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Dear SIT Alumni,

## Seize the Day

In this issue, you will read about SIT students and alumni who are venturing out and creating opportunities for themselves to do something new and change the world just a little at a time.

There is Mr Swe Hao Yi, a Hospitality Business undergraduate who was among the students to bring the very first TEDx event to SIT. The lead organiser of TEDxSIT said he and a few friends had made up their minds to provide this platform for SIT, so as to "allow people to hear great ideas and speakers, and to let ideas take flight". It is this same can-do spirit that has spurred other groups of SIT students to launch a Meat-Free Monday campaign at SIT@Dover, and to hold a charity dinner to raise funds for a soup kitchen.

The alumni too are seizing the day to follow their passion – read more about alumnus Lim Xing Yi and the business idea he pitched to win an internship at 2345.com, a China internet portal, and about the alumni from the SIT Futsal Club who organised a trip to Bangkok for friendlies against universities and local clubs there.

At the same time, current and future SIT students can look forward to new opportunities. A Research Collaboration Agreement with SP Group will allow Engineering and Infocomm Technology students to participate in the design and implementation of the multi-energy micro-grid for SIT's future campus in Punggol. SIT will also train full-time national servicemen in cybersecurity, thanks to a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with MINDEF. An MoU with Kaga City will see international exchanges between SIT and the Japanese city.

To pursue their dreams and realise their potential to the fullest, SiTizens can also count on some solid philanthropic support. In April, SIT faculty and staff turned up at the fifth Faculty & Staff Giving Roadshow to give their support to the SIT Bursary. In the same month, SIT undergraduates received the most transformative gift to have come their way as yet – a generous endowment from the Lee Foundation to ensure support for more than 200 financially disadvantaged undergraduates at SIT, each year and in perpetuity.

Accountancy student Nazurah Binte Mohamed Ishak is supported by the Lee Foundation Emergency Grant. She said, "The Emergency Grant means a lot to me and I appreciate it. I am truly thankful, grateful and lucky to be one of the recipients. I will try my best to complete and excel in my studies so I can help others in the future."

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](mailto:Alumni@SingaporeTech.edu.sg).



# New Ties, New Endeavours

Recent agreements open up exciting opportunities for SIT students

## Research Collaboration with SP Group

SIT students reading degree programmes in Engineering and Infocomm Technology will soon be able to play a part in the design and implementation of the multi-energy micro-grid in the future SIT campus at Punggol, thanks to a Research Collaboration Agreement (RCA) inked with SP Group on 23 April.

The RCA follows on from the agreement SP Group and SIT signed on 23 October 2017 at the Singapore International Energy Week to build a multi-energy micro-grid at Punggol.

"The first of its kind in the region, the multi-energy micro-grid will also serve as a teaching and applied research platform for SIT students and other stakeholders in the energy ecosystem. While SIT students will undoubtedly benefit through this partnership by leveraging SP Group's expertise, SP Group will eventually have an industry-ready pool of local power engineering talent that it can tap on as well," said Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT.

With Singapore positioning itself to be the next solar energy centre in Asia, the future campus at Punggol will become a living lab to test bed and support future research in distributed energy systems.



From left: Mr Wong Kim Yin, Chief Executive Officer, SP Group; Guest-of-Honour Mr Lawrence Wong, Minister for National Development and Second Minister for Finance; Mr Brandon Chia, Head, SP Centre of Excellence, SP Group; Assoc Prof Ivan Lee, Vice President (Industry & Community), SIT; and Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT.



From left: BG Mark Tan, Director (Cyber Plans & Policy Directorate), MINDEF; Mr David Koh, Deputy Secretary (Special Projects) and Defence Cyber Chief, MINDEF; Mr Ong Ye Kung, then Minister for Education (Higher Education and Skills) and Second Minister for Defence, and presently Minister for Education; Prof Loh Han Tong, Deputy President (Academic) & Provost, SIT; and Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT; at the MOU signing.

## SIT to Train NSFs in Cyber Security

Starting early next year, SIT will provide modules for regular service full-time national servicemen (NSFs) who are interested to sign up to become elite cyber specialists with MINDEF's Defence Cyber Organisation (DCO).

The arrangement with DCO was made possible because of a work-learn Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that will allow full-time NSFs to study while serving their National Service (NS). The MoU was signed by Defence Cyber Chief Mr David Koh and Prof Loh Han Tong, Deputy President (Academic) and Provost, SIT. This is the first work-learn tie-up between MINDEF and an education institute.

