



## Diwali 2018

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It was a special Monday afternoon and lights shone brightly in the ecstatic halls of Hillview College on November 5th, 2018. Rows of students spread across the auditorium anxiously awaiting the performances of our talented Hillview students as the Diwali Programme 2018 initiated. A video presenting Hillview's role in assisting the victims of the recent flooding disaster was unveiled. This was a clear example of light triumphing over darkness.

Then, the Diwali spirit filled the air as an astounding Indian dance group took the spotlight. Although some dancers were little, they were in sync and their colorful clothing complemented each other as the group glided across the stage. As my fellow colleagues and I were awaiting our performance, we were at the edge of our seats looking on, admiring the Diwali celebrations at its peak.

Then it was my turn. As I got up and floated my way to the stage engulfed in white sheets, the crowd greeted me with smiles and cheers. I was in and out on the agenda as I presented the story of Diwali in a dramatic and enthusiastic way along with Ka Hei Pun of Form One. Throughout the programme, the vibrant music played, groups came up and entertained the crowd, each with a divine message or moral about Diwali.

Students were also graciously treated to the much-anticipated Diwali fashion show, displaying the cultural wear of India and surrounding countries. Directed by Ms. Ramdeen, the show featured scores of Hillview students from all forms, showcasing their Indian wear, while a narration of the show was audible. The atmosphere in the auditorium was vibrant, with the audience cheering loudly as the models made their way on and off the stage.

As the afternoon came to a close, small boxes of Indian sweets, donated by the Little Store were distributed, much to the delight of the students.