

SIT graduates top overall employment rate among Singapore universities

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More than eight in 10 from the Singapore Institute of Technology found full-time employment within six months after graduation, according to a survey by the Ministry of Education.

SINGAPORE: Graduates from the Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) secured the highest overall employment rate among those from the four autonomous universities (AUs), according to the results of a survey released on Thursday (Oct 15).

According to the survey, SIT graduates secured an overall employment rate of 91.7 per cent, with 86 per cent of economically active graduates securing full-time permanent employment six months after completing their final examinations.

This is the first year that SIT is part of the annual Graduate Employment Survey 2014 (GES), mandated by the Ministry of Education (MOE). It includes graduates from SIT's various Overseas University (OU) partners, as well as National University of Singapore (NUS), Nanyang Technological University (NTU) and Singapore Management University (SMU).

In findings released earlier this year, the salary for graduands from NUS was S\$3,325 and NTU was S\$3,272. The mean gross monthly salary of SMU graduates in full-time permanent jobs was S\$3,592.

Unlike the other three universities that had revealed their survey findings earlier this year, SIT revealed its findings on Thursday as its overseas university partners have different graduation months.

Also, more than eight in 10 SIT graduates were engaged in full-time permanent (FTP) jobs within six months after graduation. Multinational corporations and Government-linked corporations are the top two employers for SIT graduates, with seven in 10 in the service sector.

The gross mean salary of SIT graduates working in full-time permanent jobs is S\$3,010. When comparing salaries of graduates of similar programmes across the AUs, the salaries of SIT graduates were comparable.

For example, nursing graduates from SIT earned similar gross median monthly salary of about S\$3,500 as compared to other AUs, while SIT Mechanical Engineering graduates also earn similar gross median monthly salary of S\$3,100 to S\$3,250.

Speaking at a graduation ceremony for its diagnostic radiography graduands, SIT's president, Prof Tan Thiam Soon, encouraged those pursuing their careers in the healthcare sector to keep on learning.

"Changes in the medical and healthcare sector are taking place rapidly and whatever you have learnt today may not always be useful tomorrow. Therefore this mindset of constantly adapting to change by being able to learn, unlearn and relearn will be a key factor in determining how your career will unfold in years to come," said Prof Tan.

The annual survey seeks to provide key employment indicators of university graduates and other useful insights into the graduates' university and job search experiences. A total of 1,020 SIT graduates responded to this online survey from February to May 2015.