The once-a-week classes at SIT will allow cyber specialists to earn academic credits for an SIT-conferred degree in cyber security, while being deployed in advanced cyber defence roles such as penetration testing, cyber forensics and malware analysis.

## International Exchange with Kaga City for SIT Students

SIT students could soon choose to broaden their learning horizons in Kaga City, Japan. This is thanks to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that was inked with the Mayor of Kaga City during his visit to Singapore in February 2018.

The five-year agreement will see international exchanges between potential industry partners in Kaga City and SIT. The exchanges may include the International Internship Programme (IIP), Overseas Exposure Programme (OEP) and the Overseas Integrated Work Study Programme (OIWSP) for SIT students.

Like Singapore, Kaga City faces the challenges of undergoing an industrial reform through the development of Internet of Things (IoT), Big Data and Artificial Intelligence. The industrial scenarios present overseas opportunities for our SITizens to take on district-level assignments and promote innovation and development in Kaga City.



Mayor of Kaga City, Mr Riku Miyamoto (left), and Prof Loh Han Tong, Deputy President (Academic) & Provost, SIT, signed a five-year MOU that will pave the way for international exchanges between SIT students and industry partners in Kaga City.



On 2 March 2018, a team of SIT students from across a variety of programmes inaugurated the first ever TEDx event at SIT. In the TED spirit of "ideas worth spreading", the students secured a list of compelling speakers with great life stories and advice to inspire and inform an audience of close to 200 people. The evening's speakers included Ms Elim Chew, founder of streetwear label 77th Street, Mr Gary Loh, Deputy Chairman of SunMoon Food Company, Ms Zelia Leong, co-founder of e-commerce and travel start-up Anywhr, as well as frontrunners in the fields of science and sports.

Lead organiser and second-year Hospitality Business student Mr Swe Hao Yi saw the conference as being in line with SIT's vision of producing students who are Thinking Tinkerers. He said, "I feel that opportunities



Mr Swe Hao Yi (right), Lead Organiser of TEDxSIT with the other members of the student organising committee.



Mr Toh Poh Joo, Vice-President, Airport Operations Management, Changi Airport Group, spoke at the conference and shared the story of how he completed a 566km race through extreme cold weather to raise funds for a good cause.

## Bringing TEDx to SIT

*Student-driven initiative TEDxSIT presents compelling speakers with great life stories and advice to inspire and inform*

and ideas are everywhere, but most of the time they don't have the privilege to 'meet' one another which is such a waste. When my schoolmate and eventual co-organiser Sharil first told me that SIT had never had a TEDx event before, a few friends and I made up our minds to provide this platform for people to hear great ideas and speakers, and to let ideas take flight!"

In line with TEDxSIT's theme, "Be Bold, Think Different", Hao Yi believes the biggest lesson learnt from the speakers is about having grit and courage in both good and bad times. "It's not just during adversities that we need to do and think differently. Even in good times, we must do so. If it's the right thing to do such as doing charity, giving up our seat on a bus, or helping someone in distress, and even if there is no one doing it, we must still do it. In life, we just need to take a step forward in courage and faith, and our whole world can change," he added.

## Career Nexus and IWSP Preview

*Students gear up for internship and career opportunities at exhibitions*

Over 600 SIT students got the chance to meet more than 110 companies to discover attractive internship and career opportunities during the Career Nexus and IWSP Preview held at Suntec Singapore Convention and Exhibition Centre on 9 March 2018.

The Career Nexus event showcased graduating students of SIT's overseas university partners, connecting them to well-established companies such as SP Group, Infineon Technologies and Continental Automotive Singapore.

At the IWSP Preview, students reading the SIT-Newcastle University (SIT-NU) joint degree programmes had the chance to network with SIT's industry partners. This allowed them to make more informed choices for their Integrated Work Study Programme (IWSP) applications and get to know prospective employers such as Keppel Offshore & Marine, 3M Asia Pacific and Philips Electronics Singapore.



Visitors to Career Nexus were able to engage with representatives from established organisations such as SMRT.

On 28 April 2018, final-year students from the Bachelor of Business Administration in Food Business Management (The Culinary Institute of America) hosted 85 guests at a Mediterranean cruise-themed charity dinner, organised as their capstone project for the Food Service Management module.

