



MONTESSORI NEWS TODAY

-----THE DIGITAL NEWSLETTER-----



MMI Corporate HQ buildings at 72 and 70 South Bridge Road located at the corner of South Bridge Road and HongKong Street.

Modern Montessori International (MMI) Success Story

A leader in Montessori pre-school education

----- DR T. CHANDROO (CEO)

The Modern Montessori International (MMI) Group was formed in 1989 as the exclusive franchisor for Modern Montessori International (London). MMI Group is unique and a patented brand of early childhood education in Asia Pacific.

With its humble beginnings as a single-storey school in a modest shop house, the ever-enterprising Group has grown exponentially over the years. Today, it encompasses close to 100 schools in 14 countries across 4 continents – making it one of the largest Montessori presences in the world.

In Singapore, where its Corporate Headquarters is based in the bustling Central Business District and has more than 20 Preschools island wide. From a little-known methodology back in the '80s, MMI has helped transformed Montessori into a household name now synonymous with quality and assurance.

As a testament of its strength, the acclaimed company has been accorded with a host of prestigious awards and accreditations. Apart from offering preschool services and delivering program training,

MMI also extends its franchising packages to local and international business partners.

For the past 15 years, Modern Montessori International's (MMI) corporate headquarters have been located at 72 South Bridge Road. In August 2006, the group paid the former owner for the freehold shophouse. The previous owner had already transformed it into a six-story commercial structure with a roof patio.

“We liked that the building was at the fringe of the CBD,” says Dr T. Chandroo, chairman of MMI. “Shophouses are incredibly iconic in Singapore architecture and we were attracted to the history of the building.”

Four years later, in 2010, the neighboring shophouse at 70 South Bridge Road was purchased. It was demolished and rebuilt as a new, six-story structure with a roof terrace to match the nearby block. He named the building MMI Building II.

Chairman’s Pledge

----- DR T. CHANDROO (CEO)

To us at the Modern Montessori (MMI) Group, it’s more than just a phrase we coin; it’s a driving passion and heartfelt commitment to what we do that sets us apart as the premier organization devoted to providing the best in pre-school learning and education.

Our proven methodologies ensure that only the best learning environment is given to our children. From our exemplary management of pre-school services for children; through ensuring the design and delivery of our teacher-training programs to the highest quality; conducting relevant and enriching continual training and education courses providing state-of-the-art products and resources for a child’s learning.

These methodologies ensure that whichever Modern Montessori pre-school your child attends, he or she is given the same quality education that has made us a globally recognized and trusted education brand today.

We believe that each child should be allowed to enjoy the freedom to investigate the world which he or she lives in, thus making learning an active process.

MMI incorporates many Montessori components into its comprehensive programs.

Through this broad coverage, your child is imbued with knowledge of form, colour, mathematical concepts and cultural values. Fine motor skills and creative expressions are also developed. And my greatest personal satisfaction? To see our children, smile each and every time they discover the joys of learning about their world every day.





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The global presence of Modern Montessori

Bringing you quality education from your trusted source

----- MMI INTERNATIONAL OFFICES

Modern Montessori international (MMI) group, a global based private education organization with over 100 offices, preschools and training offices in London, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam, Hong Kong, India, Sri Lanka, The U.A.E., Egypt, Kenya and Nigeria.

The Modern Montessori international group today has close to 100 centres worldwide. Its principal office is based in the United Kingdom (U.K.), with overseas offices in Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Thailand, India, Sri Lanka, Egypt, Kenya, Nigeria, Uae and Vietnam.

The MMI Group offers a full business format and professional expertise to assist regional and international business partners to venture confidently into the challenging and fast expanding market of Montessori education.



MMI expands Montessori education to grades K-12 in select Asian markets.

The latest R&D developments

----- MMI ASIA

Modern Montessori International (MMI) is creating technology and content for a fully digital experience of Montessori's distinctive self-directed learning because it is optimistic about K12 education prospects in Asia's core markets.

This year, MMI, the pioneer of Montessori preschool education in Asia-Pacific, will roll out automated technologies throughout all of its child care facilities in Singapore. MMI's technology provides parents with real-time updates on their children's in-school activities, academic performance, and other school-related concerns. This technology is intended to boost confidence as children return to school despite a raging pandemic.

MMI is exploring the use of such automated systems across its network of close to 100 schools as it prepares to launch international schools with K12 capabilities in Vietnam, Indonesia, India and Cambodia.

