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Dear SIT Alumni,

Season of Growth

Family of SITizens grows by more than 1,800, as SIT ushers in exciting AY 2014/15

On a Saturday afternoon on 23 August 2014, a new student cohort was inducted into the Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) at the annual Welcome Ceremony held at the Singapore Polytechnic Convention Centre. A majority of these new students (totaling more than 1,800) are enrolled in degree programmes offered by SIT's Overseas University (OU) Partners, but there are also 300 of them who signed up for the three new degree programmes under the SIT name: Sustainable Infrastructure Engineering (Land), Information and Communications Technology and Accountancy. The students of these new three programmes will experience university life at the Dover Campus, which has been SIT's new home only since June 1.

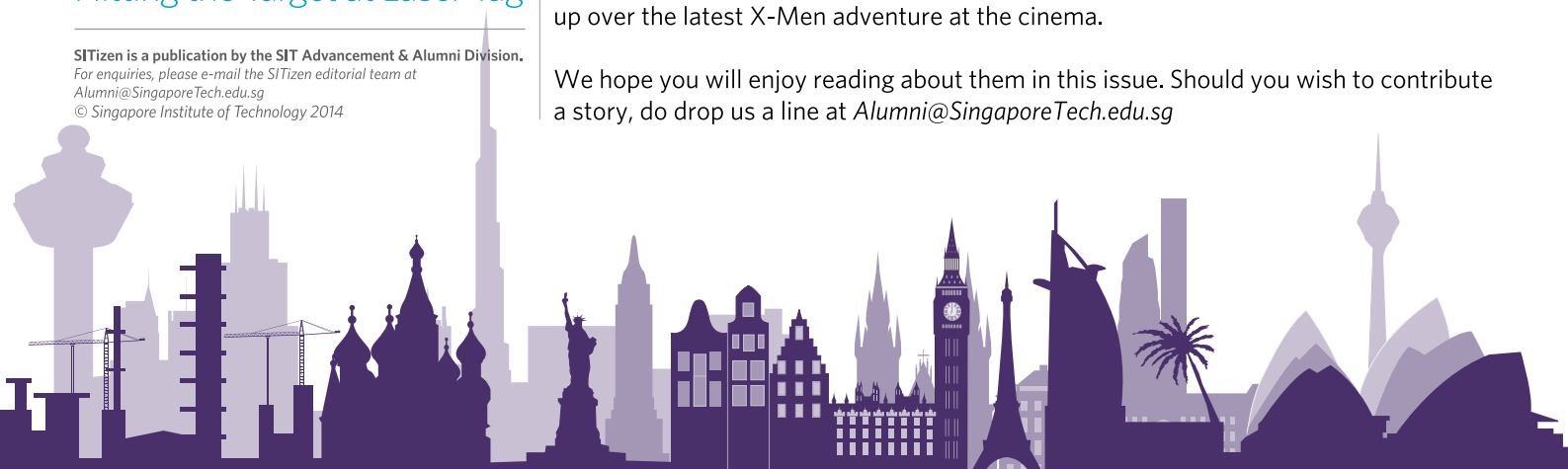
These fresh and expectant faces had joined SIT during an exciting and significant phase of its development, as it grows physically and academically at an accelerated rate. Turn the page and you will find this special chapter in SIT's history memorably captured by Prof Ting Seng Kiong, Deputy President (Academic) & Provost, SIT. In his interview with SITizen, Prof Ting shares his views on SIT's ongoing endeavours to nurture enterprising graduates, as well as help build a vibrant industry and resilient community through its academic contributions.

For SIT's seniors, too, the last three months have been a joyful time of celebration since the last issue of SITizen. In May, SIT held its first graduation ceremony as an Autonomous University, with close to 400 new graduates joining the growing alumni family. SIT's OU Partners, Digipen Institute of Technology, Wheelock College, Glasgow School of Art and Technical University of Munich also held their respective graduation ceremonies, marking the rite of passage for their new graduates and celebrating their academic achievements. In this issue, you will read about outstanding students at SIT who are recognised with awards at the graduation ceremonies, and also the exceptional students whose work have won an international competition (the Fentress Global Challenge 2013) and made it to a national science carnival (X-periment!).

We also have a report about how SIT's financially disadvantaged students are making progress and getting access to new opportunities, thanks to a community of donors who support bursaries at SIT.

The happiest of all, perhaps, is the unfolding story of how more and more SITizens – alumni, students and staff alike – are coming together to play, at the Dover Campus and elsewhere, whether dribbling a futsal ball, shooting a laser tag phaser or just catching up over the latest X-Men adventure at the cinema.

