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Dear SIT Alumni,

Sweet Celebrations to Cap 2017... and New Ideas for the Future

As is tradition at SIT – the Class of 2017 celebrated their graduation at the year's New Alumni Welcome Party, where they brought the house down with a party train.

SiTizens certainly have a reason to cheer. They have been bagging various awards – from first prize at the Sembcorp-EMA Energy Challenge for our Sustainable Infrastructure Engineering (Land) students, to a Young Hawker Award for Plum & Rice, a stall run by SIT-CIA alumni. In the virtual world, SIT-GSA alumnus Mr Lim Kim Hui has managed to raise \$1.5m for his app, BeLive, and Mr Lim Xing Yi from the Information and Communications Technology programme clinched the top prize in the OneMap IdeaWorks! challenge for his app, WhereMyJob – which will help people locate jobs close to their homes.

Not only that, the results of the Graduate Employment Survey 2016 have now been released, and similar to last year, findings indicate that around nine in 10 SIT graduates found jobs within six months of completing their final examinations. SIT graduates also enjoyed higher starting salaries than those who were surveyed in 2015, from \$3,055 in 2015 to \$3,200 in 2016.

In this issue, we have also introduced a new series titled **Imagine!** – to keep you updated with the latest innovations developed by SIT students and faculty. For this first report, we look at a motion-sensing eye to deter vandals and a new way to board trains.

Undergraduates at SIT are indeed getting more nurturing support and encouragement for their education from generous donors, whose philanthropic commitments are making possible more bursaries and study grants, as well as scholarships and excellence awards. Many of these donated awards were presented at SIT's Recognition of Excellence in October, the third such event at SIT so far.

Turn the pages to read about these stories and more in this issue!

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



The Class of 2017 living it up at the New Alumni Welcome Party.



Starting a New Chapter

More than 1,000 SITizens were conferred their degrees at the various graduation ceremonies between September and November of this year

The Culinary Institute of America Graduation 13 September 2017



37 graduands received their Bachelor of Business Administration in Food Business Management degree from The Culinary Institute of America at Temasek Polytechnic's Auditorium 3.

Ms Lisa Tang Fu Le received both The Julius Wile Academic Achievement Award and The Frances Roth Leadership Award. She said, "My advice to my peers and juniors is to continue to have passion and the desire to serve. The root and fundamental of the industry is to bring joy to people."

Also receiving The Frances Roth Leadership Award was Ms Ashiqa Hasan. The Culinary Award was presented to Mr Guah Lih for Culinary Art and Ms Ethel Koh for Baking & Pastry Art. Mr Himmat Shergill received a Certificate of Appreciation for designing the menu and serving as the main Chef for the pre-graduation dinner held in honour of the Guest of Honour.

University of Liverpool Graduation Celebration 1 October 2017



The University of Liverpool Graduation Celebration at the SIT@Dover Auditorium saw 73 students graduate with a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Criminology & Security degree.

The Award for Highest Achiever and Valedictorian went to Ms Ong Yu Qi. Said Ms Ong, "I feel incredibly surprised and humbled to receive this honour. I am grateful for our lecturers

who facilitated our learning and stretched our intellectual capacities. I believe that a budding criminological collective in Singapore will cultivate a more socially conscious community that is able to think critically and empathise."

The Award for Exemplary Work-Based Learning Project was presented to Ms Lim Jia Jia. Mr Koh Soon Long, Mr Lee Cheng Wai, and Mr Ong Jun Jie Alvin all received the Award for Exemplary Dissertation Project.

DigiPen Institute of Technology Graduation Ceremony 7 October 2017



Anticipation was thick in the air as the 98 graduands from the DigiPen Institute of Technology preened themselves to receive their degrees at the graduation ceremony at the Star Gallery at Star Vista.

Taking centre stage were the three valedictorians – Mr Calven Koh from the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science in Real-Time Interactive Simulation programme; Mr Seoh Jing Xuan from the Bachelor of Arts in Game Design programme, and Mr Aaron Quek Jun from the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Digital Art and Animation programme. An avid gamer himself, Mr Koh, who is now working as a programmer, said: "Receiving recognition for my hard work for the 3 ½ years at DigiPen was a glorious experience and I am inspired to achieve my ambition of creating a high quality video game that will keep the world entertained."

University of Glasgow Graduation Ceremony 13 October 2017

The 316 students of the University of Glasgow were all in high spirits at their graduation ceremony at The Star Theatre.

For the Academic Year 2016/17, the Secura Group Ltd Top Computing Science Student Award went to Mr Han Yi Chou while the Secura Group Limited Top Project Prize for Computing Science was awarded to Mr Chia Ming Hong. The Professor Wu Dao Quan Outstanding Engineering Student Award was won by Ms June Tan and the Project Prize for Engineering went to Mr Cheong Kah Yuen; both of whom graduated from the Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in Aerospace Systems programme.



Mr Jeremy Tan Jin Kiat, a Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in Aeronautical Engineering graduate who earned the Boeing Top Student Award, said: "The bagpipes and other Scottish traditions at the event made me feel as if I was in Glasgow. It was very unique."

