FOREWORD

2014 marks a significant milestone for Singapore Polytechnic (SP) as we celebrate our 60th anniversary! SP started as an institution to develop craftsmen, technicians and engineers. Today, we celebrate a pool of accomplished alumni who are nation builders, industry captains, scientists, creative talents and successful entrepreneurs.

In celebration of this major milestone, we would like to take the opportunity to recognise the outstanding contributions of our alumni to SP. We are pleased to present the Alumni Service to SP Award to 41 alumni and 2 registered societies for their distinguished act of service.

They have given their valuable time, expertise, commitment and other resources to make a positive and enduring impact to the students’ learning and development as well as the advancement of SP. We congratulate and salute them for their giving spirit.

While we celebrate and reflect on our illustrious history, we also look forward to the future. Our alumni play a vital role in helping SP to forge ahead as a distinctive institution. I look forward to our alumni’s continued support as SP strives towards newer heights.

Tan Choon Shian
Principal & Chief Executive Officer
ABOUT THE ALUMNI SERVICE TO SP AWARD

The Alumni Service to SP Award is launched in celebration of the Singapore Polytechnic’s 60th Anniversary to recognise and appreciate our alumni who have made significant contributions to SP in the areas of learning and development, innovation & technology, philanthropy and other activities that result in substantial benefits to SP students and the advancement of SP’s vision.

INSPIRATION BEHIND THE DESIGN

Beautifully crafted, the trophy epitomises the passion of the alumni to serve and be of service to their alma mater.

Captured and frozen in glass, the flame personifies talent, expertise and commitment. It is also a symbol of both character depth and intellectual illumination.

Notice that the trophy also bears two enigmatic numbers ‘6’ and ‘0’ masquerading behind the curled flame commemorate SP’s 60th Anniversary. The flame, which burns like fire, billows like the wind, and glides like water, encompasses elements of adaptability much like our alumni. Together, we celebrate SP’s significant milestones and honour the contributions of our alumni.
Wee Chwee Heng
Class of 1963
Professional Diploma in Architecture
School of Architecture & the Built Environment

Company
Kumpulan Akitek

Designation
Architect Partner

Contribution Highlights
Mr Wee served as a member of the SP Board of Governors from 1968 to 1974 and was instrumental in not only the relocation of the campus from Shenton Way to Dover Road but also both the master plan design for SP campus’ third phase expansion and the founding of the SP Graduates’ Guild. He also donates generously to aid students with financial challenges.

“To see SP as what it is today is quite a feat!”

It is my honour and privilege to serve SP. To see SP as what it is today is quite a feat! In the early days, the students from poly had to prove our worth and overcome obstacles, which we did because of our drive to succeed. That is what makes us unique.

My wish for SP is for all successful graduates to contribute to the Endowment Fund to achieve better bonding and mentoring between past and present graduates. Together with Loke Pak Chee and others, I helped to establish the SP Graduates’ Guild and later assisted in building the SPGG House when I was involved in the Master Plan for the Third Phase Expansion.
Mr Yeo has been actively serving as a member of the SP Board of Governors since 2012 and plays a vital role in the Administration & Development Committee of the Board.

SP is a special place with many good memories, where dreams are made and dreams are realised. SP gave me a solid foundation, analytical skills, and prepared me for the challenging future ahead. I am grateful to all my lecturers and my classmates for making this important journey a truly memorable, rewarding and fulfilling one. Thank you, SP.

SP is always progressive and evolving, continuously pushing and staying ahead of latest trends in tertiary education. On its 60th anniversary, SP unveiled its new vision - “Inspired Learner, Serve with Mastery and Caring Community”. I would like to congratulate SP for this well-thought holistic vision. My best wishes to SP as it continues its exciting journey to produce the next generation of nation builders. Happy 60th Birthday SP, and many more good years ahead.
Low Sui Pheng

Class of 1979
Diploma in Building
School of Architecture & the Built Environment

Company
- Centre for Project Management & Construction Law, Department of Building
- National University of Singapore

Designation
- Director
- Professor

Contribution Highlights
Professor Low has been actively serving as an Advisory Committee Member of the School of Architecture & the Built Environment since 2006, playing an active role in course development and review. He also provided direct linkage to NUS and facilitated the seeking of module exemptions.

“\To uphold my alma mater as a leading institution means very much to me.”\”

My time as a student at SP was one of the most memorable times of my life where I played and worked equally hard. SP gave me a very solid grounding in my formative years and I have to thank all my lecturers for this. With gratitude, it is therefore natural for me to want to contribute back to SP. To uphold my alma mater as a leading institution means very much to me.

My wish is for SP to continue to be inclusive for students from all walks of life, adding value to student character development and professional competence, and providing them with an exclusive learning experience and life-long affiliation which they can be proud of.
SP was the start of many twists and turns in my life. Because of the good grounding in engineering compared to others who did the more general A-levels, I managed to excel at Glasgow University, which in turn enabled me to win a scholarship to do my PhD at Cambridge.

I also ended up doing engineering because of SP, and am so thankful for it for I would not have aimed to be a venture capitalist otherwise. Venture capital is a blend of technology and finance, and engineering is an excellent base to appreciate and understand technology from. Hence, I am always happy to help in any way I can.

The other major turn in my life came when I joined the Singapore government as Deputy Secretary and I invested in Baidu when it was just a year old. The latest and most exciting investment though is in a company called Samumed, which I believe will change the world in unprecedented ways. Stay tuned.

