

SITIZEN Once a SiTizen, Always a SiTizen

#### Dear SIT Alumni,

# **On the Road to Success**

### From orientation to graduation and beyond, SITizens are making the most of optimum conditions at SIT for personal breakthroughs

The season of celebration kicks into high gear at SIT, even as 2015 progresses steadily to its fruitful conclusion. In August and September, the new student intake was gleefully welcomed into the SIT family at three fun-filled events: SIT Student Orientation 2015, SIT Carnival and SIT Day Zero. Of these, the SIT Carnival at Dover Campus was an inaugural event that drew 1,500 attendees including new students and their families, who were given a glimpse into the vibrant campus life at SIT.

For the graduating students, this is the time of the year when many of them receive their degrees. In September and October, more than a thousand students from The Culinary Institute of America, DigiPen Institute of Technology, The University of Manchester, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Trinity College Dublin, University of Glasgow and Newcastle University were given their certificates at their respective graduation ceremonies. Among them was Mr Fou Zi Xuan, a First Class Honours graduate from the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Naval Architecture degree programme (Newcastle University), who was recognised with a whopping nine awards for his academic achievements.

Now an Engineer with Sembcorp Marine, Mr Fou credits his father, a car mechanic who delights in taking apart his car, for instilling in him a passion for Engineering. He also credits the "interesting experience at SIT", where the packed academic schedule pushed him to achieve more within a shorter time frame. "I like the idea of having a 'concentrated life' like this," he told SITizen, adding, "Of course, the Overseas Immersion Programme makes the overall SIT experience an eye-opening and unique one."

Mr Fou also has SIT's donors to thank. Four of his awards – the Sembcorp Marine Book Prize in Naval Architecture II, the Sembcorp Marine Book Prize in Ship Design, the ST Engineering Gold Medal and the Choo Chiau Beng Outstanding Student Award in Naval Architecture – were made possible by private donors who wish to encourage academic excellence at SIT. These four awards were among the 23 presented at the SIT's first ever Recognition of Excellence held in October, a special occasion designed to bring together talented SITizens, their loved ones, generous donors and friends of the university, in an intimate celebration of student achievement and thoughtful philanthropy.

SITizens have something else to cheer about beyond graduation and awards: the Graduate Employment Survey 2014 reveals that they enjoy a high employment rate of 91.7%, competitive salaries and a seamless transition to industry. So perhaps it is no surprise that this year's New Alumni Welcome Party, held in November, was the hottest yet. Turn the pages, and you will find 200 partygoers rocking the night at Hard Rock Cafe with abandon. As alumnus Chin Jun Ming puts it, "It was awesome!"

We hope you will enjoy reading this issue of SITizen. Should you wish to contribute a story, do drop us a line at *Alumni@SingaporeTech.edu.sg* 

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# Welcome, New SITizens!

A fresh intake is inducted into life at SIT at events like the Orientation Camp, SIT Carnival, and Day Zero

### SIT Student Orientation 2015

20 to 22 August 2015

The queues outside Buona Vista MRT station started as early as 8.30 am on 20 August 2015. In line were hundreds of newly matriculated students from the Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) waiting for shuttle buses to take them to the SIT@Dover campus for the August SIT Student Orientation Camp 2015. The camp, a three-day-two-night affair that took place from 20 to 22 August 2015, was attended by 925 incoming first-year students.



New SITizens try to avoid getting wet during a water bomb fight that took place at the SIT@Dover campus.



Biggest orientation camp at SIT to date with 925 participants was managed by 150 student organisers and facilitators.

The Orientation culminated in the Legacy Nite where the students put up performances which they had been preparing for throughout the camp. Said Ms Chynna Ang, from the Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Communication Design (The Glasgow School of Art), "I had a lot of fun during the camp. Even before school started, the SIT Student Orientation enabled me to make friends from different courses, and I am still in contact with them today."