We hope you will enjoy reading about them in this issue. Should you wish to contribute a story, do drop us a line at Alumni@SingaporeTech.edu.sg





Prof Ting Seng Kiong, Deputy President (Academic) & Provost, SIT, flanked by students at last year's Reach for the Stars event.

Mission Possible

Prof Ting Seng Kiong, Deputy President (Academic) & Provost, SIT, shares his views on enterprising graduates, vibrant industry and resilient community – and how SIT can help bring about all three

Q: Established in 2009, SIT became Singapore's new Autonomous University (AU) in March 2014. What do you think have been its achievements and challenges?

A: Although SIT is the newest kid on the block among Singapore universities, it has taken some first steps toward realising its vision – which is to be a leader in innovative university education by integrating learning with the industry and community. In the last five years, we have been able to offer 32 programmes spanning the five academic disciplines of Physical Science & Engineering, Food Science & Chemical Engineering, Information Communications & Computing, Health Sciences and Design, Education & Social Sciences. Among these programmes are those we offer in collaboration with our Overseas University (OU) Partners, as well as the three new degree courses under the SIT name that are starting this academic year. So in making university education accessible to polytechnic graduates, SIT has achieved something of value that will have an impact not just on the lives of our students, but also the larger community, in years to come.

Recent statistics tell us that SIT has come to be regarded as a viable and even a sought-after niche pathway to university education. In our latest admissions exercise for the new Academic Year of 2014/15 for example, the 200 places we offered for our three new degree programmes attracted more than 1,900 applicants. In response, we increased the number of places to 300. As for the 29 courses we offer with our OU Partners, we

received a record 5,000 over applications for the 1500 available places. Our total intake this year is more than 1,800.

But the challenges are also considerable. To distinguish itself as the successful pioneer of a new model of applied learning, SIT will have to be nimble. We will have to align our curricula and pedagogy, closely and consistently, with the needs of our students and the industry. Beyond that, we must ensure that we continue to nurture students with the qualities and skills which will enable them to distinguish themselves as best-in-class specialists.

Q: SIT's new programmes in Sustainable Infrastructure Engineering (Land), Information and Communications Technology and Accountancy – how were these chosen as the first ones to be launched under the SIT name?

A: We designed these programmes after discussions with key industry players, who indicated that these are the areas with a strong demand for graduates. These are also areas with strong demand from polytechnic graduates. The close consultation process between SIT and the industry is integral to our work in pioneering a new pathway to applied learning with strong industry links for our students.

For example, Singapore has a strong need for graduates in Sustainable Infrastructure Engineering (SIE), who can plan and maintain infrastructure such as transportation systems. Our

curriculum was developed with solid support from key industry partners, such as Land Transport Authority, SBS Transit, SMRT Corporation, Singapore Technologies and Sembcorp Industries, so that our students will be well prepared for an enriching career in these industries. Our SIE programme has a unique feature: the opportunity for students to opt for Non-Destructive Testing (NDT) certification (ISO 9712), in collaboration with the Non-Destructive Testing Society (Singapore), to enhance their industry-readiness prior to graduation. This is a significant departure from the industry norm, where Engineering students typically attain NDT certification only after they begin employment, often within their companies.

The Information and Communications Technology (ICT) programme, with its major in Software Engineering, is designed to enable students to develop software across different devices and systems. Industry-wide problems and expertise are incorporated into the curriculum, after consultation with government agencies such as the Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore. Highly-focused specialisation in over 50 per cent of the modules is also incorporated into our curriculum.

As for our Accountancy programme focusing on audit and tax as well as risk management, it caters to the increasing industry demand for accountants and is in line with Singapore's vision to become a global Accountancy hub by 2020. While Accountancy is also offered in most other Singapore universities, there is still a strong need for Accountants as many Accountancy graduates go into banking and finance.

Underpinning all three degree courses is our Integrated Work Study Programme (IWSP) that uniquely allows our students to gain real work experience as an integral part of their studies and apply classroom learning in their immediate work environments. The structure of each IWSP will vary according to the programme. It is more in-depth than the usual internship and students can receive remuneration that is in line with contractual work.

Q: What can SiTizens, as well as the industry and larger community, expect from the SiT experience?

A: SiT students can expect a high quality university education that is focused on preparing them for a specialist career. Their classroom learning will be strongly tied to real workplace situations, through industry projects culminating in Capstone Projects and industry case studies. In time to come there will be industry spaces within our campus. We will also provide consultancy that benefits students and they will have the opportunity to contribute to professional bodies as well.

Conversely, the industry can expect to tap a work-ready talent pool through the IWSP and our overseas study programmes, on top of our Capstone Projects which will address industry challenges.

In a broader sense, SiT's aspiration is to produce graduates who can make a real difference in the community. When we talk about developing the SiT-DNA of SiTizens, it means that we aim to nurture enterprising "thinking tinkerers" who are able to learn, unlearn and relearn through life, who are catalysts for transformation and who are committed to serving society with their skills. These are the qualities that will help build a vibrant industry and resilient community.

