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## Friendship building at Balok

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**Olympia** College, Kuantan, students celebrated Friendship Day at Balok Beach, Kuantan, as part of their college orientation. With them were their friends and more than 100 school-leavers.

Upon reaching Balok Beach, there was an ice-breaking session, after which the students were divided into groups. Activities organised include Water Splash, Balloon Catcher, Candy Finder as well as traditional games such as Kaki Lipan and Kaki Hantu. All had great fun, and prizes were given to the winners of the games.

Olympia Kuantan campus Principal Sundara Pandian Natarajan said, "Friendship Day is celebrated all over the world. It is a perfect occasion to show your friends that you care. After all, they are the ones you bank upon in moments of despair. The college students wanted to make sure that Friendship Day was special for their friends and families this year."



**Olympia's Friendship Day at Balok Beach: The students and school-leavers having a great time at Balok Beach, Kuantan.**

"The Student Council's objective of organising this event is to foster closer ties and team-building between the students, faculty and college freshies.

"The event brought smiles to their faces. The students gave us positive feedback and they had so much fun. We thank the Student Council members for their effort. I'm glad to see our senior students put into practice all that we have taught them – team dynamics, leadership and analytical skills. More importantly, they have learnt how to care for society, their parents, and brothers and sisters."

Sundara added, "I am proud of our Business diploma students. Although, they came to us fresh from Form 5, they managed to integrate into our learning environment. Here we try to get our students out of their comfort zone. We challenge them by not making things too easy. In the real business world, there are no hand-outs. Students must learn how to make money from very little resources. We teach them this but they will need to use the tools given to apply in different environments. Of course, we will guide them through the difficult times but they must learn this in college."

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