### **SIT Carnival** 22 August 2015

Taking place immediately after the end of the SIT Student Orientation Camp on 22 August 2015 was the SIT Carnival at the SIT@Dover campus. The inaugural event, part of this year's welcome festivities for incoming students, attracted more than 1,500 attendees including the first-year students and their family members, current students as well as staff. At the Carnival, student clubs, sports groups and the Student Management Committees put up booths which offered a glimpse of the vibrant campus life students can expect at SIT.

In addition to the food and game booths showcasing the SIT-DNA, there were also workshops and talks held throughout the day. The sports groups held different activities including climbing sessions in the bouldering room by the SIT Climbers, and even horse riding by the SIT Saddlers Club.



The SIT Saddlers Club led horse rides to anyone who was willing to stand in line for the hour-long wait.



Even Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT (right), wanted in on the fun and got a temporary airbrush tattoo at the SIT Carnival.

### SIT Day Zero

4 September 2015

SIT Day Zero was first held in August 2014 with the start of SIT's very own degree programmes to welcome and orientate students from degree programmes offered under the SIT name. This year's Day Zero was no different and gathered over 450 students from the eight SIT programmes, including the five new programmes that were introduced this year.

Day Zero focused on one specific component of the SIT-DNA – being "Able to Learn, Unlearn and Relearn". Students attended academic orientation talks of their respective programmes, and learned to bond with each other through the various team-building activities.

Addressing the students after lunch, Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT, said, "Learn to make the SIT-DNA a part of your life. In everything you do, ask 'Can I do something better?... Can I transform the world into a better world?'"



Looking for the woman in the mirror.



SITizens who learn together also build together.

### SIT Graduates Faring Well in Job Market

Commissioned by the Ministry of Education, the Graduate Employment Survey (GES) is jointly conducted by Autonomous Universities to survey the employment conditions of graduates six months after graduation. GES 2014 was the first time that the Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) – which became an Autonomous University in 2014 – took part in the annual survey.

### Here are five key findings from GES 2014:

• SIT graduates enjoyed a **high employment rate of 91.7%**, with 86% of economically active graduates securing full-time permanent employment six months after graduation. (Economically active graduates refer to those who are working, and those who were not working but actively looking and available for work.)

### SITizens enjoy high employment rates, competitive salaries and a seamless transition to industry, according to the Graduate Employment Survey 2014

- The gross median monthly salary of SIT graduates working in full-time permanent jobs is **\$3,000**.
- The salaries of SIT graduates in specific fields are comparable to their peers. Nursing graduates earn a gross median monthly salary of \$3,511 and Mechanical Engineering graduates earn gross median monthly salaries of between \$3,100 and \$3,250.
- This is the first year that SIT is part of this annual survey which was conducted from March to May 2015, together with NUS, NTU and SMU.
- A total of 1,006 out of 1,212 SIT graduates from the Class of 2014 took part in the survey and this includes graduates from the 10 Overseas Universities across 24 different degree programmes.

# **Tell Him Why**



Mr Fou Zi Xuan (middle) with his parents who travelled from Malaysia to attend SIT's Recognition of Excellence held on 16 October 2015.

While most people see a car as a means of transport, Mr Fou Zi Xuan, sees a car "as an engine connected to wheels with gears and pinions" and it is this attitude that has served him well in his endeavours: The new SIT alumnus from the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Naval Architecture (Newcastle University) achieved a First Class Honours and received a whopping nine academic awards upon graduation.

At SIT's Recognition of Excellence held on 16 October 2015 (see Page 8 for a detailed report), he received the Sembcorp Marine Book Prize in Naval Architecture II, the Sembcorp Marine Book Prize in Ship Design, the ST Engineering Gold Medal and the Choo Chiau Beng Outstanding Student Award in Naval Architecture. These four are excellence awards made possible at SIT by private donors.

