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Alumni in the spotlight

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It is tempting to say that the illustrious achievements of Lieutenant (LTA) Cheong Ting Wen, a platoon commander in the Officer Cadet School, SAFTI MI precede him. Since graduating from SP with Diploma in Business Administration (DBA) in 2011, his relentless search for varied experience has broadened his perspectives. In this issue, we dive deep into his psyche and present you his innermost views and convictions.

Lieutenant (LTA) Cheong Ting Wen

Platoon Commander, Officer Cadet School (OCS)

Diploma in Business Administration (2011)



Alumni in the spotlight

"We are pretty much each other's study buddy back then. Amanda has been my pillar of strength all these years – always supportive and encouraging of my endeavours. She brings love, warmth and compassion into my life."

Books, Sports and Romance

Cheong Ting Wen and Amanda – the couple

basking in romance.

Life at SP to Ting Wen is anything but boring. A studious student, he was also active in sports, either jogging on the tracks or dipping into the swimming pool. Sparks flew when Ting Wen started to notice his current girlfriend Amanda during a common DBA lecture. The two soon became an item, and the relationship blossomed.



Having a strong physique due to his love for sports allowed Ting Wen to excel during his national service days. He is no stranger to the military, having been part of the National Cadet Corps (NCC) in his secondary school days.

"I really enjoyed the adventurous training in the NCC, along with the camaraderie among my peers," he reminisced. In fact, Ting Wen bagged the Company Best Trainee Award in January 2012 after completing his Basic Military Training (BMT). After nine gruelling months at the Officer Cadet School, he graduated as the Sword-of-Honour of his cohort, a distinguished accolade given to the top officer cadet.

▲ THE MOMENT OF GLORY:

Cheong Ting Wen

received his Sword of Honour at OCS

When the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) offered him a scholarship to pursue a Bachelor of Arts in Business Studies from the University of Manchester in England, he grabbed the opportunity.

Alumni in the spotlight

"Joining the military is a natural progression for me. I felt that this path is in alignment with my aspirations – academically because I have always wanted to pursue an overseas education, and professionally because I discover that I possess leadership potential and aspire to be a leader in the army serving my country," Ting Wen explained.

Imbued with an unwavering belief in staying committed to Singapore regardless of circumstances, he found his calling to serve the SAF. In his words, he can "contribute to policies with the aim of bettering the future of successive generations." He went on to graduate with First Class Honours from the University of Manchester in 2016.

Public-spiritedness Charts His Path

During his undergraduate days, he got hooked into watching parliamentary debates and committee hearings. That was when he started to harbour thoughts of applying to the Master of Public Policy programme at Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford. "I developed an insatiable appetite of wanting to understand the inner workings of the government in formulating public policies."

He revealed, "I developed an insatiable appetite of wanting to understand the inner workings of the government in formulating public policies. The relevant academic knowledge and skills will empower me to address public policy challenges in the Singapore context."

At the University of Oxford, he benefitted from the robust exchange of different perspectives. "My course mates – 123 of them who come from over 69 countries and territories. This diversity in cultures, languages and perspectives appealed to me," he added.





Wise Insights

As part of his Masters programme, Ting Wen undertook an internship with the Development Concepts and Doctrine Centre (DCDC), UK Ministry of Defence. Transforming theory into practice has deepened his understanding of strategic military issues.

It is intriguing to fathom the breadth and depth in his thinking – quite uncommon for someone his age. When asked about the evolvement of public policy implementation, he gave his take, "There is increased community engagement nowadays. This allows Singaporeans to step forward and participate in shaping the future." He cited three fundamentals that are the hallmarks of good policy making – keeping in touch with reality, pragmatism and good communication strategy.

Ting Wen also shared his opinions on disruptive technologies, the hot topic on everyone's lips. "Given that disruptions are inevitable, we should prepare ourselves. That involves a shifting of mindset and culture. It means stepping out of our comfort zone. Instead of resisting change, we should learn to embrace it," he reflected.

He highlighted the important role of leadership amid uncertainties. "A capable leader can reduce the anxiety levels in an organisation by sharing possible future scenarios and preparing them to take control of the situation. He can also remind them that fresh and new opportunities always come with disruptive technologies," he said.



Neoh Yew Kim

Chief Controls Office, Barclays International, Singapore Diploma in Information Technology (2015)

Leading the mass song-signing to songs such as Home and Count on Me, Singapore in **National Day Parade 2016 might** seem effortless, but to those who know Neoh Yew Kim, she has come a long way. As the revelation about her soulsearching journey unfolds, readers will understand her for who she is - a compassionate, free-spirited lady keen on giving back to society.

