

A MOONLESS MID AUTUMN NIGHT WITH PHYSOC

Everything went wrong at the Mid-Autumn Festival this year. People were turning up slow. The food catering truck was stuck in traffic. Even moon gazing was impossible because haze was blocking the sky. It had been a tiring evening to us as the organizing committee, but undeniably, it had also been a very meaningful one.

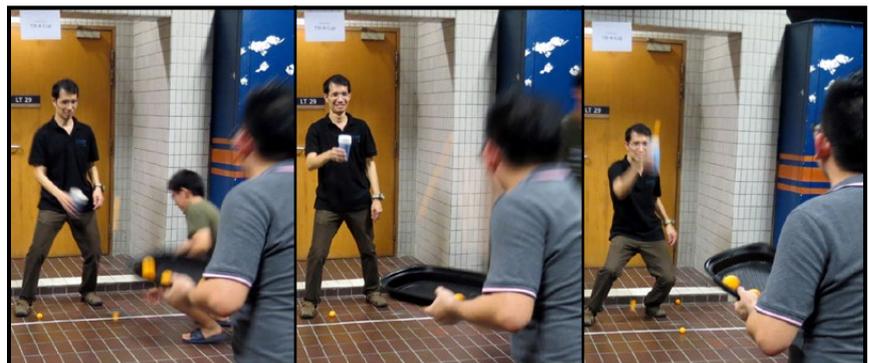
The event commenced at 6pm in front of LT29 as people started registering at the counter. A total of 30 participants joined us during the day. Most of them were undergraduates from Science faculty, but interestingly we also spotted some of our Physics lecturers and tutors coming to support the event.

Food, Games, Chat, and Chilling all the way~

The whole evening was filled with fun and exciting activities. Participants got to play mini-games at different booths, compete with players in mass games, learn how to gaze the moon using the telescope, play with sparkles, join the BBQ session, and enjoy eating finger foods. The activities were fun and exciting, and it was a great chance for everyone to bond with each other outside the classroom context.

Booth Games

The most popular booth game of the day was the **tilt-a-cup** challenge. In the mini-game, one player must hold 7 cups in their hand and another must bounce ping pong balls onto the floor. The player with the cups must catch them in the stack and move the top cup together with



the ball to the bottom and repeat 6 times. The tricky part of this challenge was that the cups tended to wobble a lot at higher levels because of the ping pong balls in between the cups.

There was always a crowd at the booth as people enjoyed spectating and laughing at how funny the players acted as they struggled to make a score. The best record of the day for the tilt-a-cup booth was achieved by our beloved ex-president of Physocs society, as he and his partner completed the challenge in an incredibly short time of 42 seconds, having considered that most people did not get to finish half the challenge even after three minutes. "We have strategy," they said.

There were also other booth games going on around the area, such as **shoot the moon** and **marble**

trouble. In the former, participants attempted to blow ping pong balls to the end point without causing them to fall off the table. In the latter, they got to play a pinball game using marbles. We gave away small prizes to all the participants who have completed the mini-games successfully.

Mass Game

For players who loved competing with each other, we had a mass game session. In this particular **don't face the sun** challenge, the game master would read out clues on which direction the sun shined from, and participants must turn their back against the sun with their hands covering their face immediately or they will be eliminated from the game.



It was not as easy as it seemed, as the evil game master gave complex mathematical clues that were almost impossible for anyone to crack within the time limit. There were funny scenes when one or two persons got so confused that they faced the opposite direction everyone else did. The final winner of this game was again our always competent ex-president of the Physics society. Maybe studying Physics did help a little in winning this sort of games?

BBQ Session

The rest of the day was filled with the smell of food and the sound of people chatting happily with each other. The **barbeque** session was the most anticipated activity of the day. As we got our hands dirty in helping to prepare the fire and starting to cook the food, we talked with each other about our daily happenings in the university. From academics to gossips, we spoke freely with no boundaries to our topics of conversation, as we enjoyed barbequing and eating our food at the BBQ site. There was no end to our laughter and fun, as it was truly a distressing Mid-Autumn night.



“The Mid-Autumn festival was a good opportunity for physics majors of all levels, from freshmen to grad students, to come together to relax and bond over food and games. It was also interesting to see some of the staff playing the games, having fun and interacting with the students.”

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