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Editorial:

I have been President of St Clements University for over 20 years and despite the digital revolution going on in all industries at the moment the traditional education industry has been very slow to embrace it. In the 1990s there was a rush of Virtual Universities established to take advantage of the new internet. These were the future of higher education. These Virtual Universities have largely died out. In the 2000s the World's most prestigious universities started to offer free courses which led to giving away their knowledge but not certifying the learning. These programs became known as MOOCs (Massive Online Open Courses). Gradually universities started to integrate these MOOCs into their degree programs. While there are still millions of students studying MOOCs they are no longer seen as the future. One of the trends of the 21st Century has been the transformation of many industries via the implementation of technology (taxis, home deliveries, specialised retailers, television, newspapers, logistics and accounting). Theoretically transferring of knowledge should be one of the most effective but it appears the power of the status quo is stronger in higher education than most other industries in protecting their pre-digital status.

Dr David Le Cornu
President - St Clements Education Group

William Wilberforce International Human Rights Law Centre

St Clements University in co-operation with St. Luke's Inn of Court, a USA based professional body for Christian Lawyers, has established the William Wilberforce International Human Rights Law Centre. The William Wilberforce International Human Rights Law Centre is an international, non-degree granting, post-doctoral research institute based in Atlanta, Georgia.

The centre brings together attorneys, judges, legal scholars, theologians and religious human rights advocates from around the world in order to address pressing global problems. As a constituent member of the St Clements Education Group, the Wilberforce Law Centre is the premier forum for co-operation and networking among the law graduates and alumni of St Clements University.

William Wilberforce International Human Rights Law Centre invites all St Clements University Bachelor of Law and Master of Law Graduates to join it to discuss and promote Human Rights in an International forum. Please contact admin@stclements.edu for further information.

The first eight Senior Fellows awarded by the centre are:

- Dr David Le Cornu (Australia) - President, St Clements University
- Dr Daniel Tata (Cameroon) - LL.B. (Hons.), University of St. Gallen
- Justice Dr Chan Rainsey (Cambodia) - Cambodian High Court
- Justice Seng Neang (Cambodia) - Royal Cambodian Supreme Court
- Dr Roderick O. Ford (U.S.A.) - Rector, St. Luke's Inn of Court
- Dr Tony V. Lewis (U.S.A.) - President, Christian Bible Institute & Seminary
- Prof. Dr Gerrit Horn (South Africa) - Director, Horn Training Group, Ltd. - SCPU School of Theology
- Prince Devison Nze (Nigeria) - Director, Global Human Rights Leadership Training Institute



St Clements Alumni Network

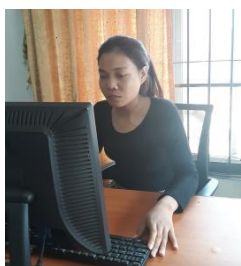
In 1997 a group of St Clements Alumni who wished to keep in contact and join the Annual Graduation Convocation formed the St Clements University International Alumni Society. Each year the London Graduation Convocation was held the Alumni Society had a seminar event on the evening of the Convocation. When the London Graduation Convocation stopped being held the Alumni Society faded away, ceasing when its President Dr Umaru Alkaleri from Nigeria passed away.

With Graduates spread throughout the world it is very difficult to form a traditional Alumni Society. When you look at the purpose of an Alumni Society it is to enable graduates of a school to network together after they have studied together.

The first group of students studying the St Clements Institute Bachelor of Management of Finance and Banking degree graduated in January this year. One of them Ms Kerth Chandara is working for St Clements Institute as their Office Administrator and Accountant. She has taken on the task of becoming co-ordinator of a new **St Clements Alumni Network** group. It is planned to develop the Alumni Network among the initial SCI graduates and then move out to invite other St Clements Alumni to join the network.