Giving Back

Overcoming Adversities

Diagnosed to be suffering from hearing loss when she was six months old, Yew Kim let on that it is challenging for her to follow conversations. Though she learns to read lips, the task is daunting especially if there are many people speaking and laughing at the same time.

Her lip reading ability is also hampered when people talk too fast or speak with foreign accents. She also had slight difficulty in pronunciation. Over the years, she came up with simple yet effective methods – asking the interlocutor to pen down his or her words on paper or mobile phone, or slow down his or her pace.

"Certain events necessitate an interpreter who helps to interpret what others are saying to me by signing for me. In response, I sign and the interpreter will speak for me. For communication within a smaller group, I encourage people to pen down their thoughts and responses if they have no prior knowledge of sign language." she reflected.

Learning About Herself As She Helps Others

Yew Kim fully understands the plights of the deaf community. Whenever she is free, she will volunteer herself to bring joy into their lives. She had volunteered in ExtraOrdinary Horizons, a social enterprise run by the deaf, to perform songs through musical instruments the likes of Triple Samba Shaker and Agogo Bells. At times she emceed for signature events, such as the 55th Anniversary celebration for Singapore Association for the Deaf. A devout Christian, the years from 2009 to 2016 also saw her travelling with the Ministry of Hearing Impaired (MHI) on mission trips in Philippines and Cambodia. Extending her volunteerism beyond the deaf community, Yew Kim also went to China in 2014 to help victims of the Sichuan earthquake.



Giving Back

"Volunteering allows me to step out of my comfort zone. I learn more about myself as I helped others. I began to see and accept different perspectives. Apart from event management skills, I have grown in maturity. I feel that I have come to terms with my flaws and hearing loss. At the same time, I am trying to learn to be more flexible when managing resources," she asserted.

Currently, Yew Kim is serving at the Deaf Sports Association (Singapore), a national body for sports with regard to deaf and hard of hearing community.

Proving Herself at the Workplace

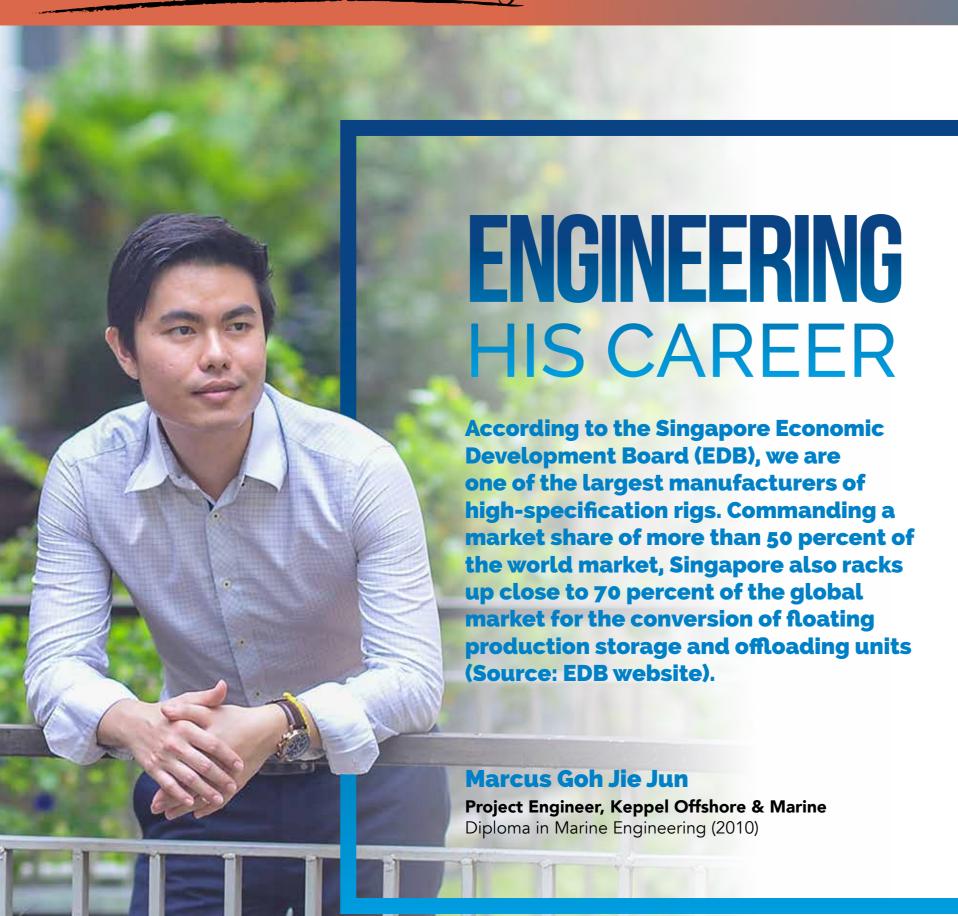
Since graduating from SP with a Diploma in Information Technology in 2015, she has chosen to work before pursuing further studies.