Branding themselves as “Knotty Tours”, the students welcomed guests with Spanish tapas and mocktails before serving a 3-course dinner with dishes cooked in French, Italian and Greek styles at the Temasek Culinary Academy at Temasek Polytechnic. The students rounded off the cruise experience with a Bingo game and a live singing performance. Said Ms Lisa Lim, a guest at the dinner, “Excellent food and service from the students, and great singing too! It has been an enjoyable evening.”



The students who put it all together: (from left) Ms Ong Jing Ting, Marketing Executive, Mr Eng Kim Tian, General Manager, Mr Linus Chee, Logistics Manager, Mr Louis Ho, Executive Chef, Mr Destin Tay, Finance Manager and Mr Chester Tay, Service Manager.

## A Mediterranean Voyage for a Good Cause

*CIA students hold a cruise-themed charity dinner and raise over \$2,000 for charity Willing Hearts, which operates a soup kitchen*

“As a group, we were inspired by the extraordinary standards of hospitality and food shown by the cruise industry,” said Mr Eng Kim Tian, who took on the role of General Manager for the event. “We wanted to make the event as memorable as possible. It provided us a huge learning experience and exposure beyond a classroom or kitchen.”

Mr Eng states that he and his fellow classmates share a strong vision with Willing Hearts, their charity of choice and beneficiary for the dinner. The charity operates a soup kitchen that is mostly run by volunteers, and prepares, cooks and distributes about 5,000 meals daily to over 40 locations in Singapore. Along with a booth that sold French pastries and merchandise from Willing Hearts at the reception, the event managed to raise a total of \$2061.35.

“This event wasn’t just about cooking, serving, and allowing people to enjoy our food and hospitality, it was also about contributing back to society,” said Mr Eng.

“It is heart-warming to be able to give back to society with our passion.”



Happy guests can’t wait to dig in to their main course of barramundi with fregola, charred broccolini and clams.

## SIT@Dover Gets New Meat-Free Monday Campaign

*Food Technology students champion mycoprotein as a nutritious, vegetarian and earth-friendly protein source*

A nutritious green protein source called mycoprotein has been introduced to SIT@Dover as part of a new Meat-Free Monday campaign by Food Technology students Ms Seah Xin Hui and Ms Esther Ong.

Xin Hui and Esther are currently on their Integrated Work Study Programme (IWSP) placements as Food Technologists in Monde Nissin Singapore Pte Ltd. They started the Meat-Free Monday campaign to encourage SIT students and staff to skip meat for a day and try green alternatives. To encourage vegetarian food dining, they got selected stalls in the SIT@Dover canteen to incorporate Quorn™, their company’s mycoprotein food product, into their menus and recipes. Quorn meat-free meatballs, nuggets and sausages were offered by selected canteen vendors for the month of May.

According to these third-year students, mycoprotein is derived from a naturally occurring fungus through the process of fermentation (similar to bread and soy sauce). High in protein and fibre and low in saturated fat, it is also environmentally friendly and has a water usage and carbon footprint many times smaller than that of beef.

Xin Hui, who is currently in the fifth month of her IWSP internship, says, “We hope to spread awareness among students about this whole new category of food that is up and coming in Asian markets, as well as give our vegetarian fellow students more options to choose from at our canteen!”



Quorn™ is sold in a variety of forms such as meatballs (in photo), nuggets, meat-free mince and even “sausage” patties!



Ms Seah Xin Hui’s internship at Monde Nissin Singapore has given her opportunities to explore many aspects of Food Technology business.



# Lee Foundation Makes Transformational Gift to SIT

*Respected Foundation's firm philanthropic commitment ensures permanent support for more than 200 financially disadvantaged undergraduates at SIT each year*

Thanks to a generous gift from the Lee Foundation to endow the Lee Foundation Fund at the Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT), SIT will be able to nurture more than 200 financially disadvantaged students each year and in perpetuity. This is the single largest gift SIT has received since the university was established in 2009.

Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT, says, "The Lee Foundation gifts are the most transformative that SIT has received so far, and will generate a positive multiplier effect on the future of our students, and for the industry and community at large in the years to come."

The Lee Foundation Fund, which was first established at SIT in 2017, will now enable SIT to award the Lee Foundation Bursary and the Lee Foundation Emergency Grant – annually and in perpetuity – to deserving undergraduates.