It is not easy to maintain a leading position in such a competitive space. I wish you will still be number one on your 100th anniversary and beyond.
Indrayogan Yogarajah
Class of 1985
Diploma in Civil Engineering
School of Architecture & the Built Environment

Company
Golder Associates (Asia) Pte Ltd

Designation
Principal, Regional Operations Manager (Asia)

Contribution Highlights
Dr Indrayogan has been actively providing expertise advice and industrial knowledge to enhance the Diploma in Civil Engineering with Business (DCEB). Besides giving back to SP in terms of expertise, he has also been providing strong financial support to DCEB students, in terms of scholarships, bursaries and book prizes.

“I have had the most memorable times of my life in SP and contributing back is my way of saying Thank You...”

There is always a tendency for people to remember the good times in life and return to such places to relive the memories. I have had the most memorable times of my life in SP and contributing back is my way of saying Thank You and hoping that others could benefit from the experience.

My wish is to see SP grow bigger and produce several hundred thousands more graduates who will lead and make her proud.
Lee Shie Yar
Class of 2010
Diploma in Media & Communication
School of Communication, Arts & Social Sciences

Company
O School Ltd

Designation
• School Accounts Manager
• Visual Communication Designer
• Dance Instructor

Contribution Highlights
Ms Lee has been actively supporting the Waves series production since 2010 by being both a performer and a choreographer. She also played a major role in developing student leaders as motivators and role models.

“I also want to enrich someone’s life, the way I was being guided.”

When you find joy and a sense of belonging in a place, it makes everything that you have been through there so happy and enriching and you really appreciate the experience. With that, I also want to enrich the life of others, the way I was being guided.

I am really proud that SP has been a very supportive home for aspiring students to chase after their dreams and I wish that she will continue to stay this strong or become even stronger in moulding and inspiring future generations.
Lisa Ng Fong Poh

Class of 1993
Diploma in Biotechnology
School of Chemical & Life Sciences

Company
• Singapore Immunology Network, A*STAR, Singapore
• Institute of Infection and Global Health, University of Liverpool, UK

Designation
• Principal Investigator (Primary appointment)
• Professor and Chair of Viral Immunology (Secondary appointment)

Contribution Highlights
Dr Ng served actively as a member of the course review committee for the Diploma of Biotechnology and the SP Ethics Review Committee. She also inspired many with her speech at the 47th Graduation Ceremony in 2007. She shared with the graduates the importance of cultivating a spirit of lifelong learning and making an impact to society.

“...I feel that it is my duty to play a role and help SP continue its legacy in grooming the next generation of graduates.”

I have learnt from my own experiences that one can rise above their circumstances and achieve success if they are dedicated and passionate about what they do. To me, education is one of the most powerful weapons which one can use to change the society. Thus, I feel that it is my duty to play a role and help SP continue its legacy in grooming the next generation of graduates.

Happy 60th! You have accomplished so much in such a short time. You have given hope and inspired many. Best wishes for many more good years to come and continue climbing to greater heights.
Desmond Choa Chee Meng

Class of 1993
Diploma in Chemical Process Technology (1993)
Advanced Diploma in Plastics Technology (1997)
School of Chemical & Life Sciences

Company
Du Pont Company (Singapore) Pte Ltd

Designation
Business Segment Manager

Contribution Highlights
Mr Choa has been actively conducting talks to inspire, motivate and share his knowledge with students and fellow alumni from the School of Chemical & Life Sciences. He also contributed articles to aSPIre, a publication for the alumni community.

“Such is the culture in SP, and it has left an everlasting imprint in my mind that I will return to my alumni roots and give back what has been handed down to me.”

My stint in SP during my teenage years was clearly the defining period of my life, having firstly met my wife when we were jointly pursuing a Diploma in Chemical Process Technology, and secondly, rekindling my interest in studies where all the lecturers and technical staff were so passionate about teaching and imparting their knowledge to the next generation. Such is the culture in SP, and it has left an everlasting imprint in my mind that I will return to my alumni roots and give back what has been handed down to me.

In your six-decade history, you have remained dedicated and steadfast in your vision of inspiring the current generation of learners and edifying them to be our future leaders. Happy Birthday, SP! Here’s to you, and here’s to the next 60 years.
Eric Lai Choong Siong
Class of 1994
Diploma in Chemical Process Technology
School of Chemical & Life Sciences

Company
Grundfos (Singapore) Pte Ltd

Designation
Business Director – Asia Pacific Region

Contribution Highlights
Mr Lai has been actively conducting talks to inspire and share his knowledge with students and fellow alumni. He also donated book prizes to the School of Chemical & Life Sciences and played a key role in events such as the Singapore International Water Festival.

“ My connection with SP has become a part of my life journey and will continue into the future.”

SP prepared me well when I first stepped into society 18 years ago. In fact, SP found me my first job back in 1996. This bond with SP came naturally and has continued throughout my career progression. During the last two decades, my constant contact with former lecturers, classmates and friends gave me opportunities to contribute back to SP in different ways such as coaching fellow juniors to achieve more. My connection with SP has become a part of my life journey and will continue into the future.

SP has contributed a lot in shaping Singapore’s future and preparing generations of work force that have supported the economy in the last six decades. I wish SP will continue to grow sustainably beyond the shore of Singapore into a strong brand within Asia and beyond.
“I hope many of them will eventually take up a career in research and turn Singapore into a knowledge powerhouse.”

SP was where I was first introduced to laboratory research. I have benefitted enormously from the training that I had in SP. The lecturers were patient and generous in sharing with us their expertise and knowledge. It is really my privilege to play a part in contributing to the training of the current crops of SP students. I hope many of them will eventually take up a career in research and turn Singapore into a knowledge powerhouse.