Trinity College Dublin Graduation 19 October 2017



At the SIT-TCD Graduation Ceremony, SIT celebrated the graduation of 139 Trinity College Dublin (TCD) students. These graduands received their degree scrolls for the Bachelor in Science in Diagnostic Radiography, Bachelor in Science in Occupational Therapy and Bachelor in Science in Physiotherapy programmes.

Ms Ong Zhen, who received her degree in Diagnostic Radiography, took to the stage to present her valedictorian speech. She left her fellow graduands with a lasting reminder, "This is not the end but a stepping stone to embark on your careers."

Singapore Institute of Technology Graduation 20 October 2017

The Singapore Institute of Technology Graduation Ceremony on 20 October saw a total of 71 graduands receiving their



degree scrolls for the Bachelor of Accountancy with Honours and Bachelor of Hospitality Business with Honours programmes. Mr Kelvin Tay Kai Wen represented his peers as the Valedictorian for Accountancy.

The graduation ceremony, which took place at SIT@Dover, commemorated a significant moment for the cohort of 19 Hospitality Business students as the very first batch to graduate from the programme.

Graduate Ms Samantha Tan said she had initially gotten an offer from the University of Queensland, but ultimately chose to put her faith in SIT's Hospitality Business programme instead. She said, "School life has been fulfilling especially being the pioneer batch with my special 18 classmates. I truly enjoyed my university life. Now that I've graduated, the feeling of transitioning from being a student to an adult is surreal."

Newcastle University Congregation Ceremony 1 November 2017



With 353 graduands, the Congregation Ceremony for Newcastle University was split into 2 sessions, held at SIT@Dover. Mr Lim Yue Ning from the Bachelor of Engineering with Honours in Chemical Engineering programme and Ms Nusrath Jumana Yusooof from the Bachelor of Science with Honours in Food and Human Nutrition programme were the valedictorians for the respective ceremonies.

In her speech, Ms Nusrath reflected fondly on her OIP experience in Newcastle, "The culture, work environment and society that we were surrounded by back in UK was very different from Singapore," she said. "As an individual, I realised that these 4 weeks in Newcastle, had moulded me and made me independent, responsible not only for myself but my friends. It pushed me to step out of my comfort zone, learning to adjust with new people and environment. These qualities and values are critical in today's world."

Projects That Keep an Eye Out for You

Check out some recent project prototypes by SIT engineering students that serve community needs and capture the imagination

A Convenient & Contactless Way to Board Trains



Third year students Mr Chiam Cheng Yang, Ms Eliza Tay, Ms Goh Xin Ying, Mr Lee Zi Yu, and Mr Tan Chee Chong, all of whom are from the Sustainable Infrastructure Engineering (Building Services) programme, have designed a prototype for a Convenient & Contactless EZ Xcess System for train stations. The proposed system would use radio frequency identification (RFID) to detect a passenger's card and initiate payment through a sensor embedded in the floor as he or she walks through a gantry right before boarding a train. Without having to tap their cards on a scanner, passengers would have a more seamless and efficient travelling experience. Train operators can also use this for crowd control.

This is the first in a series of innovations by SITizens. Watch out for more in upcoming issues!

Motion Sensing Watching Eye to Deter Vandals



Mr Qiu Yonglin (first from left) who recently graduated from the Mechatronics degree programme worked with the Waterways Watch Society to design a Motion Sensing Watching Eye. The Eye provides security through friendly deterrence to public areas affected by vandalism as it plays on human psychology to change behaviour. It detects movement and rotates up and down and left to right to focus on subjects of interest. The Society is currently working to find the right suppliers and vendors to develop the prototype into a real product.

Clinching First Place at Sembcorp-EMA Energy Challenge

Undergraduates from the Sustainable Infrastructure Engineering (Land) programme make an impression with their ability to manage a simulated power plant

Edging out 33 teams from other local autonomous universities, polytechnics and ITEs, four third-year students from SIT's Sustainable Infrastructure Engineering (Land) degree programme clinched first place in the annual Sembcorp-EMA Energy Challenge (SEEC), in the Higher Education Institute category.

The competition was held in conjunction with the Urban Sustainability R&D Congress 2017, a national platform for government agencies, the research community and industries to discuss R&D solutions to address Singapore's urban sustainability challenges. It provided an excellent opportunity to expose students to modern challenges and opportunities in the power sector and related fields of urban sustainability.

Students were given a real-life computer simulation termed 'Power Quest' that challenged them to manage a power



(From left) Assoc Prof Zheng Jianxin, Programme Director, SIT; SIT students Wong Qi Xian, Denise Tong, Ong Shi Ming, Jennifer Wee; and Assoc Prof Lee Kwee Hiong, Cluster Director, SIT.

ecosystem. Teams were judged based on the reliability, environmental sustainability and profitability of the plant.

Team member Denise Tong felt that the event was an educational and enjoyable journey. "Through this challenge, we discovered how to manage resources optimally and to ensure that the plant is operating efficiently, economically and in a more eco-friendly way," she said.

For their efforts, the team will also be rewarded with internship opportunities in Sembcorp.

Zero-emission Experimental Multi-energy Micro-grid at SIT's Campus in Punggol

The grid will enable SIT to tap green energy sources, increase efficiency and savings in addition to providing students with a living experimental laboratory to learn from



The MoU signing was held at the opening of the Singapore International Energy Week.

Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) and SP Group signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 23 October 2017 to collaborate in the building of a multi-energy urban micro-grid at the university's upcoming Punggol campus with a target to reach zero-emission.

With its expected completion around 2023, the new SIT@Punggol campus will be the first university in Southeast Asia to have a multi-energy micro-grid network. Specially designed for Singapore's tropical climate, the micro-grid will integrate gas, electricity and thermal energy into a unified smart energy network. It will also seamlessly incorporate renewable sources of energy such as solar energy with energy storage technologies.

Once achieved, the system could help SIT save energy and eliminate carbon emissions, equivalent to removing close to 2,000 vehicles from the roads. As a distributed energy system, the micro-grid can also operate independently from the national grid in times of emergency.

Students from SIT's Electrical Power Engineering and other engineering and information security programmes will have the opportunity to participate in the design and implementation of the campus micro-grid, giving them practical hands-on experience while building a pipeline of local power and other engineering talents. SIT is also exploring a postgraduate programme in Electrical Power Engineering in the near future aimed at professionals working in the power and energy sector.

Mr Wong Kim Yin, Group Chief Executive Officer of SP Group said that they are pleased to partner SIT to develop innovative solutions that enable the university to save energy and cost and that the SP Group is "committed to work with SIT to create a zero-emission campus at Punggol."

Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT, shared, "Other than supplying power to our future SIT@Punggol campus, the micro-grid will also serve as a living experimental lab to support the research, development and test-bedding of distributed energy systems and cyber-security solutions, which will benefit the whole of Singapore."

Young NTUC Programme Helps Prepare SIT Students for Future Careers

SIT's pilot rollout of the Youth Career Network programmes will give engineering students a chance to tap on real-time industry insights

To give undergraduates a head start in their careers, the Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 22 August 2017 with Young NTUC (YNTUC) to bring the labour organisation's Youth Career Network (YCN) programmes to the university.

The YCN programmes, which include mentoring, career coaching and skills workshops, will provide undergraduates with real-time industry information and guidance they need to prepare themselves for careers in today's fast-evolving economy.

SIT's pilot rollout of the YCN programmes will be customised for its engineering degree programmes. Other degree programmes will be included in due course. SIT undergraduates will be paired with career guides from relevant sectors to provide them with a deeper understanding of working life and the opportunities available to them when they graduate. Students will also go through career discovery workshops and learning journeys. Such mentoring and networking opportunities are crucial in maintaining a healthy pipeline of young graduates into the industry especially with the manpower crunch in the engineering sector.

Assoc Prof Ivan Lee, Vice President (Industry & Community), SIT, said, "Today's MoU with Young NTUC is very much in line with our career mentoring initiative. We look forward to expanding our network of mentors from the industry to help our students navigate the workplace and succeed in their careers."

Young NTUC, which also signed the MoU with the Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS), aims to recruit and train over 60 career guides and help 500 mentees in both SIT and SUSS within a year.



Representatives from SIT, Young NTUC and SUSS at the MoU signing ceremony in August 2017.

Inspiring SITizens the 'Kongsi' Way

Generous annual philanthropic gifts from The Ngee Ann Kongsi will allow SIT to award 40 Scholarships and one Gold Medal each academic year



Guests from The Ngee Ann Kongsi were especially intrigued by the Anatomage Table, an advanced anatomy visualization system for anatomy education. The Ngee Ann Kongsi Scholarship recipient, Mr Lou Hong Yeow (with hand on table) was one of the students who helped to demonstrate how this tool enhanced their learning.

On the afternoon of 8 November 2017, 40 SIT undergraduates gathered at the Auditorium Foyer at SIT@Dover campus to welcome some special guests for an appreciation lunch hosted by Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT. These were representatives from the 44th Committee of Management of The Ngee Ann Kongsi including its President, Mr Richard Lee. The 40 SIT students were those who had been selected to be the first of The Ngee Ann Kongsi scholars.

Also attending the lunch that day were Prof Loh Han Tong, Deputy President (Academic) & Provost, SIT, faculty and staff of SIT, as well as staff from The Ngee Ann Kongsi.

The Ngee Ann Kongsi's generous philanthropic commitment to SIT amounting to more than \$800,000 annually makes possible The Ngee Ann Kongsi Scholarship as well as The Ngee Ann Kongsi Gold Medal (For The Most Outstanding Graduating Student). As many as 40 Scholarships will be awarded annually to academically promising students from this Academic Year 2017/18 onwards, whereas one Gold Medal will be awarded annually to the most outstanding graduating student from each cohort.

At the lunch, the Ngee Ann Kongsi scholars had a chance to get to know more about The Ngee Ann Kongsi and its members. One of the scholarship recipients, Mr Lou Hong

Yeow who is a first-year Physiotherapy student, was very inspired by the conversation he had during lunch with one of the members of the 44th Committee of Management of The Ngee Ann Kongsi. He said, "Mr Chua Huan Theng shared a lot about his experiences as a young man in Japan to further his studies and gave his advice to find something that you love to do."

