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Dear SIT Alumni,

Here's the Beginning of a Beautiful Friendship...

Three firsts for SIT alumni: new identity card, new networks and a new newsletter!

We are pleased to introduce Issue 1 of SITizen. This revamped quarterly newsletter has been created just for you, citizens of the SIT community.

Whether you are an alumnus, student, faculty member, staff member, university partner, industry partner, donor, or friend of the Singapore Institute of Technology, you will find in SITizen the latest buzz at SIT that is of interest to you.

SITizen is freely available online at the SIT website; however, this being the inaugural issue, we have also prepared a limited print run for distribution to our new alumni at the SIT Graduation Ceremonies on 21 November.

With the current graduating cohort, the SIT alumni family will grow to 910, big enough to be a viable network of friends, expertise, resources and opportunities; yet small enough to be a close-knit family with a firm identity.

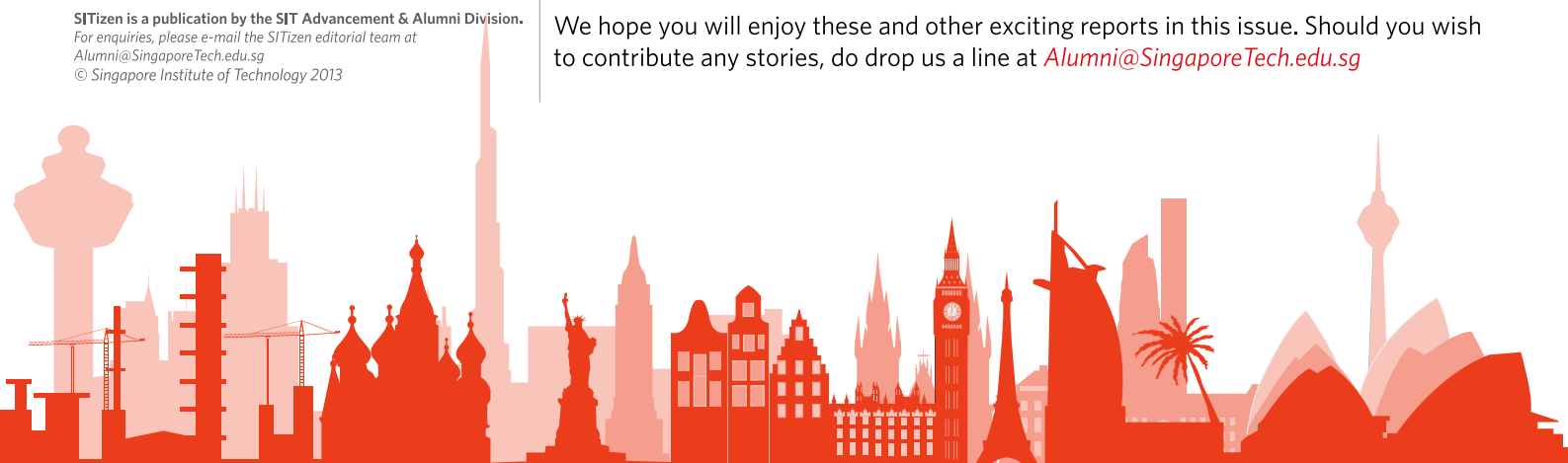
Three new alumni networks have been launched by the Advancement & Alumni Division since August 2013. SIT's Alumni Career Network, Alumni Leisure Network and Alumni Sports Network are active platforms for SITizens to collaborate, exchange ideas and stay connected with one another through activities that are of interest to them.

SIT alumni are, for the first time, also being issued with their own "identity card". A gift from the Institute to all of its alumni, it is a Nets FlashPay Card which comes with a stored value of \$5. It can also be used to gain entry to special SIT events, to enjoy discounts at select merchants, to get around on bus, MRT and taxi, and to pay ERP and parking charges.

This issue of SITizen is also very much a celebratory one. Whilst welcoming its fresh intake of 1,500 students in August amid week-long festivities, SIT is also now commemorating the achievements of its new graduates at the on-going graduation ceremonies.

Turn the pages and look out for our interview with Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT, in which we ask him to share with our graduates his personal insights into the makings of a successful career. We also have all the details on the newest degree programmes offered at SIT and the growing private philanthropic support for SIT and its students.

We hope you will enjoy these and other exciting reports in this issue. Should you wish to contribute any stories, do drop us a line at Alumni@SingaporeTech.edu.sg



Welcome to the SIT Family!

Over a week in August, SIT students learnt more about their new family and the exciting journey ahead.

