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Dear SIT Alumni,

New Year, New Degree Programmes... and Renewed Support for SiTizens!

It's only two months into 2017 and already we have some good news to report. Aspiring SiTizens can now look forward to the 41 programmes that the Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) is offering for the new Academic Year 2017/18, including a new joint degree programme in Civil Engineering with the University of Glasgow. In a move that is a strategic milestone with our Overseas University partners, SIT will also convert six of the degrees previously offered solely by Newcastle University (NU) to joint degrees. Applications will close 19 March.

There is also happy news for the first batch of graduates from SIT's Accountancy programme. With the programme receiving accreditation from the Singapore Accountancy Commission, these graduates can enrol directly in the Singapore Qualification programme. This allows them to skip foundation papers when pursuing their Chartered Accountant certification.

The new Civil Engineering programme has already attracted interest from industry players like Samwoh Corporation. Samwoh has made a new endowed gift to nurture the incoming Civil Engineering students, and also signed a Collaborative Agreement with SIT on an Industry Lab that will provide industry exposure to these students.

Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT, said that he was heartened and appreciative of the strong support from an organisation like Samwoh Corporation, which is at the forefront of the industry. He added, "Our students will benefit from the resources, talent and opportunities Samwoh Corporation have made available to us and their generous contribution will assist SIT in our ambition to produce highly-skilled and work-ready civil engineering graduates."

Undergraduates at SIT are also getting renewed support from The Silent Foundation and the Lions Community Service Foundation. These foundations, which have been supporting students at SIT for several years through bursaries and emergency grants, made new philanthropic commitments to support financial aid for deserving students who need it most.



Alumnus Varun Kumar tells us about his good causes, which include volunteering with organisations like Animal Allies, the Rotary Club of Bugis Junction Satellite Club and the Hindu Centre (see Page 11).

In the meantime, our students and alumni are stepping out to engage the community – from helping the underprivileged in Singapore and overseas, to addressing food wastage and disaster relief efforts, to taking part in the recent Lunar New Year festivities held by the Singapore Federation of Chinese Clan Associations.

Our alumni SiTizens are also not forgetting how to bond over some fun and games at the Alumni Futsal and Floorball sessions. (There's an exciting array of SIT Alumni Network activities lined up, so turn the pages to find out more!)

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



Finding Their Place at SIT

More than 5,000 people attended the SIT Open House to learn more about the 41 programmes SIT is offering for the Academic Year 2017/18

The vibrance of the Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) was on full display at the Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre, where the University held its Open House over the weekend of 14 & 15 January 2017.

Potential students and their family members had the opportunity to attend talks given by SIT faculty, staff and representatives from SIT's Overseas University partners.

Among those who were at the Open House was Ms Valarie Yeo, who graduated from Republic Polytechnic in 2015 and was interested in the Criminology and Security programme. She said, "I have always been curious about why people would commit crimes and how individuals and the community can control crime better." She added, "I hope to learn more as I aspire to be a police officer in the future."

Ms Trixie How was another potential student interested in finding her place at SIT in the Occupational Therapy programme. Currently interning at KK Hospital under the supervision of Occupational Therapists there, she said, "I've discovered that this is not an easy job, but I think this course will provide me with the capability to pursue this profession while taking into account the complexities and challenges of the healthcare and community services industry."

Visitors were also treated to student performances as they visited the various booths in the main exhibition area, where faculty and staff were on hand to answer their questions.

Applications to SIT for the new academic year opened on 11 January and will close on 19 March.

For further details, please visit SingaporeTech.edu.sg.



Members of the SIT Wushu Club strike a pose – they were one of the many student clubs who put on a show for the visitors.



This robot, from the Systems Engineering (Electromechanical Systems) programme, was a draw for younger and older visitors alike.



Potential students snap photos of themselves with current SITizens to redeem an exclusive gift.



Prof Chiew Sing Ping, Programme Director, SIT, speaks about the new Civil Engineering programme during one of the many talks of the day.



Prof David Jones, Programme Director, SIT, answers queries from those interested in the Hospitality Business Programme at SIT.

