Thank you, Mapletree! Prof Ng Siu Choon, Assoc Provost (Students), SIT (extreme right), and the recipients of the Mapletree Bursary present a sweet treat to Mr Hiew Yoon Khong, Group CEO, Mapletree Investments (second from right).

The visitors from SIT also toured Mapletree Investments corporate headquarters.

Mapletree's Firm Friendship Empowers Young Talents

Corporate donor's forward-thinking philanthropy makes it possible for its bursary recipients at SIT to flourish and achieve their dreams

At one point during her undergraduate studies, Ms Ailin Ng had contemplated leaving school altogether to take up a full-time job so that she could support her family. But thanks to the Mapletree Bursary, which she received in both Academic Years 2015/16 and 2016/17, Ms Ng can now persevere with her university education. "I no longer think about dropping out of school," said Ms Ng, who is now in her final year in the Accountancy programme.

Ms Ng was one of the recipients who were invited by Mapletree Investments to a tea session at their corporate headquarters in Pasir Panjang on 29 March 2017. The company had made possible the endowed Mapletree Bursary in 2014, and to date a total of 22 Mapletree Bursaries have been awarded to 15 recipients.

Prof Ng Siu Choon, Associate Provost (Students), SIT, who accompanied the students on their visit along with SIT faculty and staff, remarked that Mapletree's willingness to support financially disadvantaged undergraduates from all fields of study and to continue nurturing deserving students for more than one academic year is "especially wonderful and far-sighted".

Pursuing a degree in Game Design, Mr Chua Kok Tung, another bursary recipient, said that it has always been his dream to work in the game industry or even start up his own studio as games had inspired him when he was young.

"The Mapletree Bursary has allowed me to spend more time working on my game project that will one day be a crucial part of my portfolio when I enter the workforce," added Mr Chua.