

Doing More, Together

SIT employees give students their heartfelt support at the fifth Faculty & Staff Giving Roadshow

Besides teaching and serving, many SIT faculty and staff give generously to lend a helping hand to their students through the Faculty & Staff Giving (FSG) initiative. Through this, they not only offer financial aid, but also let students know that they will be there to support their growth in more ways than one. Last year, faculty and staff raised more than \$82,000 in support of the SIT Bursary, making possible 27 Bursaries for financially disadvantaged students at SIT.

In appreciation for their support, the fifth Faculty & Staff Giving Roadshow was organised on 25 April 2018 at SIT@Dover campus. Participants were treated to doughnuts, coffee and freshly fried vadai with green chillies.



At this year's Faculty & Staff Giving Roadshow, donors received a small token for their big-hearted support of SIT students: a tiny pouch shaped like a mini-backpack.



SIT faculty and staff came down to University Tower to show their support and enjoy a quick tea break before heading back to work.



Snacks for tea time: freshly cooked vadai served with green chillies, as well as doughnuts and coffee.

Past recipients of the SIT Bursary were present as well, serving snacks to faculty and staff and chatting with them to share how the Bursary had helped them in their studies. Said Bursary recipient and final-year student Mr Harikrishnan Panayamthatta from the Bachelor of Engineering with Mechatronics degree programme, "I would like to thank all the donors and SIT lecturers and staff who made a difference in students' lives, including mine. These acts of generosity inspired me to help others and give back to the community, and the bursary also helped fund my school fees which was essential for me to complete my studies. Thank you again for your generosity and support."



SITizens giving back – SIT Bursary recipients had the chance to thank Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT (second photo, left) and other SIT faculty and staff members for their support.



Senior Librarian Ms Joan Wee, one of the donors to the SIT Bursary, believes that though a single person's contribution may not be enough to help everyone, the collective efforts of many can positively impact students' lives. She said, "I live by the 'starfish' motto. My donation might only make a 10 per cent difference to a student's life but at least I know I've done something instead of not doing anything. With another nine SIT staff or faculty joining together, we can make up a 100 per cent difference to that student's life."



Attendees happily queuing up for their snacks and coffee.