Each Lee Foundation Bursary is valued at \$6,220 and will be used to support the recipient's tuition fees. The Lee Foundation Emergency Grant can be used for overseas exposure/immersion programmes conducted by SIT,

miscellaneous educational expenses, as well as allowance for meals and transportation. The Emergency Grant has a quantum (of up to \$5,000) that is determined based on the need of the recipient.

Both the Bursary and Emergency Grant are applicable to Singapore Citizens and Singapore Permanent Residents pursuing a full-time undergraduate degree programme at SIT.

Ms Jasmine Lee from the Physiotherapy programme is among the first students to receive the Lee Foundation Bursary at SIT. Expressing her gratitude to the Foundation, she said the Bursary will help alleviate her current financial situation. She said, "The Lee Foundation Bursary also gives me an opportunity to continue pursuing my dream and complete my university studies, alongside my friends," she added.

The Lee Foundation was founded in 1952 by the renowned philanthropist and business leader Tan Sri Dato Dr Lee Kong Chian for the advancement of education, healthcare and cultural activities, and other social causes.

IMAGINE!

## An App for Ambulances

*How to improve access to private ambulances? SITizens figure out a nifty way*

### Improving Access to Private Ambulances – A Mobile Application Software Framework

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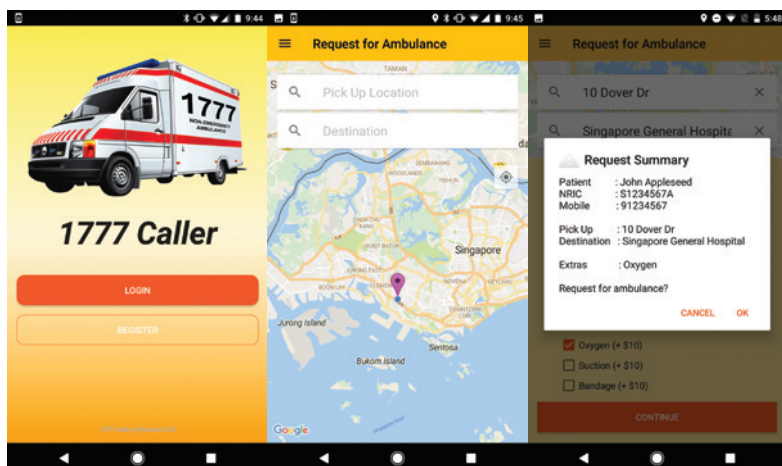
Apart from the Emergency 995 Hotline, Singapore's main phone line for government medical services, the 1777 Hotline is also available for non-emergency cases, working with over 100 private commercial ambulance operators with differing capabilities and services. However, many non-emergency calls are still being received through the emergency hotline.

The 1777 App, a mobile application similar to popular ride-hailing apps used today, aims to raise the usage of the non-

emergency ambulance services by optimising the efficiency of services provided by private ambulances. Users can request for ambulances with the equipment they need and see the costs involved. An algorithm will locate the nearest available vehicle for them. Users also need not be in the same location as the patient to request an ambulance.

This can potentially reduce the volume of non-emergency calls received through the emergency hotline, allowing more bandwidth for operators to handle emergency cases.

Graduating student Mr Nicholas See Wee Kiat said that the team worked with emergency room physicians from various public hospitals, medical professionals and private ambulance companies to gather requirements and test the app. He explained, "Private ambulances provide different medical services, hence hotline operators have a difficult time matching requestors to private ambulances that could provide what they need." He added that the app was well-received, with great interest shown in taking up the app for their operations.



Screenshots from the 1777 Ambulance Booking App which is still being incubated. The interface is intuitive and will be familiar to users who use ride-hailing apps.

# Doing More, Together

## *SIT employees give students their heartfelt support at the fifth Faculty & Staff Giving Roadshow*

Besides teaching and serving, many SIT faculty and staff give generously to lend a helping hand to their students through the Faculty & Staff Giving (FSG) initiative. Through this, they not only offer financial aid, but also let students know that they will be there to support their growth in more ways than one. Last year, faculty and staff raised more than \$82,000 in support of the SIT Bursary, making possible 27 Bursaries for financially disadvantaged students at SIT.