Certificates were also presented to the 40 scholarship recipients by representatives from The Ngee Ann Kongsi's Education/Scholarships & Bursaries Sub-Committee.

Ms Ng Xin Rong, a first-year Occupational Therapy student who spoke at the lunch, said, "Being one of The Ngee Ann Kongsi Scholars has motivated me to work even harder towards my goals and aspirations as it makes me push myself beyond my own expectations to find out what my limits are." She added, "It also gives me a chance to explore and try out new things to develop myself fully."

Formed in 1845, The Ngee Ann Kongsi is a non-profit body which funds educational and other charitable projects with revenue generated from its ventures such as the landmark Ngee Ann City shopping and office complex on Orchard Road.



Mr Tan Ter Lun, Vice-Chairman, Education/Scholarships & Bursaries Sub-Committee (left) speaking to Prof Loh Han Tong, Deputy President (Academic) & Provost, SIT.



Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT (left), with Mr Jamie Teo, Vice-President, 44th Committee of Management, The Ngee Ann Kongsi.



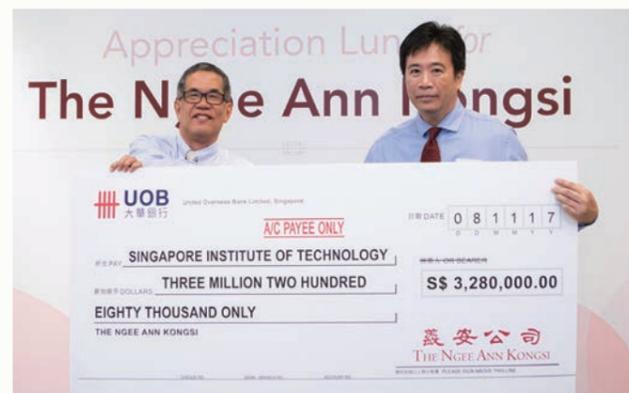
The Ngee Ann Kongsi Scholars introducing themselves to Mr Richard Lee, President, 44th Committee of Management, The Ngee Ann Kongsi (right) before the lunch.



Mr Goh Kim Hock, Chairman, Education/Scholarships & Bursaries Sub-Committee, The Ngee Ann Kongsi, reminding the students to study hard as they say goodbye.



One of The Ngee Ann Kongsi scholars, Ms Tan Yan Ni, showing off her award-winning wushu skills to the audience.



Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT (left), receiving the cheque from Mr Richard Lee, President, 44th Committee of Management, The Ngee Ann Kongsi.



Mr Chua Huan Theng (right) of The Ngee Ann Kongsi speaking with Mr Lou Hong Yeow during lunch.



Mr Tan Shui Yuan (right) receiving his scholarship certificate from Mr Yeo Boon Hon, Vice-Chairman, Education/Scholarships & Bursaries Sub-Committee, The Ngee Ann Kongsi.



Some of the scholars with members of the 44th Committee of Management of The Ngee Ann Kongsi and SIT Senior Management.



Prof Tan Thiam Soon (middle) bidding farewell to (from left) Mr Jamie Teo, Mr Suintianto, Mr Tan Kien Lip, Mr Tan Ter Lun, Mr Chua Huan Theng and Mr Lie Kee Pong after the tour of SIT@Dover campus.



Mr Lie Kee Pong, Member of the 44th Committee of Management of The Ngee Ann Kongsi (middle) speaking to scholarship recipient Ms Cheryl Lim (right) and Assoc Prof Jeanette Ng, Cluster Director, SIT.



Scholarship recipients strike a pose with members of SIT's Board of Trustees and Senior Management.



ST Engineering Gold Medal recipient, Mr Jed Lee Jian Xiong (middle), celebrating with his parents after the ceremony.



Scholarship recipients Ms Hazel Lim Jia Qi (left) and Mr Mohammad Norfairus Bin Abdul Rahim getting to know Ms Jagjit Kaur, Director of Learning & Development, Millennium Hotels and Resorts (right).



(From left) Mr Liew Kai Kiat, recipient of the RSM Singapore Financial Scholarship with Mr Teo Cheow Tong, Senior Partner, Audit Services, RSM Chio Lim LLP and Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT.

Celebrating Student Excellence; Honouring Nurturing Donors

More than 300 guests including donors as well as award and scholarship recipients attended the third Recognition of Excellence presentation at SIT, which also featured performances from SIT's student groups and an Innovation Showcase

Striving for excellence involves doing your very best at every opportunity and it is this commitment that tends to distinguish the achievers at the Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT). On 26 October 2017, the University celebrated the achievements of these outstanding students as well as the generous philanthropic support from donors, at the Recognition of Excellence presentation at the Sports Hall at the SIT@Dover campus. Now in its third year, the ceremony is a platform where SIT presents donor-supported excellence awards and scholarships to its respective recipients.

Awards, 7 Gold Medals and 40 non-bonded scholarships, all made possible by donors, were handed out by Mr Ng Yat Chung, Chairman, Board of Trustees, SIT. Also attending the presentation ceremony were members of SIT's Board of Trustees, Senior Management, faculty and staff, as well as representatives from the Overseas University partners along with the recipients' loved ones.