Q: What do you think should be the benchmarks for SiT's success?

A: There are of course the usual performance indicators that all universities refer to, for example whether we can attract talented faculty and students, our academic reputation, employer reputation, and so on. I think the greatest success we can achieve as a teaching university is when our graduates have collectively distinguished themselves to the extent that they stand for something very special based on what they can bring to the table, and are sought after by the industry as unique problem solvers and innovators who can only be produced by SiT.



Prof Ting (fourth from left) with students and colleagues, showing his lighter side at the Student Appreciation Dinner 2014.

Another benchmark of success for us would be a close knit family of SiTizens who are noted for their contributions to the community. While our young family is still small – we have just over 3,000 students and over 1,300 alumni currently – they are interacting through student and alumni network activities. Back in May, I was delighted to enjoy a movie screening held by the SiT Alumni Leisure Network with a good turnout of about 200 of our alumni and graduating students. I hear that our alumni, students and some staff members as well are also congregating at the Dover campus for sports activities. This coming together is an important start for SiTizens to build their own culture, and common causes they can identify with.

Q: What kind of support would SiT and its students need to achieve success?

A: We are pleased to have a close working relationship with our industry partners, OU partners and the polytechnics, as we develop academic programmes and various overseas learning and work attachment programmes for our students. Such support and collaboration from our partners help ensure that SiT students are amply prepared for an enriching professional career upon graduation.

We also need the community's philanthropic support to establish more scholarships and bursaries for our students. Scholarships and other merit awards inspire student excellence, while bursaries give our financially challenged students the peace of mind to work towards their degree. For students of such background – our numbers show that about 63% of our students require financial aid – bursaries are especially crucial.

We are very thankful for what our donors are already giving towards the student bursaries and scholarships at SiT, and we continue to work towards wider support for our students. They have what it takes to get that SiT degree and achieve success in life, with just the necessary support. We hope that one day, our alumni will in turn come back and help the future generation of students.

Memorable May

SIT holds first graduation ceremony since becoming an Autonomous University; close to 400 graduates join alumni family

May was a month to remember for the Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT), when it saw 400 new graduates being added to its alumni family. A very special event was also held on 16 May 2014, at the Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre, it being SIT's third Graduation Ceremony – and also its very first since it was accorded the Autonomous University status in March. Graduands from the DigiPen Institute of Technology (DigiPen), the Technical University of Munich (TUM) and the University of Nevada Las Vegas were present to celebrate this rite of passage.



Minister for Education, Mr Heng Swee Keat, gave the keynote address.

Gracing the ceremony as Guest-of-Honour, Mr Heng Swee Keat, Minister for Education, said in his keynote address, "When I meet SIT students, I can sense a real pride and optimism over SIT's new status. SIT students recognise that your university has embarked on a new phase of its history. I share in your excitement and look forward to the continued good work of SIT, and SIT faculty, students and graduates."

Congratulating the students on their accomplishments, Mr Heng urged SIT to define its identity and move forward with a focus on real world applications, innovation and life skills.

Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT, also addressed the graduands, some of whom were from the pioneer graduating cohort in the Chemical Engineering programme. Thanking both staff and faculty, Prof Tan said, "As part of our new identity, we are launching the first three degree programmes that will fly the SIT flag: namely, in Sustainable Infrastructure Engineering, Information and Communication Technology and Accountancy."

The ceremony was followed by a presentation of the Sembcorp Industries Book Prizes and the Wing Tai Retail Book Prize in GAM 450 to graduating students who achieved the highest aggregate score for particular modules. The establishment of these book



Top: Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT, (left) officiating at the ceremony. Below: SIT's new alumni: faces of "real pride and optimism".

prizes at SIT had been made possible by philanthropic gifts from Sembcorp Industries Ltd and Wing Tai Retail Management Pte Ltd.

Mr Tommy Indra Winata, one of the two students who received a SembCorp Industries Book Prize, said the graduation ceremony marked a brand new chapter in his life. "I hope graduating from SIT as one of its top students gives me a head start," he said.

Mr Bryan Yeo Jun Rong, valedictorian and top student who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science in Real-Time Interactive Simulation from DigiPen, clinched the Wing Tai Retail Book Prize. He had earlier won a Student Showcase award at the Independent Games Festival China.

List of Award Winners



Sembcorp Industries Book Prizes
Electrical Energy Technology

Tommy Indra Winata
Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering & Information Technology, Technical University of Munich (TUM)

"I was surprised to be awarded a Sembcorp Industries Book Prize. The award has taught me that we will succeed through perseverance and hard-work."