Information on four of our SCI graduates who are the founders of our new **St Clements Alumni Network** can be found below:

Kerth Chandara



Ms Kerth Chandara passed high school in 2013. She then studied for a Bachelor of Management of Finance and Banking degree at St Clements Institute in Cambodia and graduated in 2017. Ms Chandara is now employed as an Accountant at SCI. She is also a Co-ordinator of the St Clements Alumni Network in which she connects graduated students of SCI with the St Clements Education Group.

Ork Sreytochchroloeng

Ms Ork Sreytochchroloeng also passed high school in 2013. She then too studied for a Bachelor of Management of Finance and Banking degree at St Clements Institute in Cambodia and graduated in 2017. Ms Sreytochchroloeng is now employed as a teller at Sathapana Bank in Preah Vihear Province, Cambodia.

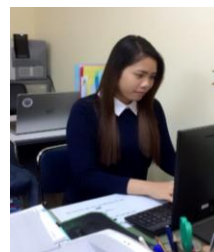


Ngin Channara



Mr Ngin Channara completed and passed high school in 2013. He then studied for a Bachelor of Management of Finance and Banking degree at St Clements Institute in Cambodia and graduated in 2017. Mr Channara now works as a Credit Officer at ACLEDA Bank Plc, in Phnom Penh.

Lay Mouyleang



In 2013 **Ms Lay Mouyleang** graduated from high school. She then studied, for 4 years, the Bachelor of Management of Financial and Banking degree at St Clements Institute and graduated in 2017. Ms Mouyleang currently works in the Ministry of Industry and Handicraft as a Civil servant, in Phnom Penh.

They are all thankful to the SCI Management and Lecturers that provided knowledge and experience to them.
“SCI is a good institution that provides good quality education to us and other students. Thanks”.

St Clements Education Group's Myanmar Convocation July 2018

St Clements Education Group's Myanmar Convocation was successfully held at Gandamar Grand Ballroom, Mayangone Township, Yangon, Myanmar on 19th July 2018.



Martyrs, General Aung San and Comrades were saluted before the convocation as 19th July is Martyr Day of Myanmar.

The event started at 9:00AM with Academics of IQY-St Clements Education Group, led by Academic Dean Dr U Kyaw Naing, entering the convocation hall.



Three St Clements University Graduates, Mr Htet Kyaw, Mr Ye Khaung and Mr Si Thu Aung, who had successfully completed Bachelor of Engineering degrees, were amongst 35 graduates who attended the convocation.



The 35 graduates had all completed courses at IQY Technical College which is a member of St Clements Education Group.



Academic Dean of St Clements University Myanmar College and Principal and Director of IQY Technical College Dr U Kyaw Naing delivered the Convocation speech.



The graduates were awarded the degrees and diplomas by Principal, General Manager, Deputy Principal, Heads of Departments and Teachers of IQY-St Clements Education Group.



Indonesian Graduates get Australian Work Visas

A number of graduates from St Clements affiliated school in Medan have been able to obtain graduate work visas for Australia using their St Clements University Bachelor of Business Administration in Entrepreneurship degrees. The University has had to write a letter confirming their graduate status to the Australian authorities.

Niue - Update

One of St Clements University Higher Education School's problems has been the status of Niue as a nation. In 1974 the country was given three options, one to be an independent country with no special relationship with New Zealand, being Self Governing in association with New Zealand or remaining part of New Zealand. The people voted for the 2nd option, Association status. The problem is ultimately a country is either independent or not, it cannot be partly independent. The Niue constitution clearly states the association with New Zealand is a voluntary arrangement which implies it is free to leave the association State status. Traditionally the only country with formal diplomatic status with Niue, has been New Zealand. It has come to St Clements attention that this has now changed and Niue has formal diplomatic status with China. The New Zealand Chinese Embassy website clearly states it represents China in the nations of Cook Islands and Niue and announces the formal appointment of Her Excellency Wu X, Chinese Ambassador to Niue.