Turning 60 is a major milestone for any institution in Singapore, given the relatively young age of the nation. As the “pioneer polytechnic”, we have come a long way in staying active, adaptive and relevant, contributing to our nation building. I wish SP many successes for another 60 years and beyond.
Tan Theng Wee
Class of 1986
Diploma in Programming and System Analysis
School of Digital Media & Infocomm Technology

Company
CyanSYS Pte Ltd

Designation
Managing Director

Contribution Highlights
Mr Tan benefited students from the School of Digital Media and Infocomm Technology by providing internship, employment and scholarship opportunities. He also played an instrumental role in SP's partnership with Microsoft Singapore to support the development and delivery of the Enterprise System curriculum.

"...no contribution is too small as long as it comes from the heart to give back and lend a helping hand."

The Singapore government has invested well in fostering a healthy, forward-looking education system, in which SP has contributed significantly in supplying the resources we need to build our future homeland. Those who benefitted from this must not take it for granted, and not expect our government to continue this process. Instead, we need to be part of the process to help sustain and keep up with competition around Singapore. We need to do it in our own ways, and no contribution is too small as long as it comes from the heart to give back and lend a helping hand.

Continue to create a learning ecosystem between SP and the industry. Our small and medium-sized enterprises need all our help to provide quality IT graduates who are well equipped with relevant skill sets to help them compete in the IT, Digital and Mobile World.
Winson Wee Hock Soon
Class of 1991
Diploma in Programming and System Analysis
School of Digital Media & Infocomm Technology

Company
Reachfield IT Solutions Pte Ltd

Designation
Director

Contribution Highlights
Mr Wee benefitted many students from the School of Digital Media & Infocomm Technology by providing them with internship and employment opportunities, mentoring them in projects and conducting talks to share his technical knowledge and skills.

“ I am proud to see the students I nurtured turn into successful working adults.”

SP has taught me life skills besides technical knowledge. Being able to be who I am today, these knowledge and skills have contributed to my success. I am proud to see the students I nurtured turn into successful working adults. It has inspired me to further assist SP to attain greater heights.

Dreams make wishes come true. Think big and dream big. Dare to challenge and forward the belief. May SP continue to bring out the best of the best out of every graduate in the next 60 years to come.
Pang Hee Hon
Class of 2008
Specialist Diploma in Web Development Technology
School of Digital Media & Infocomm Technology

Company
InfoTech Global Pte Ltd

Designation
Board Advisor

Contribution Highlights
Mr Pang dedicated 6 years of service to SP as a member of the SP Board of Governors from 1997 to 2003.

“...it is my privilege to play a small part in shaping SP’s journey to continually make itself more relevant to the needs of business, society and the student body.”

SP is one of the oldest educational institutions in Singapore and has played a vital role in the transformation of the island by educating and nurturing young and bright leaders. As the character of the Singapore economy evolves, it is my privilege to play a small part in shaping SP’s journey to continually make itself more relevant to the needs of business, society and the student body.

In this interconnected world, it is ever so important for SP to reach out more to the global student body and alumni. As the ecosystem in SP becomes more enriched and vibrant by these international interactions, my wish for SP is to enjoy another fruitful 60 years.
When I started my studies at SP in 1959, there were about 600 students. SP quickly expanded, adding more academic schools and thousands of graduates each year. It was with pride and gratitude that I joined them in contributing the professional and technical manpower for the successful economic development of Singapore. It also drove me to think of how SP could further develop and enhance its role. I was able to share my work experience and knowledge as an SP Board member from 1992 to 1994. It was personally rewarding to be involved in the discussions on SP’s plans and activities.

I wish SP continued success in producing a stream of well-qualified and highly competent graduates and attaining a global reputation as a premier tertiary education institution in Singapore.
The dedication of the lecturers has inspired me to do something to benefit the new students at SP."

I owe my foundation and knowledge on engineering to SP and my first employer, Singapore Institute of Standards and Industrial Research (SISIR), now sold and known as TUV SUD PSB. SP shaped me with a good technical education for 5 years and SISIR sponsored my further studies at the University of Strathclyde in UK. The diploma from SP allowed me to gain direct entry and also in my fourth year, to pass my City and Guilds Full Technological Certificate. The dedication of the lecturers has inspired me to do something to benefit the new students at SP. Hence I first returned to do part-time teaching in the 1980s and later went onboard the Advisory Committee. SP has taught me to be critical and question subjects that I have differing opinions on.

My birthday wish for SP is that it will continue to be the leading polytechnic of choice in Singapore.
Patrick Liew Siow Gian
Class of 1978
Diploma in Electrical Engineering
School of Electrical & Electronic Engineering

Company
Global Enterprise Exchange Pte Ltd

Designation
Managing Partner

Contribution Highlights
Mr Liew is an active supporter of the initiatives of School of Electrical & Electronics Engineering (EEE). Not only did he champion a fund to help needy EEE students, he inspired many SP students and staff with his motivational speech at the SP 50th Graduation Ceremony and the Excellence in Teaching Convention in 2013.

“By contributing to SP, I’m hoping to help many more “Patrick Liews”.”

SP played an instrumental role in shaping me to be an entrepreneur, a community leader, and a pioneer in the investment market. It was in SP that I committed myself to be a lifelong learner, an evangelist of love, and a catalyst to make the world a better place. Therefore, I owe to SP a lifetime of gratitude. There is nothing I can ever do to repay the good that she has done in my life. By contributing to SP, I’m hoping to help many more “Patrick Liews”.

