

Meeting of Minds

Baker Tilly TFW treats SIT's Accountancy undergraduates to a visit to the firm, a delicious lunch, and nutritious insights into the Accounting industry

On 16 March 2017, Baker Tilly TFW hosted a small group from the Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) to a small ceremony at their office and a sumptuous lunch at a Chinese restaurant at the Intercontinental Hotel, which included its scholarship and award recipients for Academic Year (AY) 2016/17 as well as Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT.

The firm has been a strong supporter of SIT's Accountancy students since 2015 when it made gifts to establish the Baker Tilly TFW Scholarship and the Baker Tilly TFW Outstanding Award in Accountancy. Six Scholarships have been awarded since AY 2014/15 to academically promising Accountancy students and the very first Baker Tilly TFW Outstanding Award in Accountancy was presented to Mr Sean Ooi in February 2017 at the SIT Graduation Ceremony (see pages 2-3 for more on the Graduation Ceremony).

Mr Ooi, who was present at the lunch, said he was "definitely honoured and humbled beyond words" to have been awarded this accolade. The 24-year old, who will start work as an Audit Associate at a Big Four firm in June 2017, added, "I am grateful to Baker Tilly TFW for this award and hope that it too can be an inspiration for my juniors to strive for excellence."

Ms Ng Kai Lin, who received the Baker Tilly TFW Scholarship this year and is expected to graduate in December 2018, said, "I used to work part-time in my polytechnic days but since university started I couldn't find the time to work, as the workload was quite heavy. Therefore, with this scholarship I was able to focus more on my studies."

She also found the lunch fruitful as the partners from Baker Tilly were very generous in sharing more about the firm and other issues surrounding the accounting industry with the undergraduates. She said, "The different conversation topics during lunch such as quality assurance in educational institutions really helped widen my view about how encompassing this field is."



(From left) Partners from Baker Tilly TFW, Ms Susan Foong and Mr Khor Boon Hong; Baker Tilly TFW Scholarship Recipients, Ms Ng Kai Lin and Ms Jasmine Chiang; Mr Sean Ooi, recipient of the Baker Tilly TFW Outstanding Student Award and Mr Sim Guan Seng, Managing Partner, Baker Tilly TFW.