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ANIMATION ORIENTATION 2025: BUILDING COMMUNITY, CREATIVITY, AND CONFIDENCE BY THE BEACH

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The Animation Orientation 2025 was held from 8 to 9 November 2025 at Dynawood Beach Stay & Resort, Sematan, Lundu, bringing together around 45 first-year students for two days of teamwork, creativity, and meaningful connection. This annual programme is designed to welcome new students into the Animation family while fostering the collaborative spirit essential to their journey in the creative arts.

Throughout the programme, students took part in a series of ice-breaking games, outdoor team challenges, and creative group activities that encouraged communication, problem-solving, and trust. From energetic morning warm-ups under the coconut trees to lively beach games along Sematan's shoreline, the orientation created a fun and supportive environment for students to get to know their course mates and seniors.



Group Photo in front of the busses



Students collaborated on a group character-design challenge during the creative warm-up session.

One of the highlights was the collaborative drawing challenge, where students worked in small groups to create characters and sketches that reflected their team identity. The activity not only showcased their creativity but also allowed them to practise spontaneous visual thinking, which is an essential skill in animation.

The orientation concluded with a beach-side finale, where students reflected on their goals, shared their hopes for the semester, and celebrated the friendships formed over the two days. The natural beauty of Sematan provided the perfect backdrop for students to recharge, bond, and prepare themselves for the exciting journey ahead.

Animation Orientation 2025 successfully achieved its goal of building a strong foundation of camaraderie and belonging. With renewed confidence and a supportive community behind them, the new cohort is ready to embark on their creative adventure at the Faculty of Applied and Creative Arts.



The Animation Orientation 2025 cohort gathered for a group photo before departing for Sematan.



All smiles and giggles as they board the busses.



Students starting the day with guided movement exercises lead by the second year students before the beach activities.



Students testing their aim and coordination in a creative mini-game during the afternoon session.



The new students were assigned groups with their seniors for the group activities.



Laughter and teamwork during one of the energetic warm up session under the morning sun.



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