My wish for SP is that she will continue to produce leaders for industries and society and even for the global community. These pioneers will be wise, honourable, and responsible. They will strengthen socio-economic areas, address social injustice, and achieve progress for the human race. Like many of us, they will fly the SP flag high and continue to contribute to her.
Jimmy Lim
Class of 1979
Diploma in Electronics & Communication Engineering
School of Electrical & Electronic Engineering

Designation
Private Equity & Venture Investor

Contribution Highlights
Mr Lim initiated a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on product development between Winsun New Energy (Singapore) Pte Ltd and SP.
He established the SPGG Endowment Fund to provide financial assistance to needy students. Being a mentor at heart, he has also been contributing his time and expertise as an active evaluator of the ACE Startups Grant programme since 2011. In addition, he has dedicated more than a decade of his time in volunteering to set strategic direction & growth of SP Graduates’ Guild (SPGG), now the largest independent alumni body amongst polytechnics in Singapore.

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The education I received from SP shaped my character during my formative years, and built a strong foundation for the successes of my professional career later in life. Giving back to SP is like paying forward what I had received. I hope this will become a virtuous cycle – successful SP graduates helping those less fortunate ones; those who receive help will later be generous to those that come after them – thereby enshrining this positive legacy.

SP has, over the last 60 years, produced graduates that form the backbone of Singapore’s development into a first world nation. I wish for SP to remain as the top educational institution over the next 60 years and continue to produce graduates that will propel Singapore into a society of grace, creativity and entrepreneurship.
Foong Sew Bun
Class of 1983
Diploma in Electronics & Communication Engineering
School of Electrical & Electronic Engineering

Company
• IBM ASEAN, ASEAN Software Group, Singapore
• National University of Singapore

Designation
• IBM Distinguished Engineer; Chief Technology Officer
• Adjunct Professor

Contribution Highlights
Mr Foong has been actively serving as an Advisory Committee Member of the School of Electrical & Electronics Engineering since 2009. He was instrumental in the MOU signed between SP, IBM and SMRT, that adds significant value to the Diploma in Engineering System. Mr Foong who was conferred the title of IBM Distinguished Engineer in 2008, is generous in sharing his expertise with students and staff through guest lectures and talks.

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Time-transporting myself back to 31 years ago upon my graduation from SP, I was facing uncertainty of the future and financial challenges to pursue further education, and ignorant of how to live a fruitful life. It is hard to imagine the state of happiness that I am now enjoying. I owe everything I am currently enjoying, and beyond, to my parents, lecturers and friends who had grown, mentored, guided me through life’s struggles. I feel strongly that I must give back to society and to my alma mater, and also share my experiences of purposeful living whenever possible.

In the face of rapidly shifting technologies, climate changes, hard-soft powers and economic impact, bring forth the highest potential of every single SP graduate to tackle their personal and societal challenges confidently and skillfully. Singapore and the world were very different 60 years ago. May every graduate and lecturer continue to contribute back to SP and foster more capable graduates 40 years later towards the 100th centennial of SP.
Alex Lo Weng Fai

Class of 1983
Diploma in Electrical Engineering
School of Electrical & Electronic Engineering

Company
TechSource Systems Pte Ltd

Designation
Founder

Contribution Highlights
Mr Lo served actively as the President of the SP Entrepreneurs’ Club (SPEC) from 2009 – 2012 and donated generously to the SPEC Awards Fund, the World Solar Challenge project and the Tree Auction campaign. He has also been inspiring many students with his sharing on his career and life experiences.

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I come from a humble background where my parents were not well educated. The highest level of education I received was from SP. It was a very rich and fulfilling experience for me studying here. SP presented me a very unique mix of lecturers, social activities and leadership opportunities that strongly impacted my life. They have helped me to be successful in life and in my career. That is why I want to do my part to impact the younger generation in SP.

I wish SP a very blessed and SPecial 60th Birthday. May all her staff and alumni bring her pride in all they do for many more years to come. Viva la SP!
Bill Chang York Chye
Class of 1986
Diploma in Electrical Engineering
School of Electrical & Electronic Engineering

Company
Singapore Telecommunications Ltd

Designation
Chief Executive Officer (Group Enterprise)

Contribution Highlights
Mr Chang has been serving as the Chairman of the SP Board of Governors since 2012 and is also the Chairman of the Administration & Development Committee and the Nominating Committee of the Board. His deep commitment to SP stretched all the way back to 2003 where he started serving as an active member of the Board and progressed to serve as the Deputy Chairman of the Board in 2009.

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SP gave me an excellent foundation in developing my Engineering discipline and career. My lecturers and Head of Department in SP School of Electrical & Electronic Engineering, the late Dr Philip Chin then, went above and beyond their call of duty to help develop me as an SP student. I am very grateful for what they have done for me and will always cherish my memories in SP. It is and has been my honour to serve and give back to SP so that together, we can help develop generations of students, our staff and key stakeholders’ relationships as SP heads toward its mission and vision.