SAC Accreditation Allows SIT Accountancy Graduates Direct Enrolment in Singapore QP

SIT's Accountancy degree programme has been accredited by the Singapore Accountancy Commission (SAC). The accreditation will permit SIT accountancy graduates to enrol directly in the Singapore Qualification Programme (Singapore QP), effectively allowing them to skip the foundation papers.

Assoc Prof Koh Sze Kee, Programme Director, Accountancy, SIT, said the accreditation is "very timely" as it paves the direct route for SIT's first batch of accountancy graduates

from August 2016, plus students who had graduated in December last year, to enrol in the Singapore QP at the professional level programme in January 2017.

The Accountancy programme has previously been accredited by CPA Australia, ICAEW, CAANZ and CIMA. It has also been accepted into the CFA Institute University Recognition Programme. This status is granted to institutions whose degree programmes incorporate at least 70% of the Chartered Financial Analyst Programme Candidate Body of Knowledge (CBOK), which provide students with a solid grounding in the CBOK and positions them well to sit for CFA exams.

SIT Offers New Joint Degrees for AY2017/18

Six existing programmes with NU converted to joint degrees plus a new Civil Engineering programme with UofG – all part of SIT's mission to produce 'work-ready' graduates

Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) is offering new joint degrees for the upcoming Academic Year 2017/18. It recently launched the Bachelor of Engineering with Honours in Civil Engineering, a three-year joint degree programme with the University of Glasgow (UofG). Six programmes which were previously offered by Overseas University partner Newcastle University (NU) at SIT, will now be offered as joint degree programmes by SIT and NU.

The six programmes are for the Electrical Power Engineering, Marine Engineering, Naval Architecture, Offshore Engineering, Mechanical Design & Manufacturing Engineering and Chemical Engineering degrees. SIT and NU will both be co-developing and co-teaching the curriculum.

Students enrolled in these joint degree programmes from AY 2017/18 onwards will also undergo the Integrated Work Study Programme (IWSP), a unique feature of SIT's curriculum. Working for an extended period of time at a host company, the IWSP provides an opportunity for students to integrate theory and practice and develop deep specialist skills. Together with the existing joint degrees that SIT is offering with UofG, Trinity College Dublin and DigiPen Institute of Technology, this will increase the total number of joint degrees to 11.

Prof Loh Han Tong, Deputy President (Academic) & Provost, said, "This is a strategic milestone in our collaborations with our OU partners. These joint degrees will allow students and industry to benefit from the expertise of the faculty from both universities."

The new Civil Engineering programme, offered in partnership with UofG, aims to address the lack of local graduate manpower with the necessary professional qualifications in light of sustained building and infrastructure development. The curriculum will equip students with the practical knowledge and skills to plan, design, construct, maintain and operate infrastructures such as roads, rail, bridges, buildings, and underground structures as well as to rehabilitate ageing critical infrastructures in service. Students will also spend three weeks at the UofG campus for the compulsory Overseas Immersion Programme and have the option of pursuing the one-year Master of Engineering Technology in Civil Engineering. This programme has already attracted support from industry players like Samwoh Corporation (see story on Page 5 for more on this).

"Civil Engineering is one of the top ten PMET professions most in demand in Singapore. There is a strong need for local manpower with the necessary civil engineering professional qualifications to strengthen Singapore's building and construction industry," said Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT.

SIT Graduate Employment Survey 2016



Congratulations to all our new SIT graduates!
Participate in the Graduate Employment Survey (GES) in March 2017.

The GES is commissioned by the Ministry of Education and involves graduates from the five Autonomous Universities. In the survey, you will be asked about your job search process and employment.

Your feedback makes a difference because the survey results for each University will be published in the media. This gives the public insights into the employability of SIT graduates.

So, look out for the invite on 1 March 2017 in your SIT Free-for-Life Email and participate in the survey! Attractive lucky draw prizes to be won!