"I want to gain work experience first before deciding on the course of study in a tertiary institution. Currently I am working in Chief Controls Office, at Barclays international, Singapore. Due to my strong IT background, I was able to apply the concept of coding to Excel worksheet. My web designing skills also came in useful when I designed the SharePoint page while working there," she said.

After careful consideration, she intends to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Business and Management degree at University of London.

The interview ended on a cheerful and humorous note as Yew Kim shared her advice to the deaf community. "Focus on your abilities – and your employers will appreciate you for your contribution. Having hearing loss means I sleep soundly every night without any disturbance!"





Catching up with Marcus Goh Jie Jun, a SP Marine Engineering alumni in 2010, he shared with us his resolute pursuit of opportunities to upskill himself. Interestingly, his 'voyage' mirrors the transformations that the marine industry is currently undergoing to reposition itself for greater heights.

An insatiable quest for knowledge and diligence have helped Marcus Goh grow from strength to strength. After going through national service, he applied for the Association of Singapore Marine Industries (ASMI) Marine Technology Scholarship in 2012. Handpicked by Keppel Offshore & Marine through the ASMI interview, he started off as a design engineer after graduating from the University of Newcastle with a Bachelor of Engineering with Second Class (Division 1) Honours in Offshore Engineering in 2014. Recently he was promoted to the post of project engineer due to excellent performance at work.

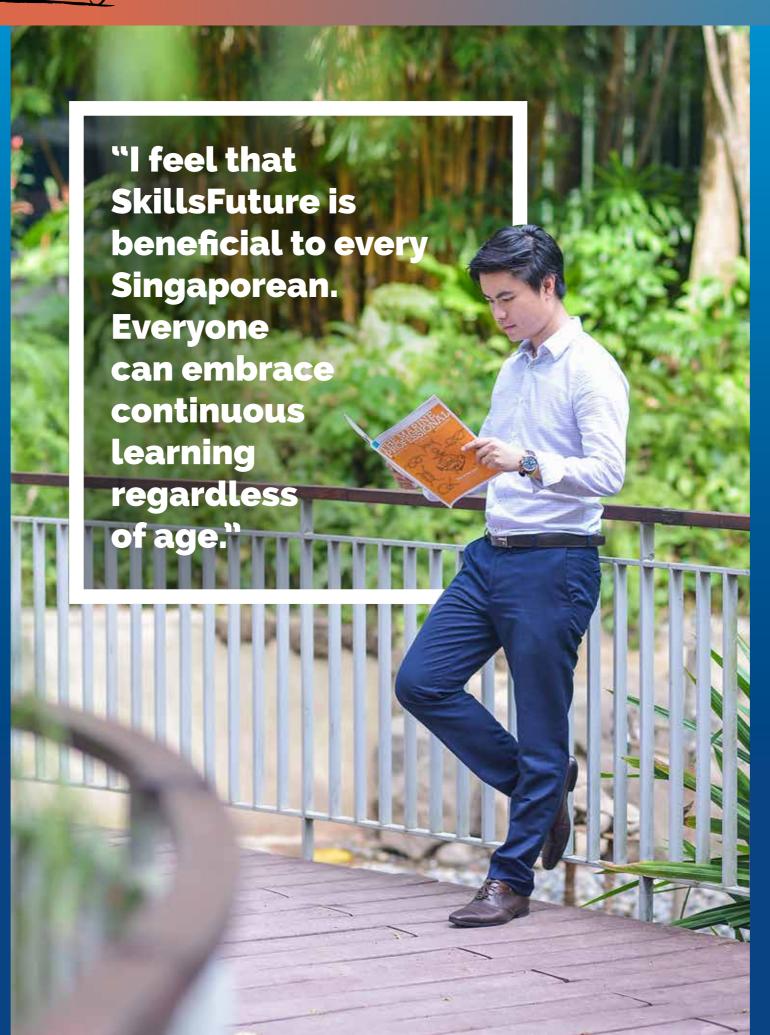
Continuing Education and Training

He explained, "As a marine engineer, I learn to keep my cool while working under pressure. We build vessels from scratch, going through various stages of approval by classification societies. I have to plan the construction phase based on lead time tagged to milestones, for instance the arrival of equipment and materials."