Sembcorp Industries Book Prizes
Lab Course Automation and Intelligent Control

Tee Tiong Keng
Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering & Information Technology, Technical University of Munich (TUM)

"I owe it to the lecturers from SIT and TUM, who do not believe in 'spoon-feeding' their students. They helped develop my problem-solving skills, which has enabled me to deal with any challenges."



Wing Tai Retail Book Prize in GAM 450
Game Design Project IV

Yeo Jun Rong Bryan
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science in Real-Time Interactive Simulation, DigiPen Institute of Technology (DigiPen)

"As early practitioners of the industry, we have the responsibility to ensure its continued growth and for securing the future for the next generation of animators and game developers."

Celebrations All Around

DigiPen and Wheelock students recognised for academic achievements at the graduation ceremonies of the two OUs

DigiPen Commencement Ceremony 7 June 2014



Outside the auditorium: DigiPen graduands all ready to be presented as the Class of 2014.

A total of 78 graduands received their degrees in the four programmes offered by the DigiPen Institute of Technology (DigiPen) – Bachelor of Science in Computer Science in Real-Time Interactive Simulation, Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Game Design, Bachelor of Arts in Game Design and Bachelor of Fine Arts in Digital Art and Animation – at the Commencement Ceremony held at the Biopolis Auditorium on 7 June.

Ms Angeline Poh, Assistant Chief Executive Officer, Industry Group of Singapore, Media Development Authority, gave the commencement address while Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT, delivered a congratulatory address.

Mr Bryan Yeo and Mr Gavin Yeo were recognised as valedictorians for the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science in Real-Time Interactive Simulation programme and the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Game Design programme respectively. Presentations were also made by nominated students who exemplify the high academic and professional standards of DigiPen.



The future of the gaming industry in Singapore and beyond.

Said Mr Yee Kar Kin, one of the student speakers who received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Digital Art and Animation degree, "It is an amazing feeling when you realise that your perseverance has given you success – even little ones." He added, "It was during one such moment that it became clear to me; this is indeed what I want to pursue."

Wheelock Commencement 2014 11 June 2014



The wonderful women of Wheelock.

The Wheelock College (Wheelock) Commencement Ceremony 2014 was held on 11 June at the Ngee Ann Polytechnic Auditorium.

More than 40 graduands from the Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education were at the ceremony, which was also attended by Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT, President Jackie Jenkins-Scott, Wheelock College, Dr Linda Davis, Dean for International Programmes, Wheelock College, Dr Patricia Craig, Executive Director of Wheelock College, and other members of the faculty.

Dr Craig reminded the graduands of the passion that they have to make a difference, and the tools that they have been equipped with while at Wheelock. She said, "Today is also noteworthy because you are the first cohort to graduate as SIT students... I know I speak for both Wheelock and SIT when I say how immensely proud of you we are."



Valedictorian Ms Daniella Ooi shares her passion for early childhood education.

Ms Daniella Ooi, valedictorian and recipient of the Academic Achievement Award, said in her speech, "I believe that this passion and interest to work with young children, propelling them forward in doing what they love, is shared by all the graduates present here today."

Ms Dawn Sng was awarded the Most Significant Contributions to the Program Award at the same ceremony.

Celebrations All Around

Budding designers and engineers emerge from GSA and TUM graduation ceremonies

GSA Graduation Ceremony 4 July 2014



Ms Christine Neo, valedictorian and winner of the Forum for Critical Inquiry Dissertation Prize, receives her degree scroll from Prof Tom Inns, Director of GSA.

Accompanied by the sound of bagpipes as they marched into the auditorium, the pioneer batch of 97 graduands from the Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Communication Design and the Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Interior Design degree programmes received their degrees at the Glasgow School of Art (GSA) Graduation Ceremony held at Temasek Polytechnic Auditorium 3 on 4 July.



Mr Frazer Macdonald Hay, Director of GSA Singapore, lead the procession to formally open the GSA Graduation Ceremony.

The attendees of the ceremony included the guest-of-honour, His Excellency Mr Antony Phillipson, British High Commissioner to Singapore, Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT), and Prof Tom Inns, Director of GSA.

Prizes were awarded to Mr Chia Min Da, from the Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Communication Design programme, for achieving the highest grade in Studio for Communication Design, and Mr Wanna Zaw, from the Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Interior Design programme for the highest grade in Studio for Interior Design.

Ms Christine Neo, from the Communication Design programme, was awarded the Forum for Critical Inquiry Dissertation Prize for her essay "Constructing a National Identity: Pioneers of a 'Singaporean Art'". She had topped the entire GSA cohort worldwide in the Forum for Critical Inquiry.

The valedictorian said, "The prize was definitely unexpected because the subject was about the social and political history of the artistic scene in Singapore ... I'm encouraged by this acknowledgement and I'm currently doing more research on the history of the creative scene in Singapore, and perhaps publish a paper once I have a more specific topic to work on."

