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APRIL 2005

The first satellite Young Engineers Club was officially opened at Henderson Secondary School. A Memorandum of Cooperation was signed between the School of Electrical & Electronic Engineering and Henderson Secondary School to hold joint seminars, enrichment programmes and exhibitions on engineering related topics.



Second Vice President of Panama HE Ruben Arosemena Valdes, Minister for Commerce Alejandro Ferrer, and Vice Minister for Education Miguel Angel Canizales made a visit to Singapore Polytechnic. They were briefed on the developments of the Singapore Maritime Academy and brought on a tour of the facilities.

MAY 2005

Final-year Diploma in Architecture student Ng Cheng Ngai emerged winner in the Academic Award category of the Bentley Empowered Awards of Excellence competition in the USA.

Singapore Polytechnic's very own two-ply noodle, developed by students of the School of Chemical & Life Sciences, was selected as a Singapore Premium Food Gift by the Standards, Productivity and Innovation Board (SPRING Singapore).

JUNE 2005

Indonesia's State Minister for Research and Technology, Dr Kusmayanto Kadiman visited Singapore Polytechnic to witness the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Singapore Polytechnic and Del Polytechnic in North Sumatra. The MOU kicked off a series of possible collaborations between the two educational institutions with the School of Media & Info-Communications Technology playing an active role.

School of Business students emerged as champions in the National Management Competition organised by the Singapore Institute of Management.

School of Business students won top spot in the inaugural NTUC Income BEST Entrepreneur Challenge for the Tertiary category.

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JULY 2005

For the first time, a donation exercise was held in conjunction with the Graduation Ceremony. A total of \$2,854 was collected for the Student & Alumni Affairs Needy Fund.

School of Electrical & Electronic Engineering won first prize in the Shoot Challenge category (Small Size Robot League) of RoboCup 2005 held in Osaka, Japan.



Four School of Media & Info-Communications Technology students won the champion prize in the NETS Innovator Series 2005. Their prize was a trip to Switzerland to attend the prestigious Geneva International Inventor's Exhibition 2006.



The highlight of the 50th Anniversary Closing Ceremony, organised by the Department of Corporate Communications, was the sealing of a time capsule, to be opened during the institution's centennial year of 2054.

AUGUST 2005

Specially commissioned 50th Anniversary commemorative books were given out to staff during the 50th Anniversary Closing Ceremony. A 50th Anniversary post-celebrations video also made its debut at the closing ceremony.

School of Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering students won two awards in the education category of the Parametric Technology Corporation (PTC) ASEAN Awards Competition 2005. Design entry Mayflower won the second prize award, while another entry Ferrari F1 won the third prize.

A book on Singapore's maritime history from the 13th to the 20th century, *Maritime Heritage*, was launched by President S R Nathan. Singapore Maritime Academy staff and students were involved in the research and writing of the book.

The sports complex, renovated at a cost of \$1 million and the only one in Singapore to have achieved the International Association of Athletics Federation (IAAF) Class 2 Certification, was re-opened with Dr Amy Khor, Mayor of South West CDC, gracing the occasion.

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Singapore Armed Forces' HQ Signals and Singapore Polytechnic to develop and review the existing syllabi for signal vocationalists. Short courses on emerging technologies would also be developed and conducted for them.

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School of Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering, together with the North East Community Development Council, organised the Ramp-Launched Glider Competition with participation from 38 secondary schools. Ms Penny Low, MP for Pasir Ris-Punggol GRC, was the Guest-of-Honour.

SEPTEMBER 2005

School of Business and Outram Secondary School collaborated in the conduct of workshops on entrepreneurship and financial planning for students of the secondary school.

Singapore Maritime Academy received an award in the Youth Development category at the 7th Lloyd's List Maritime Asia Awards. This was the Academy's fourth award from Lloyd's, having previously received awards in 2000, 2002 and 2004.

Chua Xin Jie and Ho Wan Ru from the School of Media & Info-Communications Technology won gold and silver awards in the National Digital Imaging Competition organised by PC Magazine. They were selected out of a pool of more than 700 entries from the various polytechnics and design schools.

Soh Yu Ming from the School of Media & Info-Communications Technology won the Best Market Potential Prize at the Dare-to-Be-Digital 2005 competition held in the United Kingdom.



Singapore Polytechnic became the first tertiary institution to receive on permanent loan an A4 Super Skyhawk from the Republic of Singapore Air Force.

OCTOBER 2005

The National Grid Office launched the Grid Computing Competency Certification programme. Singapore Polytechnic's School of Media & Info-Communications Technology was appointed as its first training service provider because of the School's vast experience in the field of grid computing.

