

■ SITizens Journeying Together with RCJT



SIT staff and SITizens with members of the Rotary Club of Jurong Town, Singapore.

On 23 July 2019, two alumni and a graduand from SIT's nursing degree programmes met with members of the Rotary Club of Jurong Town, Singapore (RCJT) for a lunch and catch-up session. RCJT has strongly supported nursing programmes in SIT since 2014, first with a term gift for the Rotary Club of Jurong Town Book Prize in Care Pathways for Long-Term Conditions, and later with the endowed Rotary Club of Jurong Town Book Prize in Intermediate & Long Term Care and the endowed Rotary Club of Jurong Town Bursary.

The award recipients each shared how RCJT's philanthropy had positively impacted their lives over the years. Mr Muhd Izzulwan Bin Ahmad Salleh, who received an RCJT book prize in Academic Year (AY) 2014/15, spoke

of his work in Changi General Hospital's high dependency and acute stroke unit, and how he was now getting more involved in meaningful projects at the hospital. AY 2017/18 Bursary recipient, Ms Evelyn Chua, talked about her recently completed graduation thesis on burnout and compassion fatigue among nurses.

Ms An Xin Yun, an AY 2018/19 Bursary recipient and graduate, recounted her tough start at SIT. "I'm actually working as a nurse and I'm proud to say that it's been my dream job since I was young. During my days in SIT Nursing, I actually had to work three part-time jobs to pay for my school fees. Although I did work for a year in a government hospital to save funds, it still wasn't enough," she said, sharing that she had to give up CCAs, community service and personal time in order to cope. Receiving the Bursary however, helped her to find balance in her life. "It lessened my load in the sense that I didn't have to focus on financial issues and could continue to do what I like, and on top of that, striving and helping others meet their needs." She concluded by thanking RCJT for enabling her to make a difference in others' lives through her dream job today.