In his closing speech, Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT, said, "Thanks to our community of donors who are unafraid to support a young university like ours, and to support young people who dream of attaining a good university education, SIT has been able to nurture more and more students through scholarships, bursaries and study grants that help level the playing field for students who face challenging circumstances."

Addressing the students and graduates, he said, "To our SITizens who are present today – you will always be SIT's best ambassadors. I wish you every success, as you go boldly into the industry or community to transform the future."

In his welcoming remarks, Prof Loh Han Tong, Deputy President (Academic) & Provost, SIT, thanked all the donors and said, "Your philanthropic leadership and your generous commitment to supporting a good education for the younger generation is the best example for our students on what it means to be 'catalysts of transformation' who are 'grounded in the community'."

In the ensuing presentation ceremony, 33 Book Prizes, 9 Outstanding Student Awards and Yearly Performance

First-year Diagnostic Radiography student, Ms Anjelina Teh, who received the KKH Scholarship said that to her, the scholarship represents much more than just a financial boost. She said, "It has given me the courage to stand up for something I believe in and because of Mr Kuok's generous gift, I am one step closer to my dreams of helping the community."

Mr Lionel Ng Kuan Yuan, who graduated this year, received the CEI Outstanding Student Award in Mechanical Design and Manufacturing Engineering.

He said, "I have never won such an award in my studying career before. It proves hard work and effort are rewarded. It was also definitely an honour to meet the donor in person. My simple gesture of appreciation was the least I could do after he has made this award possible."



Scholarship and award recipients (from left) Ms Anjelina Teh and Mr Chester Liew represented the students to say a heartfelt "thank you" to SIT's donors.



(From left) Singapore Food Manufacturers' Association Book Prize recipient Mr Daniel Ker Sheng Rong, with Mr Wong Mong Hong, Immediate Past President, and Mr Peter Loo, Executive Director, both from the Singapore Food Manufacturers' Association.



Soundbox, SIT's student performance group, opened the ceremony held in the Sports Hall with a bang.



The SIT Innovation Showcase displayed the projects done by SIT students. Here, Mr Chern Chyi Yang (left) shares more about "Past Twelve", a game he and his team mates worked on.



Scholarship recipient Ms Koko Sia, with Mr John Phua, Managing Director, Safety Systems Engineering Pte Ltd. She said that receiving the Safety Systems Engineering Scholarship is a "golden opportunity."



The Recognition of Excellence presentation was a chance for scholarship and award recipients to meet with the donors who made the awards and scholarships possible.



At the SIT Innovation Showcase, (from right) SIT student Mr Benjamin Chua had the opportunity to talk about his project to Mr Kon Yin Tong, Managing Partner of Foo Kon Tan LLP and Mr Nagaraj Sivaram, Member, Board of Trustees, SIT.



(From left) Mr David Lee, Director, Marketing & Business Development, Yeakin Plastic Industry Pte Ltd, chatting with three of the recipients of the Yeakin Book Prize for the Top Student in Product Design Engineering, Mr Chew Kia Leng, Mr Norsatria Asyraf Bin Norman, and Ms Tan Sok Kee.



Jing King Tech Book Prize recipient Ms Tan Ting (second from left) with guests from Jing King Tech Holdings Pte Ltd: (from left) Mr Anthony Ong, Group Chief Executive Officer, Mr Foo Tee Meng, General Manager, Digital Payments and Identity, and Ms Jenny Kiah, Group (SG) HR & Admin Manager.

Empowering SITizens in Need

Tiong Seng, one of Singapore's largest construction companies, makes possible a bursary for undergraduates at SIT

Tiong Seng Holdings, one of Singapore's largest construction and property development groups, has made an endowed gift to establish the Tiong Seng Bursary and support students at SIT, especially those in the field of engineering. From Academic Year 2018/19 onwards, five bursaries will be awarded to SIT students annually, and in perpetuity.

Mr Ong Lay Khiam, Chairman, and Mr Pek Lian Guan, Executive Director and CEO, both from Tiong Seng Holdings, and other guests from the company visited SIT@Dover campus on 4 October 2017 for an appreciation lunch hosted by Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT, along with SIT faculty, staff and students.

Said Mr Pek during the lunch: "We at Tiong Seng are very glad to be part of this SIT journey in contributing to the university's students. As a polytechnic graduate who went on to pursue studies in university, I look at SIT and see an educational route I have walked through before. Knowing



Guests from Tiong Seng Holdings with SIT Senior Management, faculty and staff at the future SIT@Punggol campus model.

the SIT vision, we are very excited for SIT graduates who will not just be academically strong, but also very hands-on and capable in their fields of study."

Established in 1959, Tiong Seng has played a significant role in shaping Singapore's landscape through the construction of commercial buildings, high-profile residences, expressways and iconic hotels such as PARKROYAL on Pickering and Capella Singapore.

Widening Support For All

The Singapore Leong Khay Huay Kuan extends financial aid to more SIT students



Mr Ko Oon Joo, Chairman (fourth from left), and Ms Chen Teck Shing, Secretary General (fourth from right), both of the Singapore Leong Khay Huay Kuan Education Trust Fund, at the Singapore Leong Khay Huay Kuan Mid-Autumn Celebration & Bursary Agreement Ceremony on 8 October 2017. With them were Prof Ng Siu Choon, Associate Provost (Students), SIT (fifth from left), and the Academic Year 2017/18 recipients of the Singapore Leong Khay Huay Kuan Bursary.