"The whole process of building a vessel takes an average of two years. The feeling at a ship launching ceremony is like finally seeing your baby coming into this world!" he quipped.

Marcus Goh realised he has to enhance his project management skills to keep up with the fast-paced workplace. Last year, he signed up for the Project Management Professional (PMP) Training at the Pace Academy. He recalled, "The course deepens my knowledge in project management, and is very much related to what I do every day."

Setting his sights on a marketing executive position in Keppel Singmarine, Marcus Goh recently returned to Pace Academy for a two-day 'Finance for Non-finance Managers' course. "Besides



refreshing my finance knowledge, I am now more equipped to understand clients' business profiles by reading their balance sheets," he commented. The jovial lecturer of this course, Zahabar Ali requested all his students to submit to him their goals. "Zahabar told us he will check on our progress through email at the end of 2027, a decade from now," Marcus Goh chuckled.

"Course mates from the telco, biomedical, heath care and information technology sectors shared useful insights with me. These courses inspired me to come up with innovative engineering solutions," he highlighted.

Marcus encouraged his peers to capitalise on SkillsFuture credits. "I feel that SkillsFuture is beneficial to every Singaporean. Everyone can embrace continuous learning regardless of age," he reflected. Currently the marine industry is evolving to ride on the next wave of expansion. "I have to keep abreast of the latest technology. Right now, the trend is towards using clean energy sources and building more rugged vessels for exploring the Arctic Region."



Embracing lifelong learning



At Singapore Polytechnic (SP)'s graduation ceremony, Minister for Trade and Industry (Industry), Mr S. Iswaran, mentioned that many jobs require a new set of proficiencies and a willingness by the workforce to acquire them. This was where national movements, such as the

SkillsFuture drive came in to get Singaporeans to learn deep skills and embrace new job roles.

To find out more, please click here

Who said playing video games was a waste of time?



Diploma in Information Technology graduate and Institutional Medallist, Azeem Arshad Vasanwala participated in various hackathons and competitions during his time in SP such as the Microsoft Imagine Cup. He was also part of a SP Special Interest Group and the Microsoft Student Partners.

He went on to develop prototypes that could be employed in future

Smart Businesses during his 17-week internship at Accenture. A recipient of the Integrated Infocomm Scholarship, Azeem has received offers from the National University of Singapore and the Singapore Management University.

No preservatives or heat for new food processing method



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An innovation that reduced food processing times and improved hygiene was unveiled.

The High Pressure Processing technology uses ultra-high pressure to kill food-borne pathogens in packaged refrigerated products. This cold pasteurisation technique subjects food, sealed in flexible packaging, to a high level of hydrostatic pressure in a machine of freezing temperature for about five minutes. Avoiding the use of heat or preservatives, food freshness, taste, colour and nutritional value are retained besides having a longer shelf-life.

Food and beverage firms would be able to access the benefits under a collaboration involving SP, Workforce Singapore, Spring Singapore and The Soup Spoon (TSS) as well as acquire the technical know-how through masterclasses offered.

Love at first spark



Diploma in Computer Engineering graduate and Institutional Medallist, Benedict Lee Wei Zheng had already successfully built his own computer from scavenged parts when he was a Secondary One student. When he served in the SP School of Electrical and Electronic Engineering club, he used his electrical engineering and programming skills to repair discarded laptops for less

fortunate students, and installed solar panels at home to save on electrical bills and promote environmental friendliness.

The Defence Science Organisation (DSO) Diploma Scholarship recipient also completed a six-week internship at the DSO National Laboratories, where he was involved in research projects related to computer network systems and cybersecurity. Benedict will be pursuing a Degree in Computer Engineering at the Nanyang Technological University after serving his national service.

To find out more, please click here

How one of SP's top graduates' video went viral



Diploma in Media and Communication graduate and Institutional Medallist Chong Han Lyn realised that a career in science was not for her months after she took up a diploma course in the field of life sciences at another polytechnic.

After reviewing the activities that she excelled in during secondary school and visiting the SP Open House, she chose her current course for its integrated communications approach. Her time in SP saw her working on several projects, including 'Chance', a short film for the Temasek 20/20 Short Film Project, as well as a one-month social media campaign in partnership with Migrant Workers' Centre. The campaign video to raise awareness of migrant workers went viral and was picked up by local and online media outlets.