In appreciation for their support, the fifth Faculty & Staff Giving Roadshow was organised on 25 April 2018 at SIT@Dover campus. Participants were treated to doughnuts, coffee and freshly fried vadai with green chillies.



At this year's Faculty & Staff Giving Roadshow, donors received a small token for their big-hearted support of SIT students: a tiny pouch shaped like a mini-backpack.



SIT faculty and staff came down to University Tower to show their support and enjoy a quick tea break before heading back to work.



Snacks for tea time: freshly cooked vadai served with green chillies, as well as doughnuts and coffee.

Past recipients of the SIT Bursary were present as well, serving snacks to faculty and staff and chatting with them to share how the Bursary had helped them in their studies. Said Bursary recipient and final-year student Mr Harikrishnan Panayamthatta from the Bachelor of Engineering with Mechatronics degree programme, "I would like to thank all the donors and SIT lecturers and staff who made a difference in students' lives, including mine. These acts of generosity inspired me to help others and give back to the community, and the bursary also helped fund my school fees which was essential for me to complete my studies. Thank you again for your generosity and support."



SITizens giving back – SIT Bursary recipients had the chance to thank Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT (second photo, left) and other SIT faculty and staff members for their support.



Senior Librarian Ms Joan Wee, one of the donors to the SIT Bursary, believes that though a single person's contribution may not be enough to help everyone, the collective efforts of many can positively impact students' lives. She said, "I live by the 'starfish' motto. My donation might only make a 10 per cent difference to a student's life but at least I know I've done something instead of not doing anything. With another nine SIT staff or faculty joining together, we can make up a 100 per cent difference to that student's life."



Attendees happily queuing up for their snacks and coffee.





Recipients of the Lim Doa Hin Study Grant and the Lim Doa Hin Encouragement Award, together with the members of the Lim family, the executors of the late Mr Lim's Estate, Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT, and SIT faculty.

## New Gifts to Inspire First-Year SITizens

*SIT students will be nurtured in perpetuity by the Lim Doa Hin Study Grant, thanks to generous term and endowed gifts from the late Mr Lim's estate*

Recipients of the Lim Doa Hin Study Grant and the Lim Doa Hin Encouragement Award at the Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) were especially thrilled to have lunch with the family members of the late Mr Lim Doa Hin, as well as the Executors of The Estate of Lim Doa Hin on 21 February 2018. Hosted by Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT, the lunch gave the recipients an opportunity to thank the donors in person and to get to know the people whose support made possible the Study Grant and Encouragement Award.

Ms Wai Chao Qun, a first-year student from the Hospitality Business programme, said the donors shared their life experiences and gave the

recipients encouragement and advice during the lunch. Added Mr Hoe Feng Ting who is pursuing an Information and Communications Technology (Information Security) degree, "After listening to stories from the donor's family, I was inspired to plan ahead and utilise my time in university to the fullest."

Both Ms Wai and Mr Hoe are recipients of the Lim Doa Hin Encouragement Award.

The Lim Doa Hin Study Grant was first established at SIT in July 2017. "I faced difficulties in polytechnic juggling part-time work and my studies, so receiving the Study Grant has allowed me to stop taking part-time jobs, letting me concentrate more on my studies," said Ms Foong Wei Ling, an Accountancy undergraduate who received the Study Grant.

Born in China in the 1920s, Mr Lim Doa Hin sailed to Singapore after World War II. He had only spare change in his pocket and rags as clothing but, undeterred, he rose to become a successful and reputable Teochew businessman. Despite his achievements, Mr Lim remained humble. He always remembered the need to contribute back to society, especially to help exemplary students who require financial assistance in their educational needs.

## Student Leaders Welcome Spring at SFCCA Reception

To usher in the Lunar New Year, 14 student leaders from the Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) attended the Spring Reception 2018, organized by the Singapore Federation of Chinese Clan Associations (SFCCA) at the Singapore Chinese Cultural Centre. Mr Teo Chee Hean, Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security was the Guest-of-Honour at the event which saw close to 1,000 guests.

Said Ms Maizurah Binte Hamzah who is from the Early Childhood Education programme, "It was an opportunity for me to learn and expose myself to a different culture and celebrate the diversity of cultures that we have in Singapore. Through the exhibitions, sing along sessions and performances put up, I gained a better understanding on some practices from the Chinese community that are not commonly seen in our modern society such as fan making and calligraphy art."