“Our focus is on the curriculum,” says Dr T Chandroo, MMI chairman. “We conduct continuing research on trends and developments in preschool teaching and how the Montessori curriculum can be further expanded.”

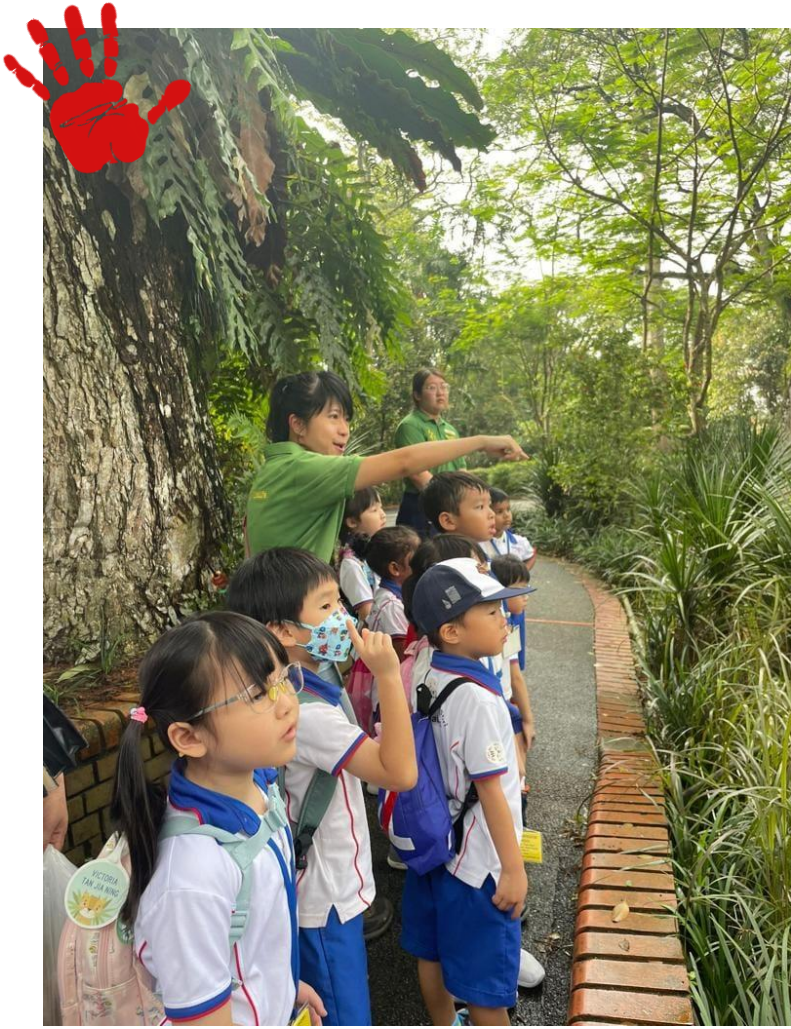
“We run our own teacher training thoroughly and methodically to ensure that what children learn in Singapore is the same across the network. That is the MMI brand.”

MMI plans to introduce an online learning program this year in an effort to spread the benefits of its particular type of Montessori education to more students. The growth into K-12 education will thereafter be pursued with a fruitful private equity partnership.

“Ultimately, we will be going full-fledged online for all international students,” Chandroo says.

Singapore Zoological Gardens

By MMI Preschool, Bukit Timah Branch, Singapore



In line with our theme about the Animal Kingdom for Term 1 both the Nursery 2 and Kindergarten children had fun and enriching trip at the Singapore Zoological Gardens in March. They gained more knowledge about the animal kingdom as the guides brought them around for their learning journey. They were very excited for this much awaited trip.

----- MMI FIELD TRIP

Experiential Day!

Our parents & children @ work



We would like to thank our lovely parents and their little ones who came to our Experiential Day! We are so grateful and hope that everyone enjoyed themselves through our activities and by learning a bit more about us.

----- MMI PSG

Parent & Child Bonding Skills Takeaway:

1. **Increased trust and security.** A child who has a strong parent-child link will feel more secure and trusted, which will give them confidence to face the outside world with safety and support.
2. **Better communication.** Strong bonds between parents and children can lead to more open and efficient communication. Children who feel linked to their parents are inclined to talk about their feelings and thoughts, and parents who feel connected to their kids are inclined to listen to them and act in a way that is encouraging.
3. **Positive social and emotional development:** Strong parent-child bonds are associated with improved social and emotional competencies in children, including empathy, self-control, and self-worth. These abilities can aid in their success in life and in forming wholesome relationships.