I wish SP and all involved with SP a most blessed 60th Birthday! It has been a wonderful journey for SP in the last 60 years, playing a key role in our nation building by producing generations of talented women and men in our workforce, contributing to our society and economy. I look forward to many more good years for SP ahead.
Toh Chai Keong
Class of 1986
Diploma in Electronics & Communication Engineering
School of Electrical & Electronic Engineering

Company
Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore (IDA)

Designation
Assistant Chief Executive - ACE (Engineering & Technology)

Contribution Highlights
Professor Toh graduated with the Diploma in Electronics and Communication Engineering in 1986. When he had difficulty looking for a surety for his university studies overseas, his tutor Mr Quek Tee Thye agreed to be one of his guarantor. This gesture of Mr Quek touched Chai Keong. He graduated with first class honours in the Bachelor of Engineering and when he returned to Singapore in 2004, he established a bursary award in memory of the late School of Electrical & Electronic Engineering (EEE) Deputy Director, Mr Quek Tee Thye.

“Personally, it brings me great satisfaction to be able to assist and inspire students…”

Whenever I step onto the SP campus, I have a sense of belonging that I “grew up” here and was educated here. Good memories of my time as a teenager frequently come back to mind. The best part is that SP has grown by leaps and bounds. I have travelled the world and worked abroad and experienced many things. Former lecturers are now my friends. It is the right thing to do - for me to give back to poly and help existing students to achieve more. Personally, it brings me great satisfaction to be able to assist and inspire students and to learn about the success of our SP students.

I hope to see more SP students excel in whatever they do and be titans of industries and academia. I wish many more alumni will stand up for SP and give back to SP. This will give us a strong sense of belonging and identity, as to who we are and what we can do and achieve.
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It always feels like I’m coming home when I return to SP. The three years were so eventful, enriching and memorable. The people I’ve met, the knowledge I’ve acquired and the positive energy I’ve gathered have shaped me tremendously. I love to play an active role to assist our juniors to have this positive “feeling” while they are in SP too. Unknowingly, I have been doing it for 25 years. I am pleased when many alumni continue to come back regularly to help their juniors as well.

I sincerely wish that SP will stay vibrant and viable. It is a national icon that we are proud of and proud to be associated with.
Kenneth Koh
Class of 1988
Diploma in Electronics & Communication Engineering
School of Electrical & Electronic Engineering

Company
TechSource Systems Pte Ltd

Designation
Chief Executive Officer

Contribution Highlights
Mr Koh inspired many students by sharing his life and work experiences through talks. He also donated to the World Solar Challenge project through personal capacity and through his company.

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Why do I want to contribute back to SP? Because SP has contributed to my success. SP was my last level of education before I pursued my career. SP not only provided for me academically, but has also inspired me to be a life-long engineer.

On her last lecture, one of my lecturers said: “Achieving the SP diploma marks the beginning of a successful engineer”. It also holds true towards becoming an entrepreneur.

I wish for SP to continue to be the forefront tertiary institution to contribute more successful engineers and entrepreneurs and maintain its global success in academic and industry collaborations. Happy 60th Birthday to SP.
Ooi Inn Bok

Class of 1971
Diploma in Production Engineering
School of Mechanical & Aeronautical Engineering

Company
Nanyang Polytechnic International

Designation
Senior Director (International Development)

Contribution Highlights
Mr Ooi served as a member of the SP Board of Governors from 1995 to 1996 and shared vital expertise on manpower development.

As the representative of the Economic Development Board in SP’s Board of Governors, my contribution was to share my experience in industry manpower development during the Board meetings.

Being the longest-established Polytechnic in Singapore, my wish for SP is that it will continue to introduce new and innovative thoughts of nurturing and developing young Singaporeans for the future industries of our nation.

“...my contribution was to share my experience in industry manpower development during the Board meetings.”
Michael Hogan
Class of 1974
Diploma in Production Engineering (1974)
Diploma in Industrial Management (1982)
School of Mechanical & Aeronautical Engineering

Contribution Highlights
Mr Hogan established and served as the first Chairman of the SP Symphonic Band in 1972 and as the Interim President of the SP Student Union (1972/1973). He also donates regularly to the SP Entrepreneurs’ Club Award Fund to assist students with financial needs.

“As a young person, I did not speak up for myself. But, SP offered opportunities that required me to speak up about what I believed in and to find ways to fulfil what I said I would do. I was allowed to be curious and to try out my ideas, and to face up to the consequences when my ideas failed. With these experiences, I became more confident in trying what I have never done before. For this reason, I am grateful to the people at SP who have allowed this to happen.

I have many persons to thank. On the part of SP administration, I thank Principals Ager and Dr Khoo Kay Chai, Mr Teh Yap Cheng and many more. I thank my peers at the Student Union and all members of the newly formed Poly Band. So to show my gratitude to this great institution, I continue to make small contributions whenever possible.

SP, please do all that you can to nurture a confident individual. Recognise their failures and encourage them to try again and again and again. Engage students so that they will always be curious.
Chong Phit Lian
Class of 1974
Diploma in Production Engineering
School of Mechanical & Aeronautical Engineering

Company
Singbridge Corporate Pte Ltd

Designation
Chief Executive Officer

Contribution Highlights
Ms Chong has been actively serving as a member of the Board of Governors since 2012.

“...My years at SP honed my leadership skills and developed in me a passion to succeed and to help those deserving ones...”

I was able to develop my skill in good speed when I started employment after graduating from SP. Pursuing higher education after poly and a few years of working was a natural progression for me, notwithstanding my very limited financial resources. My years at SP honed my leadership skills and developed in me a passion to succeed and to help those deserving ones.

Happy Birthday SP! May you continue to inspire future generations of students for the next 60 years and beyond!
Lee Kim Seng

Class of 1975
Diploma in Mechanical Engineering
School of Mechanical & Aeronautical Engineering

Company
National University of Singapore

Designation
Associate Professor

Contribution Highlights
Associate Professor Lee was instrumental in ensuring quality and academic rigour of the Diploma in Mechanical Engineering (DME) by being an active panel member of the course validation committee and an external examiner since 2011.

