

making partnerships great

{ Reaching out to industry partners and overseas institutions to build a local and international brand for Singapore Polytechnic }



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STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Global Institutions

During the academic year 2006-2007, Singapore Polytechnic continued to forge partnerships with global and local academic institutions to expand the academic options available to its students.

A new memorandum of cooperation would now allow graduates from the School of Media and Info-Communications Technology to join the final year of Australia's James Cook University IT bachelor's degree programme and to apply for two available scholarships.



1. Collaborating with James Cook University to offer opportunities for further education.
2. Sealing an agreement with the Far Eastern State Technical Fisheries University from Vladivostok, Russia.

Separate memoranda of cooperation were also signed between the School of Business and the Shanghai University of Political Science and Law, the City University of Hong Kong and the State Polytechnic of Ujung Pandang Makassar from Indonesia. While still in its first year of operations, the new School of Design sealed a memorandum of cooperation with the University of Cincinnati.

Resulting from an earlier memorandum of understanding with the Maritime Institute Willem Barentsz from Netherlands, the pilot run of the joint Bachelor in Maritime Operations degree programme commenced at the Singapore Maritime Academy in June 2006.

Reaching out further for the benefit of its students, the Singapore Maritime Academy expanded its academic liaisons through the signing of memoranda of understanding with the Maritime State University from Vladivostok, Russia, the Far Eastern State Technical Fisheries University also from Vladivostok and the Chung Ang University's Department of International Logistics Management from Korea.



Two other memoranda of cooperation were sealed at the School of Electrical & Electronic Engineering. The first was signed on 21 August 2006 with the UK's University of Strathclyde for collaborations in joint teaching for the Advanced Diploma course in Electronic Systems, while the second, inked on 7 December 2006, was with SIM University's School of Science and Technology which would promote teaching and technical research among staff.

Another memorandum of understanding was sealed with Suncheon First College in Korea.

Overseas Visitors

Singapore Polytechnic played host to numerous overseas visitors throughout the year, facilitated by the efforts of the Department of Corporate Communications. Two delegations from Vietnam were given a warm welcome, including a 23-member delegation led by the Vice Minister of Education and Training. The Minister for National Education and Scientific Research from Madagascar also led a delegation to tour facilities within Singapore Polytechnic.

Many other visits were made by representatives of prominent educational institutions including the University of Cincinnati, James Cook University, University of Queensland, Monash University, University of Aberdeen and Suncheon First College.

Cultural Immersion and Exchange

Singapore Polytechnic continued to establish new linkages with overseas institutions to immerse its students in foreign cultures.

It was a year rich in cultural experiences for many students. The 18th Mobile Intensive Learning Experience welcomed 12 students from Singapore Polytechnic to Japan in September 2006. The students experienced homestay, industry visits and local cultural activities arranged by sister institution, Kanazawa Technical College.

Japan was also the destination for the third run of the Chiba Cultural Exchange Programme organised in September 2006 to provide educational, homestay and cultural experience for 12 students. Another two groups of students travelled to Japan on cultural exchange and homestay programmes in Miyazaki and Hokkaido organised in collaboration with the ASEAN-Japan Friendship Association for the 21st Century.

Real-Life Classrooms

Other industry alliances were sought during the year to increase the breadth and depth of students' learning experiences.



The finer points of operating a floating resort on the SuperStar Virgo.

In June 2006, 99 Diploma in Tourism & Resort Management students gained first-hand experience in the management and operations of a floating resort when they sailed on the SuperStar Virgo with her management and crew who became their lecturers on food and beverage, entertainment and casino operations.

In another collaborative effort, the five-day IBM IT Security Boot-Camp was organised with IBM Singapore to attract 100 students from the Schools of Electrical & Electronic Engineering and Media and Info-Communications Technology.

The Far Eastern State Technical Fisheries University's SS Pallada hosted 20 students and two lecturers from the Singapore Maritime Academy when it sailed from Singapore to Vietnam in February 2006. Also, the Fifth Maritime Experiential Learning Camp was organised for 64 students in March 2007 which included students from the Malaysian Maritime Academy (ALAM) and from Chung Ang University, Korea.