SP students finished as Top 3 finalists in Hackathons

Students from the School of Electrical & Electronic Engineering spent their hours prototyping and pitching their prototype and business plans at two hackathons: International Science Enterprise Challenge 2017 (ISEC2017) and Bosch BoT Hackathon.

ISEC2017 saw Melvin Ryan picking up the First Runner Up Prize and Julian Kang winning the Most Innovative Award. Melvin will next be required to pitch to the international selection panel and from there, one team will be chosen to represent Singapore.

The Bosch BoT Hackathon saw the student group of Low Jun Qian, Kabeta Takuma, Jonathan Loh Ding Yue, Oh Zhi Hua and Jaden Edwin Chua placed as one of the top 3 finalists and with that, a chance to pitch their prototype at the Boschville Conference.





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Singapore Polytechnic and SP Group launch next generation solar car for World Solar Challenge 2017

Singapore Polytechnic and Singapore Power Group (SP Group) unveiled their most advanced solar car, SunSPEC 5, designed and built by SP's students to take part in the biennial World Solar Challenge 2017 in Australia in October.

To help develop a core pool of engineers to drive solutions for a sustainable future, SP and SP Group inked a three-year Memorandum of Understanding, valued at \$2 million.



This included the SunSPEC polytechnic and university sponsorships for students who formed part of the solar car team. They would secure job placements before they graduate and undergo a customised training programme including theory and on-the-job exposure in critical areas such as electricity and gas planning and operations.

Passion is an alternate pathway - Early Admissions Exercise



Diploma in Music & Audio Technology student Axel Teoh and Diploma in Aeronautical Engineering student Marc Wong shared on

separate television news programmes how the Early Admissions Exercise (EAE) was an alternate pathway for them to pursue their passions. The EAE allowed graduating O-Level, final-year NITEC and Higher Nitec students from the Institute of Technical Education to apply for and receive conditional offers for admission into polytechnics based on their course-specific aptitudes and interests.

SP staff, William Chan and Priscilla Teng, respectively the Deputy Director and the Manager for Academic Services, were also featured on the programmes.

Seven Alumni Achieved Army NSF of the Year Award 2017

Seven Singapore Polytechnic (SP) Alumni have recently achieved the Army NSF of the Year Award 2017. This annual award is presented to the most outstanding servicemen of the cohort who have demonstrated a strong commitment to Defence and displayed exemplary qualities and competencies during their National Service (NS). Congratulations to the following alumni who have done SP proud!

- Delon Lee Di Lun
- Jonathan Peh Zhuang Sheng
- Chua Chun Hui Jerrold
- Goh Zong Jun
- Foo Kok Tong Varian
- Lok Wei Lun
- Rakesh Roy Joseph

DMAT Alumnus Clinched Award At National Youth Film Awards 2017

Diploma in Music and Audio Technology (DMAT) alumnus, Sng Ye Min, clinched the 'Best Original Music' award at the National Youth Film Awards 2017 for his work on 'Moments'. Ye Min said, "Thank you to all those that have influenced me in one way or another in my musical journey. To all my passionate and persistent musician friends, keep it up with the creation of music! You never know, you might actually have impacted someone with your music."

SP Graduates Achieve Success



Despite being eligible for a local university, SP's Diploma in Information Technology alumnus, Chang Xiao Ran signed up for a part-time degree in information technology in the SIM Global Education (GE) programme as he wanted to work while studying for his degree.

Xiao Ran shared that his diploma built a strong foundation, which helped him secure employment easily. Xiao Ran is now a partner technology manager at Google Asia Pacific.



SP's Diploma in Biomedical Science alumna Serene Kho was among the ten NHG Young Achiever Award winners. At 30, Serene became the youngest head of laboratory at National Healthcare Group Diagnostics (NHGD) two years ago.

Under her leadership, NHGD's laboratories initiated more efficient and convenient services for both patients and caregivers.

National Day Awards 2017

The Singapore National Day Awards are a means of recognising various forms of merit and service to Singapore.

Our congratulations to Mr Bill Chang, SP's Chairman of the Board of Governors, as well as our SP colleagues who have been accorded the 2017 National Day Honours in various award categories by the President of the Republic of Singapore.

For the full list of award recipients, please click here

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The President's Award for

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Teachers 2017

For the first time this year, recipients of the President's Award for Teachers have been extended to include educators from ITEs and polytechnics.