“The cool thing about getting older is that one has so much to look back on.”

The cool thing about getting older is that one has so much to look back on. Reflecting on my life journal, my experiences at SP provided me the first opportunity that shaped me into what I am today. All the things that I learnt have become part of my wealth, a wealth that cannot be taken away; however, I am more than willing to share or contribute that knowledge and experience to staff and students of SP.

As SP turns 60 this year, I want to take this opportunity to wish SP “A Happy 60th Birthday”, and look forward to many more good years ahead.
Contribution Highlights
Mr Tan has dedicated 12 years of distinguished service to SP as the Chairman of the Board of Governors from 2000 - 2012. He took personal interest in the holistic development of the students, creating a student-centric campus and building technical capabilities. He envisioned SP to leave global footprints through the export of niche training programmes and consultancy services and offering SP’s brand of technology-based education globally through the establishment of Singapore Polytechnic International. He is also well remembered for propelling SP in the frontiers of design, making Design Thinking a hallmark of SP graduates and establishing the SP Design School.

“Quite simply, SP is one of my cornerstones.”

Seeing students grow and experiencing the immense dedication of lecturers and staff first-hand has been incredibly rewarding. Equally, I have enjoyed the energy and generosity of our fellow Board members. I have learned so much in my long journey with SP. Quite simply, SP is one of my cornerstones.

Rejoice and celebrate. Stay relevant. Continue to invest. And continue to grant each and every student a most uplifting SP education. We know the best years always lie ahead.
Chia Boon Kuah
Class of 1980
Diploma in Mechanical Engineering
School of Mechanical & Aeronautical Engineering

Company
GuocoLand Limited

Designation
• Group President
• Chief Executive Officer

Contribution Highlights
Mr Chia has been serving as a member of the SP Board of Governors since 2012 and plays an active role in the Investment Committee of the Board.

“My five year part time course in SP was foundational in many aspects of my life. I have the good fortune of making many lifelong friends among SP schoolmates and lecturers who enlightened and inspired me to the values of hard work, determination, passion, agility, selflessness in helping others and giving back. I am truly grateful to SP for these memorable years.

I wish SP another 60 years of cutting edge progress to inspire and propel forward generations of happy and successful students.”
The Chinese saying “饮水思源 (yin shui si yuan)”, which means “when you drink water, think of its source”, has been a guiding principle for me. My formative years in SP’s School of Mechanical & Aeronautical Engineering (MAE) programme gave me a strong foundation. It is my honour to serve my alma mater on the MAE Advisory Committee, and contribute by providing guidance on the courses and equipping our young people in the best way possible for their careers to take off in this growing industry.

On this momentous 60th anniversary of SP, I extend my warmest wishes for its continuing growth and success. It is my fervent hope that SP maintains its leadership position in the technical education arena and remains the Polytechnic of Choice.
Calum Chan Cheng Boon
Class of 1984
Diploma in Mechanical Engineering
School of Mechanical & Aeronautical Engineering

Company
Star Controls Engineering Co. Pte Ltd

Designation
Business Development Director

Contribution Highlights
Mr Chan, a believer in maximizing a student’s potential, is active in providing Industrial Training Placements to benefit students’ learning and development. He also donates generously to the School of Mechanical & Aeronautical Engineering (MAE) Support fund to finance scholarships, bursaries, course medals, good progress awards and student project work.

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It is our pleasure to be able to contribute to the nurturing of our young people, through SP Bursary & Scholarship. This is in the hope that we can help them reach their maximum potential in life and be a contributor to our society.

SP has been an illustrious centre of learning for many Singaporeans for the last 60 years. Here is wishing that SP will be a prominent centre of learning for the next 60 years, for Singaporeans and for ASEAN.
Yee Teck Wah
Class of 1985
Diploma in Mechanical Engineering
School of Mechanical & Aeronautical Engineering

Company
Asia Pacific Breweries Singapore Pte Ltd

Designation
Senior Technical Officer

Contribution Highlights
Mr Yee has been highly supportive of SP’s signature events such as the Singapore River Raft Race and the Singapore International Water Festival since their inauguration. He also serves as an advisor and trainer for students in SP Adventurers since the 1980s. As the President of the SP Alumni Adventure Club, he organises meaningful bonding events to enrich the alumni community.

“I am thankful that SP’s staff, in particular Mr Tan Chin Chye, have allowed me throughout all these years to return and participate in activities...”

I would not consider myself as passionate and have not made many personal contributions to SP. I do believe there are many more unsung heroes or alumni who are doing so now and or done so. Rather I am thankful that SP’s staff, in particular Mr Tan Chin Chye, has allowed me throughout all these years to return and participate in activities such as the Singapore River Raft Race, Singapore International Water Festival and some of the recent celebration events.

As SP turns 60 this year, my birthday wish to SP is to continue to grow and progress in all areas, which she is doing now, for many more successful years to come, hand in hand with our nation, Singapore.
My days in SP was the turning point in my life. Life was very challenging then as I juggled studies, work and sports. Fortunately, the lecturers, staff and fellow students were very understanding and helpful. I attribute my success to SP and will do everything possible for my alma mater whenever my services are required. I shall always remember SP as the place I grew, a place where my adventures of life truly began, and an institution which nurtured me to what I am today.