TUM Graduation Ceremony 2014 23 July 2014



Professor Kai-Olaf Hinrichsen, Dean of Chemistry Department at TUM, Head of Chair of Chemical Engineering; Teaching Professor at TUM Asia handed out degree scrolls at the ceremony.

The Technical University of Munich (TUM) Graduation Ceremony 2014 was held on 23 July. It marked the graduation of the very first batch of 16 students from the Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering programme, as well as 35 more graduates from the Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering & Information programme.



Award winners at the TUM Graduation Ceremony: (from left) Mr Lee Poh Sein, Mr Tan Ming Wei, Mr Tommy Indra Winata and Ms Lim Wei Ting.

Awards were presented to Mr Lee Poh Sein and Mr Tan Ming Wei, for the Best Student and the Best Thesis of the Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering programme respectively. For the Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering & Information Technology programme, Mr Tommy Indra Winata and Ms Lim Wei Ting were awarded the Best Student and Best Thesis awards respectively. Mr Winata was also the Rohde & Schwarz Prize Recipient.

In his opening address, Dr Markus Wächter, Managing Director, TUM Asia, gave graduands an important piece of advice on challenging themselves in their careers. He said, "Don't ever stop asking questions and keep pushing against the boundaries set for you."

Dr Steffen Koch, Acting Head of Mission, German Embassy Singapore, who presided as the Guest-of-Honour at the event, gave a congratulatory address at the ceremony.

Starting New Legacies

New SITizens get inducted into varsity life at the Student Orientation Camp in June



New SITizens!

Located next to the scenic Bedok Reservoir Park, the newly-completed SIT@TP building played host to more than 130 new students from the Technical University of Munich (TUM), The Culinary Institute of

America (CIA) and Wheelock College (Wheelock). They turned up early on Saturday, 28 June 2014, for 'The Legacy', the SIT Student Orientation (June) 2014, organised by the Student Life Division of

SIT to start them on their journey as SITizens.

Welcoming the newbies to SIT, Prof Loh Han Tong, Vice-Provost, SIT, reminded the students that their university journey is not just about academic classes. He hoped that they would "not only compete, but also collaborate with each other."

For Mr Lawrence Char, who will be pursuing a Bachelor of Professional Studies in Culinary Arts Management degree from CIA, enrolling in SIT has brought him closer to his dream. "I am definitely looking forward to school starting, and I'm already getting to know more people through the orientation," he said.

The highlight of the day was the Student Life in Me Race. The students, who were divided into four groups together with their student facilitators, raced around campus and the surrounding park, fulfilling various challenges whilst displaying their SIT spirit!

X-periment! with the Limits of 3D Printing

SIT-NU students show how it can enable robotics through their innovative projects

Final-year students from the Newcastle University (NU)'s Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Design and Manufacturing Engineering degree programme found a chance to display their innovative final-year projects at X-periment!, a three-day science carnival held as part of the Singapore Science Festival.

Dr Amy Khor, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Manpower, was present at the Marina Square Atrium on Friday, 18 July 2014, to declare the opening of the Singapore Science Festival.

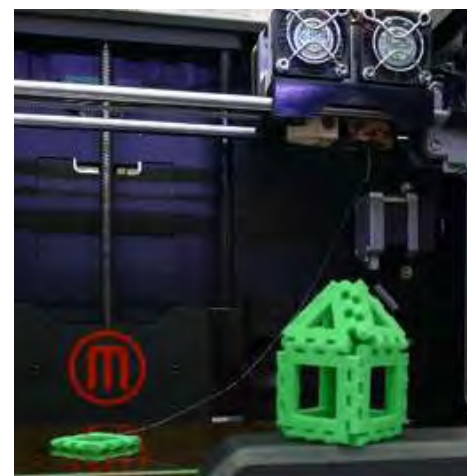
She stopped by the SIT-NU booth where Mr Angus Tang introduced her to the



Top: Mr Angus Tang showing Dr Amy Khor, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Manpower, how the robotic arm works. **Right:** The 3D printer in action - printing a toy figurine.

projects on display which included a robotic arm as well as quad copters. Parts of the robotic arm, the quad copters as well as the protective cages for the copters were manufactured using 3D printing.

Said Mr Tang, "We wanted to push the limits of 3D printing and see how far we could take it." Added his classmate Mr Edwin Goh, "You can make just about anything using a 3D printer with the right template."



New Gift for SIT's New Accountancy Students

Even before the new intake of about 140 Accountancy students arrived at the Welcome Ceremony – held in late August by the Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) for its new cohort of students – a new bursary had already been established for their benefit.