New Areas of OFQUAL Endorsed Programs

SCPU Business School can offer OFQUAL Level 4 Diploma programs in Accounting & Finance, Sales & Marketing and Leadership & Teamwork. One of the challenges is to integrate these programs into degree programs. The Administration would like to hear from readers of 'Anchor' who would be interested in studying these programs. Please contact scu@cbcl.ch to show your interest.

Asian Yoga Federation Recognises St Clements University Councillor

Dr Subash Chawla has been honoured with an Award of Appreciation from the Asian Yoga Federation. This is in recognition of his work as a Patron of the Yoga Association of Sri Lanka. The Award will be formally given to him on the 27th of September at the Asian Yoga Sports Championships to be held at the Jimmy George Indoor Stadium, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala (India).

First Professorial Diplomate Student Graduate

Dr Erdal Firat, a St Clements University Doctor of Letters in Political Science graduate, has completed the studies for the Professorial Diplomate in Political Science. His papers are:

- "The History of Political Science and its Current Situation"
- "The Future Development of Political Science Over the Next 20 Years"
- "How Political Science is Currently Taught: from a Turkish Perspective"
- "Future Trends in Teaching Political Science - a 20 year Perspective"

The synopsis of his final paper will be published in the October edition of 'Veritas'. He has been appointed Professorial Advisor on Political Science to St Clements Institute.

First Doctor of Letters Graduate via Doctorate by Publication Route

The first person to complete the requirements for the Doctor of Letters via structured publication, has done so. Dr Sydney Adam Ndembe, completed four 8000+ word research papers which are available in the St Clements E-Library. Some synopses have been published in 'Veritas'. The traditional way to earn a St Clements Doctor of Letters is to be an expert in a subject discipline area and having major published works in their area of expertise. The program is designed for people who are experts in a discipline area, but do not have published works in the field. Dr Sydney A. Ndembe is an expert in NGO's looking after disabled people in Malawi. His published reports for the St Clements E-Library are:

- "People with Disabilities - Whose Responsibility are They?"
- "History of the Fight Against Polio in Malawi"
- "The Development of NGOs and Other Charities to Help Disabled People in Malawi"
- "Problems Faced by People with Disabilities in Malawi"

St Clements Education Group Schools

Over the past decade a number of new people have joined the St Clements Academic Advisory Council and not all are aware of the various schools which make up the Group.

St Clements University (T&C)

The core School is St Clements University (T&C) which was registered on the 16th of March, 1995 in the Turks and Caicos Islands. Many of the other Schools are either corporate branches of this body or separate corporate bodies partly or solely owned by this body. The British self governing colony of Turks and Caicos Islands was the only country the founder could find in 1995, where it was possible to register St Clements University, not St Clements University Inc. or St Clements University Ltd. In 1995 there were between 200 and 400 non-traditional Schools in the USA.

SCPU Business School/School of Theology

SCPU (St Clements Private University) is a corporate branch of St Clements University (T&C) registered in the Swiss Canton of Vaud. In Switzerland Education is constitutionally a Canton responsibility, but like many countries, the National Government has become involved in the financing of education for its citizens. In the past few years it has passed regulations restricting private universities registered by the Canton authorities from using the term “University”. This has resulted in most private universities registered in Cantons becoming an Academy or Business School. St Clements Private University Business School and School of Theology have become – SCPU Business School and SCPU School of Theology. In the past two years it has restructured its Business Management, Bachelor and Masters programs to incorporate UK OFQUAL (Office of Qualifications and Examinations) registered Extended Diplomas at Levels 4, 5, 6 and 7.