Tan E-Wen, a member of the SP Environment Club, took part in the Earthwatch Project to study the Asiatic Black Bears in Tangjiahe and Wangang Nature Reserves in Chendu, China. The programme was a joint project by the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC) and the National Youth Achievement Award (NYAA).

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NOVEMBER 2005

Singapore Maritime Academy student Andrew Lim Wee Hou was awarded the Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology Prize (IMarEST) at the 10th Annual IMarEST Conversazione.

A School of Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering project clinched the Innovation Award (Noise Control category) at the Occupational Health Best Practices Awards organised by the Ministry of Manpower.



Singapore Polytechnic was transformed into a giant playground for secondary school students as part of !Chill. During the two days, students experienced piloting a fighter jet on a training simulator, composed their own tunes and even met up with Project Superstar winners. In all, there were more than 80 fun-filled activities for secondary school students to get to know SP campus and its recreational and learning facilities.



School of Info-Communications Technology was renamed School of Media & Info-Communications Technology to reflect the increasing number of media courses offered such as the new Diploma in Music & Audio Technology.

DECEMBER 2005

A fundraising effort for tsunami victims garnered a total of \$190,000 in donations from staff, students, alumni and members of the public. Around 4,000 cartons of relief products were also collected for the victims.

School of Electrical & Electronic Engineering won a silver medal in the MiroSot Large League category at the Federation of International Robosoccer Association's (FIRA) Robotic Games.

In its first international choral competition, A Voyage of Songs 2005, Singapore Polytechnic Choir won a silver award in the Open Mixed Category.

JANUARY 2006

A letter of intent was signed between Qingdao Harbor Vocational and Technical College (QHVTC) and Singapore Maritime Academy. Outcomes included accreditation of QHVTC students and staff and student exchange programmes.

School of Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering students swept the top three prizes in the Education Category of the Autodesk Asia Pacific Design Competition 2005.



Singapore Polytechnic officially adopted the Singapore River as part of the Public Utilities Board's Our Waters programme - an initiative which encouraged organisations, schools and individuals to play an active role in caring for Singapore's reservoirs and waterways.

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FEBRUARY 2006

Singapore Polytechnic announced the introduction of four new courses:

- Diploma in Tourism & Resort Management (School of Business)
- Diploma in Bioengineering (School of Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering)
- Diploma in Infocomm Security Management (School of Media & Info-Communications Technology)
- Diploma in Games Design & Development (School of Media & Info-Communications Technology)

MARCH 2006

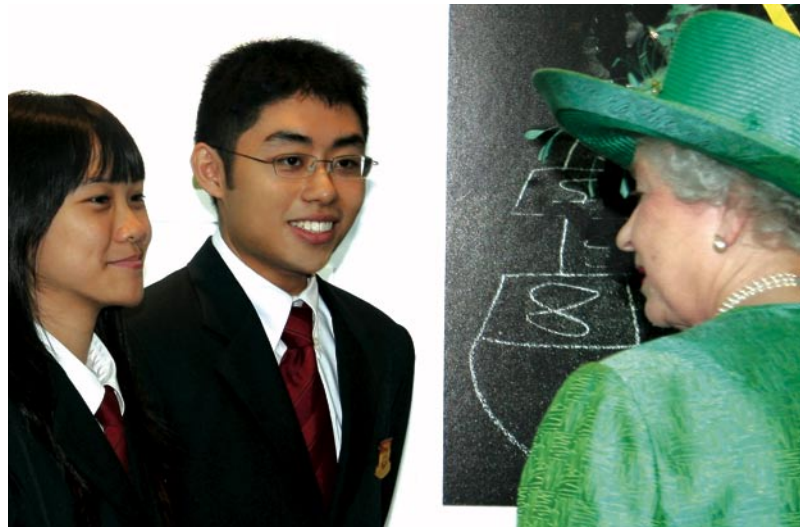
The Second Vice President of Panama, HE Ruben Arosemena Valdes, visited the campus for the signing of a Memorandum of Cooperation between Singapore Polytechnic and Panama International Maritime University.

School of Electrical & Electronic Engineering won three silver awards and a special prize for creative and innovative design in the 2006 Singapore Robotic Games.

School of Media & Info-Communications Technology student Shawn Toh won the Microsoft Corporation's Most Valuable Professional (MVP) award in the Microsoft Office PowerPoint category. To date, there were only 23 PowerPoint MVPs in the world.



Singapore Polytechnic pipped contenders such as Singapore Airlines Ltd and Chartered Semiconductor Manufacturing Ltd to be the winner of the Best Environmental Report for 2005. This was the first time an educational institution won the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) award.



Two Singapore Polytechnic students emerged winners in the Singapore Youth Commonwealth Photo Competition and as a result, they were given the opportunity to meet Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.