10/7/2016 SIT graduates enjoy good job prospects, comparable to other varsity peers. Survey, Education News & Top Stories - The Straits Times

THE STRAITS TIMES

SIT graduates enjoy good job prospects, comparable to other varsity peers: Survey

SINGAPORE - The job market may have turned choppy for university graduates, but Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) students who graduated end of last year, have managed to keep their heads well above the water.

Results of the second graduate employment survey released by the university on Friday (Oct 7) showed that its graduates continued to enjoy good job prospects, comparable to their peers from other universities here.

Almost 90.5 per cent of its graduates secured jobs within six months of completing their degree courses, with 83 per cent of them securing full-time jobs.

Touching the Lives of SITizens in need

Board members of The Silent Foundation met with recipients of the Silent Minority Compassionate Bursary during a lunch reception at the SIT@Dover campus



Board members from The Silent Foundation with their bursary recipients as well as SIT faculty and staff.

The Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) welcomed some special visitors to its SIT@Dover campus on 16 February 2017. The board members of The Silent Foundation, including its Founder & Executive Chairman, Mr Teng Ngiek Lian, held a meeting on campus before they were hosted to lunch by Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT. Also attending the appreciation lunch were recipients of the Silent Minority Compassionate Bursary, as well as SIT faculty and staff.

For the Foundation's board members, this was their first visit to SIT since they began supporting SIT students with a term gift of \$30,000 in 2015. This first gift from the Foundation allowed SIT to award six Silent Minority Compassionate Bursaries to minority students in need of financial assistance.

More recently, in August 2016, the Foundation decided to render permanent its philanthropic commitment to deserving SITizens. It gave the University an endowed gift of \$200,000 to make possible a new bursary – called the Silent Minority Bursary – for minority Singaporean undergraduates in times of need. Thanks to this gift, at least three bursaries will be awarded annually from AY2019/20, when the fund reaches steady state.

The Silent Foundation was founded in 2010 by Mr Teng who felt that he had benefited tremendously from society all these years. The Foundation is dedicated to assisting the 'silent sufferers' – those who have been overlooked by society and tend to be voiceless.

Ms Nurul Atiqa binte Mohd Tahir, a bursary recipient and final year student from the Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Nursing Practice degree programme (The University of Manchester) was initially nervous to meet Mr Teng and the board members from the Foundation. She was pleasantly surprised to find out how approachable Mr Teng is. She said, "He shared with us about how he did not come from a well-off family and that he had gone through hardship to get to where he is today."

Seated next to Mr Teng at the lunch, she also received an important life lesson from him. "I learnt that one should be humble no matter where you are in life," she added.



Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT (left), gives a small memento to Mr Teng Ngiek Lian, Founder & Executive Chairman, The Silent Foundation.



Bursary recipient, Mr Muhammad Muhaimin bin Othman (right) thanking Mr Teng Ngiek Lian. He was grateful for the help he received, saying that there is "someone out there who wants me to succeed."



(From left) Vice-Chairman Anthony Tay and Chairman Eric Ng of Lions Community Service Foundation, and Ms Joan Toh of SIT's Advancement & Alumni Division.

New Bursary for SIT Students

Made possible by Lions Community Service Foundation, it will support three undergraduates annually

Thanks to the Lions Community Service Foundation (LCSF), there is a new bursary at SIT to help financially disadvantaged Singaporean students from any degree programme. Three Lions Community Service Foundation Bursaries will be awarded annually.

LCSF's support for SIT began in 2014 with the Lions Community Service Foundation Emergency Grants. These provide financial assistance for students to continue their education when faced with loss or reduction of household income because of unforeseen circumstances. Ten students have benefited so far and last December, the Foundation renewed its funding for the Emergency Grants.

"We hope to be able to help as many deserving students as we can, in their journey and aspiration to complete their university studies," said Mr Eric Ng, Chairman, Lions Community Service Foundation.

LCSF was formally registered as a charity in 2003 and is the leading source of philanthropic giving for humanitarian services conducted in Singapore using funds raised by the Lions Clubs. Its current Institute of Public Character (IPC) status enables it to support the relief work and community service projects and activities carried out by the Lions Clubs in Singapore. These include bursaries and study awards to deserving and needy students, financial assistance to destitute individuals or families, non-governmental voluntary organisations in need of funding for specific projects or recurring programmes, and administering of funds raised by Lions Clubs.