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It is my pride and delight to wish SP a most sincere happy birthday. 60 years is a fantastic achievement and this magnificent milestone will deservedly be the cause of tremendous celebration for everyone associated with this institution of learning. I am proud to be a graduate of SP. May you continue to excel in teaching, academia and sports for many more years to come. Congratulations!
Annie Lim
Class of 1994
Diploma in Business Administration
SP Business School

Company
Sanofi

Designation
Director - Talent Management (Asia)

Contribution Highlights
Ms Lim served as an active member in the course review committee for the Diploma in Human Resource Management with Psychology (DHRMP). She also facilitated an overseas internship for SP students at Adecco Shanghai, giving them an opportunity of holistic development.

“This award has been an honour and privilege. Now, as I begin my second expatriate assignment – another venture in Shanghai – my wish for SP is to continue the immense pursuit to provide a vibrant academic community and well-prepared graduates to make a unique difference our workforce and society. As Winston Churchill once said, “We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give.”

I sincerely believe that I have received more than I have given.”

I credit my achievements and learning to the solid foundation that SP has established upon me. I am grateful that the three years of study have allowed me to develop discipline, relevant skills and critical thinking to be ready for the work force. The education and the extra-curricular activities formed my leadership and team building skills and till today, I remember profoundly how my lecturers encouraged me with their “caring and personal touch” that was so prevalent.

I look back on my poly years - a wonderful experience that shaped who I am today. I sincerely believe that I have received more than I have given. SP’s nurturing environment prepared me well for my long and rewarding career professionally and personally. I am grateful to Mrs Szeto-Pang Li Lee who inspired me to be a HR professional, and Ms Dora Ho who provided me the opportunity and mentored me to be a stage speaker. Though I have graduated for 20 years now, the lecturers I maintain in touch with remain profoundly passionate about their job which gives me the aspiration to continue to give back to SP whenever the opportunity arises.
I have gained a lot through my experience in SP Dance Club - Strictly Dance Zone. It was through the dance club that I found my identity as a person and I found what I was good at. My time in the dance club also provided me with many opportunities to perform; to grow not only as a dancer, but as a leader as well. It was only after I saw my own growth as a person and subsequently, the growth of my juniors, that I started to realise that SP Dance Club - Strictly Dance Zone was a good training ground to train future dancers and leaders. This is why I am so passionate to share my knowledge and contribute back to the dance club as an alumnus.

I want to wish a HAPPY 60TH BIRTHDAY TO SP and for SP to grow to become a hub for arts for students in Singapore! May SP continue to grow even Bigger, Better, Stronger, “Awesomer” and last for many more years to come! THREE CHEERS FOR SP!
Justin Tan Wei Yang

Class of 2009
Diploma in Visual Communication & Media Design
SP Design School

Company
APT 811

Designation
Creative Director

Contribution Highlights
Mr Tan mentored students from the SP Design School (SD) by providing consultation through The Student Agency and Final Year Projects. Not only did he equip the students he mentored with creative thinking skills, he also developed a 5-day workshop on research through design and deconstruction to benefit the SD students.

“...it’s a symbiotic relationship”

I have always been a strong believer in sharing what I know with my juniors, letting them both learn and improve upon my methods. In that respect, it’s a symbiotic relationship because I learn from them too.

My wish for SP is for it to continue being a muse to its students, just as it had inspired my uncles previously from SP who in turn have inspired me.
Kenneth Kee Ah Bah

Class of 1966
Diploma in Marine Engineering
Singapore Maritime Academy

Company
Hong Lam Marine Pte Ltd

Designation
Consultant (part-time)

Contribution Highlights
Mr Kee has been actively serving as the Deputy Chairman of the Maritime Industry Advisory Committee since 2010 and a Committee Member for more than 30 years. He provided industry attachments and shipboard training for students in his former role as Managing Director of a shipping company and inspired many with his motivational speech at the Graduation Ceremony in 2007.

I am grateful to SP for providing me with the tertiary training...

I feel privileged to have been in the pioneer batch of Marine Engineering students when the course started in July 1961. It was a long course, stretching to nearly five years, including almost three years of practical training. With my diploma, I was able to embark on a challenging but rewarding career both at sea and ashore. In appreciation of SP’s training, I have been serving in the Maritime Industry Advisory Committee since the early 1980s.

Happy 60th Birthday SP! You have come a long way since your establishment as Singapore’s first polytechnic in 1954. You have trained more than 175,000 graduates, many of whom were the backbone of Singapore’s economy during our emerging years. May you continue to groom successive generations of industry leaders!
"...I have personally taken it upon myself to seek out youths to offer them the insights and give them the opportunities to reach out to the beyond."

SP provided me the opportunity to grow holistically. Coming from a humble background, being in SP afforded me the ability to see beyond my current standing to aspire to reach out to the beyond. Having had this gift, I have personally taken it upon myself to seek out youths to offer them the insights and give them the opportunities to reach out to the beyond.

60 years ago, SP bred and groomed a select group of students who had aspirations to excel in spite of the circumstances that Singapore was in. Times have since changed and my wish is for SP to continue developing the special breed of students that continue to aspire to reach beyond and serve Singapore at large.
Ong Poh Kwee
Class of 1982
Diploma in Marine Engineering
Singapore Maritime Academy

Company
• Sembcorp Marine Ltd
• Sembawang Shipyards Pte Ltd

Designation
• Deputy President
• Managing Director

Contribution Highlights
Mr Ong serves as an active member of the Maritime Industry Advisory Committee, generously providing Industrial Training Placements for SP students at Sembawang Shipyards and career opportunities to SP graduates.

