

Learning Minds *Special*

An institute for innovation

The Singapore Institute of Technology is Singapore's university of applied learning

Established in 2009 and gazetted as an autonomous university in March 2014, the Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) provides applied degree programmes from across SIT and 11 overseas university partners.

For Academic Year 2017/2018, the university is offering 41 degree programmes that are targeted at growth sectors of the economy.

The institution also takes pride in its identity as a university of applied learning where students can further their academic knowledge as well as gain exposure to the industry.

PATHWAY FOR POLYTECHNIC GRADUATES

SIT has partnerships with various key industry players as well as government agencies to ensure that the degree programmes offered are

in demand. The university also works with local small and medium enterprises to help them with their innovation and productivity issues.

As part of the Integrated Work Study Programme (IWSP), companies work hand-in-hand with SIT faculty and students on meaningful and industry-relevant projects.

This eight-to-12-month work placement allows students to gain work experience and deepen their specialist skills in their chosen field. Plus, it puts them in good stead for employment when they graduate.

A BROADER APPROACH

When it comes to selecting students and university partners, SIT looks for quality and passion. Its partnerships with renowned overseas universities were chosen based on each institute's areas of knowledge and expertise.

For example, SIT jointly offers a Bachelor of Engineering with Honours in Civil Engineering with the University of Glasgow — known for its technological research and commitment

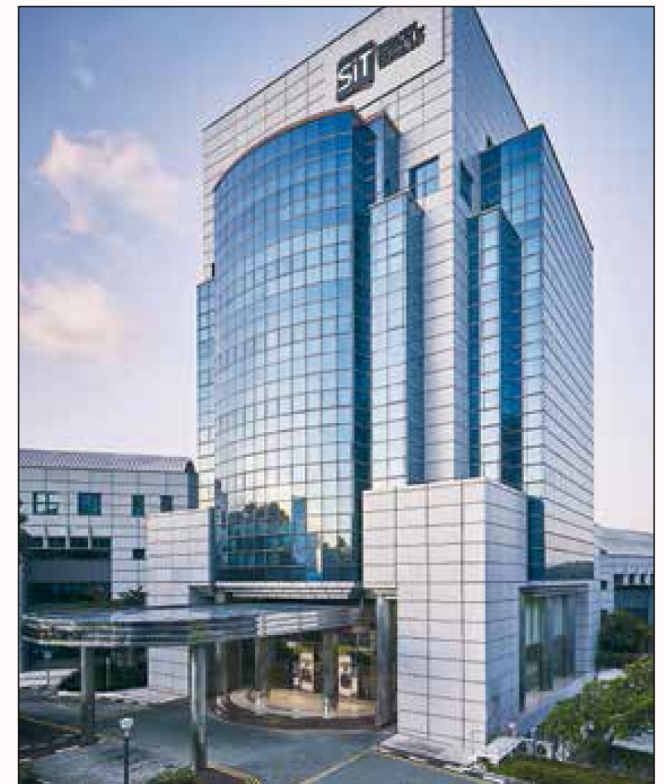
to environmental science.

SIT also offers joint degrees with Newcastle University, Trinity College Dublin and DigiPen Institute of Technology.

Other degree programmes offered by SIT's overseas university partners comprise an overseas immersion programme component, where students have to spend time at the respective home campus during their course of study to immerse themselves in the local culture.

"In our aptitude-based admissions system, applicants are assessed holistically. Grades are an important indicator of aptitude, but so are an applicant's interests, skills and experience specific to the course of study," said Mr Kelly Koh, director of admissions at SIT.

He added: "We look at evidence such as relevant working experience between their polytechnic/junior college graduation and their university application. We also administer additional aptitude tests, request for submissions of portfolios relevant to the degree programmes as well as interview



Students enjoy an industry-focused university education at the Singapore Institute of Technology. PHOTO: SINGAPORE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

applicants rigorously to select the right candidates for each degree programme."