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 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.

SITizens Spread Joy in Cambodia and Vietnam

SIT students venture out every year for community service projects in two neighbouring countries

Project Cambodia and Project Vietnam are student-led initiatives at the Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) to alleviate poverty and create sustainable livelihoods for needy communities in these countries. The students draw up the plans and then raise the funds needed through activities, such as staging a concert as well as sales of sport drinks and T-shirts at SIT events. In many instances, they go overseas and personally get things done as in Project Cambodia 2K16 and Project Vietnam 5.0:

Set up in 2015, the Project Cambodia club works with Project Khmer H.O.P.E. (PKH), a St Andrew's Cathedral community service initiative to help Cambodians. In 2015, SIT students raised funds for the construction of a multi-purpose hall at PKH Trang Centre. Then in 2016, the club led by President Suhaila binte Zainal Shah, who is doing the Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Criminology and Security programme (University of Liverpool), raised \$25,000. Sixteen students and two staff members were there from 19 December 2016 to 1 January 2017 for Project Cambodia 2K16 (a name coined by the team members). Here is what they did in the words of Vice-President Gary Ong, who is in SIT's Bachelor of Engineering with Honours in Information and Communications Technology (Information Security) programme.

SIT PROJECT CAMBODIA 2K16



“The children at PKH Trang Centre were very happy to have us around. We played many games and danced with them.”



“One of the projects for 2016 involved renovating the centre's kitchen. We also expanded the kitchen area. This was not easy as we had to lay a foundation of stones and sand before cementing the floor.”



“For its second project, the Project Cambodia 2K16 team erected a fence around a school for safety purposes as it was close to a busy road.”



“It was difficult when it was time to bid farewell. The children had won our hearts. On our part, the experiences we gained were enriching and memorable. Project Cambodia has broadened our horizons and nurtured our own personal development. We look forward to doing more for PKH Trang Centre in the future.”

The Project Vietnam club is five years old and for the past two years it has worked with Hearts for Hue, a non-governmental organisation in Vietnam, to improve the lives of underprivileged children there. From 17 – 28 December last year, 16 students and an SIT staff member were in the Quang Dien district, near Hue, to carry out several projects. Of course, it was not all work and no play. The team took some time off to celebrate Christmas and spread cheer especially to the children of the district. Project Vietnam president Norazirah binte Selamat, from the Bachelor of Hospitality Business with Honours programme (SIT), reveals what the team accomplished on a budget of about \$15,000 and the memories she and her team members brought back.



“This resident was disabled during the Vietnam War and earns US\$2 a day weaving baskets so as to pay for his and his spouse's medical bills. We got together to clean their hut as well as the village and in return, he gladly taught us how to weave a basket. Till now, I still cannot forget how warm and generous they were even when they only had the basics. In the years ahead, the Project Vietnam club hopes to improve the business and entrepreneur skills of Cambodians.”



PROJECT VIETNAM 5.0



“We cleared a strip of land about 25 metres by 5 metres for the children of Quang Phuoc Kindergarten to grow their own vegetables. The harvest would be much healthier being pesticide-free. Additionally, we added fresh coats of paint on the walls of the kindergarten.”



“A generous sponsor from Singapore had provided colour pencils and colouring books and these were much appreciated by the children. We also had this arts and craft session for them. These budding artists had so much fun!”



“With the help of a Vietnamese interpreter, some members conducted English lessons for the village children as well as for about 100 students of a neighbouring secondary school. We would have two sessions of an hour each in the morning and in the afternoon. Seeing the kids trying to pick up English words made our day.”

Savouring Spring

SIT undergraduates invited to the annual Spring Reception get a taste of traditional culture and a chance to interact with Chinese community leaders



SIT students and Mr Patrick Lee (Front row: third from right) exchanged well-wishes at the Spring Reception, which was also attended by dignitaries of close to 10 countries and student representatives from the other universities in Singapore.