SIT student leaders with Mr Patrick Lee (front row, fourth from left), President of Yangzheng Foundation, wishing all a Prosperous Lunar New Year at the Spring Reception 2018.



# I Such Marvel-lous Nights

The most anticipated blockbuster movie events of the year leave SITizens enthralled

## Alumni Movie Night: Black Panther



Friends gathered together for a fun movie night out!

With the release of two of the most anticipated superhero movies of the year, fans of the Marvel Cinematic Universe were in for a treat at the two SIT Alumni Movie Nights held this year. A signature event by the SIT Alumni Leisure Network, the screenings were held on 22 February and 10 May 2018, featuring Black Panther and Avengers: Infinity War respectively. This year, the events were held at a new and bigger venue at Shaw Lido to accommodate the growing audiences.

Each event saw over 250 alumni attending, with many coming straight from the office to get their tickets and catch-up with their friends and SIT faculty. As per movie night tradition, there was also a namecard drop lucky draw at each of the movie nights, and several lucky alumni won \$10 Isetan and Takashimaya vouchers.

Attending the February event for the first time was Ms Shang Kuan Ke Xin, who graduated last year from SIT's Accountancy programme. "I enjoyed the movie! I like the fact that SIT chooses interesting movies to screen, and I got to catch up with my professors and friends that I haven't met since graduation."

Mr Pang Wen Jie, a Marvel fan who graduated in 2016 with a Bachelor of Engineering with Honours in Electrical Power Engineering (Newcastle University), has been eagerly following the superhero movies. "I like to read the comics, and it's great to see the comic characters we like come to life on screen," he said. "Infinity War was definitely a movie I've been looking forward to and it was worth the wait."



Assoc Prof Alfred Tan (extreme left), Programme Director, SIT, catches up with his former students over dinner.



Assoc Prof Jeanette Ng (extreme left), Cluster Director, SIT, and Prof Loh Han Tong (extreme right), Deputy President (Academic) & Provost, SIT, bond with alumni.



Popcorn and soda are must-haves when you're watching a movie.



Time for a quick selfie before catching the adventures of the King of Wakanda.

## Alumni Movie Night: Avengers: Infinity War



SITizens collecting their tickets for the movie with the help of our friendly student hosts.

Mr Owen Tan, an alumnus from the Food and Human Nutrition programme (Newcastle University), enjoyed the opportunity for "a rare catch up" with his fellow SITizens at the buffet reception before the movie. He also had a chance to speak with Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President of SIT, who attended the SIT Alumni Movie Night for the first time this year at the May event. "It's a great platform for the alumni to interact with senior management, and at the same time obtain more industry knowledge," said Mr Tan.



Hungry alumni fuelling up at the buffet reception before the movie.



Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT, together with alumnus Mr Owen Tan.



Armed and ready for Infinity War!



A mixture of emotions as alumni follow the adventures of the Avengers on-screen.

## Have Team, Will Travel

Alumni from SIT's Futsal Club are not only continuing to keep in touch, they are also embarking on overseas adventures together. Over four days from 3-6 May 2018, 12 alumni travelled to Bangkok, Thailand to participate in friendly games against Bangkok University and Kasem Bundit University, as well as local clubs.

Mr Karthigesan S/O Murukan, who graduated from the Aeronautical Engineering programme in 2016, said it was the first time that they went to play overseas together and it drew the team closer. He said, "The people from the different universities in Bangkok hosted us warmly and we took this chance to interact and grow our network while we were there. It was overall a unique experience where we were exposed to a higher level of futsal playing as well as an opportunity to understand each and every one in the team better."



SIT alumni futsal players, decked out in red with the team from Bangkok University.

He added that the alumni plan to compete in Singapore soon and are looking forward to planning a trip to Japan towards the end of this year.





Getting ready to melt the soy wax after arranging their decorations!



Happy SITizens with their completed candles and clay ornaments.

## Making Perfect Scents

*Alumni get crafty by making their own candles and cute clay ornaments*

Thirty-nine SIT Alumni spent a Saturday afternoon crafting their very own candles at the Scented Candle Making Workshop on 7 April 2018, held at Novotel Singapore on Stevens. Organised by the SIT Alumni Leisure Network, the workshop was conducted by Sally's Room, which specialises in handmade natural candles.