Ms Kwa Lay Ping, a senior lecturer from SP's School of

Communication, Arts & Social Sciences (CASS), was one of six who were recognised for their role in technical and vocational education, as well as lifelong learning.

These awardees were chosen from over 4000 teachers nominated by school leaders, teachers, parents, former and current students this year.



The Radius Design & Construction Pte Ltd signed a Memorandum of Understanding with SP through School of Architecture and the Built Environment.

Radius's development of the Xperiential SPace in SP allowed students pursuing the Diploma in Integrated Events and Project Management course to access the latest tools available in the industry.

Polys launch low GI food items



To help Singaporeans manage diabetes, local polytechnics launched short courses for the public on disease and nutrition management.

Singapore Polytechnic introduced a two-day programme – Shifting Away Diabetes: Optimising Your

Health Through Nutrition. This course would focus on helping participants develop healthy eating habits.

SP's School of Chemical & Life Sciences had previously teamed up with companies to create low GI instant soya oatmeal, banana chocolate cupcake mix, brownie mix and healthier mee kia, some of which are now available at supermarkets and hawker stalls.

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For the list of products by SP, please click here

Please click here for the inspiring stories of PAT 2017 recipients

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SP delivers on tripartite collaboration



The Institute of Brunei Technical Education (IBTE), Singapore Polytechnic and Temasek Foundation International officially concluded their 30-month collaboration with the handing over of the Brunei Maritime Academy (BMA) project, Quality in Maritime Education and Training (QMET) certification to IBTE as well as QMET BMA master trainers certificates to IBTE instructors on 3 July 2017.

The collaboration started with the signing of the Service Agreement in February 2014 that aimed at enhancing the Maritime Education and Training in Brunei Darussalam which brought about the establishment of the BMA offering a range of competency-based qualifications training for the maritime industry in Brunei Darussalam.

BMA is the product of the joint collaboration between the Ministry of Education, the Energy and Industry Department at the Prime Minister's Office and supported by the Ministry of Communications.

Design thinking to humanise public service delivery



To mark an important milestone in the public-service transformation journey, the Royal Civil Service Commission and Temasek Foundation International, Singapore have launched the Design Thinking Guidebook.

After training about 230 public service officers and leaders on the design thinking, 23 were

further trained as master trainers. These master trainers developed the guidebook with support from Singapore Polytechnic International.

The guidebook is expected to equip design-thinking practitioners to work on real projects by designing needs and solutions with communities to deeply understand the people.

To find out more, please click here

Strong Showing at Xinyao Contest



Diploma in Food Science and Technology (DFST) student Joyce Seah, won the solo singing category at the third edition of the National Singing and Songwriting Competition held at Singapore Polytechnic. This follows her win in the group singing category of the same competition last year.

Diploma in Music and Audio Technology (DMAT) students Wayne Oh Geng Hui and Jeremy Hwang Jie Wei bagged the prize for best composition with their

song Unforgettable Past, which was performed by fellow DMAT student Brandon Ling.

The competition is open to students in secondary schools, pre-universities, polytechnics and the Institute of Technical Education.

Brothers take on lifelong learning

When Joseph Yang discovered the opportunity to upgrade his skills in the part-time Bachelor of Technology (Electronics Engineering) degree programme offered by NUS Engineering in 2013, he took his younger brother, Yang Yaoguang, along for the ride. He believed that as brothers, they would be able to support and help each other to succeed in this journey.

Joseph embarked on a part-time Diploma in Electrical and Electronic Engineering at Singapore Polytechnic after he finished his six-year stint at the Navy.

His younger brother, Yaoguang, who similarly graduated from ITE and Singapore Polytechnic, looked back on the experience as a transformative one, and believed that the knowledge gained would enable his career growth.



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Students Emerge Champions in Competitions



The Singapore Logistics Association Supply Chain Challenge is a case competition for polytechnic and ITE students to gain exposure to the logistic industry, showcase their creativity and talents and build valuable relationships with industry professionals and leaders.

Our Diploma in Business Administration students emerged as overall champion and students from the Diploma in International Business won third prize.

The BIM competition theme this year is Computational Design, Analysis and Optimisation for 'Design for Manufacturing and Assembly'.

There are 67 registered teams, with 352 students' registration from 9 countries (US, Denmark, Italy, India, Iran, Poland, Singapore, Turkey and Sudan). 4 ABE student teams won 1st Prize (\$5,000), 2nd Prize (\$3,000) and 2 merit awards (\$800 each).



