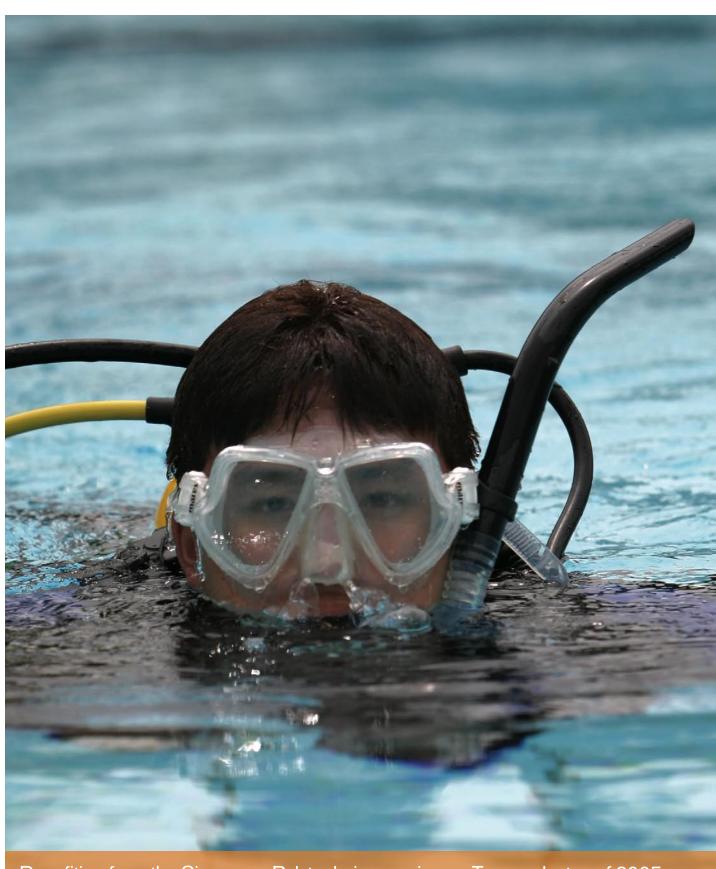
Inspiring Greatness

Unique SP Experience



Benefiting from the Singapore Polytechnic experience: Top graduates of 2005.

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

Providing an environment which not only nurtures academic excellence, but at the same time imparts valuable life skills. At Singapore Polytechnic, staff and students gained a truly unique experience like no other.

BUSTLING LIFE AT SINGAPORE POLYTECHNIC

Many activities were held during the year that added to the vibrancy of campus life. Together with the South West Community Development Council, the Department of Student & Alumni Affairs organised the return leg of the Singapore-Hong Kong International Youth Exchange. A highlight of the event was an aquathlon consisting of ablebodied and disabled athletes.



An amazing race around campus on 23 November 2005 introduced participants from the various schools and departments to the many green developments in Singapore Polytechnic. Checkpoints consisted of green features in the Polytechnic such as the eco-garden and bio-stream.

Other activities held during the year included the Mr and Miss Singapore Polytechnic Pageant and the Musical Delight XXVII Concert by the Singapore Polytechnic Symphonic Band held at the Esplanade Concert Hall on 22 January 2006.



To celebrate National Day, an observance ceremony involving some 1,200 students and staff was held. Mdm Halimah Yacob, MP for Jurong GRC, graced the event as Guest-of-Honour.

NURTURING WELL-ROUNDED STUDENTS

To nurture well-rounded students, several initiatives were put in place. These included the implementation of the Student Portfolio System which helped students to chart their own learning journey and create their own unique learning experience during their time at Singapore Polytechnic.

Self-management and character-based sexuality workshops were held during the year. In addition, courses were conducted for personal tutors, including one on resilience training, equipping them with skills to identify students who require special assistance.

Leadership training for students was another key focus area. This was achieved through activities like leadership training camps. Also, the Department of Student & Alumni Affairs organised the Generation Y Leadership Camp for 278 student leaders to train them in peer leadership and support.



A talk on leadership was held on 3 October 2005 for student leaders.

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

The year saw many Singapore Polytechnic students representing the nation in various regional and international sporting meets such as the SEA Games, Commonwealth Games and the inaugural Asian Indoor Games.

Students Loh Pei Yun, Loh Pei Si and Lee Hui Jun clinched the silver medal in volleyball at the Arafura Games 2005 held in Darwin, Australia.

At the Polytechnic-Institute of Technical Education Games, the men's and women's squash teams took top positions while the rugby team came in a commendable second.

In recognition of their sporting excellence, students Lim Keng Joo, Mark Tan Jinwen and Loh Wen Liang were awarded the Sports Excellence (SPEX) Study Grant by the Singapore Sports Council.

MAKING IT GREAT

Ms Dian Farziana, a Diploma in Medical Technology graduate, was awarded the Public Service Commission/Ministry of Education Scholarship. Singapore Polytechnic was the only polytechnic to have graduates who obtained Overseas Merit Scholarship and Public Service Commission/Ministry Scholarships.