“To me, SP is more than an institution. It was where I learnt, met many friends and had a great time.”

To me, SP is more than an institution. It was where I learnt, met many friends and had a great time. Till now, when I look back, I am still glad I chose SP. SP prepared me well for the line of work I chose. I want to share this experience with more students. Hence, in Sembawang Shipyards, we offer internships and career opportunities to SP students, further strengthening their experiences which have been based upon the strong foundation provided by SP. I hope that through such support, SP can continue to inspire and nurture more graduates.

Happy 60th birthday, SP!
Goh Teik Poh  
Class of 1983  
Diploma in Nautical Studies  
Singapore Maritime Academy  

Company  
Global Maritime Talent Pte Ltd  

Designation  
Managing Director  

Contribution Highlights  
Mr Goh has been serving as a member of the SP Board of Governors since 2012 and plays an active role in the Audit Committee of the Board. He also serves as the Chairman of the Maritime Industry Advisory Committee.

“... it is a privilege to be able to give back to SP in whatever way I can.”

I benefited greatly from my time at SP in the 1980s. My time there helped me launch my maritime career which spanned more than three decades. Our lecturers helped impart knowledge and guided us in our careers. The friendships we made among our classmates have lasted till today. The dedication of our lecturers and the SP environment nurtured us - hence it is a privilege to be able to give back to SP in whatever way I can!

SP has nurtured leaders, entrepreneurs, academicians, engineers and nation builders since its inception and over its illustrious 60-year history. On this special occasion, I wish SP another century of excellence in shaping our youth to meet the challenges ahead!
Lenz Lim Thiam Kwee
Class of 1984
Diploma in Marine Engineering
Singapore Maritime Academy

Company
ALMACO Group Pte Ltd

Designation
Manager; Director

Contribution Highlights
Mr Lim serves actively as a mentor to students in the Singapore Maritime Academy and Executive Committee Member of the Maritime Industry Advisory Committee. As an alumnus, he continues to play an instrumental role in key events like the Singapore Nautical Institute & Youth Skipper Flotilla.

“My passion about giving back to SP comes naturally as I treasure this fundamental traditional value that one has to give back to society.”

“饮水思源(yin shui si yuan) - when you drink water, think of its source”, this value taught me to be grateful for what I am today. A single person will not be able to do much unless he has the support of those around him. SP, my parents, family and many others played important roles to mould me into what I am today. My passion about giving back to SP comes naturally as I treasure this fundamental traditional value that one has to give back to society.

The changes have been vast since I left SP in 1983 for sea to clock my sea-time as an engine cadet officer, and what I wish for SP is that from this point on, the good becomes better, and the better becomes the best. In addition, may she continue growing from strength to strength.
List of Individual Recipients

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Goh Teik Poh
Lenz Lim Thiam Kwee
SP GRADUATES’ GUILD (SPGG)

Set up in 1971 with inspiration from then Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew, SPGG has since progressed from a humble office to having a clubhouse with its own facilities such as bowling, jackpot, restaurants and various function rooms. It is also equipped to provide a range of services such as incubation and virtual office space. SPGG’s vision is to be a club of distinction with activities of diversity to foster a lifelong bond between SPGG and SP together with SPGG members and the community.
Contribution Highlights

Today, SPGG welcomes graduates from all tertiary institutions as well as corporations, and continues to create business networking opportunities and organise various activities for its members, associates and the SP community. It offers a platform for national leaders to engage our members and the SP community. SPGG hosted then Senior Minister Goh Chok Tong in a dialogue titled “What is Singapore’s Future” in April 2011. This was followed up with a dialogue co-organised with the Singapore Polytechnic Entrepreneurs’ Club in June 2014, titled “Singapore Restructuring: How do we ensure the competitive edge of Businesses and Singaporeans into 2020?” and was graced by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam.

SPGG also renders mutual assistance to charitable organizations through community service activities, and have themselves set up the SPGG Endowment Fund, which helps SP students who have fallen through the cracks of existing bursary schemes, and offer them the gift of education.

SPGG seeks to take the next leap of growth, and will be undergoing a re-branding process which will be carried out in phases. This process will create the platform to generate and encourage interest in the areas of entrepreneurship and innovation, and an opportunity to put together an amazing service to better serve its members and the SP community.

“The standing of an educational institution is as good as the standing of her alumni and students. Giving back to our alma mater and the student community is a small but meaningful way in which SPGG hopes to establish a virtuous cycle of paying it forward.”
SP ENTREPRENEURS’ CLUB (SPEC)

SPEC was formed in 1993 to bring together SP alumni who dared to dream and have succeeded in their businesses. SPEC provides SP entrepreneurs a supportive platform for members to exchange ideas and share prospects and opportunities. The club has even opened its doors to students as it takes on the new role of nurturing the bold entrepreneurial spirit in SP students. Every year since 2007, SPEC has also been giving out awards to financially challenged students who have outstanding academic performances.
“Contributing to SP students and alumni is one of the key missions of SPEC. We are honoured and privileged to be able to inspire and support our fellow alumni.”

Contribution Highlights

SPEC organises frequent networking events to expand the circles of students and alumni members, and the most recent one was the signature Chinese New Year ‘Lo Hei’ dinner. Since 2007, the club has awarded 97 SPEC Awards to SP students in need of financial assistance. SPEC members also served as evaluators in the Business Advisory Council and evaluated business proposals for SP students and alumni for ACE Start Up Grants; and also participated as guest speakers sharing their entrepreneur experience with the alumni community at 55@SP talks.
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