SIT Student Orientation

Lasting three days and two nights, this event marked the official induction into the SIT family, and the start of an exhilarating adventure. The students gathered at Sarimbun Scout Camp from 19 to 21 Aug 2013 for three fun-filled days. They had an opportunity to meet new friends and experience the vibrant lifestyle at Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT).

Over the next few days, students cheered their hearts out and participated in a series of games and activities led by SIT student leaders. At the Co-Curricular Activity (CCA) Fiesta, they visited booths of various CCA clubs and explored the activities they can engage in.

Mr Douglas Heng, the first year student enrolled in the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Hospitality Management programme who was awarded the Best Male Camper said, "The camp was well-run and it was a new experience for me. I enjoyed myself and made a lot of new friends."

SIT Welcome Ceremony

Following the camp, the new students attended the SIT Welcome Ceremony on 24 August at Nanyang Polytechnic



(Clockwise from top)
 1. "We need to raise the bucket higher so that we can read the words beneath it!"
 2. SIT's dance club, The Wild Ones, putting up a great performance for the new students
 3. Martial arts duo Rayvern and Ronald

Auditorium. The event was graced by Mr Ng Yat Chung, Chairman, Board of Trustees, SIT, other Board Members, together with Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT, and industry partners.

Parents were also present at the event to find the answers to their questions on an SIT education.

Speaking at the event, Prof Tan said that students may find their time in SIT "very intense." But he added that each student will "come out stronger" and learn to manage their time more effectively. "I am sure all of you will rise up to the occasion and find ways to manage," he said.

Ms Karen Chia, first year student enrolled in the Newcastle University's Food & Human Nutrition programme said, "I enjoyed the videos and speeches at the event. The information provided gave me a good overall insight to how things are like in SIT."

The new students were then treated to an array of performances put up by their seniors which showcased the outstanding student talent in SIT. Performing groups Muzeka, The Wild Ones and martial arts duo Rayvern and Ronald wowed the audience with their music, dance and martial arts performance respectively.

What a great way to start off a new chapter in life!



Students arrive early to register for the Welcome Ceremony

SIT to Launch its Own Applied Degrees in 2014

Move to develop 'best-in-class' industry specialist a key step in its preparation to becoming Singapore's fifth autonomous university.

Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) will offer applied degree programmes under its own namesake from 2014 onwards. Since its inception in 2009, SIT has carved a niche education pathway with its practice-oriented degree programmes with strong industry links. Through close consultation with key industry players, SIT has identified industry sectors with strong demand for graduates. In just four short years, SIT's annual intake has expanded to 1,500 students in 27 full-time degree programmes, offered in partnership with 11 reputable overseas universities.

As Singapore's fifth autonomous university, SIT will help open more pathways to higher education for Singaporeans. It will continue to expand and leverage its strong industry links to award applied degrees in its own name, in addition to the partnerships it already has with overseas university partners.

The three new degree programmes to be offered from Academic Year 2014/15 are the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)/ Master of Engineering Technology (MEngTech) in Sustainable Infrastructure Engineering, Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Information and Communications Technology and the Bachelor of Accountancy (Honours).

The Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Sustainable Infrastructure Engineering is the first of its kind in Singapore. The role of engineers to support Singapore's economic growth and development needs in terms of first-world infrastructure is critical as Singapore positions itself as a global transportation hub. SIT's response to industry demand is to create a niche engineering programme that will offer highly-specialised training closely aligned with the needs of the sector.

SIT will also launch the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Information and Communications Technology (ICT) programme with specialisation in Software Engineering, as well as a Bachelor of Accountancy (Honours) programme. This will support Singapore's needs for graduate talent in the ICT and financial sectors.

Integrated Work Study Programme

SIT will pilot its Integrated Work Study Programme (IWSP) through its new applied degrees. To be held over a span of 8 to 12 months, the IWSP is a unique blend of full-time work and study where students will be able to gain real work experience through the course of their studies and apply classroom learning in their immediate work environments. The structure of each IWSP will be unique to its degree programme. Typically however, they will be of a longer duration than other internships so as to cater to different industry needs and allow a fuller learning stint.



News of SIT introducing its own degrees made it to major newspapers.

Designed to be more in-depth and structured than a traditional internship or industrial attachment, students participating in the IWSP will not only gain real work experience and insights into working life, they will also receive remuneration that is in line with contractual work. SIT has received positive response from organisations such as the Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore, Land Transport Authority, transport companies such as SBS Transit and SMRT Corporation, accounting firms such as PricewaterhouseCoopers and RSM Chio Lim, and many others who are keen to partner with SIT on the IWSP.

Industry Advisory Committee

Industry Advisory Committees (IAC) to guide curricula development for each of the degree programmes have also been formed by SIT. The IACs comprise key industry leaders who will give feedback and advice on the development of the respective degree programmes. Through such close industry consultation, SIT will be able to ensure the relevance of its programmes by continually aligning its degree curricula with evolving industry needs.

Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT, said, "This is a very proud moment for SIT. We have come a long way with our overseas university partners. With the launch of our own industry-focused degree programmes, we will continue to be steadfast in our promise to offer quality degree programmes to our students. I am very excited that through our degree programmes, we will produce highly employable graduates imbued with the SIT DNA. Our students will be equipped with deep specialist skills to become 'thinking tinkerers' and strong industry advocates."

"I am confident that SIT's Integrated Work Study Programme will help our students take off in their careers as they will have the unique opportunity to augment theory with real work experience. SIT will remain in close consultation with industry to ensure that our curriculum is continually refreshed and industry-relevant."

Hello World, Here We Come

Budding chefs, aspiring nurses and engineers in the making. These young talents are ready to make their impact on the working world after receiving their degrees at the recent graduation ceremonies held by three of SIT's Overseas University Partners.



The Culinary Institute of America (CIA) Graduation Ceremony 19 Sept 2013

The 37 graduates from the 2011 cohort of SIT-CIA's Bachelor of Professional Studies in Culinary Arts Management programme had a graduation ceremony like no other at the Temasek Polytechnic campus. First-year students of CIA worked from the wee hours of the morning to fete them with an impressive buffet showcasing all of CIA's culinary excellence.

Daniel Boulud, celebrity French chef, cookbook author and owner of the Dinex Group, was on hand as the Commencement address speaker this year.

Said Mr Clarence Chue Maow Sheng (picture above), who received the Julius Wile Academic Achievement Award at the ceremony "These two years have been a very long journey but it is so worth it because it is such an invaluable experience that cannot be bought."

The University of Manchester (UoM) Graduation Ceremony 27 Sept 2013

A total of 48 graduates from the very first cohort of SIT-UoM's programme received their Bachelor of Science (Honours) degrees in Nursing Practice at a ceremony at Sheraton Towers Singapore.



This programme aims to upgrade the nursing profession by enabling nursing graduates to progress in management, clinical or education career paths. Its mission is to produce graduates who can help build quality and affordable healthcare in Singapore with a view to the needs of an ageing population.

Prof Rod Coombs, Deputy President, UoM, said at the ceremony "You are pioneers, and this brings responsibilities and big expectations. You have had an education that enables you to excel within your profession and beyond, in order to see the part you can play in improving health care and society as a whole."

University of Glasgow (UoG) Graduation Ceremony 18 Oct 2013

More than 80 SIT-UoG Mechanical Design Engineering and Mechatronics students graduated with the Bachelor of Engineering with Honours degree in a ceremony held at the Star Performing Arts Centre.



Lim Cheng Leong was recognised with the Professor Wu Dao Quan (吴道全教授) Outstanding Engineering Student Award.

Mr Lim Cheng Leong from SIT-UoG's Bachelor of Engineering with Honours in Mechatronics programme was awarded the Professor Wu Dao Quan (吴道全教授) Outstanding Engineering Student Award for being the most outstanding engineering student in the Class of 2013. The newly established award has been made possible by an alumnus of UoG who wishes to honour her late father, mentor and role model Prof Wu Dao Quan, who headed the Mechanical Engineering Department at a University in China.

Said Mr Lee Chang Sheng, who graduated with a Bachelor of Engineering (First Class Honours) degree in Mechatronics "The University of Glasgow Singapore has shaped us as independent learners and given us the thirst for more knowledge."

New SIT Alumni Networks to Bring SITizens Together



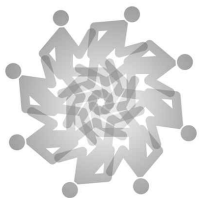
ALUMNI CAREER NETWORK

There's now an easier way for SIT alumni to stay in touch with one another and with SIT. Following the formation of three new alumni networks, they can take part in activities where they have a common interest.



ALUMNI LEISURE NETWORK

SIT's Alumni Career Network, Alumni Leisure Network and Alumni Sports Network were introduced in August 2013 by the Advancement & Alumni Division.



ALUMNI SPORTS NETWORK

Various events which cater to these interest groups have been organised after informal chats with our alumni.

Here are a few snapshots from the recent events.

SIT Alumni Sports Network

SIT Alumni Sports Network's first sporting event, the Mizuno PAssion Mount Faber Run held on 13 Oct 2013, took off to a fast start. Our sporting alumni, together with our SIT staff including Advancement & Alumni Division's Senior Manager Teo Poh Heng (front row, second from right wearing blue bandana) and Manager Florence Lang (next to Poh Heng), took part in the early Sunday morning run.