St Clements University Higher Education School - Niue

This school was set up as a St Clements University Learning Centre in the nation of Niue. It took over part of the “old” Lord Liverpool Medical University and renovations were completed on the eve of Cyclone Heta which hit Niue January 2004. In the morning much of Niue

was destroyed including the building St Clements University Learning Centre. On 31st March 2005 the Ministry of Higher Education in Niue licensed St Clements as a Higher Education School and the name was changed to St Clements University Higher Education School. St Clements financed the rebuilding of the Lakepa School and set its Centre up there. It was designed to provide courses for Niue residents who wanted to complete their higher education in Niue. It is financed by others who wish to study the programs it offers and get their degree from Niue. It also signed a Pacific Degree Programs Agreement with Aldersgate College from the Philippines, where students can obtain degrees from both of these Pacific states for the work from one study program.

St Clements University Arabic Language Division

This was formed in 2004 after the American invasion of Iraq, when the Iraqi Higher Education System broke down and security concerns made going to campus classes, dangerous. Under Dr Shaher Al Suqour’s leadership the network of centres was established through Iraq, attracting 1000’s of students with half of them in the autonomous Kurdistan Region of Northern Iraq. Centres were also established in Syria with hundreds of students and later in Yemen. A mixture of internal management disputes and civil wars in Syria, Yemen and Iraq has made the division very weak – Dr Subhey Ghadban Hussein Al Khazali is working very hard to revive it in Iraq.

St Clements University Myanmar College

This School is a College within St Clements University (T&C) which offers courses to Myanmar residents in English and Burmese. It works closely with IQY Technical College offering dual programs where IQY College teaches the coursework and offers Diplomas for it. St Clements University Myanmar College supervises it and through St Clements University offers degree awards for work completed in a degree format. In 2017 a delegation of Myanmar graduands graduated in Singapore, this year a small combined graduation event happened in Myanmar with a small number of St Clements students graduating. It is planned to have a substantial graduation in July 2019 when St Clements graduands from other parts of the world will be encouraged to visit Myanmar.

St Clements International Advisory Academic Council

St Clements University has an International Advisory Academic Council to advise the Administration on what is happening in international education and how that affects the various areas St Clements Education Group operates in. Some information about our Councillors is provided below.

Dr U Kyaw Naing



Dr U Kyaw Naing came from Myanmar and worked in several Pacific nations as an Educator. He settled in Sydney where he teaches Engineering. As immigrants from Myanmar, he and his wife have in recent years been working on offering education particularly in the Engineering field to Myanmar students. He co-founded St Clements University Myanmar College to enable Myanmar students to study in their own language.

Dr Tony Lewis

Dr Tony Lewis is the Founder and President of the Christian Bible Institute and Seminary. He is also the Founder and President of the Global Network of Christian Schools. He lives in Texas, USA. The Christian Bible Institute and Seminary and SCPU School of Theology are working together on developing dual degrees programs in Theology, Christian Counselling and Ministries.



Professor Dr Herbert Blankson



Professor Dr Herbert Blankson was one of the people at the London meeting in 1997 when St Clements University met a number of CEO's of small professional bodies, which enabled St Clements Education Group to build up its relationship with UK Professional Qualification Awarding Bodies. Professor Dr Herbert Blankson was the founder the Society of Sales and Marketing and the Society of Nursery Nursing Practitioners, both which he ran for nearly 30 years before retiring. He also founded the Chartered Institute of Sales and Marketing and the Confederation of Professional Awarding Bodies. He is still an active member of the International Academic Advisory Council.

Professor Dr Bilal Semih Bozdemir

Professor Dr Bilal Semih Bozdemir is the Administrator of the St Clements University Turkish Language Division. He is the Founder of the International Law and Lawyers Foundation (Ankara) and the Psychologists and Psychiatrists Foundation (Ankara). These are the professional bodies for Lawyers, Psychologists and Psychiatrists and registered with the Ankara Chamber of Commerce. He is also a partner in Ltd St Clements University which is corporately registered in Georgia, but not currently operating.



Professor Dr Subash Chawla



Professor Dr Subash Chawla has been an advisor to St Clements on marketing education programs in Sri Lanka and India. He is a leading writer of Sociological articles in Sri Lankan newspapers.

