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Learning Resources Centre, NUS (ST)

New Services and Facilities

New Features of Encore Library Catalogue

A new Library Catalogue interface, Encore, has been launched to replace the Webpac system since September 2012. Enhancements are made from time to time. For example, mobile version has been available since January 2013 and users can export individual titles to the e-Database "RefWorks" directly from the library catalog result listing page.

New Black/White Digital Copier

Five old black/white photocopiers would be replaced and new photocopiers would be available for use before summer after the completion of setup. All the 5 new photocopiers would have the feature of Mac printing.

Acquisition of New Facilities

More new headphones are being purchased and would be available for use in March 2013. Additional 5 new long tables and 40 new chairs have been placed in the V-shape studying area on the 1st Floor to provide more seating capacity inside the LRC.

Enhancement of Multimedia Facilities at the Renovated Hall

Replacement of the spotlights at the stage of the renovated Hall was conducted in November 2012 and they were ready for use starting from December 2012. Moreover, installation of the new projection system with HD projector and enlarged screen has been underway since January 2013. It is expected to be completed by the end of March 2013. Meanwhile, for replacement and enhancement of the multimedia facilities, audio-visual equipment items such as movable projector, notebook computers, MacBook and portable visualizers have been acquired to support different campus events such as Orientation Day, New Student Admissions and Prizes Presentation Ceremony.





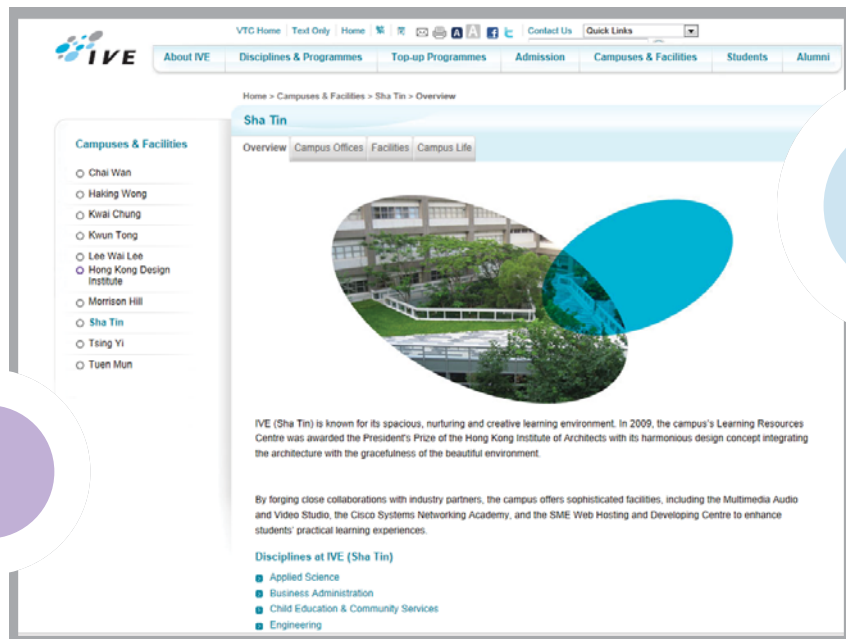
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New IVE(Sha Tin) Internet Website

The new ST Internet website (<http://st.vtc.edu.hk>) has been launched since 5 Jan 2013. Simplified Chinese version and departmental pages have been created. Information on programme courses would be updated regularly.



Replacement of PCs and Notebook Computers

Seventy-two new computers have been setup in Room 107B and Room 108 since Spring Semester. Replacement of old notebook computers for students' use has been done. Thirty PCs would be replaced in the LRC Complex before summer.

Software Upgrade in Computer Rooms

Thirty-five licenses of AutoCAD 2013 have been installed in Room 107B to support learning and teaching needs. Installation of Adobe CS 6 has also been completed in Room 107B and 108.

Wi-Fi Enhancement

Seven sets of new access points have been purchased to replace the existing old ones in the Canteen and the LRC Complex to improve the Wi-Fi signal.

Extension of Opening Hours in Free-booking Room 107D

With the assistance from the student helpers, the free-booking service at Room 107D has been extended until 6:30 pm with two sessions per week (every Tuesday and Thursday) since February 2013. The situation would be reviewed after 3 months.

Digital Signage System Replacement

The existing Digital Signage System would be replaced by a new system in March/April with more and better features for operation.



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New Charge Scheme of Colour Photocopying and Printing

The new charge scheme (A4 and A3 size of paper are charged HK\$2.00 and HK\$4.00 respectively) has been effective since 2 January 2013 in all the IVE LRCs.

Commercial Press Gold Membership Cards for VTC staff

Three Commercial Press Gold Membership Cards for IVEs have been renewed and placed at the LRC Circulation Counter. VTC staff members can borrow the gold cards to buy books, audio-visual items and stationeries at Commercial Press book stores with different discounts.



NEW PHOTOCOPYING & PRINTING CHARGES IN THE LRCs/LIBRARIES OF VTC

The revised set of rates for printing & photocopying service will become effective on
2 January 2013 (Wednesday)
as follows:

	A4	A3
Black & White	\$ 0.3	\$ 0.6
Colour	\$ 2.0	\$ 4.0



Updates on Exam Paper Database

Digitization of the examination papers of Spring Semester for 2012/13 academic year would be completed in late March 2013 and users could access the IVE Examination Papers from AY1997/98 onwards at: <http://vtclib10.vtc.edu.hk/search/exam/Index.do>

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Multimedia and IT Support for the Council and Campus Events

Graphic/photo/video/equipment support had been provided to the events and activities of IVE(ST) Open Day 2012 on 16-17 November 2012. The Walkathon website, Online Registration, Donation and Payment System as well as some summary reports for VTC 30th Anniversary Walkathon had been developed in October 2012. The multimedia and IT support contributed to the Council event, "Partnering into the Future VTC 30th Anniversary Walkathon cum Carnival", on 9 December 2012.



Annual Assessment

To perform the self-assessment annually, the LRC conducted its online survey from 17 December 2012 to 22 January 2013 on the Internal Client Satisfaction. Results of the survey would serve as basis for further improvement of the LRC facilities and services.



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Video for the Chinese New Year

Multimedia support has been provided for production of the Chinese New Year video for the ST Campus. Please feel free to view the video by clicking the URL:
<https://video.vtc.edu.hk/pkfung?op=VideoSample&videoid=1762>

The video was also displayed in the campus Digital Signage System (DSS) during the Chinese New Year period.



LRC Student Helper Project

The LRC Student Helper Project continues for the Spring Semester. A total of 15 students have been trained to assist in PC trouble-shooting, technical assistance, helpdesk supports and shelving of LRC materials such as books and audio-visual items since 4 February 2013.

Improvement Works in Computer Rooms

In order to improve air ventilation for the printing area inside all the computer rooms including the Server Room, exhaust fans and air ducts have been installed for Rooms 439-441, 107A-D and 108.



Visits to the LRC

Three group visits have been conducted in the LRC since October 2012. The groups included students and teachers from secondary schools, visitors from the educational institutes of Hong Kong and guests from the United Kingdom.



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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://st.vtc.edu.hk/LRC/LRC-MM/images/multimedia_teaching_facilities.pdf

Multimedia equipment user guide:

http://st.vtc.edu.hk/LRC/LRC-MM/images/multimedia_equipment_user_guide.pdf

VTC Library Catalogue:

<http://encore.vtc.edu.hk/>

Briefing for new campus staff:

<http://st.vtc.edu.hk/LRC/StaffBriefing/index.asp>

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