### New alumnus Fou Zi Xuan, the recipient of nine academic awards, is passionate about engineering and asking questions

Then, at the Newcastle University Congregation held on 28 October 2015 (more details on page 5), Mr Fou was also awarded the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers Singapore Award, the Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology Award, the School of Marine Science and Technology Prize for Best Performance in Bachelor of Engineering with Honours in Naval Architecture, the School of Marine Science and Technology Design Prize for Best Ship Design, and The Burrill Award.

The eldest of three siblings, Mr Fou came to Singapore to pursue his diploma in Marine Engineering at Singapore Polytechnic after completing his 'O'-Levels in Malaysia. He credits his father, a car mechanic, as the inspiration for him to become an engineer. "He loves his car and I still remember that when I was young, how he would literally take apart his car every Sunday morning, just to maintain it and put it all back together again before driving us out to have a good meal," he said.

Mr Fou counts himself lucky to be good in the field he is most interested in. He said, "I am always curious about how stuff works." This extends to everyday machines like the air conditioner or telephone. "They do amazing things and I will really put in effort to understand the way they work and the principles they rely on, even if the information falls outside what is needed for my course."

Currently an Engineer at Sembcorp Marine, Mr Fou says his work focuses on structural design and helping to "realise ship owners' imaginations", responsibilities for which his education has prepared him well. "Most of my current work scope as a structural designer is covered or at least introduced during my time in school – I would say my two years at SIT and Newcastle University are certainly well spent!"

# **'Tis the Season for Graduation**



### The Culinary Institute of America (CIA) Commencement 16 September 2015

On 16 September 2015, Dr Tim Ryan, President, CIA, conferred the Bachelor of Professional Studies in Culinary Arts Management degree on 36 budding chefs. Mr Andrew Tjioe, Executive Chairman of Tung Lok Group, who gave the Commencement Address and Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT were also present at the ceremony.

The Francis Roth Award for Leadership was awarded to Mr Ames Raphael Sim, the Julius Wile Academic Achievement Award went to Mr Joachim Crispian Pereira and the Culinary Award was presented to Mr Tan Cong Wen.

Said Mr Sim, "I am most grateful for being chosen as the recipient of the Francis Roth Award for Leadership. I look forward to enjoying what I love to do most, and to make the most of the experiences I have gained so far."

### DigiPen Institute of Technology (DigiPen) Commencement Ceremony 19 September 2015

Over 70 graduands from DigiPen's four degree programmes at SIT received their certificates at the DigiPen Commencement Ceremony at The Star Performing Arts Centre. Mr Claude Comair, President and Founder of DigiPen presided over the ceremony.

Mr Olivier de Rotalier, Managing Director of Ubisoft Singapore was the Commencement Speaker, and Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT, was the Congratulatory Speaker for the ceremony. Also attending the event were SIT Senior Management, and faculty.

Valedictorian, Mr Julian Teh from the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science in Real-

Time Interactive Simulation degree programme said, "I'm proud of what my course mates and I have accomplished in DigiPen, and honoured to be named Valedictorian. That being said, I am keenly aware and constantly reminded that the world is a far bigger place than DigiPen. There is much more for us to learn, to grasp, to overcome; our journeys are far from over.



### The University of Manchester (UoM) Graduation Ceremony 25 September 2015

The UoM's Bachelor of Science with Honours in Nursing Practice degree programme graduated 90 students at the UoM Graduation Ceremony, held on 25 September 2015 at Sheraton Towers Singapore. The event was attended by Professor Rod Coombs, Deputy President and Deputy Vice Chancellor, The University of Manchester, and members of SIT Senior Management, and faculty.

Four awards were presented on the day – the Outstanding Dissertation Award to Mr Issac Ong Jun Hao, Most Improved Student Award to Ms Hia Pei Ling Andrea,

Outstanding Contribution to Leadership and Service to Mr Viknesh S/O Vijayan, and Outstanding Student Award to Ms Nur Farahin Bt Mohamed Zakaria.

Mr Ong's thesis studied the implementation of a ceiling lift that reduces manual handling by nurses to reduce injuries among them. He said, "Receiving this award makes me feel humbled and honoured as it came completely as a surprise for me!" The Staff Nurse added, "It has served as a vindication and impetus for me to contribute to the greater good for the healthcare society in Singapore, leading to better care for both patients and nurses."