Mr Tan Juan Hui (Class of 2013), who has a Bachelor of Science degree (Major in Hospitality Management) from University of Nevada, Las Vegas, said, "It was a refreshing environment for running. Many would not have thought that running on slope terrain is possible. However, I was blessed to witness many runners who persisted tirelessly throughout the entire course. They are truly admirable in my opinion."



SIT Alumni Career Network

Mr Lim Der Shing, co-founder and CEO of JobsCentral, gave a candid talk at the SIT Alumni Career Network event on 17 Oct 2013. He shed light on the challenges he overcame during the formative years of setting up JobsCentral, when he had only just graduated. Titled "Tackling Entrepreneurship as a Fresh Graduate - The JobsCentral Journey", the talk attracted about 80 attendees, including alumni and final year students. Co-organised by SIT's Advancement & Alumni Division and Career Services Division, it was held at Grand Park City Hall.

Mr Stewart Lim, B Eng (Hons) Mechanical Design Engineering, University of Glasgow, Class of 2013, "It was a wonderful career talk cum dinner. Mr Lim Der Shing's advice, 'Do what is important, not do what you like,' stuck with me. In order to achieve success in life, it sometimes leaves us with no choice, but to complete the task or process which we dislike to do."



SIT Alumni Leisure Network

More than 110 SIT alumni and staff attended the first-ever SIT Alumni Movie Night and enjoyed an adrenalin-filled time with the screening of *The Wolverine*, at Filmgarde Bugis+ on 1 Aug 2013. The movie was preceded by a sumptuous buffet dinner where fellow alumni took the opportunity to catch up with each other. Said Assistant Prof May Lim, "I enjoyed and appreciated the opportunity to catch up with the graduating students."



Check your life-long SIT email accounts for more Alumni Network events coming your way. For more details, email us at Alumni@SingaporeTech.edu.sg

From the President's Heart

As our new graduates get ready to enter the world of work, SiTizen asks Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT, to share some of his tips for success

Q: What do you think may be the greatest challenges coming up against SIT graduates as they start their careers? How different is the working world of the 21st Century compared to, say, the time when you were a new graduate?

A: The result of rapid economic and technological progress has increased competition and complexity in all sectors of our economy. This almost exponential increase impacts both our education system and graduates alike. The openness of the global marketplace further strips away barriers to competition, and our graduates are now facing the brunt of intense competitiveness on all fronts. Transnational borders to human capital are disappearing; the number of Singapore-nurtured graduates is rising significantly each year with the recent increase in the number of tertiary institutions. It is an infinitely more competitive market for our graduates today than it was in my time. Furthermore, all of them will enter a market that is changing at break-neck pace.

Employers are now increasingly aware of the differences between graduates of different universities; they also seek polytechnic graduates and university graduates for different skill sets. While this may sound challenging, it actually presents an opportunity for our SIT graduates, who embody the best attributes of both.

I am very proud of our workplace-friendly graduates. They are willing to roll up their sleeves to get things done, able to find practical solutions and are highly adaptable. They have also benefitted from the rigorous curriculum at SIT which has equipped them with state-of-the-art professional know-how.

This bodes well for them at a time when new growth sectors such as logistics, allied health and sustainable infrastructure engineering are emerging. They have what it takes to seize the opportunities in these sectors. All the 27 degree programmes we offer with our 11 overseas university partners are designed to build the expertise that are needed to help industries grow.



Despite these advantages, our graduates will still have to cope with great and rapid changes. In the 21st century, constant change in the economy is inevitable and jobs will come and go. SIT graduates will have to be resourceful, innovative and hungry for success. Most importantly, they will have to embrace change and effectively evolve with the times to attain their fullest potential in their careers.

Q: How can they stand out from the competition?

A: By exercising three key abilities, or what I like to call the SIT DNA. The first is the ability to be thinking tinkerers who are adaptable, resourceful, and know how to think through doing. The second is the ability to accept change courageously and to learn on the job. For example, I hope that our graduates prove to be the most ideal candidates for companies that need to re-locate or start ventures in a new territory. The third is the ability to learn, unlearn and relearn. The first two are less difficult, but unlearning is about one's mindset. Unlearning does not mean forgetting what has been learnt, but accepting that knowledge has become obsolete. It is about embracing change and this is necessary because while formal education lasts about 15 years, the working life is going to be three times longer.

Q: What memorable life lessons can you share with our new graduates?

A: Change was the only constant in my own learning journey and learning to thrive in spite of it has been a most valuable lesson for me. When I was growing up in a *kampong* in Jurong, Singapore was in the first years of its nation building and English was becoming the first language. I was the first of seven children in my family to go to an English-stream secondary school, so acquiring proficiency in a new first language was a fundamental change and major challenge.

