



# Imperial College London Singapore Society

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## Hello!

I'm Joshua Goh, President of the 29<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee of Imperial College Singapore Society (ICSS). First of all, allow me to congratulate you on being offered a place at one of the world's most prestigious Universities! You have been shortlisted as one of our potential freshmen for the upcoming academic year, and should you decide to take up the offer, you will be following in the footsteps of many Singaporeans here at Imperial pursuing both undergraduate and post-graduate degrees.

Indeed, I speak on behalf of many Singaporeans here in London when I say that we're excited to have you as part of our community. The ICSS has upheld a long-standing tradition of being a "home away from home", where you can speak in Singlish and not feel alienated, talk about strange sounding foods and not get quizzical looks, or just call yourself Singaporean and be proud of it. In particular, ICSS looks after the needs of Singaporeans in Imperial and in the wider London community, thus it explains our enthusiasm to help you get prepared as quickly and comfortably as possible. I am sure that you must be excited about the prospects of studying in London, and at the same time brimming with questions about personal, financial and immigration issues related to the big move overseas. Not to worry, we're here to help!

In short, here are some key points to remember, and a few crucial dates to mark down in your calendar:

### 1. ICSS Pre-Departure Talk

Each year, the ICSS Committee organises a Talk for the incoming Freshmen which focuses on two aspects: gaining an appreciation of preparations for life in London, as well as understanding the respective Courses that you'll be taking. Course Reps from the senior batches will be present to answer queries, and share their own experiences/advice/studying tips that will stand you in good stead for the coming year. Light refreshments will also be provided. This is an event I highly recommend you to attend.

Here're the details:

- Date: 15<sup>th</sup> July 2010, Friday
- Venue: Raffles City Tower, 21<sup>st</sup> Floor Reception Area
- Time: Registration begins at 5.30 pm. Talk begins at 6.00 pm

Do remember to register for the Talk at this link [http://bit.ly/icss\\_freshers\\_2011\\_signup](http://bit.ly/icss_freshers_2011_signup), as we'll require some personal particulars for security clearance.

### 2. Sojourn 2011: MEDIEVAL (Freshman Orientation Camp)

"The King has lost his Royal Jewels... Will you be the Knight in shining armour, or the Dame of great valour, to save the Kingdom from destruction?" This year, our Freshman Orientation Camp Sojourn is going MEDIEVAL! Think "Braveheart", "King Arthur", and "Kingdom of Heaven" mashed together into an explosive, fun-filled 3 Day 2 Night adventure set on our sunny island Sentosa! It is a NOT-TO-BE-MISSED opportunity to



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meet fellow batchmates and forge close bonds of friendships which will see you through the times and seasons of living in London and beyond.

- Date: 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> August 2011
- Venue: Costa Sands Resort, Sentosa
- Fees: \$45.00 (including accommodation, meals and camp T-shirt)

Look out for further information and updates on our website: [www.union.ic.ac.uk/osc/singapore](http://www.union.ic.ac.uk/osc/singapore) or at our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/icss.freshers.2011](http://www.facebook.com/icss.freshers.2011). Registration and payment for Sojourn 2011 will begin at the Pre-Departure Talk.

### 3. UKBound 2011: Lavish

Just after Sojourn, ICSS also organises UKBound, an inter-UK university society mingling event that brings together students headed for overseas studies in the UK. It's a fantastic opportunity to catch up with JC friends who're heading to other universities, and to cement the bonds of friendships formed during Sojourn. Above all, there's no better reason to go than to vote Imperial's chosen couple to be crowned Mr and Miss United Kingdom in our highly contested pageant!

- Date: 9<sup>th</sup> September 2011
- Venue: TBC
- Time: 7.30 pm

Tickets can be purchased at our booths set up during the Pre-Departure Talk or at the British Council talk. For further details, please visit our website: <http://www.union.ic.ac.uk/osc/singapore/freshers-info/ukbound/>

### 4. Administrative Details

Whew! After that much information, it may be hard to digest it all at one go. No problem- we'll be sending out regular updates via email, as well as through our website and Facebook groups so that you're well informed of whatever's happening closer to the date. Here's a short summary of the channels through which you can send/receive information:

- **Email Updates:** Click on this link [http://bit.ly/icss\\_freshers\\_2011\\_signup](http://bit.ly/icss_freshers_2011_signup) to provide your contact details so you can receive juicy news on upcoming events. The form provided also serves as a registration form for the **Pre-Departure Talk** (as mentioned earlier), so be sure to record your details fully! For any urgent queries, contact our Secretary Shun Ying at [secretary@ic-singsoc.net](mailto:secretary@ic-singsoc.net)
- **ICSS Website:** Visit our website at [www.union.ic.ac.uk/osc/singapore](http://www.union.ic.ac.uk/osc/singapore) for updates on upcoming events, or to have a glimpse into the life of a Singaporean student here at Imperial. You'll also find

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a wealth of information pertaining to your pre-departure preparations (like our handy Sotong Guide) at our **main Freshers page** here: <http://www.union.ic.ac.uk/osc/singapore/freshers-info/>.

- **ICSS Freshers 2011/2012 Facebook Group:** We've created a Facebook Group especially for you! Join it here at [www.facebook.com/icss.freshers.2011](http://www.facebook.com/icss.freshers.2011) to keep in touch with other Imperial-bound Singaporeans, or to chat with current students at Imperial.
- **ICSS Twitter Feed:** Follow us on Twitter at [https://twitter.com/#!/ic\\_singsoc](https://twitter.com/#!/ic_singsoc)

## 5. Sotong Guide and Hall Guides

Definitely one of ICSS' most treasured possessions is the **Sotong Guide**, a practical, down-to-earth homemade manual to gearing up and settling down with regards to life in London. Get your hands on the latest copy here: <http://www.union.ic.ac.uk/osc/singapore/freshers-info/sotong-guide/>. All of us found the Sotong Guide quintessential in our Pre-Departure Preparations, and we're certain that you will too.

Another handy reference would be our **Hall Guides**, a compilation of frank, personal write-ups by current Singaporean students about living in the College's Halls of Residences. The Guides will be useful when selecting your accommodation for the first year, and you'll find details about the obvious (and not so obvious!) aspects of living in the wide variety of Halls that Imperial has to offer. Click on this link: <http://www.union.ic.ac.uk/osc/singapore/freshers-info/accommodation/> for the Guides.

## 6. Freshers' Pick Up 2011

In October, usually on the weekend before the first day of term, ICSS organises a chartered bus pick-up service at Heathrow airport for all Imperial College Singaporean students inbound on the SIA flight at that time. This year, the pick up will be at 6.00 am, hence the inbound SIA flight that coincides with the pick up is SQ 322 departing Singapore at 2330h, 30<sup>th</sup> Sep (SG time), and arriving in London at 0555h, 1<sup>st</sup> Oct (London time). There is also a British Airways flight scheduled at approximately the same time. If you'd like to utilise the pick-up service, kindly indicate your interest on the Contact Details form at this link: [http://bit.ly/icss\\_freshers\\_2011\\_signup](http://bit.ly/icss_freshers_2011_signup)

Finally, thank you for your attention, and have a great time in Singapore (get your fill of the hawker food)! We look forward to meeting you in the near future.

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Best Regards

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