To spruce up their candles, the participants took their pick of an assortment of dried flowers and tiny nautical-themed trinkets like seashells and penguins to line the bottom of their candle jars, along with fragrance oils such as Maple Vanilla and

Scandinavian Woodlands. The final touch was a personalised "hidden message" written on a ring of paper, which would only be revealed once the candle was lit.

"I loved the workshop because it was so fun and therapeutic," said Ms Siti



Completed clay ornaments made from moulds and meticulously painted by the alumni.

Nurhidayah, who graduated in 2015 with a Bachelor in Science (Radiation Therapy) degree from Trinity College Dublin (TCD). "I came with three friends and we rarely have time to meet, so this activity gave us a chance to spend quality time together. Best part was that we got to bring home what we made!"

The participants also enjoyed a bonus activity where they painted scented clay ornaments made from moulds. Mr Neo Jun Hwee, who graduated from The Glasgow School of Art's Communication Design programme in 2017, said, "I personally enjoyed painting the clay ornaments because I did arts, painting in particular, during secondary school. I thought it was a nice workshop, it was very engaging. I hope there will be more of such DIY workshops in the future."

## Thank You Very Brunch!

*Student hosts who play a key role at SIT's Advancement & Alumni events come together for an afternoon of food, laughter and pure appreciation*

The 31 student hosts in this photo are usually busy hosting our graduates at SIT's Advancement and Alumni events – but on Saturday, 3 March 2018, it was their turn to be entertained and feted at the annual Volunteers' Appreciation Brunch for their steadfast and passionate volunteering.

Despite their busy schedules, many found time to contribute to the success of events such as the Recognition of Excellence and New Alumni Welcome Party last year, and most recently, Alumni Movie Night. This year's brunch was held at Montana Singapore, where these student SITizens were treated to a variety of burgers, pastas, and indulged in waffles with ice-cream for dessert.

Attending the appreciation for the first time was Ms Megan Lau, a Year 2 student pursuing SIT's Bachelor of Science with Honours in Occupational Therapy degree. "I enjoyed it! It was interesting to meet other volunteers because usually during events you don't have much time to interact with other volunteers." She has been a regular student host at Alumni Movie Nights and the New Alumni Welcome Party.

Mr Caven Chiok, now a Year 3 student in SIT's Bachelor of Engineering with Honours in Pharmaceutical Engineering degree programme, started as a student host in 2016. He recently volunteered at the Scented Candle Making Workshop in April (see top story). "I enjoy getting involved at events and being able to learn at the same time," he said, "Plus, volunteering allows me to socialise with people from other courses, which is great."



Big smiles after a filling and satisfying meal!



# Going Places with His Business Idea

Alumnus' business idea leads to an internship with China internet portal, 2345.com



Mr Lim Xing Yi wowed the judges with his idea, Wande, to provide a one-stop marketplace to link service providers directly with consumers.

Alumnus Mr Lim Xing Yi was one of the nine students from the six autonomous universities in Singapore to win an award at the inaugural Singapore Valley Awards (SVA) – an annual entrepreneurship award to promote innovation and entrepreneurship among undergraduates in Singapore.

At the competition, Mr Lim, who is from SIT's Information and Communications Technology (Software Engineering) programme, pitched his business idea Wande to a

panel of judges, which included founders of Chinese tech companies 2345.com and Kingnet as well as venture capitalists. Wande is a solution for freelancers, housewives, retirees and students in today's growing sharing economy. Mr Lim was inspired by the rising trend of young adults being part of the 'gig economy'. The 31-year-old proposed a mobile application which links both service providers and consumers for a wide range of services like cooking, photography, driving lessons and even pet sitting.

He won a three-month internship at 2345.com, a China internet portal, and will also receive \$2,000 each month for the duration of his internship. Said Mr Lim who is currently in Shanghai for the internship, "This is an excellent opportunity as the internship will give me first-hand access to China's start-up ecosystem and culture."

As an undergraduate, Mr Lim participated in SIT's Entrepreneurship Development Programme which exposes students to entrepreneurship and the world of business. He hopes to start his own company one day and added, "I'm passionate in creating something that is useful and valuable to the community. I like to think of ideas that can solve some pain points or enhance our lives. Being in software engineering allows me to create low-cost prototypes to test out my ideas."