Thanks to a gift that has been made possible by Mr Lo Hock Ling, SIT has been able to establish the Lo Hock Ling Bursary – which will benefit three financially disadvantaged Accountancy students every academic year. Valued at \$5,000 each, the Bursary will help cover the recipients' educational expenses such as tuition fees, course materials and other fees for educational activities organised by SIT.

Mr Lo, the founder of accounting firm Lo Hock Ling & Co, is a pioneer in Singapore's accounting industry. "SIT is doing meaningful work in making university education more accessible to polytechnic graduates and I think it is commendable that SIT is now offering a degree programme in Accountancy as well," he said.

He added, "My work and involvement in the accountancy



New students at the SIT Welcome Ceremony 2014. Among the new intake for AY2014/15 are SIT's very first Accountancy students, who will be able to benefit from the Lo Hock Ling Bursary.

profession for the past decades had been enriching and enlightening. I am very glad to be able to help nurture a new generation of accountants for Singapore through this bursary."

Young Lives Lifted Up

Gifts to SIT from anonymous donors to fund bursaries and study grants create new possibilities for recipients

Students who receive donated bursaries and study grants at SIT are benefiting in more ways than one, thanks to philanthropic support from the larger community. Not only do bursaries, study grants and other student financial aid instruments help the recipients overcome financial disadvantages, they are also helping to inspire, boost confidence and open up new possibilities as these students get their start in life.

Some of these gifts are from donors who prefer to remain anonymous and let their acts of giving speak instead of their names.

For example, an anonymous donor gave to establish the **Xiao De (孝德)** Bursary at SIT in 2012. He did so to perpetuate the philanthropic spirit of giving and to encourage the concept of "paying it forward" amongst the community of bursary recipients.

Ms Zakiyya Binte Abdul Khalil, who recently graduated from the Technical University of Munich (TUM) with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering, said, "I had a wonderful SIT-TUM experience and I enjoyed it thoroughly despite the rigorous schedule." She added that receiving the Xiao De (孝德) Bursary in her final year "lightened the financial burden" resulting from her five-month-long Overseas Immersion Programme (OIP) stay at TUM in Munich, which turned out to be her "most memorable experience." Looking ahead, she said, "I hope to be able to build

a career based on my passion and contribute back to the society through my expertise."

Mr Alson Cheong Zhao Huang, a student from The Culinary Institute of America's Bachelor of Professional Studies in Culinary Arts Management programme, is now doing his year-long internship in the San Francisco Bay Area, at an establishment called One Market Restaurant. Sharing the exciting experience with SITizen in an e-mail interview, he said, "Being in a city so far away from home allows me to truly experience life and their culture." The internship is allowing him to "grow and become a better adult", added Mr Cheong. He also said that going abroad would not have been possible for him, had he not received the \$5,000 **Wong Family Bursary**.

Similarly, this Bursary at SIT is supported by a donor who wishes to stay anonymous. His intention is to support financially disadvantaged students in their quest for knowledge. Like most SIT students, the donor was also a polytechnic graduate before going to university to get his degree.

The **Thye Hong Study Grant** at SIT was established with gifts from yet another unnamed donor. Valued at \$5,000 each per annum, it benefits financially disadvantaged students who have achieved good academic results. Mr Pang Hee Juon, a graduating student from Newcastle University's Bachelor of Engineering with Honours in Mechanical Design and Manufacturing Engineering programme, says receiving the Study Grant "helped psychologically, as the donor felt that I could make a difference and that someone believed in me". "It pushed me to continue with my studies," he said.

What of the future? "I would like to find a job that makes a difference, instead of a job where I just produce something that people can already buy," he said.



The award-winning entry from GSA students.

GSA Students are the People's Choice!

They win the People's Choice Award in the Fentress Global Challenge 2013

Ms Cheryl Foo, Ms Demi Goh, Mr Clement Lee, now graduates of the Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Interior Design programme from the Glasgow School of Art (GSA), were challenged by their lecturers to propose an idea for a project poster for the Fentress Global Challenge 2013 within the short span of just three weeks.

Organised by Fentress Architects, the Challenge is an annual international competition that invites students worldwide to explore future design possibilities in public architecture. The theme for 2013 was 'Upcycled Architecture', which required participants

to redesign a public space for purposes other than those it was intended.

With this in mind, the team came up with a redesign for the National Aerated Water Company, and was rewarded for their efforts when they made it to the list of 15 finalists worldwide, before winning the People's Choice Award.

In their redesign, they retained the original Art Deco elements of the building, and used materials that hark back to the building's past such as recycled glass and galvanised copper since it was built to manufacture soft drinks in the 1950s but

had been abandoned for the past 10 years. They also envisioned the space to serve an educational purpose where school children can learn about Singapore's early industries, as well as a stop for water taxis that could potentially ferry the public along the Kallang River.