Subsequently, after my 'A Levels,' I found myself facing new cultures and different learning environments. I went to the University of Canterbury in New Zealand on a Colombo Plan scholarship before going onto the California Institute of Technology in the United States to earn my postgraduate degrees. All these were difficult changes, but they also resulted in rewarding experiences which have taught me resilience, flexibility and the openness to new ideas.

You could say that mine is the 'classic Singapore story,' in which it is possible for a *kampong* boy to attend top global universities and transform his family's future. I have learnt through first-hand experiences that education is the greatest agent for personal transformation and social change. This is another valuable lesson that I find to be true to this day.

Q: What would be the right attitude for SIT graduates to adopt as they enter the workplace?

A: You must be willing to work your way up from the bottom. The experience will give you the advantages of a broader perspective, the understanding of the entire work process, and the insights as to what is possible and what is not.

In some cases, this would mean actually getting one's hands dirty. I learnt this early. When I was a boy, my family ran a pig farm where Jurong Point now stands and I had to help my parents clean it up.

Also, in life, when one door closes, another one opens. Many become disappointed because they believe the door that closes is the better one. The truth is no one knows because it depends on what you do with it. So it is important to put in your 100% for the door that opens to you.

My specialisation is in land reclamation, deep excavation, soil improvement and soil characterization. When I was a student in New Zealand 37 years ago, I worked a summer job that involved vibrating concrete for the construction of a hydropower dam. I had to hang off a 150-metre cliff to do the job. That gave me quite a view of things!

Q: What do you think is the single most impactful quality to have as one progresses in one's career?

A: To me, that would be graciousness to our co-workers and also to others we come across day to day. Having a razor-sharp mind in this era of the knowledge economy is advantageous; but I believe that it is equally important to have a compassionate heart.

The ability to put oneself in the shoes of others, to understand their motivations and difficulties – that would be an enduring strength in the workplace and also in all other areas of one's life.

In the 21st century, knowledge can become obsolete quite quickly, but a good understanding of the human condition has no expiry date. I hope all SIT graduates will continue to cultivate this single most important quality through life.

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President, SIT

SIT Students Get Increasing Support from Private Donors

Philanthropic support for students has grown since the first cohort was admitted in 2010.

From a starting base of zero in 2010, private donors have since made gifts to Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) to establish six scholarships to encourage excellence, 12 bursaries and study grants in aid of students facing financial difficulties and 19 performance awards such as outstanding student awards, gold medals and book prizes to recognise good academic performance.

There is now even an emergency fund to assist full-time SIT students who encounter unforeseen financial emergencies or personal catastrophes that may prevent them from continuing their education and graduating from SIT. The Xiao De (孝德) Emergency fund was made possible by a donor who wishes to remain anonymous.

Some of these gifts are endowed to benefit SIT students in perpetuity. What this means is that only the income generated by such gifts will be disbursed to recipients leaving the initial capital sum untouched, continuing to generate on-going income.

Another interesting point to note is that all private gifts to SIT attract a Government Matching Grant which in effect multiplies the sum bestowed.

So far, a total of 122 SIT students have benefitted as scholarship holders, performance award winners, bursary and grant recipients. Supported by philanthropic giving, these awards are bond-free.

While the total quantum of private gifts that SIT has received to date is as yet modest, the growing interest from donors is an encouraging start for a new institution in its formative years.

Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT, said, "We are very grateful for this support from private donors. Their giving toward scholarships and awards to recognise good academic performance will encourage our students to fulfil their greatest potential."

"The gifts toward student financial aid are especially crucial for many talented SIT students who come from disadvantaged backgrounds. More than three quarters of our students who matriculated in the Academic Year 2013 come from households

with a per capita income (PCI) that is below the 2012 National Median PCI of S\$2,130. Such gifts help ensure that all deserving students are able to access a quality education, regardless of their financial circumstances."

Donors are now not only giving more, they are also taking a deeper interest in the students they support. More donors are now attending donor stewardship events (organised all year round by SIT's Advancement & Alumni Division) where they get to meet their student beneficiaries face to face, and vice versa.

Among these donors is Mr Choo Chiau Beng, whose philanthropic support has made possible the Choo Chiau Beng Outstanding Student Award in Naval

Architecture, the Choo Chiau Beng Overseas Immersion Programme Scholarship Fund, and the Choo Chiau Beng Bursary at SIT.

Said Mr Choo, "I hope the outstanding student award will encourage deserving students to strive for academic excellence, and that the scholarship will enable them to access a quality specialist education that gives them international exposure through a good Overseas Immersion Programme. In time, the industries will also benefit from

having workplace-ready, practice-oriented and globally-oriented talents to drive their growth."