### SIT Graduation Ceremony – University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) 15 October 2015

More than 160 students graduated from UNLV's Bachelor of Science (Major in Hospitality Management) degree programme at a ceremony held at the SIT@ Dover Campus on 15 October 2015.

The Guest of Honour at the ceremony was Mr Ng Yat Chung, Chairman, Board of Trustees, SIT. Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT, as well as SIT senior management and faculty were also present.

The valedictorian for the Class of 2015 was Mr Koh Qi Shen, Fabian. Telling the audience about the many sleepless nights he and his fellow course mates had lived through, he went on to remind his classmates to "make a difference in society, live by our principles and values, demand high standards of ourselves and most importantly, to stay connected with one another."



### SIT Graduation Ceremony – Trinity College Dublin (TCD) 15 October 2015

A total of 136 students graduated from the four degree programmes offered by TCD at SIT on 15 October 2015. The occasion also marked the graduation of the first batch of students from the Diagnostic Radiography programme, a joint degree programme between SIT and TCD, and the Radiation Therapy programme. Both programmes were first offered in Academic Year 2014/15.

His Excellency Geoffrey Keating, Ambassador of Ireland to Singapore, graced the ceremony as Guest of Honour. Also attending the event was Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT, SIT senior management, and faculty.

Ms Goh Mei Zhi Henrietta, who graduated from the Bachelor in Science (Honours) in Diagnostic Radiography was the valedictorian. She said, "This graduation ceremony marks not the end, but the beginning of our lifelong pursuit for knowledge for the advancement of healthcare. No matter which healthcare discipline we belong to, let us strive to push the standard of healthcare to greater heights. Let us not forget the passion we had started out with."



### 16 October 2015

More than 240 graduates from the five degree programmes offered by UofG at SIT were presented at the UofG Graduation Ceremony, which was held on 16 October 2015 at The Star Performing Arts Centre.

Professor Muffy Calder, Vice-Principal and Head of the College of Science & Engineering delivered the Charge to the Graduates.

The following awards were presented during the ceremony: the Top Engineering Student went to Mr Kasem Chaisieng from the Mechanical Design Engineering programme, The Final Year Project Prize Winners were Mr Ng Han Kiat

from the Mechatronics programme and Mr Zulfika Bin Rusdi from the Aerospace Systems programme, the Boeing Prize went to Mr Melvin Low from the Aeronautical Engineering programme, the Singapore Level 4 Honours Class Prize for the Academic Year 2014/15 were jointly awarded to Ms Chuan Wen Bing and Mr Bang Er Quan from the Computing Science programme, and the Singapore Project Prize for Project Work in Level 4 Honours in Academic Year 2014/15 was awarded to Ms Claris Kerlyn Ke Yue'e.

Said Mr Chaisieng, "I feel very proud and I feel very accomplished but I am also grateful to SIT for giving me this opportunity by accepting me as a student in the first place."

### Newcastle University (NU) Congregation 28 October 2015

Taking place over two sessions on 28 October 2015, the NU Congregation ceremonies saw the graduation of more than 320 graduates from the seven degree programmes offered by NU at SIT. Over 40 prizes were also awarded to the graduands on that day.

The top prizes presented at the ceremony were: the Society of Naval Architects and the Marine Engineers Singapore Awards which went to Mr Chiew Hay King Joel (Top Overall Performance in Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Marine Engineering), Mr Lim Sim Ping (Top Overall Performance in Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Offshore Engineering) and Mr Fou Zi Xuan (Top Overall Performance in Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Naval Architecture); the Food & Human Nutrition School Prize for Best Student Performance went to Ms Melanie Leong Lai Yeng; the Electrical Power Engineering School Prize for the Top Student Performance went to Ms Fu Shiyao; the School of Chemical Engineering and Advanced Materials for the Stage 3 Top Student went to Mr Guan Shunfeng Justin and the Frank Robinson Book Prize for Best Overall Performance went to Mr Chang Jun Yang Alexander (Mechanical Design & Manufacturing Engineering).