To view the results, please click here





Three students from the Diploma in Banking & Finance and Diploma in Financial Informatics won the top three prizes in the UOB Kay Hian Inter-Polytechnic uSPRINT 2017 Competition.

A total of 637 students from Singapore Polytechnic (SP) took part in the interpolytechnic competition 2017.

For the list of winners, please click here
For more information about uSPRINT, please click here

Winners of Inaugural Awards



Singapore Polytechnic won the inaugural Sembcorp Water Innovation Medal at the 10th Singapore Junior Water Prize 2017.

This was won by three School of Architecture and the Built Environment students from the Diploma in Civil Engineering with Business, Koh Wee Chen, 19, Ayu Surya Binte Zainuddin, 21, and Chin Ze Zhao Eugene, 20, for their multidisciplinary and

innovative approach to removing organic contaminants using an economic filtration system containing sugarcane bagasse.

For the first time, the Sembcorp Water Innovation Medal was introduced as part of the competition to recognise industry applicable water projects of outstanding merit as decided by technical experts at Sembcorp and distinguished industry expert judges.

To view the article, please click here

For more information on the Singapore Junior Water Prize please click here

SP student Raynard Chai was one of the recipients of the Lee Hsien Loong Interactive Digital Media Smart Nation (LHL-IDM) Award, one of the two inaugural awards in Singapore's efforts to become a Smart Nation, at this year's Ministry of Education's Special Award Ceremony.

The award recognises the work of polytechnic students who have contributed projects towards Singapore's Smart Nation vision. Five projects from the four polytechnics were selected.

Using the long-range wireless technology, Raynard developed a prototype "Bus, STOP" that allowed commuters to press a button at bus stops that would alert them when their bus was approaching. He was inspired to develop it after seeing his grandmother struggle to flag buses at the bus stop because she could not see clearly.



Raynard also won the Tan Kah Kee Young Inventors 2017 Award.

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SMA 60th Anniversary Celebration Launch Event



▲ SMA 60th anniversary celebration launched in style

Singapore Maritime Academy (SMA) 60th Anniversary Celebration Launch Event was held on 30 June 2017 at Singapore Polytechnic to kickoff a series of activities that will be organised throughout the year in commemoration of SMA's diamond jubilee.

During the launch, tribute was paid to industry partners for their unwavering support in grooming Singapore's future maritime talents. Director of SMA, Captain Mohd Salleh, shared on SMA's journey in the last 60 years, as well as the new initiatives that will propel the academy into the future. SMA also commemorated the annual Day of the Seafarer, which recognises the contributions made by seafarers to the global economy. The celebrations were launched by ringing the bell eight times to signify the dawn of a new era for SMA.



▲ VIP guests with their well-wishes written on the board



▲ SMA senior alumni posing for a photo together



▲ Promising alumni highlighted in Captain Mohd Salleh's speech. From left to right in photo:

Ms Allyson Shee (DMTM, 1995), Captain Chaw Mun San (DNS, 2003), Mr Hubert Ng (DMR, 2004)

Meet the Industry Session



▲ SP Alumnus, Hubert Ng, sharing with the audience



lacktriangle Students and parents who enjoyed the insightful session

More than 100 students. parents and industry partners attended the 'Diploma in Marine Engineering (DMR) – Meet the Industry Session' on 7 July 2017 at Singapore Polytechnic. Alumni and industry partners were able to shed useful insights and gave valuable advice to the students. One of the speakers was SP alumnus, Mr Hubert Ng who shared about his life on board and his career progression. Other two alumni, Mr

Jamond Yeo (Class of 2011) and Mr Neo Beng Kiong (Class of 2012), shared about the challenges they faced on board, how they overcame those challenges and adapted to the seafarers' lifestyle.

Industry partners from
Maritime and Port
Authority of Singapore
(MPA) and Apex Ship
Management Pte Ltd spoke
on various topics which
include highlighting the role
of parents and importance

of parental support, sharing on opportunities available for Singaporean seafarers as well as advocating the importance of learning and training on board ships.

Through this session, the students and their parents were able to gain first-hand information and tips on pursuing a seafaring career, as well as, understand how students can continue to benefit from the Earn & Learn Programme (ELP) even after they graduate from SP.

SMA Alumni Sharing Session

50 Diploma in Nautical Studies (DNS) students attended the Singapore Maritime Academy (SMA) Alumni Sharing Session on 12 July 2017.