"It is important that we nurture a diverse pool of talents to fuel our economy and encourage upward social mobility. Giving to education is an investment for the future that will transform society and I am happy to support outstanding and deserving students at SIT."



Recipients of the KKH Scholarship and Wilmar Scholarship awards: (front row from left) Saihah Binte Mohamed Salleh, Lam Hue Chi, Goh Su Fong, Chia Pei Fen and Low Mei Liang. Back row from left: Mr Woon Kok Meng, Ling Qiurong, Alvin Ee Wei Liang, Ms Jocelyn Ang, Mark Lee See Min, Mr Kuok Khoon Hong, Mr Tay Thiam Peng, Prof Tan Thiam Soon, Yeo Han Ming, Chua Chong Huan, Lee Poh Sein and Prof Patrick Chua.

SOME OF THESE GIFTS ARE ENDOWED TO BENEFIT SIT STUDENTS IN PERPETUITY.

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LIFE CHANGING GIFTS

'Thanks to the Wilmar Scholarship, I no longer had to juggle my time between work and my studies. I was able to engage more fully in my student life and thereby benefit from it – something that I had missed out on during my polytechnic days because I had to take up multiple part-time jobs to finance my studies. This scholarship also gave me an extra boost of confidence. I am glad that I was empowered to achieve better grades and attain First Class Honors in my final semester. Being the holder of a scholarship supported by a renowned multi-national company has definitely benefitted me in my job hunting process as well. I was looked upon favourably by potential employers.'

- Ms Goh Su Fong, Wilmar Scholar
B Eng (Hons) Chemical Engineering
Newcastle University, Class of 2013

'It was not easy for me to pursue nutrition as I had to take a longer route. Nevertheless, I made the decision of going to Singapore Polytechnic to do a Diploma in Nutrition, Health and Wellness, instead of getting a degree in a university right after completing my A-Levels. Going overseas was the only way to become a nutritionist/dietitian, but the costs were prohibitive. Thus, the KKH Scholarship is a great encouragement and help to me; allowing me to continue pursuing my passion and motivating me to continue to strive for excellence in my studies.'

- Ms Ling Qiurong, KKH Scholar
BSc (Hons) Food & Human Nutrition,
Newcastle University, First year student

SIT Hospitality Day 2013

On 23 Aug 2013, students from the hospitality disciplines and representatives from 14 companies came together at M Hotel for the SIT Hospitality Day 2013.

The event featured a speed-networking event, where graduating students could interview for available positions with hotels and F&B groups. Small-group discussions were also organised for students to find out more about the industry from captains of the industry. The event was supported by the Culinary Institute of America, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and the Employment and Employability Institute.

In his welcome address, Prof Yee Fook Cheong, Vice President (External Relations), SIT, said, "The importance of the tourism industry to our economy underscores the need to maintain our competitive edge in providing world-class hospitality services. The key to achieving this is to continually raise the service standards of our hospitality workforce through experiential learning and practical training by dedicated hospitality institutions."

This was followed by a panel sharing with industry partners. Panel speakers Ms Catherine Ang, Director, Human Capital & Development, Pan Pacific Singapore, Mr Benny Se Teo, Founder & Chef of Eighteen Chefs, and Mr Yeoh Teng Kwong, Managing Director of Grapevine Concepts covered everything from global trends in the tourism industry to the skills that employers in the industry are looking for.

The first Singaporean to train at Jamie Oliver's restaurant Fifteen, Chef Benny Se Teo shared his inspiring story on how he went on to start Eighteen Chefs as a social enterprise to help former inmates like himself gain employment.



(From left): The panel discussion featured Ms Catherine Ang, Director, Human Capital & Development, Pan Pacific Singapore; Mr Benny Se Teo, Founder & Chef of Eighteen Chefs; Mr Yeoh Teng Kwong, Managing Director of Grapevine Concepts

Mr Yeoh had great advice for the aspiring hospitality professionals, "Even if you are in Housekeeping, even if you are in Finance, or even if you are in Engineering, if a customer needs help, you must have that readiness, that mindset, to want to serve."

After the panel session, it was time for the centerpiece of the event, a speed-networking session somewhat like speed-dating, but for the purpose of employment. Students and employers were given five minutes to find out more about each other before a bell was rung and students moved on to the next employer.

Said second-year student Mr Kelvin Ong, who attended the event, "It was a useful session as we got many insights into the industry."

Honourable Start to a 'Life in Crime'

SIT and UoL partner up to offer new 3-year honours degree in Criminology and Security.

On 2 Aug 2013, a signing ceremony was held at the Senior Police Officers' Mess to commemorate the partnership between Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT), University of Liverpool (UoL) and Temasek Polytechnic in offering the Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Criminology and Security degree programme.