Mr Scott Wightman, the British High Commissioner to Singapore, was the Guest of Honour for the afternoon session. The sessions were attended by Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT, and Prof Loh Han Tong, Deputy President (Academic) & Provost, along with SIT faculty and staff.

The student speakers for the morning session were Ms Sharmini Devi Tiru from the Chemical Engineering programme, and Mr Go Zhong Hong from the Food & Human Nutrition programme. Mr Go said, "I feel relieved to be graduating and feel like I have accomplished something great. I am definitely looking forward to the start of my next adventure!"

More than a thousand new graduates from CIA, DigiPen, UoM, UNLV, TCD, UofG and NU can now step out into the professional world and show what they're made of



### University of Glasgow (UofG) Ceremony of Graduation



# **Recognising Excellence at SIT**

First-ever event brings together talented SITizens and generous donors, in an intimate celebration of student achievement and thoughtful philanthropy to support excellence awards at SIT



Recognising excellence - the award winners with SIT Senior Management and members of SIT's Board of Trustees after the event.

In a first at the Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT), 23 awards were presented at the Recognition of Excellence, a new platform created to recognise the excellence of its students and to honour the donors these awards at SIT.

2015, at the SIT@Dover campus, the special occasion drew more than 120 guests. Mr Ng Yat Chung, Chairman, SIT, presented the awards and among the attendees were members of SIT's Board of Trustees, SIT Senior Management, representatives from SIT's Overseas University partners, the award recipients and their loved ones, as well as the University's donors



Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT, (right) gets the request for a selfie with Mr Kasem Chaisieng (middle), who received three awards, and his family

and friends. SIT students from various degree programmes were on hand to play host to the quests.

Prof Loh Han Tong, Deputy President (Academic) & Provost, SIT, said in his whose generosity had made possible welcome address, "We are very proud of all the award recipients ... and this pride I believe belongs equally to Taking place on Friday, 16 October their families, and to the private and corporate donors whose collective generosity has made it possible for SIT to establish these 23 book prizes, outstanding student awards and gold medals. On behalf of SIT, I would like to express our grateful appreciation for their philanthropic dedication to promote student excellence."

> Book Prizes are awarded to students with the highest grade in a particular module. Outstanding Student Awards recognise students who not only do well academically, but have also made contributions to SIT or the community, while Gold Medals are awarded to the top scoring students in their respective degree programmes.

Mr Fou Zi Xuan, who received the most number of donor-supported awards (the Sembcorp Marine Book Prize in Naval Architecture II, the Sembcorp Marine Book Prize in Ship Design, the Choo Chiau Beng Outstanding Student Award in Naval Architecture and the ST Engineering Gold Medal)

and Mr Wong Kai Xian, who received the Rotary Club of Bugis Junction Outstanding Student Award, jointly delivered some words of appreciation to the donors.

In his closing remarks, Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT, said, "I would like to highlight just how important a sense of community is to SIT, and how grateful we are to have the support of a community of friends - our Overseas University Partners, industry and, last though certainly not least, our community of generous donors. Without your involvement, it will be impossible for us to fully realise the SIT dream."

During the reception that followed, quests were entertained by Muzeka, SIT's student band, and the award winners got a chance to personally thank the donors of their awards.

Mr Sng Guan Kian Ernest was an award recipient who managed to meet with his donor, Mr Gary Lee, Director, Zicom Group. He said, "As a recipient of the Zicom Group Outstanding Student Award in Mechatronics I am ever grateful for SIT and Zicom Group for this opportunity given to me. Having met Mr Lee, the Director for Zicom Group, I have gained an insight on what the industry is looking for and the opportunities that are offered.'







Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT, and the student hosts after the event.