For 18 SITizens, the Rooster's crow heralded not just the start of the Lunar New Year, but also a special opportunity to get to know Singapore's Chinese community and find out more about traditional Chinese culture.

The group of undergraduates – comprising two Yangzheng Foundation Bursary recipients and 16 student leaders – was invited to the annual Spring Reception by Mr Patrick Lee, the Secretary-General of the Singapore Federation of Chinese Clan Associations (SFCCA) who is also President of the Yangzheng Foundation.

An annual event to spread festive cheer and promote traditional values and cultural appreciation, this year's reception was held on 30 January 2017. It was jointly organised by the Singapore Chinese Cultural Centre (SCCC), SFCCA, and Business China.

The Guest of Honour was Mr K. Shanmugam, Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Law, who spoke about how a sense of rootedness through culture will help Singapore anchor itself amid global headwinds.

Said Mr Muhammad Imran bin Ismail, a Yangzheng Foundation Bursary recipient from the Bachelor of Engineering with Honours in Mechanical Design Engineering (University of Glasgow) degree programme: "I'm grateful to Mr Lee for giving me, a non-Chinese student, this opportunity to witness a lively celebration of Chinese culture. Singapore is built up by not one, but all races. I believe that it is a must to understand and appreciate all other cultures that Singapore is made of."

For Ms Chung Ka Yan from the Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Interior Design programme (The Glasgow School of Art), the event offered up another precious opportunity. She said, "Attending this gathering gave me a valuable taste of the importance of networking. I met several ministers and spoke to businessmen who shared their experiences in engaging growing industries in China."

This year's Spring Reception attracted more than 800 guests and was the first to be held at the new Shenton Way premises of the SCCC. Mr Chua Tian Poh, the chairman of the Centre and president of the Federation, said the Centre will have its official opening and will also announce the recipients of its inaugural Singapore Chinese Cultural Contribution Award in May.

Raising awareness of – and reducing - food wastage



Fashion creations made from expired foodstuffs were auctioned off to raise funds.

Ten SIT students tackled food wastage issues in the Food Bank's Project X-pired III on 23-24 October 2016 at Tampines 1 Atrium. They even converted expired foodstuffs into art pieces to be auctioned off to raise funds for the Food Bank. Ms Serene Tan from the Food & Human Nutrition programme was one of the students who volunteered for this project through SIT's Enterprise & Innovation Hub's Community Innovation Programme. She found it a "fruitful experience."