Mr S. Iswaran, Minister, Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister for Home Affairs and Trade & Industry witnessed the signing ceremony. The occasion also saw 32 Home Team officers awarded full sponsorship by the Ministry of Home Affairs for their degree.

The new degree will support the growth of Singapore as a safety and security hub by raising the overall level of professionalism of the security industry and helping to meet the demand for trained security personnel. The partnership between SIT and UoL will draw on SIT's expertise in designing niche degree programmes which acknowledge such strong industry demand.

The three-year full-time degree course offers an integrated and comprehensive study into criminological theories and research methodologies that includes modules such as Social Change and Social Policy in Contemporary Society as well as Understanding Crime, Justice and Punishment. Localised case studies will be used to equip the students with a deeper understanding of security, social control and non-conventional threats from a critical perspective. Some modules like Terrorism and Radicalism will also be adapted to the South East Asian context.

Said Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT, "I am delighted that SIT stands in good stead in offering industry-relevant degree programmes. Our partnership with University of Liverpool is a testament of our mission to continuously offer degrees which cater to the needs of the industry through close consultation with our partners. I am honoured that Ministry of Home Affairs has given strong industry support and endorsement for this degree programme. SIT is cognizant of the need to progressively offer other niche programmes that will benefit our society

and economy, and will continue to create such opportunities."

The UoL is SIT's newest partner to provide relevant and targeted programmes for students in Singapore. This brings the total of SIT's degree offerings with its overseas university partners to 27.

Prof Fiona Beveridge, UoL's Head of School of Law and Social Justice, said, "The Department of Sociology, Social Policy and Criminology at the University of Liverpool is one of the oldest Sociology Departments in the UK and has a long and distinguished history of research-led teaching. This new programme continues the academic rigour and reputation of our Liverpool-based courses, adapted to the needs of Singapore, and will be delivered by lecturers who are at the cutting edge of their discipline."

"The Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Criminology and Security will produce a pool of graduates ... who can think critically about crime and security issues and help to shape future policy and practice in Singapore and further afield."

SIT welcomed its first intake the full-time degree programme for the Academic Year 2013/14 in September this year with a class of about 40 students. Temasek Polytechnic is the host for this degree programme and classes will be conducted there.

Science is Fun!

The little robots constructed by a group of SIT-UoG graduands from the pioneer cohort of the BEng (Hons) Mechatronics degree programme were a big hit at the Singapore Science Festival 2013.

The students, who had a booth at the Festival, modelled the robots after real NASA robots operating in space; albeit theirs were constructed entirely out of LEGO. Visitors were invited to a visual and experiential feast to try their hand at maneuvering the robots through obstacles via remote control. Under the watchful guidance of Asst Prof Liew Pak San and Asst Prof Alfred Tan, the team had worked through the nights for weeks to perfect the system.



(From left) Dr Liew Pak San, Kenneth Quah, Goh Swee Kek, Justin Lee, Donal Ngo, Lee Zongren, Joshua Lim, Winton Lee, Dr Alfred Tan, the brains behind the SIT-UoG robots.

Now in its 10th year, the Singapore Science Festival 2013 was held on 19 July at the Central Atrium in Marina Square in conjunction with X-periment, a 3 day weekend carnival. Having close to 70 events, activities and exhibitions featuring international experts and science performers, the festival's mission was to take science out of the laboratories, and to showcase to the public recent technological advances which have contributed to Singapore's economy and society.



Sparking the fire of scientific inquiry in a young fan.

Booths were set up by various organisations and educational institutions to showcase new discoveries as well as educational exhibits to highlight that science is truly a part of our everyday life, and not just limited to labs and researchers.

Announcing a Special Card for SITizens Only!



For the first time, Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) alumni will be issued with their very own card. A complimentary gift from SIT, this personalised card can be used in three different ways:

As an identification card for SIT Alumni

Show it to enjoy merchant privileges exclusive to the SIT Community.

As an entry pass to SIT events

Bring the card along with you for SIT events and you can scan it to register your attendance.

As a NETS FlashPay Card

Use it as a NETS card, pay for public transport or in place of a cash card to pay ERP charges.

New graduates can collect their new SIT Alumni Card at the SIT Graduation Ceremony 2013 on 21 November as well as at the SIT Graduation Celebrations 2013.

Class of 2013 graduates not present at either of these events and SIT alumni who graduated the year before may collect their Alumni Card from the SIT Advancement & Alumni Division.

Where to collect: *SIT Advancement & Alumni Division, 25 North Bridge Road, #03-01, EFG Bank Building, Singapore 179104.*

Collection Period: *December 2013 and January 2014 on weekdays (except for public holidays), from 9 AM to 6 PM.*

For further queries, please e-mail us at Alumni@SingaporeTech.edu.sg or call us at 6592 1137.