He has many awards including two honorary Doctorates from Turks and Caicos Islands universities. He has attended the last three Singapore Graduation Convocations, meeting with fellow Academic Councillors at these events. He has recently been awarded a Doctor of Science and Professorship from Ballsbridge University of the Commonwealth of Dominica. They have also appointed him Fellow of the University and the Institute of Chartered Professionals have award him the status of Chartered Fellow.

Dr Roderick O. Ford

Dr Roderick O. Ford is an American Lawyer and Christian Theologian. He is the Founder of St Luke's Inn of Court, a professional association of Christian Lawyers, Judges, Pastors and Theologians. St Luke's Inn of Court operates as both a voluntary Bar Association that is patterned after the Inns of Court of Great Britain and the Christian Outreach Missionary Society. He is the CEO of the William Wilberforce International Human Rights Law Centre which is co-owned by St Clements University.



Professor Dr Matthew Chu

Professor Dr Matthew Chu is the Chairperson of the Ph.D Assessment Committee. The Ph.D Assessment Committee is responsible for the quality of our Ph.D degrees and the role of Chairperson is vital in maintaining this standard. He was the Agent for the Society of Business Practitioners in Hong Kong for many years.

Professional Organisations News

The Faculty of Professional, Business and Technology Management

The Faculty of Professional, Business and Technology Management is 35 years old this year having started in 1983. It is the professional body for Managers involved in a Technical Engineering, Computer discipline area. It has five grades of technical membership Technician, Associate, Full, Fellow and Companion. It recognises St Clements degrees in Technical, Engineering and Computing discipline areas.

International Association of Bookkeepers

This is the United Kingdom professional body which represents professional Bookkeepers. It offers 3 levels of membership – Associate, Member and Fellow. Fellow members can apply for future registration as a “Registered Bookkeeper”- The programs they teach are OFQUAL levels 1 – 3. Twenty plus years ago when St Clements started, they had a close relationship with the UK Institute of Financial Accountants and share the same offices and had some common staff. Today they list the Open University, Armed Forces, ACCA, AAT, OCR, ICT and City and Guild as organisations whose qualifications they accept, but do not list the IFA.

Society of British Business

The Society was originally established by Prof Dr Herbert Blankson as the Society of Sales and Marketing. After Prof Dr Herbert Blankson retired as CEO it evolved out of only recognising Sales and Marketing professionals to become a Society recognising British Business Professionals. Three of the six members of the Management team now are experienced people in the Oil and Gas industry and the professional courses they are offering are based on the Oil and Gas industry. The other members of their management team are language teaching experts.

Association for Project Management

The Association for Project Management is the largest independent professional body representing project management in Europe. It has over 22,500 members. It offers APM Practitioner awards and Certified Project Manager status.

The Academy of Experts

The Academy of Experts was established in 1987 to represent practising and trainee legal executives. Its objectives are to provide education and training for members.

Goodbye to the Society of Professional Engineers

The UK Society of Professional Engineers has made the decision to merge with the Institution of Engineering Technology, the largest engineering professional body in the United Kingdom. One of the Society’s problems was that over the years two thirds of their members were from overseas and only one third were UK engineers. The IET has offered existing SPE members membership while at the end of September the SPE will cease to exist.

In 2017 the British Computer Society Turned 60 Years Old

The British Computer Society (BCS) was formed in 1957 to develop the professional status of people working with computers. The main rival UK professional body was the Institute for the Management of Information Systems (IMIS). Both organizations have combined and been granted Chartered status by the Privy Council to become BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT.