Culture & Celebrations in the Montessori Environment:

----- MMI BLOG

In India, festival season is here! Naturally, one would want to know the Montessori perspective on holidays. Did Montessori think that holidays were important?

Perhaps less often than in today's interconnected society, the issue of holidays and rituals was raised since Montessori created the pedagogy in Italy in the early 1900s. Her belief was that education should assist children adjust to the period and culture they are born into, which is why the Montessori method is necessarily flexible. The young children must be introduced to festivals if they play a significant role in our culture.

In advance of ceremonies, there is the practical task of cleaning the dwelling. The sensory delight of cooking cuisine specific to each celebration is one. Add terminology appropriate to each holiday to make language learning interesting. Above all, there is the cultural lesson that, despite the distinctiveness of each festival, we are all connected by the joy they bring, regardless of our geographic location, caste, or religious beliefs.

The foundation of Montessori's "education for life" is coexistence and peace. There's no better way to make the point than to take advantage of as many events as you can and discover the diversity of individuals in your community. Older kids could quickly start to see similarities across international celebrations, such as harvest festivals or those honoring the arrival of spring. Since students now understand the reasons behind why people celebrate the festivals that they do, we hope that this will inspire them to pursue studies in geography and history.



Cultural Day Celebration

By MMI Preschool, Kotte Branch, Sri Lanka

----- MMI BLOG



Cultural day celebration planned and presented by diploma students for MMI Pre School, Kotte Branch, Sri Lanka

MMI Training Centre, Colombo

Our diploma students @ work

The course covers the Montessori Philosophy, child development, curriculum planning and the five areas of teaching, namely Montessori Practical Life, Sensorial Education, Language, Phonics & Grammar, Mathematics, and Cultural Subjects such as Geography, Botany, Zoology, and History.

----- MMI TEACHER'S TRAINING





Diploma Ceremony for Gurgaon, India Batch 40

“Awards acknowledge our tireless efforts to prepare ourselves spiritually for the important task of nurturing little children.”



----- MMI ALUMNI



Nurturing the Inner Life - The Spiritual Preparation of the Teacher:

----- MMI ALUMNI

“The real preparation for education is a study of one’s self. The training of the teacher who is to help life is something far more than the learning of ideas. It includes the training of character; it is a preparation of the spirit.”

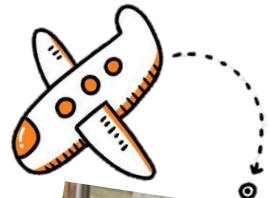
— Maria Montessori, *The Absorbent Mind*

The teacher trainees from Gurgaon, India discovering the creative extent of the Sensorial activities and were fascinated by the similarities and differences in the precise materials. Maria Montessori placed equal emphasis on a teacher’s spiritual preparation as she did on the intellectual components of learning. She advised her teacher candidates to be aware of their own limitations as well as any preconceived notions they may have about kids. She clarified that the teacher-student interaction is crucial and that the teacher’s inner attitude and subsequent exterior approach are key factors. There are so many ways in which Montessori education stands apart from other traditional methods. One of the most significant is the way in which our teachers (also known as directresses) are prepared for their jobs.

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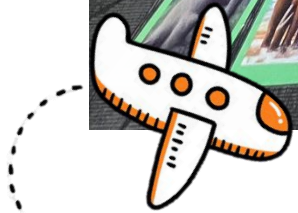
Wonderful Workshop Collaborations

By MMI Training Centre, Jakarta Branch, Indonesia



BALI

Participants from Bali, Garut and Surabaya.



Jakarta

Participants from 5 different cities in Indonesia.



Cilandak

Basic Montessori Workshop at Masa kecil Preschool.



Staff Training

It was fantastic to have a positive experience in the workshops. Our enthusiastic participants enjoyed the learning process connected with a supportive community. Indeed, a sense of gratitude and community can make the learning journey more enriching. We wish all our participants continued success on their learning path, and hope that we will have the opportunity to meet and learn again. If you ever have more to share or discuss, feel free to reach out. Happy learning!

----- MMI COLLABORATIONS

The Benefits of Community Collaborations:

1. Recognize the value of community engagement for success.
2. Develop open lines of communication using multiple channels.
3. Create collaborative partnerships for unique opportunities.