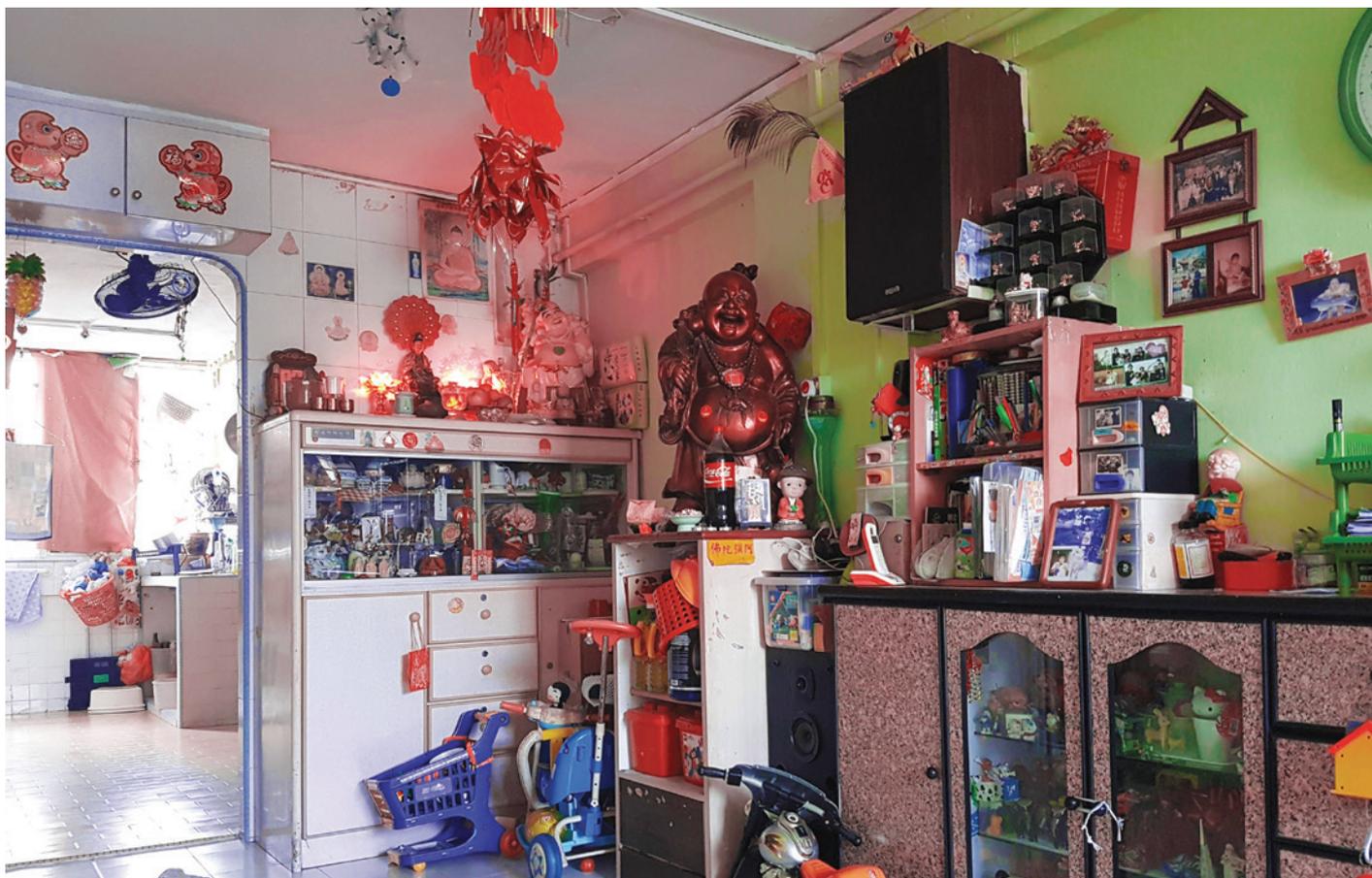


(From right) SIT students, Ms Mui Meng Yin, Ms Meta Wong and Mr Chua Hong Sheng worked with another volunteer to sort and pack donated items in cartons.

shipment. Mr Chua Hong Sheng, who is enrolled in the Marine Engineering programme, even brought food items and clothing for the children. Project Lives is an annual project undertaken by non-profit organisation Radion International.

Warm Offerings for Thai tribes

Three SIT students helped tribal communities in northern Thailand brace for the chilly winter season by giving the Project Lives Relief Programme a hand from 21-23 October. The trio helped to sort and pack donated clothes and other items in cartons for



This photo by student Er Chen Wei aims to capture the essence of the household that he studied, as well as the family's aspirations and hopes for good fortune.

How a Design Becomes a Home

First-year students from the Interior Design programme at SIT-GSA photographed home interiors, bringing attention to domestic arrangements which are otherwise taken for granted

The photos above and bottom left were among the many displayed at **the ways we live** – a photo exhibition held by 47 students from the Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Interior Design degree programme (The Glasgow School of Art).

One issue it examined was the ways in which people customise, modify and “declare” their living spaces, as they take ownership of housing envisioned and planned by interior designers. This investigation of how interior designs are used, as well as other topics, was explored through photographic study of Singapore’s HDB houses, as well as Glasgow, UK’s “tenement” style of housing.

Says SIT scholar and student, Mr Indra Syafiq bin Samad, “A house is a house, but it’s the individual that creates a home. The project helped me to observe small details to see how people transform a designer’s work into a place that they call their own.”

The exhibit was held in December at the Singapore City Gallery. To view more of their work, visit thewayswelive.com.



Frosted windows allow you to know if anyone is outside your house, and prevent the person from getting a clear look inside your room. Photo by student Chua Rong Heng.