Award recipients Mr Fou Zi Xuan (left) and Mr Wong Kai Xian (right), share their joy and appreciation at the Recognition of Excellence.

find out more about the Rotary Club of Jurong Town from Mr Rodger Kimpton, Past President, Rotary Club of Jurong Town (right).

(Academic) & Provost, SIT, delivering his welcome remarks.

# **Lip-Syncing Good!**

### The Class of 2015 put on their dancing shoes and funny hats for this year's exhilarating New Alumni Welcome Party, held for a second time at Hard Rock Café (Orchard Road)

"I definitely enjoyed myself at the party. It was awesome!" said Mr Chin Jun Ming. Why? "Good food, good drinks and good company made the night!" he explained.

Mr Chin, who graduated from the University of Glasgow (UofG)'s Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Aerospace Systems degree programme, was one of the more than 200 attendees at the 2015 New Alumni Welcome Party, held on Friday, 6 November 2015 at the Hard Rock Café (Orchard Road). Among the other party guests were Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT, Prof Loh Han Tong, Deputy President (Academic) & Provost, SIT, Mr Chan Wing Leong, Deputy President (Administration) & CFO, SIT, the University's Senior Management, Faculty and staff as well as representatives from its Overseas University Partners.

Lip-sync battles, dancing, and a whole load of fun – that was what took place at this year's do. The annual New Alumni Welcome Party is specially organised by SIT to welcome new graduates into the SIT alumni family. Prof Tan kicked off the night's festivities, congratulating the new alumni on their academic achievements and reminding them to tap on their lifelong network of friendships with fellow alumni, faculty, staff and students at SIT. "As we like to say at SIT, 'Once a SITizen, always a SITizen'," he said in his welcome remarks.

As a matter of tradition, the SIT student band, Muzeka, gave their fellow SITizens a great show at the party, but this year was the first time that the band's student and alumni players are featured in the same performance. This year's band line-up includes alumni Mr Emmanuel Chia (UofG), Mr Douglas Heng (University of Nevada, Las Vegas), Mr Timothy Lye (Trinity College Dublin), Ms Fion Na (University of Nevada, Las Vegas) and Ms Deborah Fernando (UofG), as well as student Mr Muhammad Helmi (University of Liverpool), who is President of Muzeka.

Ventriloquist Joseph Then's comedic act was a hit with the partygoers especially when he was aided by alumnus Mr Tyrus Yoong, who gamely donned a mouth mask to become a human puppet – followed by Hard Rock Café's very own Jive Talkin' whose set brought guests to the dance floor.

For many, the highlight of the night was the Lip-sync Battle, which saw alumni and even a student host lip-syncing to top hits, with alumnus Mr Benson Tan became the undisputed star of the night after he was called on stage to claim his lost driver's licence. The graduate from the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Mechatronics (UofG) programme was egged on by his friends and the emcee to be one of the five contestants of the Lip-sync Battle. Not only did Mr Tan win the applause and cheers of his fellow new alumni during the two rounds of Lip-sync Battle, he did it with such style and swagger that he even got Prof Tan and a faculty member to be part of his posse of back-up dancers in a much lauded version of Lady Gaga's Bad Romance.



First stop: New graduates collecting their personalised SIT Alumni Cards at the party.



Jive Talkin' brought the house to its feet.



Alumnus Mr Tyrus Yoong dons a mouth mask to perform as a human-puppet.



for a party.





Faculty members offer a toast, the first of many during the night, to the Class of 2015.





throughout the night. Here, Mr Jason Neo (right),

Deputy President (Academic) & Provost



before the partying began. receives a Hatter Street voucher from Prof Loh Han Tong,



Mr Benson Tan (extreme left) lip-synced Lady Gaga's Bad Romance, which included a surprise appearance from Prof Tan Thiam Soon President SIT (middle) much to the delight of his fellow partygoers.

The much coveted Apple Watch, the first prize in the Grand Draw, went to alumnus Mr Daemian Koh (right, seen here receiving his prize from Prof Tan Thiam Soon President, SIT (left).

