SIE Students Tour Samwoh Innovation Centre

Students from SIT's Sustainable Infrastructure Engineering programme learn more about sustainable construction at the Centre

On 14 March 2017, a group of 11 SIT students from the Sustainable Infrastructure Engineering (SIE) programmes, accompanied by SIT faculty and staff, visited the Samwoh Innovation Centre in Kranji Crescent. Mr Eric Soh, CEO, Samwoh Corporation, had invited the group, giving them the opportunity to tour the company's facilities where new construction recycling technology is tested and researched.

The group included the four recipients of the Samwoh Bursary, which is open to students from the SIE (Land) programme. The Bursary was made possible by a gift from Samwoh Corporation in 2014.

Mr Lee Xiang Han, a Bursary recipient who is from the SIE (Land) programme, had never been to a Research & Development facility and found the visit to be "an eye opener". Said Mr Lee, "I learnt that it is important to innovate and find creative new ways to keep ourselves sustainable in the field of civil engineering and construction. One interesting thing was learning about the recycled rubber material they used to construct the floor of playgrounds now."

SIT students get a hands-on learning experience at the Samwoh Innovation Centre where they had the opportunity to study recycled materials that can be used for construction projects.

Mr Nathaniel Soh, a student from the SIE (Building Services) programme echoed this sentiment. He said, "It was inspiring to learn about the innovations by Samwoh. Learning how Samwoh recycles and reuses demolished construction materials has broadened my view of recycling techniques and available materials."

Earlier this year, Samwoh decided to nurture even more students at SIT by making a new gift to support the Samwoh Corporation Global Immersion Study Grant and the Samwoh Corporation Outstanding Student Award in Civil Engineering. Samwoh has also deepened its relationship with SIT through a Collaboration on Agreement to establish an Industry Lab.