Mr Indra Syafiq bin Samad (top left) with fellow Interior Design students at the ways we live exhibition held at the Singapore City Gallery.



There were no prizes for victory but the teams tried their very best to win.

Game to Win

Alumni and students take time out for some competitive fun at the Alumni Futsal and Floorball Sessions

The weather looked doubtful at first but the drizzle tapered off and the Alumni Futsal Session kicked off on schedule at 9am on 19 November 2016. Alumni and current students came together to make four mixed teams. Played on the futsal pitch at SIT@Dover, there were shouts of joy when goals were scored.

Over at the Sports Hall at the same time, there were also four teams of alumni and undergraduates taking part in the second Alumni Floorball Session of the year. Enthusiasm was high as each team pooled their skills to guide the ball with their floorball sticks into their opponents' nets.

When the sessions came to a close at 12pm, many of the 45 participants agreed that it was loads of fun. Ms Ng Hui Xian had found out about the

floorball session from varsity friends. The graduate of the Bachelor of Engineering with Honours in Chemical Engineering programme (Newcastle University) said, "The event was a great opportunity to bond with alumni with similar interests."

Tired but happy, Mr Hussairi bin Hussin, a graduate from the Bachelor of Engineering with Honours in Mechanical Design and Manufacturing Engineering programme (Newcastle University), said he enjoyed the futsal as well as the networking and mingling that went with it. He added, "I like to join in alumni activities because I get to know more people and at the same time stay connected with SIT."

Look out for the next Futsal Session in March 2017 and Floorball Session in May 2017!



A participant displaying ball control in one of the floorball games.

Our Very Own National Players

Alumnus R. Suria and current student Yeung Chun Yin both represented Singapore in the 2016 Men's World Floorball Championships held in Latvia, from 3-11 December. It was the first world championships for half of the team so it was not surprising Singapore was outplayed by many of the more experienced teams.

Mr Suria was in the thick of the action at the recent Alumni Floorball Session. He said, "SIT floorball had helped improve my playing skills. So I wanted to give back to the school by sharing my knowledge of floorball."

Mr Yeung missed the session as he had a semi-final game for the Singapore Floorball League Division 1 championship that day. He is a first-year student of the Bachelor of Engineering with Honours in Mechanical Design and Manufacturing Engineering (Newcastle University) programme. Coincidentally, Mr Suria graduated from the very same programme last year.



From left: Alumnus R. Suria and student Yeung Chun Yin at the airport heading to Latvia for the Men's World Floorball Championships.



Alumnus R. Suria in action at the 2016 World Floorball Championships in Latvia.

All for a Good Cause

Even after graduation, these passionate alumni are staying grounded in the community, actively dedicating time and effort in caring for the underserved

Volunteering twice a week at various organisations including the Rotary Club of Bugis Junction Satellite Club and Animal Allies is Mr Varun Kumar, 30, a graduate from the Bachelor of Engineering with Honours in Aeronautical Engineering degree programme (University of Glasgow).

He is the Chairman of the Satellite Club, where youths like himself organise service projects which include home refurbishments for the underprivileged. In addition, he has undergone training to be a counsellor for Mitra – a religious counselling programme run by the Hindu Centre for prison inmates to help turn their lives around. He says that he continues serving the community because it's fun and gives him a "sense of happiness and satisfaction".

Mr Kumar is not alone in helping out those who face stigma within society. Ms Eileen Chew, another SITizen, is currently undergoing an orientation to volunteer at the Institute of Mental Health. An employee of SBS Transit, the alumnus from the Bachelor of Engineering with

Honours in Mechatronics (University of Glasgow) says she is interested in working with these patients "because there is a lack of awareness on how deadly illness health can be".

"Sometimes these patients are dismissed because they are thought to be possessed or wanting attention, when it really is difficult for them to have a constant battle waging in the mind," she says.