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"We're not a pair!" Alumni went looking for their other





Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT, kicks off the night with a toast to fellow alumni.



"You don't mess with us!" The lip-sync kings of SIT, Mr Gan Hian Jiun, and Mr Benson Tan, who was crowned A quiet moment to catch up over a sumptuous spread the runner-up, and the champion of the Lip-sync Battle respectively





What a night!

# Scholars Galore

## Talented SITizens recognised at the second SIT Scholarship Awards and Appreciation Ceremony

graduating Scholars.

through a rigorous process.

A total of 42 SIT Scholars were recognised at the second

SIT Scholarship Awards and Appreciation Ceremony which took place on Wednesday, 28 October 2015 at the SIT@

Dover Auditorium. The Ceremony was held to welcome

new SIT Scholars and to celebrate the achievements of

This year, 28 new scholarships were awarded, a significant

increase from the 20 that were awarded last year. Of these

28 were three mid-term scholarships, a newly-launched category. Since SIT's first intake of students in Academic

Year 2010/11, 122 bond-free SIT Scholarships have been

awarded to students who are selected as SIT Scholars

Close to 200 guests attended the event, which included Mr

Ng Yat Chung, Chairman, Board of Trustees, SIT, Members

of the Board of Trustees, SIT, Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President,

SIT, Prof Loh Han Tong, Deputy President (Academic) &

Provost, SIT, as well as representatives from the Overseas



Mr Ng Yat Chung, Chairman, Board of Trustees, SIT (left) presented the Scholarship Award letters to the new SIT scholars such as Ms Lisa Tang (right).

Graduating SIT Scholar Mr P. Mukkesh Kumar at the ceremony.

University partners and polytechnics.

In his opening address, Prof Loh called on the new scholars to make full use of the opportunities that will open up to them through the SIT Scholarship. He said, "Network with those around you and as you grow in maturity, remember to Learn, Unlearn and Relearn... We also expect you to be the one who will rally your peers to take part fully in SIT life to help shape the culture of SIT."

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Mr P Mukkesh Kumar, who has achieved a First Class Honours and is currently working with A\*STAR, is one of the 14 graduating SIT Scholars. Said the 2014 SIT Scholarship recipient from the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Chemical Engineering (Newcastle University) degree programme, "Holding the SIT Scholarship has paved the way for me to learn and excel at the University," he said. "It has pushed me to strive for excellence and helped me to develop into an all-rounded resourceful leader."

### What's Your Type?

For Ms Daphne Lee, who graduated from the Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education (Wheelock College) degree programme, attending the Basic Personality Workshop organised by the SIT Alumni Career Network was an eye-opener.

She said, "I used to always do the free online tests on the Internet to find out my personality and it yielded the same results. However, after attending the workshop, I discovered that the answers I gave were influenced by the environment and circumstances I was in at the time and not a true indication of my personality."

During the 3.5-hour activity-based foundational workshop held on Saturday, 5 September 2015 at Hotel Jen (Orchardgateway), Mr Charles Sng, a certified practitioner of the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator® (MBTI) with two decades of experience, guided the alumni participants through various activities which would reveal different aspects of their individual personalities, and also shared insights on how different personality types work.

At the beginning, Mr Sng reminded the participants to keep an open mind during the activities and to answer as they would really prefer, without sticking to the perception of who they want to be or who they are expected to be.

After attending the workshop, Ms Lee is now reading up more on the different personality types and following up with Mr Sng to correctly determine her personality type.

### At the Basic Personality Workshop, alumni participants learn about themselves and more using the MBTI® tool

"I'm trying to let my real personality shine through again, so that I can grow and improve both personally and professionally," she said. "I'm definitely looking forward to more personality workshops in the future."



Alumni participants pick a side that best describe them for one of the activities.

