

# Samwoh Ups its Support for SIT Students

**Samwoh Corporation makes an endowed gift and signs a Collaborative Agreement to nurture students from SIT's new Civil Engineering programme**

Samwoh Corporation Pte Ltd recently made a new endowed gift of \$500,000 to the Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT), in support of students from SIT's new Civil Engineering programme, a joint degree with the University of Glasgow (UofG).

The company had made its first gift to SIT in 2014 to establish a Bursary for needy students and this latest gift will now make possible, in perpetuity, the Samwoh Corporation Global Immersion Study Grant and the Samwoh Corporation Outstanding Student Award in Civil Engineering.

The Samwoh Corporation Global Immersion Study Grant will provide support for academically promising students from the Civil Engineering programme who need financial help for the compulsory Overseas Immersion Programme (OIP) that is part of their degree requirements. The Study Grant, valued at \$5,000 each, will cover expenses for this programme, and at steady state, will benefit at least six undergraduates from the Civil Engineering programme annually. The OIP, which lasts for three weeks at the UofG campus and takes place in the second year of study, costs between \$4,500 and \$5,000.

To encourage excellence among students from the Civil Engineering programme, Samwoh Corporation's gift will also make possible the Samwoh Corporation Outstanding Student Award in Civil Engineering. This will be awarded each Academic Year to a graduating student who has not only excelled academically, but also made contributions beyond academic studies to SIT or the community.



The recipients of the Samwoh Corporation Bursary, together with Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT (fifth from left) and senior representatives from Samwoh Corporation Pte Ltd: Mr Poh Teck Chuan, Executive Director (first from left), Dr Joshua VM Kuma, Advisor (third from left), Mr Eric Soh, Chief Executive Officer, (fourth from left), Dr Ho Nyok Yong, Chief Operating Officer (fifth from right), and Mdm Pang Kok Lian, Executive Director & Chief Financial Officer (third from right).

In 2014, the company had made possible the Samwoh Corporation Bursary with an endowed gift of \$200,000. The Bursary is awarded to three students from the Sustainable Infrastructure Engineering programme, annually and in perpetuity, and has benefited four students so far.

In addition to these gifts, Samwoh has also deepened its relationship with SIT through a Collaborative Agreement to establish an Industry Lab (I-Lab), which leverages off the Samwoh Innovation Centre in Kranji. Equipped with state-of-the-art facilities for testing and evaluation of civil engineering materials, the Centre will provide early industry exposure to the incoming Civil Engineering undergraduates and allow them to deepen their skillsets in preparation for employment.

Said Mr Eric Soh, CEO of Samwoh Corporation, "I strongly believe that we must continue to develop and nurture talents, especially the future generation of engineers if we are to meet the demands of the construction industry and beyond. Through these endowments, availing our expertise and resources and many more emerging collaborations, Samwoh hopes to pass on our industry know-how, create a stronger link with the academia and ultimately to inspire and groom a new crop of civil engineers who are passionate, progressive and professional."

The cheque presentation and the signing of the Collaborative Agreement took place at a Civil Engineering Technical Seminar on 10 January 2017, which was jointly organised by SIT and Samwoh Corporation.



Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT (left) receives the cheque from Mr Eric Soh, Chief Executive Officer, Samwoh Corporation Pte Ltd.



(Front row, from left) Prof Ng Siu Choon, Associate Provost, SIT, and Dr Ho Nyok Yong, Chief Operating Officer, Samwoh Corporation Pte Ltd sign the Collaborative Agreement as (back row, from left) Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT, and Mr Eric Soh, CEO, Samwoh Corporation Pte Ltd look on.