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PSA and Singapore Polytechnic collaborate to enhance professional education and training for port industry

PSA Corporation Limited (PSA) and Singapore Polytechnic (SP) are working together to develop a Specialist Diploma in Port Management and Operations, a 12-month work-study Earn and Learn Programme (ELP) under the national SkillsFuture initiative. The ELP will be launched in June 2016, and is the first of its kind specifically designed for the Singapore port industry.

The ELP will provide fresh polytechnic graduates with a head-start in maritime careers relevant to their course of study. They will benefit from full-time employment, a structured learning framework and career advancement pathways. Eligible PSA staff can also enrol in the ELP to deepen their skills and attain industry-recognised certification.

The ELP collaboration is a key component of a five-year memorandum of understanding (MOU) signed today by PSA and SP worth more than S\$1.5 million. Both organisations will enhance cooperation in the disciplines of Engineering, Information Technology, and Maritime Business which aims to equip future port professionals with work-ready knowledge and skills through comprehensive, hands-on training.

“PSA aims to enhance Singapore’s status as a global hub port with the expansion of Pasir Panjang Terminals and eventually the development of Tuas megaport. The use of more automated, intelligent and sustainable technologies at these terminals requires a core of specialists with industry-relevant competencies. This collaboration with Singapore Polytechnic will help their staff and students bridge what is taught in the classroom and how it can be applied in the workplace, and strengthen our pipeline of potential future talent for PSA’s business expansion,” said Mr Ong Kim Pong, Regional CEO Southeast Asia, PSA International.

Mr Tan Choon Shian, Principal and Chief Executive Officer of Singapore Polytechnic said, “Our collaboration with PSA reflects our commitment to help deepen the skills and knowledge of our workforce so that they can remain relevant and further strengthen the maritime sector. This in turn will contribute to the continued success of Singapore.”

Another key thrust in joint curriculum development is to design a Port Equipment elective in SP's Diploma in Engineering (Mechanical Technology). This will be particularly useful as the port introduces more intelligent and automated systems.

As part of efforts to boost capability development and knowledge sharing, specialists from PSA will be invited to deliver guest lectures to SP staff and students on the latest developments in port operations and technology.

To help enhance the students' awareness of the port industry and the excellent career prospects it offers, PSA will also be offering scholarships and book prizes to outstanding students from specific courses, and jointly organise "PSA Challenge" competitions for engineering students to apply what they have learnt to scenarios in port operations and technology.

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About PSA Corporation Limited (PSA)

PSA operates the world's largest container transshipment hub in Singapore. It links shippers to an excellent network of major shipping lines with connections to 600 ports globally. Shippers have access to daily sailings to every major port in the world at this mega hub. Its excellence in port operations has consistently been recognised by the shipping community. In 2015, it was voted the "Best Container Terminal (Asia)" at the Asian Freight, Logistics and Supply Chain Awards. PSA Singapore Terminals handled 33.55 million TEUs of containers in 2014. Visit us at www.singaporepsa.com and www.facebook.com/singaporepsa.

About Singapore Polytechnic (www.sp.edu.sg)

Established in 1954, Singapore Polytechnic (SP) is Singapore's first polytechnic. It has 10 schools that offer 48 full-time diploma courses for close to 16,000 students. SP adopts a proven creative teaching and learning framework and offers students a holistic, authentic and industry-relevant curriculum, innovative and vibrant learning spaces, and enriching overseas programmes.

The Polytechnic is committed to producing competent and versatile graduates who are also imbued with sound values, so that they can be work ready, life ready and world-ready. SP has more than 184,000 graduates and among them are successful entrepreneurs, top executives in multi-national and public-listed corporations, and well-known professionals across various industries and leaders in government.

SP is the first polytechnic to be awarded the President's Award for the Environment in 2010 and the President's Social Service Award in 2011.

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