

GLOBAL OUTREACH

In line with the worldwide trend of globalisation, Singapore Polytechnic continued to strengthen existing ties and form new partnerships with overseas institutions and organisations.

SHARING EXPERTISE WITH OUR NEIGHBOURING NATIONS

Various courses were held during the year for participants from neighbouring countries. These included a training course conducted by the School of Chemical & Life Sciences on Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point System (HACCP) for 18 delegates from Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam.

Other courses conducted included a Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) seminar for the ASEAN cosmetic industry by the School of Chemical & Life Sciences. The School of Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering conducted International Disk Drive Equipment and Materials Association (IDEMA) courses for Seagate International and Western Digital in Malaysia.

TEAMING UP WITH OVERSEAS PARTNERS

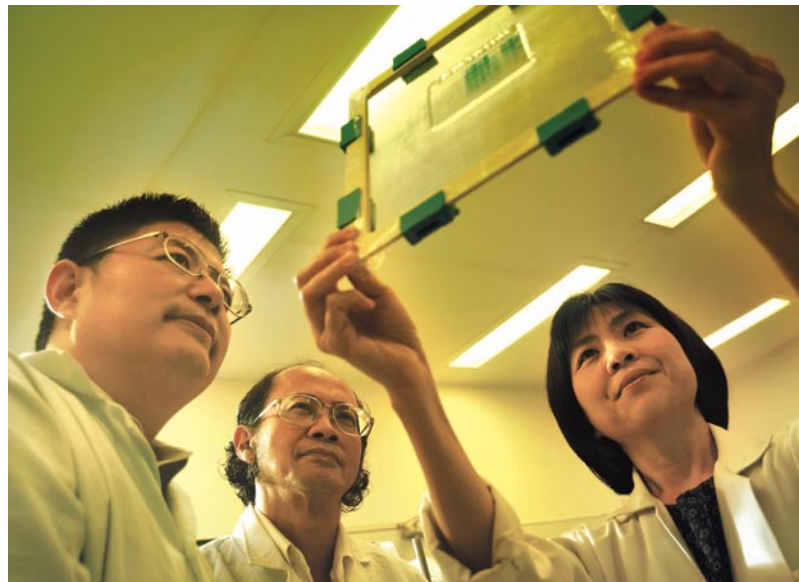
Staff of Singapore Polytechnic also collaborated with overseas partners on various academic papers. One such partnership saw School of Design & the Environment staff Loo Ching Nong collaborating with staff from Japan's Kanazawa Institute of Technology and US' Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology on a paper titled International Joint Project in Engineering Design Education.

Other joint projects included an European Union-ASEAN programme to assist in human resource and curricula development in maritime education for institutions in the Philippines, Singapore and Spain.

LINKS WITH FOREIGN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

A number of students from overseas institutions were attached to Singapore Polytechnic during the year in review. Alexander Liebert and Marcin Dajnowski from the University of Applied Sciences, Stuttgart, Germany were with the School of Design & the Environment from 19 September 2005 to 24 February 2006.

Mr Peter Zhou Changming, Senior Lecturer/Party Secretary, Department of Foreign Language, University of Science and Technology of Suzhou, China was attached to the School of Design & the Environment from 26 July to 22 August 2005.



Resulting from a collaborative effort with the China Academy of Sciences (CAS), a compound that could curb the replication and spread of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) was discovered. Further clinical tests were underway.

An articulation agreement was established between the School of Electrical & Electronic Engineering and the University of Strathclyde, UK, opening the way for Singapore Polytechnic graduates to be admitted into the final year of the University's Bachelor of Electronic Engineering programme.

Exploring Trends in Communication Networks

A seminar highlighting trends in communication networks was conducted by the School of Electrical & Electronic Engineering for about 20 staff from Vietnam Post and Telecommunication. The seminar was held over two days from 5 October to 6 October 2005.

As a result of an agreement between Singapore Polytechnic and Walt Disney World, selected Diploma in Business Administration (Tourism Management) students from the School of Business would soon have the opportunity to go on a 20-week internship at the world's largest themepark in Orlando, USA.

Another partnership was that formed between the Singapore Maritime Academy and the Universities of Glasgow and Strathclyde (UGS). As a result, Diploma in Marine Engineering and Specialist Diploma in Marine Engineering & Naval Architecture students gained advanced standing to a UGS degree upon graduation from the Academy.



Singapore Maritime Academy graduates who worked at sea after graduation had the opportunity to pursue their degree, thanks to an arrangement with the Maritime Institute Willem Barentsz (MIWB) of the Netherlands.

In Academic Year 2005-2006, Singapore Maritime Academy staff visited various maritime institutions to establish new collaborations and to benchmark the quality of the Academy's education and training.

The institutions included:

- Malaysian Maritime Academy
- Kings Point Academy, US
- Massachusetts Maritime Academy, US
- Maine Maritime Academy, US



In January 2006, a Memorandum of Cooperation was signed between the School of Business and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, which among other things included an exchange programme for tourism management students.