The Singapore Leong Khay Huay Kuan (SLKHK) has increased its support for SIT undergraduates by making more bursaries available and widening the eligibility criteria for the bursary.

Previously, SIT was able to award eight Singapore Leong Khay Huay Kuan Bursaries annually to support students of Hokkien descent.

From the upcoming Academic Year 2018/19 onwards, SIT will be able to award 12 Singapore Leong Khay Huay Kuan Bursaries annually. In addition, the bursary will now be open to students of other ethnic and dialect groups.

Said Mr Chuah Yip Cheng, second-year Bachelor of Hospitality Business with Honours student and recipient of the Bursary in Academic Years 2016/17 and 2017/18: "I'm truly grateful for the Huay Kuan's bursary fund which has helped me greatly in financing my education. With their support, I've been able to focus and excel in my studies without being weighed down by financial burdens."

The Singapore Leong Khay Huay Kuan is a Hokkien clan group whose 220 members trace their roots to a city in China's Fujian province.



Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT (right), receiving the cheque from Mr Kenneth Loo, President, Singapore Contractors Association Limited (left), witnessed by Guest of Honour, Mr Lawrence Wong, Minister for National Development, Second Minister for Finance, at the Singapore Contractors Association Limited 80th Anniversary Gala Dinner on 28 September 2017.

SIT Undergraduates Get Support from Construction Industry

Undergraduates from SIT's building and construction-related programmes are getting even more support thanks to an endowed gift from SCAL Resources Pte Ltd and members of The Singapore Contractors Association Ltd. The gift will enable SIT to award three Singapore Contractors Association Study Grants annually, and in perpetuity.

The Study Grant, which aims to nurture talent for the building and construction industry in Singapore, is valued at \$5,000 each. It is applicable to undergraduates pursuing the Sustainable Infrastructure Engineering (Building Services), Civil Engineering and Electrical Power Engineering programmes who show an interest in pursuing a career in the building and construction industry.

The Singapore Contractors Association Limited (SCAL) was formed in 1937, and is the official representative body of the construction industry in Singapore with over 2,800 members.

SITizens Bag Young Hawker Award

Plum & Rice, run by three SIT-CIA alumni, won the Young Hawker Award in November

Plum & Rice, a hawker stall run by three SIT alumni at Bedok North Street 1, recently won the Young Hawker Award as part of the City Hawker Food Hunt, a yearly contest organised by City Gas and Shin Min Daily News. The stall dishes out rice and porridge cooked with umeboshi (a Japanese plum) served with fish or braised meats and side dishes.

The alumni, Mr Raphael Sim, Mr Gladwin Yap and Mr Eric Lee, are all 26, and graduated from the Bachelor of Professional Studies in Culinary Arts Management (The Culinary Institute of America) degree programme at SIT. Mr Sim and Mr Yap graduated in 2015 whereas Mr Lee graduated in 2016.

Their desire to be part of the hawker scene in Singapore took root even when they were still studying. They had noticed that hawkers were dying out and not a lot of the younger generation were willing to be hawkers. "We wanted to do something about that as we all grew up eating in hawker centres," said Mr Sim.

Mr Sim explained that Singaporeans already had their favourite stalls when it came to traditional hawker fare like fishball noodles or lor mee, so they came up with a different concept to attract customers and break into the tough hawker scene.

When they first opened, their main challenge was trying to convince people



(From left) Mr Gladwin Yap, Mr Raphael Sim and Mr Eric Lee in front of their stall which serves fish and meat cooked in a local homely style, served with plum-infused rice.

that despite being young hawkers, they were indeed capable of cooking. Mr Sim said that he had customers coming to ask them if their parents were the ones cooking and they were just manning the stall. Their neighbours at the hawker centre were thrilled to have the trio open the stall. "They said that the place felt young again," said Mr Sim. Business has since picked up and the stall now has regular customers including the office crowd and quite a few senior citizens as well.

Added Mr Sim, "We are humbled by this award, and didn't expect this during the first year. This award lets us know that we are doing things on the right track and we have to go further and improve ourselves."

Party Rocking in The House Tonight

SITizens dance the night away at the 2017 New Alumni Welcome Party

The beginning of November saw the last graduation ceremony of the year for the Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) and also an important milestone for the graduating students – transitioning from students to alumni. There was no better way for them to celebrate than party the night away at the 2017 New Alumni Welcome Party on 3 November.

This year, SIT's sixth New Alumni Welcome Party held at Hard Rock Café attracted over 250 newly-minted alumni, together with SIT Senior Management, faculty and staff, as well as representatives from SIT's Overseas University partners joining in the merriment. Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT, was there to welcome the new alumni and kicked off the evening with a toast.

As the partygoers attacked the buffet and waited eagerly for the announcement of the lucky draw prizes, they were entertained by acts such as SIT's own student band Muzeka—the music makers added their own spin to a performance of a medley of songs, including a rock version of 'Blank Space' by Taylor Swift. Comedian Dr Jason Leong of Malaysia fame made an appearance, sending the crowd into fits of laughter with his stand-up comedy act.

