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New Services and Facilities

Encore Library Catalogue

A new Library Catalogue interface, Encore, has been launched to replace the Webpac system. The new Encore platform has many functions and features with multiple advantages over Webpac. For example: EBSCOhost article searches and full text access support. Please click to the link http://encore.vtc.edu.hk for the interface.

Study Aid (CCTV, 閱讀放大器) in the LRC for Visual Impaired Students

A Study Aid (CCTV, 閱讀放大器) has been set up in the LRC for Visual Impaired Students since 10 September 2012. The CCTV is a LCD Monitor with a camera mounted at the top to capture the characters of a document and show them on the monitor with the size that can be adjusted to assist students' reading and study.

Black/White Digital Copier

Four existing old black/white digital copiers on the G/F will be replaced by the end of March 2013. The new photocopiers have more user friendly features with the new Octopus Card System.

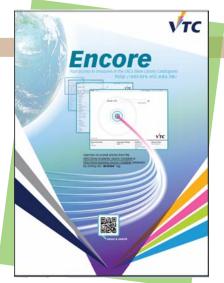
Increase in Studying Tables for Students

Additional 5 new long tables have been placed in the V-shape area on the 1/F of the LRC Complex to meet the needs of students.

Enhancement for the toilets in the LRC Complex

Since June 2012, all IVE(ST) female staff and students could gain access to the female toilet on the G/F of the LRC by wiping their staff/student card over the smart card reader on the door. For

energy saving purpose, the female and male toilet have been installed with sensor lighting system which would automatically turn off the lightings in 10 minutes if there is nobody inside the toilet.







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Audio-Visual Facilities at the New Multi-Purpose Rooms

Installation of the projection systems and wireless microphone systems at the new Multi-Purpose Room 442-443 had been completed in early 2012 to provide audio-visual facilities for presentation and teaching support purposes.

New Wireless PA Systems in Multi-Purpose Rooms

The installation of new wireless conferencing PA systems for the Multi-purpose Room 207A and 207B has been completed in August 2012 to improve the audio facilities for presentations, seminars, meetings and student activities at the venues.

Visualizers in Teaching Venues

To further improve the multimedia teaching facilities, additional visualizers have been installed in Room 207A, 207B, 442, 443 and Annex Hall since the new Semester of AY2012/13.

Enhancement of Multimedia Facilities at Hall

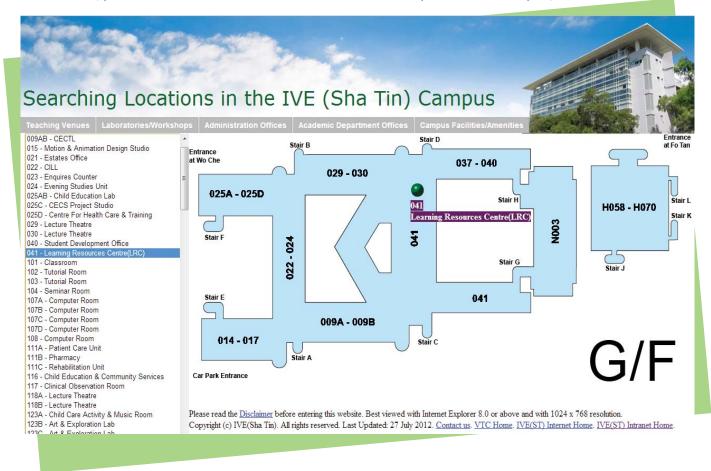
For enhancement of multimedia facilities at Hall, two sets of new 65-inch LED TVs with electric mounting systems have been installed in September 2012. They are operated with the projection system to enable the concurrent display of on-screen materials for presentations, forums, demonstrations and holding ceremonies. For details or enquiry on using the equipment, you can contact staff of the Multimedia Services at 22567642 / 22567644 or email to st-mm@vtc.edu.hk





Campus Location Map

A Campus Location Map has been added to the ST Intranet website to provide a quick search for the locations in the campus. Visitors or users can search the exact location by selecting the room numbers and the room types, and the relevant interactive location map would be displayed.



Replacement of PC and Notebook

The LRC had replaced some of the old Notebook computers and PCs for students' use.