## SIT Alumni Card Benefits

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- Valid until 16 August 2018

### AngelFlorist

- 10% off total bill with minimum purchase of \$80 at [www.angelflorist.com](http://www.angelflorist.com)
- Key in the code 'AngelSIT18' at checkout
- Valid until 31 August 2018

### Atlas Eye Specialist Centre

- Pre-LASIK evaluation: \$19
- LASIK surgery (2 eyes) starts from \$2,999
- Cataract Assessment: \$86
- General Eye Screening: \$107
- Not valid with other promotions, discounts, vouchers or card and rebate privileges, unless otherwise stated
- Valid until 31 May 2018

### Battlestrike

- 10% discount
- Additional 5% discount if the session is conducted within SIT permitted premises
- Valid until 30 September 2018

### Crunchie Cookies

- \$2 off every \$30 spent for cookies
- Participating outlets: 321 Alexandra Road. Unit #01-01 Alexandra Central. S(159971)
- Valid until 1 October 2018

### Ethan Men

- 20% off total bill for regular priced-items
- Participating outlets: 333 Kreta Ayer Road #02-32 S (080333)
- Valid until 31 December 2019

### Floral Garage Singapore

- 10% off total bill at [www.floralgaragesg.com](http://www.floralgaragesg.com)
- Key in the code 'SIT010'

### Gifts Less Ordinary

- 5% off total bill at checkout with code 'SITU'
- Valid until 31 October 2018

### Kitchen Capers

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

### ShopBack

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

### Singapore Hospitality Group Pte. Ltd.

- 15% Off 'All You Can Eat' Buffet Special
- Buffet Lunch: **\$25++** per person (Mon-Sun: 12pm – 2.30pm)
- Buffet Dinner: **\$35++** per person (Mon-Sun: 6.30pm – 10.30pm)
- Participating outlets: The Landmark @ Village Hotel Bugis, Royal Palm @ Orchard Country Club
- Valid until 31 May 2018
- Table reservation via phone call to the restaurant is required

### The Braces Practice Pte Ltd

- Discounted rates for various braces options
- Valid till 31 October 2018

\*Please present your SIT Alumni Card prior to making payment. Terms and conditions apply. Please refer to <http://sl.singaporetech.edu.sg/Welfare/SITreats.aspx> for detailed terms and conditions.



# Financial Literacy Workshop - Starting a Family



**Date:** Saturday, 9 June 2018  
**Time:** 1.30 pm to 5.00 pm  
**Venue:** Mercure Singapore Bugis Queen Ballroom, Level 2

Contact Us: Alumni@SingaporeTech.edu.sg  
 6592 2129 / 6592 2013

## YOUR PLEDGE CAN HELP SOMEONE

PLAY A PART TO SAFEGUARD OUR HOME FROM ANY TERROR ATTACK



**I PLEDGE TO STAY ALERT, STAY UNITED, STAY STRONG AND CONTRIBUTE IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS TO PROTECT OUR WAY OF LIFE:**

- LEARN life-saving skills and render assistance in times of need
- SHARE positive messages and help maintain racial and religious harmony
- LOOK OUT for and report suspicious characters, behaviours or objects to the police
- VOLUNTEER my service as a first aider, counsellor and/or a care giver

**I WOULD LIKE TO DO MORE FOR OUR COMMUNITY:**

- DONATE blood
- PROVIDE food, shelter and/or donations

VISIT YOUR NEAREST COMMUNITY CLUB/ CENTRE TO COLLECT A PLEDGE CARD OR VISIT [WWW.PA.GOV.SG/SGSECURE\\_PLEDGE](http://WWW.PA.GOV.SG/SGSECURE_PLEDGE) TO PLEDGE ONLINE



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# Annual AlumniBeanfeast

For SIT Graduating Class of 2018

**Date:** Friday, 20 July 2018  
**Time:** 6.45 pm to 9.45 pm  
**Venue:** Marina Mandarin Ballroom, Level 1  
**Cost:** \$8 incl. GST (Buffet & Beverages)

- ◆ Get the special Beers with Peers memento created just for you - the Class of 2018!
- ◆ Hear from our distinguished panellists on how you can build an invincible career in the AI era
- ◆ Meet industry leaders, SIT faculty and your fellow SITizens
- ◆ Savour a variety of international bites and beverages

To register, call 6592 2013 / 6592 2129, or email Alumni@SingaporeTech.edu.sg