By popular demand, the Basic Personality Workshop will run for a second time on 5 December 2015. The Basic Personality Workshop is the first in a series of self-development personality workshops, which will focus on the operations of one's personality traits in life aspects such as communication, relationship management, stress management and decisionmaking. Attendance at this Workshop is a pre-requisite for Alumni or graduating students who would like to attend subsequent workshops. To sign up or to find out more, email us at Alumni@SingaporeTech.edu.sg or call 6592 2013.

### SIT Alumni Card Benefits

#### **Dancepointe Academy**

- One-time free dance trial (appointment required)
- 10% off at Jurong East, Jurong West, Choa Chu Kang, Yio Chu Kang, Taman Jurong CC, Serangoon Gardens branches
- 50% off at Bukit Timah and Sembawang branches for pairs
- Free Dance Factory Uniform Tee when you sign up for your first full term

### Dojo

- \$10 nett for Dojo's best-selling burgers
- Participating Outlet: Circular Rd
- Valid until 31 Dec 2015

### **Intune Music**

- 10% off on first 3 months' course fees
- Waiver of admin fees of \$20
- Valid until 31 Dec 2015

### LAZADA.SG

- One-time \$10 off with minimum spending of \$30
- Use promo code: SIT010 at checkout to obtain the discount
- Valid until 31 Dec 2015

### Morganfield's

- 10% off total bill
- Participating outlets: The Star Vista, Suntec City
- Valid until 31 Dec 2015

### Nanyang Optical

- 40% off regular priced frames; 30% off conventional contact lenses
- Valid until 31 Dec 2015

### Pies & Coffee

- 10% off total bill; 15% off whole cakes; 50% off on slice cakes/tarts with 2 gourmet pies/brunch purchased
- Valid until 31 Mar 2016

### QQ Rice

- 10% off Oat Rice, Rice Roll, Snack Roll at all outlets
- Optional top-up: \$0.90 for standard drink • Valid until 31 Dec 2015

### Seasonal Salad Bar

- 10% off all regular priced items
- Participating Outlet: One@KentRidge
- Valid until 1 Apr 2017

### Sharetea

- 10% off all regular priced items
- Valid until 31 May 2016

### **ShopBack**

- \$10 Benefit
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- Skinny Pizza10% off total bill at all outlets
- Valid until 31 Dec 2015

### Solemates

- 10% off on regular priced items; 20% off for 2 or more regular priced items; additional 5% off on sale items
- Participating Outlet: One@KentRidgeValid until 31 Dec 2015

### St. Games Café

- Free membership with 30 minutes free extension upon purchase of ala carte hours (min. 1 hour)
- Available from Mondays to Thursdays, excluding Public Holidays
- Valid until 30 Dec 2015

#### Sunlife Durian Puffs & Pastries

- 10% off total bill • Participating outlets: Causeway Point Shopping Mall, 333 Coffee Shop (Blk 136 Bedok North Avenue 3)
- Valid until 31 July 2016

### Tart & Co.

- 10% off all items with min. spending of \$10
- Participating outlet: The Star vista • Valid until 31 Dec 2015

### The Braces Practice

- Discounted rates for various braces options
- Valid until 10 May 2016

### The Ordinary Co.

- 10% off all items with min. spending of \$10
- Key in code "SITStudents" at checkout.
- Valid until 31 Dec 2015

### Tom's Palette

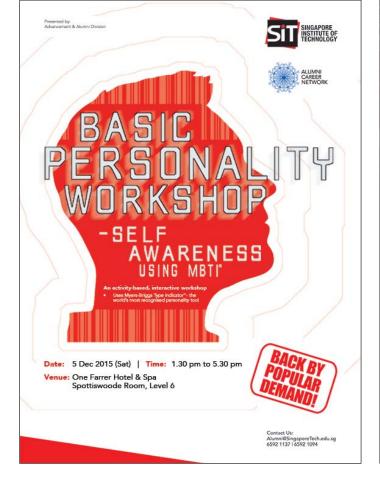
• 10% off selected ice-cream products

### **Xorex Press Pte Ltd**

- \$8 for A2 poster with mounting; \$16 for A1 poster with mounting at all outlets
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