Other scholarship winners included Dinh Quang Lam, a final-year Diploma in Electrical & Computer Control Engineering student, who was awarded the James O Gray – Fieldbus Foundation Scholarship. In addition, another eight students from the School of Electrical & Electronic Engineering were awarded Singapore Technologies Telemedia's scholarships and bursaries.

GAINING GLOBAL EXPOSURE

Singapore Polytechnic students travelled widely for a range of activities ranging from sports to music. Ninety-eight students and five staff went on the Students Games Tour to Malaysia from 24 to 28 March 2006, playing games such as basketball, rugby and volleyball.

Another 18 students participated in the Indian Rim Asian University Games 2005 which was held in Perth, Australia from 22 November to 4 December 2005. The Singapore Polytechnic Men's Volleyball team and Rugby team went on invitational trips to Kulai and Johor in Malaysia respectively.

On the music front, 32 choir members took part in a choral competition in Malaysia in December 2005. An ensemble performed onboard the Superstar Virgo in February 2006 as well.



The Singapore Polytechnic Chinese Orchestra enchanted audiences during a cruise onboard the Superstar Virgo.

Financial Aid Extended

As at 31 March 2006, 1,389 students or 10.6% of the full-time student population received some form of financial assistance ranging from scholarships, bursaries, study loans and study aids. The total amount disbursed was \$1,737,668,16.

The year also saw 12 students going to Kanazawa, Japan as part of the 17th Mobile Intensive Learning Experience (MILE) in May 2005, while another 10 students went on an annual cultural exchange cum home-stay programme to Miyazaki, Japan in December 2005. The exchange programme was organised by the ASEAN-Japan Friendship Association for the 21st Century.

IN SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Community service continued to be emphasised among students. A team from the School of Chemical & Life Sciences helped to refurbish a science laboratory in a tsunami-affected school in Sri Lanka in April 2005.

Four other teams of students from various academic schools went to Sri Lanka in October 2005 to help a school hit by the tsunami. Assistance rendered included the setting up of a centre to conduct sewing and cooking lessons for displaced people.

In all, 132 students formed 11 teams to perform overseas community service in China, the Philippines and Sri Lanka during the vacation periods. Four of these projects were funded by external sources like the Tote Board through the Singapore International Foundation-Youth Exchange Programme. The teams were involved in the construction of ventilated improved pit latrines, tsunami relief work and installation of street lighting, among other things.

In addition, optometry students held eye screenings for residents at the Bukit Batok Community Centre, Bethany Methodist Nursing Home and Tanjong Pagar Community Centre.

The Singapore Polytechnic Centre for Applications in Rehabilitation Engineering (SP CARE) continued to donate innovations to voluntary welfare organisations. In 2005, the centre handed over 40 of such innovative projects to various organisations.

Staff were also actively involved in community service as they contributed, packed and distributed 1,000 goodie bags worth over \$20,000 for needy elderly. Working with local voluntary agencies, staff members hosted lunches for the elderly while distributing the goodie bags. Other activities included raising funds for victims of the Pakistan earthquake.



In line with Singapore Polytechnic's core value of care and concern, more than \$115,000 was raised for the President's Challenge 2005 during the annual Singapore Polytechnic Flag Day.



Rafting for A Good Cause

The Singapore River Raft Race 2006 raised almost \$80,000 for MINDS Yio Chu Kang Garden School, Down Syndrome Association (Singapore), Clementi Student Service Centre and Singapore Polytechnic's Overseas Community Service Programmes. Assoc Prof Koo Tsai Kee, Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources graced the event as Guest-of-Honour.



During the year, the Department of Student & Alumni Affairs organised the inaugural Singapore Polytechnic Alumni Entrepreneurs' Forum which was attended by secondary school students, alumni, staff and students.

ALUMNI LINKS

The Department of Student & Alumni Affairs continued to actively engage Singapore Polytechnic alumni during the year, extending the SP experience to them even after they have graduated.

With the help of the Alumni Relations Office, academic schools organised 18 reunions and networking sessions to stay in touch with their alumni. In September 2005 an SP Alumni Toastmasters' Club was formed as another channel to engage them.

The Singapore Polytechnic Alumni Scholarship worth \$5,000 was awarded to Miss Lim Cai Ling, a first-year Art, Design & Media student at Nanyang Technological University. Singapore Polytechnic also partnered JobsFactory to provide opportunities for graduating students and alumni to submit online job applications to employers through the eCareerFair website. A total of 2,384 alumni signed up during the eCareerFair from 3 January to 3 March 2006.



A partnership was forged with United Overseas Bank (UOB) to launch the UOB-SP Alumni Visa Gold Card on 26 July 2005. The bank would contribute a percentage of the card spending back to the SP Endowment Fund.



Well-rounded students: Co-curricular activities key to enriching campus life.