Said Ms Foo, "The three of us got deeply involved in the history of the site and envisioned ourselves as the owners of the space. We wanted to celebrate the purpose of the building and tie the history, present and future of the space together in our plans for the National Aerated Water Company."

SIT Alumni Card Benefits

August Glow

- 15% off all apparel (except shoes and bags)
- Valid until 31 Dec 2014
- Key in the voucher code during checkout: AG15@SIT at www.augustglow.com

Campers' Corner Outdoor Outfitters

- 15% discount off all regular-priced items
- Valid until 31 Dec 2014

Dancepointe Academy

- Free first-time dance trial (At Choa Chu Kang, Yio Chu Kang & Serangoon Gardens branches)
- Valid until 31 Dec 2014

Healthway Dental

- Corporate rates for dental services

Intune Music

- 10% discount on first 3 months' course fees
- Valid until 31 Dec 2014

LeBunny Bleu

- 20% off total bill; valid until 20 Apr 2015

Nanyang Optical

- 30% off frames & sunglasses of exclusive house brands. Additional 5% off on house brand promotion packages; 20% off frames & sunglasses of others brands
- 20% off all conventional contact lenses; 10% off BigEyes2 bi-weekly disposable color contact lenses (2-piece pack).
- Valid until 31 Dec 2015

Pies & Coffee

- 10% off total bill; 15% off whole cakes/sweet pies; 50% off on slice cakes/sweet pies with 2 gourmet pies purchased
- Valid until 31 Mar 2015

Planet Popcorn Singapore

- 10% off all Planet Popcorn Flavours; for Corporate Party/Event, 15% off for orders above \$80 & free delivery.
- Participating outlets: City Square Mall, VivoCity, Online @ www.sgplanetpop.com
- Key in "SIT2013" for the online Promotion at www.sgplanetpop.com
- Valid until 31 Aug 2014

Sharetea

- 10% discount of all regular priced items
- Valid until 28 Feb 2015

Skinny Pizza

- 10% off total bill at all Skinny Pizza outlets
- Valid until 31 Dec 2014

Sunrise

- 35% off storewide
- Participating outlet: Sportslife, Far East Plaza
- Valid until 31 Dec 2014

Tang Music Box

- \$18 Nett per pax with choices of 2 selected drinks & 1 choice of selected tidbits from Sun-Thurs, 2-8pm
- Last Check-In at 5pm for last 3 hours session
- Valid until 17 Oct 2014

The Vocal Studio

- Promotion 1: SIT Weekday Fixed Lessons
 - \$120 (4 x 30-min private lessons);
 - \$240 (4 x 60-min private lessons)
- Promotion 2: SITreats Discounted Standard Lessons
 - \$152 (4 x 30-min private lessons);
 - \$270 (4 x 60-min private lessons)
- One on One private tuition OR 2-person Private Group Tuition
- Valid until 20 Nov 2014

Tom's Palette

- 10% off selected ice-cream products

WTS Travel & Tours

- 12% off Legoland Theme Park Package (2-way Coach, Theme Park Ticket, Coach Insurance)
- 5% off Legoland Theme Park & Water Park Package (2-way Coach, Both Park Tickets, Coach Insurance)
- Key in the discount code 'ALU2014' for the Legoland Theme Park Package and 'SPLASHINGDEAL' for the Legoland Theme Park & Water Park Package at <http://legoland.wtstravel.com.sg/>
- Valid until 31 Dec 2014

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Futsal, the SIT Way!

Variant of association football fast becoming popular among SITizens, who rose to the challenge at the 2014 ShootItOn: 5 A-Side Futsal Competition

A total of 15 futsal teams, comprising 103 registered players, descended on Offside (underneath the Thomson Flyover) for the 2014 ShootItOn: 5 A-Side Futsal Competition. The games, held on Saturday, 19 April, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. was organised by the SIT Football Club.

SIT students formed the bulk of the players with nine teams. Other teams include a team from SIT alumni, SIT staff and four corporate teams with participants from CapitaLand, Tritech Group Ltd, and the Republic of Singapore Air Force.

During the four hot hours that Saturday, our SIT Alumni Futsal team, Not So Serious



Mr Loh Wen Jie from the SIT Alumni team evading members of the rival team while trying to score a goal during a game.

(NOTSOSRS), furiously played a total of seven games; advancing from the Group Stage to the Knock Out Stage, and then to the Semi-Final, before reaching the Final. Unfortunately, NOTSOSRS met their match in Tritech Group Ltd with the latter winning one goal against the SIT Alumni Futsal team to emerge as the winning team to clinch the Challenge Cup during this championship round.

