Celebrating Student Excellence; Honouring Nurturing Donors

Striving for excellence involves doing your very best at every opportunity and it is this commitment that tends to distinguish the achievers at the Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT). On 26 October 2017, the University celebrated the achievements of these outstanding students as well as the generous philanthropic support from donors, at the Recognition of Excellence presentation at the Sports Hall at the SIT@Dover campus. Now in its third year, the ceremony is a platform where SIT presents donor-supported excellence awards and scholarships to its respective recipients.

In his welcoming remarks, Prof Loh Han Tong, Deputy President (Academic) & Provost, SIT, thanked all the donors and said, “Your philanthropic leadership and your generous commitment to supporting a good education for the younger generation is the best example for our students on what it means to be ‘catalysts of transformation’ who are ‘grounded in the community’.”

In the ensuing presentation ceremony, 33 Book Prizes, 9 Outstanding Student Awards and Yearly Performance Awards, 7 Gold Medals and 40 non-bonded scholarships, all made possible by donors, were handed out by Mr Ng Yat Chung, Chairman, Board of Trustees, SIT. Also attending the presentation ceremony were members of SIT’s Board of Trustees, Senior Management, faculty and staff, as well as representatives from the Overseas University partners along with the recipients’ loved ones.

In his closing speech, Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT, said, “Thanks to our community of donors who are unafraid to support a young university like ours, and to support young people who dream of attaining a good university education, SIT has been able to nurture more and more students through scholarships, bursaries and study grants that help level the playing field for students who face challenging circumstances.”

Addressing the students and graduates, he said, “To our SITeens who are present today – you will always be SIT’s best ambassadors. I wish you every success, as you go boldly into the industry or community to transform the future.”

First-year Diagnostic Radiography student, Ms Anjelina Teh, who received the KEI Scholarship said that to her, the scholarship represents much more than just a financial boost. She said, “It has given me the courage to stand up for something I believe in and because of Mr. Kuok’s generous gift, I am one step closer to my dreams of helping the community.”

Mr Lionel Ng Kuan Yuan, who graduated this year, received the CEI Outstanding Student Award in Mechanical Design and Manufacturing Engineering. He said, “I have never won such an award in my studying career before. It proves hard work and effort are rewarded. It was also definitely an honour to meet the donor in person. My simple gesture of appreciation was the least I could do after he has made this award possible.”

At the SIT Innovation Showcase, (from right) SIT student Mr Benjamin Chua had the opportunity to talk about his project to Mr Kon Yin Tong, Managing Partner of Yeakin Book Prize recipient Mr Daniel Ker Kuan Yuan, who graduated this year, received the CEI Outstanding Student Award in Mechanical Design and Manufacturing Engineering. Mr Chua had the opportunity to talk about his project to Mr Kon Yin Tong, Managing Partner of Yeakin Book Prize recipient Mr Daniel Ker Kuan Yuan, who graduated this year, received the CEI Outstanding Student Award in Mechanical Design

More than 300 guests including donors as well as award and scholarship recipients attended the third Recognition of Excellence presentation at SIT, which also featured performances from SIT’s student groups and an Innovation Showcase.