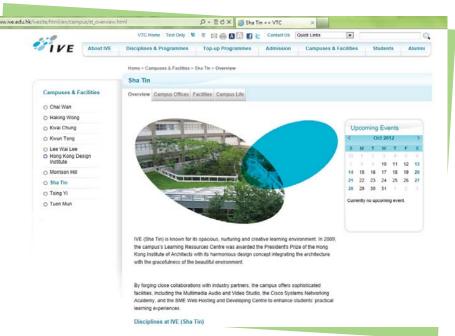
IVE(ST) Website Revamp Project

New ST Internet page

The new IVE(ST) internet website (http://www.st.vtc.edu.hk) had been launched in September 2012. Enhancement of the website including the adding of Simplified Chinese version and staff and contact information is now in progress.

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New ST Intranet page

The ST Intranet website has been revamped to provide more readily information and facilitating quick search since March 2012. The home page has been re-categorized for easy access and browsing. Staff login would still be required to access the staff related information for security reason.





News and Events

Book Exhibition

A book exhibition had been held on 8 June 2012 by the Commercial Press in ST campus for staff to select Chinese books.

Training sessions for Final Year Students

Three training sessions on the use of learning resources had been conducted for final year students of AS and BA departments in early



September and October 2012. Students attended the workshops received hands-on training on using the E-databases such as EBSCOhost, ProQuest and RefWorks.

Updates on Exam Paper Database

Digitization of the examination papers of Summer Semester for 2011/12 academic year would be completed in late November 2012 and users could access the IVE Examination Papers from AY1997/98 onwards at: http://vtclib10.vtc.edu.hk/search/exam/Index.do

Information for New Students

Introductory information and general guidelines for using the major facilities and services provided by the LRC had been distributed to new students during the Ceremonies of the ST Orientation Day on 27, 28 and 31 August 2012.

Briefing Sessions for New Staff

Three identical Briefing Sessions with two sessions in Cantonese and one in English on using the LRC facilities/services had been conducted for new staff on 29, 30 and 31 August 2012. There were in total 17 staff attended the Sessions. The guiding materials have been uploaded to the ST Intranet web page at: http://stcc.vtc.edu.hk/LRC/StaffBriefing/index.asp



Re-arrangement of Audio-Visual Materials

All the Audio Visual materials have been reorganized and systematically shelved on the AV corner during the summer vacation. The old AV materials with the production year before 2000 with low viewing value are removed from the shelves.

New Higher Diploma Collection

With the introduction of the new Higher Diploma courses in the 2012/13 academic year, the LRC has been purchasing textbooks and supplementary books for these courses upon the recommendations of the teaching staff from different departments. The books will be placed in the Reserve Collection for 2-hour loan, one-day loan or 7-day loan.



Moodle Training for Staff

A Moodle training workshop will be held on 31 Oct 2012 in Computer Room 107A of IVE(ST) and is targeted for the new

teaching staff who have just joined the VTC or those who have missed previous Moodle workshops organized by the CLT.

Content covers some key skills and two new topics:

- Inserting an interactive activity
- Importing content from another Moodle course

Enhancement workshops on using assignments and quizzes will be conducted in Feb/Mar 2013.

Visits to the LRC

A total of 18 group visits have been conducted in the LRC from January-September 2012. The groups included students and teachers from Secondary Schools, guests of the Parent-Teacher Association of the Shatin District and visitors from the educational institutes of Mainland China.



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Useful links for the LRC services

Introduction of the LRC: http://st.vtc.edu.hk/LRC/Introduction%20to%20LRC/index.html

Opening hours of the LRC: http://st.vtc.edu.hk/LRC/opening_hours.htm

Leaflets on IT services: http://st.vtc.edu.hk/stleaflet

Multimedia facilities in teaching venues supported by the LRC: http://stcc.vtc.edu.hk/LRC/LRC-MM/images/multimedia_teaching_facilities.pdf

Multimedia equipment user guide: http://stcc.vtc.edu.hk/LRC/LRC-MM/images/multimedia_equipment_user_guide.pdf

VTC Library Catalogue: http://webpac.vtc.edu.hk/

Briefing for new campus staff: http://stcc.vtc.edu.hk/LRC/StaffBriefing/index.asp

Contact information for the LRC services

IT services

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Multimedia services

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Library services

Office location: Room 041 (G/F of the LRC) Enquiry telephone no.: 2256 7623 Fax no.: 2256 7630 E-mail: st-lib@vtc.edu.hk