



UCSI students performing an original number at the songwriting concert.

This is our song

STUDENTS pursuing the Contemporary Music degree programme at University College Sedaya International (UCSI) recently held a song-writing concert for the public.

About 20 students performed 10 original pieces at the UCSI auditorium, treating the audience to songs from a range of genres, from a Chinese pop ballad to a hard metal number.

The students are all pursuing the song-writing module under the tutelage of James Phillip Sheng Boyle.

They not only showcased their talent as singers and song-writers but also their ability at organising an important event.

"I keep on running, keep on fighting what I want it to be, I'll never give up, no matter what it could be," were the lyrics for the opening number, *I'll Never Give Up*.

"I wrote this song to encourage myself to persevere in my studies and to strive in everyday life,"

said enthusiastic student Tommy Chan.

From haunting, melodious tunes like *Hanya Dari Mu* to the hard metal number *Don't Care*, the students held the audience enthralled with their myriad compositions on a wide range of topics — from seeking divine guidance to love won and lost, and the search for emotional peace.

The song-writing concert was organised as part of the students' final-year project.

"Instead of the usual class project, we decided to try a different approach and hold a concert instead. This way, the students feel a greater sense of ownership and pride in their work," said Boyle.

The students' efforts and determination were best summed up by emcee for the night, Melinda Sik, when she said: "It isn't hard to write a song, but it's hard to write a good song."