Society of Petroleum Engineers

Founded in 1957, SPE is a not-for-profit professional association whose members are engaged in energy resources development and production. SPE is a key resource for technical knowledge related to the oil and gas exploration and production industry, and provides services through publications, events, training courses and online resources at www.spe.org. It has more than 158,000 members in 143 countries participate in 203 sections and 382 student chapters. SPE’s membership includes more than 73,000 student members. SPE has the following Publications: *Journal of Petroleum Technology*, *SPE Drilling & Completion*, *SPE Journal*, *SPE Production & Operations*, *SPE Reservoir Evaluation & Engineering*, *The Way Ahead*, *HSE Now*, and *Oil & Gas Facilities*. SPE sponsors more than 100 conferences, exhibitions, forums and workshops each year. The technical programs are presented and created by SPE members and industry professionals. It has a Board of Directors comprising of four officers, one director for academia, two at-large directors, 15 regional directors, and six technical directors.

Other Universities News

Limkokwing University

This school was started in 1991 in Malaysia. From a Campus in Kuala Lumpur, it developed a second in Kaching, Borneo, Malaysia and then Campuses in Botswana, Cambodia, Lesotho, United Kingdom and Swaziland. It now appears to be concentrating on developing alliances with other universities through a body called the Limkokwing Global Alliance. The Limkokwing Global Alliance is the investment arm of the Limkokwing University of Creative Technology Worldwide with a collegial network of over 282 universities in 77 countries. It enables Limkokwing to offer its courses on campus in the USA, New Zealand, Australia, Canada and China.

Cavendish University

Cavendish University was started by Cavendish College in London and was established in 1985. In 2004 it established Cavendish University in Zambia and the Cavendish University – Uganda. It has recently developed a Medical School as part of the Zambian University.

University of Adelaide/University of South Australia

The University of Adelaide is holding amalgamation talks with the University of South Australia to unite on the belief such a University would be big enough to become one of the top one hundred Universities. It is difficult to see how it would achieve this. The University of Adelaide is Australia's third oldest University, while the University of South Australia is based on the South Australian Institute of Technology (originally the School of Mines) combining with Higher Education Colleges teaching Teachers and Nurses to become the University of South Australia. The first step is the two Governing Councils of both Universities agreeing to a six month period of collaboration to negotiate the merger.

New Body to Regulate Higher Education Institutions in Ghana

The Ghanaian Cabinet has approved the establishment of the Ghana Tertiary Education Commission. In Ghana new tertiary education institutions first get accredited by the National Accreditation Board to teach degree programs which are issued by a chartered or internationally accepted University. Technically it takes 5 years, but often 10 years for this process to occur. It is planned that the new Commission will take a maximum of four years to approve a new tertiary education institution from the start of the process to them issuing their own degrees.

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Charisma University

Charisma University has appointed Dr Mark Doctoroff as the new Chairperson of its Board of Directors to replace Dr Law, who served as Chairperson for the past 7 years. Charisma University is registered in the Turks & Caicos Islands and offers USA style degrees. They offer two Associate degrees, 15 Bachelor degrees, 23 Masters and 8 Doctorates. They are candidates for US accreditation with the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs.

Myanmar Universities

In researching private universities operating in Myanmar the results came across the following three universities:

- **British University College – buc.edu.mm**
This school is teaching a 2 year Higher Diploma program which integrate into the final year of a Bachelor degree with a number of United Kingdom universities. This is very similar to the SCPU Business School Associate degree in Business Management which integrates into the final year of Bachelor programs at a number of UK universities.
- **Connect University – American University in Myanmar – connect.edu.mm**
This school like British University College teaches a 2 year Diploma which integrates into the final two years of Bachelor degree programs with a number of USA universities. In the USA a number of students study Associate degrees at Community Colleges and then complete two year “top up” courses to complete their Bachelor degree. This is the first time the ANR has seen a foreign school successfully integrate their 2 year tertiary education qualification into this USA 2 year top up system.
- **Chin Christian University – ccu.edu.mm**
The Chin people are a Myanmar regional ethnic group which is largely Christian. The Chin Christian University was first established as a College to teach religious degrees. As there are no government universities in the Chin region, it is now also offering Business degrees.

None of these private schools appear to have Myanmar Ministry of Education approval and the first two do not offer degrees in their own name but represent foreign universities in Myanmar.