Having witnessed how her efforts can benefit the lives of the elderly, Ms Lim Si Yin, who graduated in 2016 from the Mechanical Design Engineering programme (University of Glasgow), is now keen to pursue a career in social services. Ms Lim, Ms Chew and another schoolmate were founding members of Project Shine in 2015, where they enlisted volunteers among the student body at SIT to help the elderly in lower income neighbourhoods clean their homes.

The 26-year-old Ms Lim has recently helped at an activity day for seniors at



(Front row, from left) Ms Lim Si Yin and Ms Eileen Chew during their Overseas Immersion Programme in Glasgow in 2015 before they graduated.

the Fei Yue Senior Activity Centre in Bukit Batok. She says, "We shouldn't forget the elderly and they must still be respected."

As someone who is just starting out in his career as an engineer in the aerospace industry, Mr Kumar admits that it can be a challenge to juggle a job, personal commitments and the desire to give back especially when he has to attend meetings to plan his service projects after work. He suggests putting aside a day for family and loved ones, and to invite friends along when volunteering. "Ensuring that you get adequate sleep everyday helps too!" he quipped.

SIT Alumni Card Benefits

A Better Florist

- 20% off total bill at <http://www.abetterflorist.com>
- Key in the code 'ABFSIT20' at checkout
- Valid until 16 Aug 2018

AFFINITEA

- 10% off all AFFINITEA beverages
- Valid until 22 Aug 2017

AngelFlorist Services

- 10% discount with a minimum purchase of \$80
- Key in the code 'SIT2016' at <http://www.angelflorist.com>
- Valid until 31 July 2017

Battlestrike

- 10% off total bill
- Book sessions at <http://www.battlestrike.com.sg>
- Valid until 30 April 2017

Bi Bing Korean Dessert Café

- 10% off total bill
- Valid until 1 June 2017

Clubvivre

- \$50 off on all online bookings
- Key in the code 'CVSIT2016' at <http://www.clubvivre.com>
- Valid until 15 July 2017

Dancepointe Academy

- Free first trial and 10% off first term
- Valid until 1 Mar 2017

Floral Garage Singapore

- 10% off total bill at www.floralgaragesg.com
- Key in the code 'SIT010' at checkout

Gifts Less Ordinary

- 5% off any purchase at <http://giftslessordinary.com>
- Valid until 1 June 2017
- Key in the code 'SITU' at checkout

Glacier Frozen Yogurt Café

- 10% off on all food products
- Valid until 1 June 2017

HipVan

- 10% off bill at www.hipvan.com
- Use code '10SIT' at checkout
- Valid until 1 June 2017

Intune Music

- 10% off on course fees for first 3 months; Waiver of administrative fees
- Valid until 1 March 2017

Kitchen Capers

- 10% off bakeware tools/packaging needs/books/DVDs
- 5% off food/ingredients

Nanyang Optical

- 40% off all regular-priced frames
- 10% off all contact lenses with minimum purchase of 2 boxes
- 30% off conventional contact lenses
- Valid until 1 March 2017

Pies & Coffee

- 10% off total bill
- 50% off slice cakes/tarts with 2 gourmet pies/brunch purchased
- 15% off whole cakes
- Valid until 31 May 2017

Planet Popcorn

- 10% off purchases using code 'SIT2014' during checkout at www.sgplanetpop.com
- 15% off and free delivery for orders above \$150. Use code 'Corporate'
- Valid until 1 March 2017

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 15 June 2017

ShopBack

- \$10 Benefit
- Up to 18.0% Cashback when shopping with selected partners
- Visit <https://www.shopback.sg/> for more details

Solemates

- 10% off sales items with every \$200 spent in a single receipt
- Valid until 1 March 2017

Spectacle Hut

- 20% off on frames & sunglasses; 15% off on lenses
- 3% off on contact lenses
- Participating Outlet: Jurong Point
- Valid until 30 April 2017

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 2017

The Braces Practice

- Discounted rates for various braces options
- Valid until 14 June 2017

Totally Hot Stuff

- 10% off total bill
- Valid until 30 April 2018

Xorex Press Pte Ltd

- \$8 for A2 poster with mounting
- \$16 for A1 poster with mounting
- Valid until 1 March 2018

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