Mr Muhammad Hussairi Bin Hussin, captain of NOTSOSRS and a 2013 graduate from Newcastle University's Mechanical Design and Manufacturing Engineering

degree programme, said he felt great "to represent and don the SIT colors once again as it helped motivate the team" to play.

"It was an enjoyable occasion meeting all the other soccer players from the corporate teams, other SIT alumni, and current SIT students from the various overseas university partners," he said. "I had good networking and bonding sessions in between our matches. On top of that, I would like to thank the organiser, SIT Football Club, for organising this event. They did a very good job preparing for the event."



A few good men - and women: the Alumni Futsal team along with some members of SIT staff.

Game for More

The sporting action did not end at the 2014 ShootItOn: 5 A-Side Futsal Competition. Members of NOTSOSRS, along with more alumni, came out to the SIT@Dover campus on Saturday, 5 July, this time to challenge SIT staff to a friendly game of futsal.

It was the first time that the SIT Alumni Futsal team played at the SIT@Dover campus and also the first time that they played against SIT staff. Having their own space for futsal and other sports is definitely something that SIT alumni can now look forward to, since SIT's move into its current premises, they say.

Mr Loh Wen Jie, a graduate from Newcastle University's Bachelor of Engineering with Honours in Offshore Engineering programme, said, "The staff team put up a good fight, and it's good now that the Alumni Futsal Team has a place to play and practice in the future."

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Thurs, 18 Sept 2014



Speaker Ruby Chai
Executive Director

Venue
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6:45 p.m. Dinner
7:45 p.m. Introduction & Talk
8:30 p.m. Q&A
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A Great Turnout for the X-Men

The SIT Alumni Leisure Network's screening of X-Men: Days of Future Past at FilmGarde at Bugis+ is a smash hit with alumni and staff



A highly-anticipated event on the SIT Alumni calendar, this year's SIT Alumni Movie Screening held on Thursday, 29 May 2014 was completely sold out, weeks before the event. Close to 200 alumni and graduating students, along with Prof Ting Seng Kiong, Deputy President (Academic) & Provost, SIT, and various faculty members, showed up early, for the latest instalment of the X-Men franchise.

Tucking into dinner before the movie, our alumni and students lost no time in reconnecting with fellow SITizens. The promise of vouchers from Books Kinokuniya also prompted some of them to take part in a mini Lucky Draw (see sidebar for the list of Lucky Winners). With popcorn and drink in hand, SITizens were also treated to a short clip featuring exciting events from the three SIT Alumni Networks

Mini Lucky Draw Winners

The following SIT alumni each received a \$10 voucher from Books Kinokuniya:

- Tay Zhi Xian Brandon
- Chua Wei Jian
- Shi Yongxiang
- Benedict Loh Wei Qiang
- Khoo Wee Kuang
- Chan Wei Ting, Grace
- Estelle Mikayle Ng
- Melissa Tang
- Jenny Ng Huixuan
- Jane Tan Chiat Yin

(Leisure, Sports and Career) before the start of the movie.

Among the alumni participants was University of Nevada, Las Vegas graduate, Mr Chin Kong Weng. "It was a great opportunity for all of us to have come together once again after we have all parted ways after graduation," he said, adding, "Great food, great company, plus the cheery atmosphere – it was very exciting for classmates to come together again after having worked for some time in various industries."

Ms Shern Lim, who graduated with a Bachelor in Science (Physiotherapy) from Trinity College Dublin, had but one simple request.

"More of such, please!" she said.

TAGGED!

SITizens hit the target during their very first Laser Tag Adventure

Surrounded by heart-pounding music and swirling lights, SITizens were in for an exhilarating Laser Tag Adventure, on the morning of Saturday, 18 July 2014. The first of its kind organised by the Alumni Leisure Network, the event was held at Laser OPS, an indoor laser tag arena in Dhoby Ghaut.

Divided into teams of five, SITizens attended a briefing by Laser OPS, where they learnt about the various missions and had a chance to strategise within their teams. SITizens lost no time in getting suited up in the lighted vests and testing out their laser guns before they entered the maze-like arena.

Mr Shawn Neo, an alumnus from the Bachelor of Engineering with Honours in

Mechatronics programme at the University of Glasgow (UoG), said, "It was a fantastic experience, running around and having fun with fellow SITizens!"

Certificates were awarded by Laser OPS to the Best Team and top shooter of the day. Beating 15 of the best shooters in a bonus round, Mr Wong Wei Liang, also a graduate from UoG, clinched the Sharp Shooter Award.

Ms Neo En Xin, a final year student from the Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering programme at the Technical University of Munich, said she truly enjoyed herself. She said, "Perhaps we can have a baking class next, or go rock climbing!"

Top: This team won the 'Best Team' award for the day.
Below: Mission accomplished!



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