A highlight of the night was the moment when SITizens spontaneously formed a dancing human train snaking around the dancefloor, led by none other than our very own president. Prof Tan became the life of the party, joining the alumni in grooving to the classic rock sounds of Hard Rock's ever-popular in-house band Jive Talking.

Ms Nor Rahayu Binte Supa'at, who graduated with a Computing Science degree (University of Glasgow), had an especially fun time showing off her moves on the dancefloor. "I totally enjoyed myself! The band was so good!" she enthused. In fact, her dancing was so impressive that it earned her the title of Party Queen. Accepting her award, she said, "I feel honoured to win Party Queen, but this award should be shared with all those who came down to celebrate together."

Mr Lim Guo Xiong, who graduated with an Electrical Power Engineering degree

(Newcastle University), won a Fuji Instax Square SQ10 Instant Camera in the grand draw. He said, "I didn't know there was a digital Polaroid camera until now. I used that camera and took some photos with my fellow classmates. Truly a great prize."

Before the partygoers knew it, Jive Talking had finished their last set and it was time to leave. The night ended on a high as people lingered on the dancefloor, calling for an encore. Some are already looking forward to the next event. Mr Lim added, "I am sure everyone enjoyed that night. Tasty food, good live performance. Hope there may be more events for the alumni!"

There definitely will be.



Alumnus Mr Sherman Hardie (middle), who performed as part of Muzeka at last year's New Alumni Welcome Party rocks out with this year's student band!



Faculty like Assoc Prof Malcolm Low, Programme Director, SIT (1), Assoc Prof Eicher Low, Deputy Cluster Director, SIT (2), Assoc Prof Alan Wong, Cluster Director, SIT (3) and Chris Hand, Programme Director, The Glasgow School of Art (4), and alumni get a chance to catch up over great food and drinks.



Jive Talking, Hard Rock Café's resident band, brought the crowd to their feet early in their night with their covers of popular dance hits.



A birthday is another reason to party.



With great prizes in store, alumni like Ms Nor Rahayu Binte Supa'at (top) who was the Party Queen and Mr Woo Bing Han (bottom) could not contain their excitement at winning.



Alumni losing no time in joining in the party train, complete with beverages in hand.



Capturing memories of the night.

Making Sense of Investments

Alumni get together to learn about investing sensibly at the Financial Literacy Workshop



Mr Tan Swee Chiew talks about the importance of investment as part of your financial plan.

Most people understand the importance of saving for one's future, but we have our reservations when it comes to investing. At the Financial Literacy Workshop, 22 alumni learned that although it does not come without risk, investing is not just a rich man's game. The workshop was organised by the SIT Alumni Career Network at Hotel Jen Orchardgateway on 16 September 2017 and led by Mr Tan Swee Chiew, a trainer with the MoneySENSE Institute for Financial Literacy.

This is the second run of the Financial Literacy Workshop and was an Introduction to Investing. Participants learned that both saving and investing are important parts of a financial plan, and that investment objectives should be set to support financial goals.

In addition, participants were taught about financial markets, types of financial tools and how to construct and manage an investment portfolio. Mr Tan gave the participants opportunities to apply their newly-gained knowledge by analysing case studies and conducting live polls.

"The course has been useful in helping me understand the differences among various investment methods and how we should go about doing them," said Mr Lim Yong Jin, who graduated in 2015 with a Chemical Engineering degree (Technical University of Munich). "It got me thinking about trying out investing."

Ms Chia Siok Ching, who graduated with a Food & Human Nutrition degree (Newcastle University) in 2014 said that she feels more confident in investing after attending the workshop. She said, "Currently, I am investing using some of the financial tools mentioned in the workshop and there are definitely plans to invest using other financial tools when I reach my savings goal."



SITizens listen intently as Mr Tan conducts the workshop.

App, App and Away!

Two SITizens are flying high with the apps they created



Belive's co-founders alumnus Mr Lim Kim Hui (left) and Mr Kenneth Tan.

\$1.5m seed funding for SIT alumni's start-up

After two years of living off his income from freelance design assignments, while at the same time, conducting intensive market research on a video streaming idea he had when still at SIT, Mr Lim Kim Hui, an alumnus from the Communication Design (The Glasgow School of Art) programme finally managed to garner \$1.5 million seed money for his video streaming start-up company BeLive.

He said, "The GSA programme taught me the value of research and how to present ideas in a coherent manner

based on findings from market research. I strongly believe it was through the lessons and applications I learned from the modules on research and presentation that helped me to persuade and convince my investors."

Additionally, Mr Lim felt it was also due to the encouragement of his mentors, especially Asst Prof Terence Heng, Deputy Programme Director of the Communication Design programme, at GSA, that nudged him to pursue his start-up dream.

Said Asst Prof Heng, "Kim Hui is a great example of that willingness to take risks and work really hard for something he believes in. He also made use of his existing knowledge and life experiences and applied it to the products that he is creating. It is that flexibility and tenacity that makes him an inspiration to others."