Winners of SIT Alumni Card Design Contest

The look of this special card was inspired by the creative energy of alumni who took part in the SIT Alumni Card Design Competition held in August 2013 and we wish to thank all who sent in entries.

We would also like to congratulate the following five alumni participants for winning the merit prize. Each has walked away with \$30 worth of CapitaLand Vouchers!

- **Angel Heng Ning**
(Hotel Administration, Class of 2013)
- **Gabriel Eng Zhen Kai**
(Mechatronics, Class of 2013)
- **Law Pei Fen, Dione**
(Food & Human Nutrition, Class of 2013)

- **Mun Meng Jit**
(Mechanical Design & Manufacturing Engineering, Class of 2013)
- **Tan Yi Ping**
(Hotel Administration, Class of 2013)

SIT Alumni Card Benefits

8 Degrees Taiwanese Bistro

- 10% off total bill
- Valid till Jul 2014
- Participating Outlets: 37 Teck Chye Terrace, 454/456 Joo Chiat Road, 359 Beach Road

Amasoy

- 1 topping free at Amasoy Hokkaido Milk Drinks
- Buy any 3 Amasoy puddings and get 1 original free
- Valid till Dec 2013
- Terms & Conditions apply. Not valid with other discounts or promotion

C.E.D.S

- 10% off storewide excluding Oakley eyewear
- Valid till 31 Mar 2014
- Participating Outlets: Takashimaya Department Store Level 4, VivoCity #02-62
- May not be used in conjunction with any other promotions and offers

KOI Sushi + Izakaya

- 10% off food items & Happy Hour all night from Monday to Thursday
- Valid till 31 Jan 2014

Ministry of Food

- Special membership rate \$3 (usual price \$10) valid for 2 years
- Valid till end Dec 2013
- Membership benefits include:
 - 10% off total bill
 - 20% off selected meal of the day and dessert
 - Free tea or coffee
 - Complimentary dessert during Birthday Month
 - Discounts at overseas branches

Nanyang Optical

- 30% off Frames & sunglasses of Exclusive House Brands. Enjoy additional 5% off on house brand promotion packages
- 20% off Frames & sunglasses of Other Brands (exclude Exclusive House Brands)
- 20% off: All Conventional contact lenses
- 10% off: BigEyes2 bi-weekly disposable color contact lenses (2-piece pack)
- Valid till 31 Dec 2015
- Participating Outlets: Causeway Point, Clementi Mall, Compass Point, Heartland Mall, Junction 8, Jurong Point, nex Shopping Mall, Thomson Plaza, Parkway Parade, White Sands, Nanyang Optical Franchise - United Square

Planet Popcorn

- 10% off for all Planet Popcorn flavours
- Valid till 31 Aug 2014
- Participating Outlets: City Square Mall B1-K1, VivoCity #B2-05A
- May not be used in conjunction with any other promotions and offers

Ramen Keisuke

- 10% off total bill
- Valid till 31 Dec 2013
- Participating Outlet: Bugis Village - Four Seasons (dine in only)
- Not applicable to other promotions or set meals

The Wine Company™

- 10% savings on all food & wine-by-bottle & wine-by-glass; drink-in
- 30% savings on all wine-by-carafe, beer, cocktail, liquor, liqueur
- 30% savings on all wine-by-bottle from wine menu for takeaway
- Valid till 16 Jun 2014
- Participating Outlet: Changi Village

Tiong Bahru Bakery

- 10% discount off the total bills (for dine in & takeaways)
- Valid till 31 Dec 2013
- Participating Outlets: Eng Hoon, Raffles City
- Not valid with other promotions or set meals
- Applicable to weekdays, weekends and Public Holidays
- Present your SIT Alumni Card prior to ordering

Zalora

- 10% off storewide excluding discounted items and non-sale brands
- Valid till 31 Dec 2013
- To provide coupon code: SIT10 before paying for merchandise
- May not be used in conjunction with any other promotions and offers



GRADUATION CELEBRATIONS 2013

NEW ALUMNI WELCOME PARTY

SEE YOU THERE!

Date

22 Nov 2013,
Friday

Time

7pm-10pm
(Registration starts at
6:30pm)

Ticket Price

\$15 per head
(inclusive of GST)

Location

AQUANOVA Restaurant Bar
Block C, #01-09
Clarke Quay, River Valley Rd
Singapore 179022
(Overlooking Central Fountain
Square)

Highlights

Dinner, Live Band, Lucky Draw,
Free Flow of Beer, Spirits and
Soft Drinks