they play in building a nurturing environment where children feel loved, valued, and inspired to thrive.





MMI Vietnam Christmas Charity



----- CHRISTMAS CHARITY AUCTION

MMI Giving Back to the Community

Christmas is a season of sharing and generosity. Since the establishment of MMI Vietnam in 2016, we have embraced our corporate social responsibility by organizing an annual Christmas Charity initiative for the local community. Each year, we partner with a meaningful charitable organization and encourage our parents to support the cause. Over the years, MMI Vietnam has contributed to various groups, including orphanages, Deaf & Mute Centres, and religious charity organizations.

A Season of Giving

----- CHRISTMAS CHARITY JOURNEY

This year, in collaboration with Mother's Love Shelter, parents came together to create Christmas-themed artworks, which were framed and auctioned during our Christmas celebration. With the generous support of our parents, we raised over VND 50 million, along with gift donations, bringing joy, hope, and festive cheer to the children at the shelter.





Testimonials

Parents share their heartfelt appreciation for MMI's dedication

----- MMI GRADUANDS



"I and my husband love this school, which our daughter Maria (aged 6) has been going to. We are an international family - I am Brazilian, my husband is Singaporean and Maria was born in USA - and Maria has gone to a number of different preschools in different countries. We can honestly say that this is by far one of the best ones.

The teachers are excellent, and have gone out of their way to make Maria feel comfortable. The teachers and the coordinator have been very attentive and accommodating to Maria and to us. The syllabus is excellent, and the school is in an excellent location with very nice surroundings."

-Camilla Rajkumar, Mother of Maria Rajkumar-



"I would like to give a big shoutout to MMI CSC! My daughter will be moving up to K1 soon, and she has been with this preschool since PG. Every morning, she looks forward to going to school, which speaks volumes about the environment. The school provides a safe, nurturing, and engaging space for both learn and play, and it's always heartwarming to see how happy the children are.

My daughter absolutely adores her teachers, and it is evident that they genuinely care for the children. What I value most is the consistency. The same dedicated teachers have been here for many years, and that stability makes a significant difference. They are always prompt with updates and show great attentiveness to the children.

Thank you, MMI CSC, for all your dedication and love. Keep shining and doing what you do best! ❤️"

-Fiona Cheong-



"After attending MMI, we are delighted with how our little girl has developed. She is confident and well-prepared for Primary 1."

-Seng Wee Lim, Father of Aerin Lim-



"This school has been a wonderful place for my boy. The teachers have been incredibly patient, caring, and supportive, especially during his transition period. I am truly grateful to Ms Margaret, Ms Dolly, and the Chinese teacher, Zhao Lao Shi, for their dedication and encouragement. It made a real difference to his confidence and adjustment.

The teachers went above and beyond, and it really showed. The year-end concert was especially impressive, well-organised, joyful, and thoughtfully put together. It was heartwarming to see how much effort and care the team put into giving the children such a meaningful experience.

Thank you to the entire school and admin ms Melissa for creating a nurturing and supportive environment. We genuinely appreciate all that you do."

-Belle, Mother of Alexander Ang-