Today, BeLive, co-founded by Mr Lim – is on a roll. The firm is aided by Singapore's Mediapreneur incubator, a programme run by MediaCorp, with the mission to provide a clean, nurturing and safe environment for talented creators to showcase their works through live video streaming.

The app sports more than 1,000 channels of different categories – music, comedy, magic performances and DJs. The start-up is run by a 21-strong staff based in Singapore and Vietnam.

SIT student's location-based job app wins prize

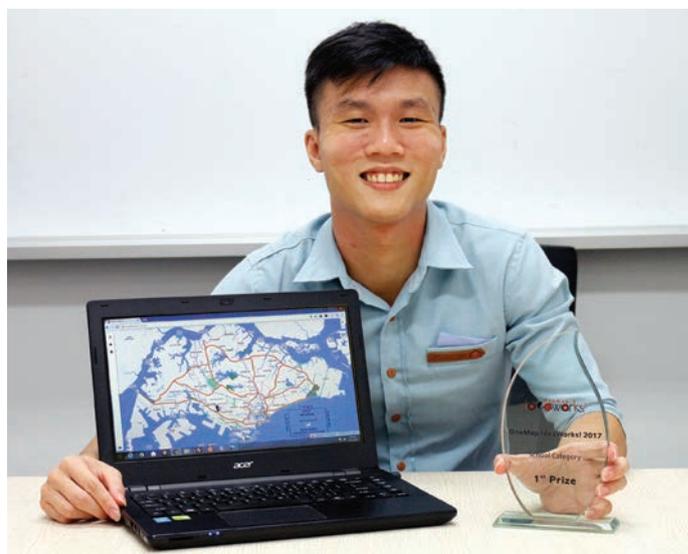
Mr Lim Xing Yi, a final-year student from the Information and Communications Technology (Software Engineering) programme at the Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT), took the top prize in the school category of the OneMap IdeaWorks! challenge with his web app WhereMyJob in October 2017. The 31-year old edged out 11 other teams in the same category including those from NUS and Nanyang Polytechnic to win \$3,000 in cash and \$5,000 worth of Amazon Web Services credits.

WhereMyJob helps users search for jobs available in specific locations as it places job listings on a map. In developing the app, Mr Lim tapped on his experience of having to endure long commutes from his home in Woodlands when he joined the labour force after completing National Service.

He said, "This app could help any job seeker find jobs near their homes so they spend less time commuting, which contributes to a better work-life balance. As a result, the cost of transport reimbursement employers have to bear is also lower."

At present, travelling time by car between a user's home and the job's location is displayed but Mr Lim has plans to include time taken by public transport to make his app more useful.

The OneMap IdeaWorks!, challenge which started in July 2017, was organised by the Singapore Land Authority with



Mr Lim Xing Yi posing proudly with his WhereMy Job app and his trophy from the competition.

the introduction of the OneMap mobile application, an integrated map system for government agencies to deliver location-based services and information. Participants were challenged to provide solutions in the form of mobile, web or analytics applications to solve challenge statements provided by organisations from the social services sector or the public sector.

Having Ultimate Fun in Taiwan

SIT alumni from the Ultimate Frisbee team got together to compete in an international frisbee tournament in Taiwan

Over two days in October, 18 SIT Ultimate Frisbee alumni took part in "2017 Run to Taiwan", an international frisbee championship which featured 22 teams from the Asian region. The team, which also included some SIT students, placed fourth in their pool after slogging through mud and rain to edge out a fellow Singaporean team even after they were initially trailing 2-5.

Mr Pang Wenjie, who graduated in 2016, said taking part in this tournament was an "opportunity to kill as many birds as possible with one stone." It was a way to play together and travel as a team. "We wanted to re-live the adrenaline rush that comes about from competing together as a team. And while we were still university students, we had neither the time nor money to travel overseas together," he added.

The camaraderie and team-spirit of these alumni also extends beyond competing and having fun together. They have continued to keep in touch and help train their juniors in the Ultimate Frisbee team. In September, 36 of them attended the SIT Ultimate Frisbee Alumni day, as part of the 3 day 2 night Ultimate Frisbee Training Camp in preparation for the Singapore University Games (SUniG).

The trip to Taiwan was an initiative that the alumni undertook themselves with some help and well-wishes from SIT. Mr Pang explained that they hope that this trip will give the current members of SIT Ultimate Frisbee the view that it is not just a club they joined for university as the bonds and friendship forged extend beyond that. He said, "In SIT Ultimate Frisbee, we're like a big family."



Alumnus Mr Wong Kai Xian (left) was one of seven players in the entire tournament to receive the Mythical Seven award for exhibiting great skill and sportsmanship.



A little pep talk before their games.

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- Key in the code '**ABFSIT20**' at checkout
- Valid until 16 August 2018

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- **10%** off total bill with minimum purchase of \$80 at www.angelflorist.com
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- Valid until 31 December 2017

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- **\$2** off every \$30 spent for cookies
- Valid until 1 October 2018

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- **50%** off second burger set
- Valid until 31 December 2017

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- **10%** off all Dr. Chen's products
- Free delivery to designated places for purchases above \$100
- Valid until 7 December 2017

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- Valid until 31 December 2019

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- Waiver of administrative fees
- Valid until 1 April 2018

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