

## Uplifting Gift Brings Cheer and Goodwill

*New gift from Loyang Tua Pek Kong Temple makes possible bursaries in aid of SIT students*

On 17 March, SIT recipients of the Loyang Tua Pek Kong Bursary not only received much-needed financial support, but also got a chance to enjoy the festivities at the 2019 birthday celebration of Loyang Tua Pek Kong Temple.

Renowned in Singapore as a symbol of religious harmony, Loyang Tua Pek Kong Temple is a multi-religious place of worship where Taoist, Buddhist and Hindu devotees can worship side by side. The Temple's gift to SIT has made possible 10 Bursaries annually for students across all five academic clusters.

The recipients were treated to performances and also enjoyed local snacks from booths serving refreshments to the public. Mr Koo Jia Wei, a Year 3 Telematics student and Bursary recipient, thought the event was an

eye-opener. "I had heard of Loyang Tua Pek Kong before, but this was my first time there," he said. "The turnout was huge, and I had no idea such large festive events existed other than Chinese New Year."

He also shared how grateful he was for the Temple's support. "Due to unforeseen circumstances, the money I had initially set aside for my tuition fees was not sufficient. I had to start thinking about whether or not to take up weekend jobs for my expenses. Luckily, with the Loyang Tua Pek Kong Bursary, I am now able to pay off the remaining fees and spare more time for my assignments and projects."



Mr Koo Jia Wei (in grey shirt), receiving the Bursary from Guest of Honour Mr Ng Chee Meng, Minister in the Prime Minister's Office, and representatives of the Loyang Tua Pek Kong Temple.



The first-ever batch of Loyang Tua Pek Kong Bursary recipients at SIT come from across all five SIT academic clusters.



(From left) Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT, Mr George Peh, Chairman, Loyang Tua Pek Kong Temple, Mr Teo Chee Hean, Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security, and Prof Yaacob Ibrahim, Advisor, Office of the President, SIT.