Captain Brandon Roch (Class of 2007) joined SMA as a lecturer in March 2017. Captain Roch is one of the few alumni who had returned to SMA as lecturers. Captain Roch shared on his seafaring journey and some of his learning points as a deck cadet. He emphasised, "Self-discipline and responsibility are key attributes that a cadet should possess and it is important to be mentally prepared for any challenges at sea." He also reminded the students to cherish every opportunity given to them and persevere to reach their career goals.

Mr Zachary Loh (Class of 2012), who is currently pursuing his CoC 1 & 2



licences at SMA, showed fascinating pictures of his sailing experiences and provided his account on surviving at the sea. He reassured his juniors, "Family and friends form your key pillar of support, and know that you aren't the first to go through this

and you won't be the last as well."

The session ended with an interactive exchange between the students and their SMA lecturers who provided further encouragement to those who will be embarking on their sailing internship!

SP Alumni Won In L'Oreal Brandstorm International Competition

L'Oreal Brandstorm, a multi-field innovation competition, saw 25,000 students from all around the world participating this year. Themed 'Disrupt men's grooming with lifechanging innovation', this competition was held in Paris. Team Lumos which consists of three Singapore Polytechnic (SP) alumni eventually won the CSR Award.

Both Low Guai Mun Chernis and Leong Hei Mern graduated from SP Diploma in Perfumery and Cosmetic Science in Year 2016, while Leong Hei Kern is a SP Diploma in Mechanical Engineering alumni from Year 2013. After clinching the 'National Finals Tech Challenge Champion', the trio flew to Paris to compete internationally in the 'L'Oreal Brandstorm' competition. Their product 'CARDIT' not only enable men to fit all their entire grooming regime into their wallet but is also environmentallyfriendly as it encourages buying refills so usage of plastics can be reduced. The group therefore emerged victorious as the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Award Winner.



▲ Team Lumos who won the CSR Award: (From left) Chernis Low Guai Mun, Leong Hei Kern, Leong Hei Mern



Giving Their All For Poly 50

Organised by the Department of Student Development and Alumni Relations (SA), the annual Poly 50 Campus Relay took place around the Dover Road Campus on 26 July 2017. This annual event was inaugurated in the 1960s at the Prince Edward Road Campus where students used to run along classroom corridors and subsequently on muddy tracks around the campus. Themed as 'Are you ready to fly', participants raced 50 rounds around the campus this year.

For many years, 'Road Runners' has been leading the race in the Alumni Competitive Category. This year they came in first too! We spoke to the team to understand how they managed to win the race year after year.

Q: How did 'Road Runners' form?

A: We were formed in Year 2009 and back then we called ourselves 'Record Breakers'. Most of us were from the SP Track & Field so we already knew each other during our schooling days and also mingled with our seniors who returned to SP frequently to train. Since then, our group will always gather for runs in and out of SP.

Q: What motivates the group to participate in Poly 50 over the years?

A: We have participated in Poly 50 for nine years consecutively! We like the lively atmosphere where SP students, alumni and staff gather for this friendly competition. Every year, we also look forward to challenge the timing that we set in the previous year.

Q: What is the secret to win the Poly 50 race?

A: We definitely won't be able to do it without great teamwork and constant training!

Q: Any words of encouragement to give to alumni to come forward and participate?

A: Take this as an opportunity to reconnect and train with your peers; keeping fit and staying healthy together!





- ➤ SP students, alumni and staff doing their best to complete 50 rounds around the campus
- ▲ Winning Alumni Team for Competitive Category –
- ◆This year's Poly 50 mascots who roved around campus



| Business and Science of Coffee * | 23 Oct-15 Nov'17 |
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| Class 2 Boiler Attendant Course (Evening Class) * | 16 Oct-24 Nov'17 |
| Class 2 Boiler Attendant Course (Saturday) * | 21 Oct-25 Nov'17 |
| Environmental Control Officer * | 23 Oct-27 Nov '17 |
| Fundamental Course On Vector Management And Control | 25-27 Oct '17 |
| Import/Export Business And International Trade * | 23-24 Oct '17 |
| Import/Export Practices and Effective Uses of Letter of Credit * | 20-21 Nov'17 |
| Japanese 1 | 17 Oct '17-15 Feb '18 |
| Japanese 2 | 16 Oct '17-15 Feb '18 |
| Japanese 3 | 17 Oct '17-15 Feb '18 |
| Korean 1 | 16 Oct '17-15 Feb '18 |
| Korean 2 | 17 Oct'17-16 Feb'18 |
| Korean 3 | 18 Oct '17-16 Feb '18 |
| Survival Korean | 17 Oct-5 Dec '17 |
| WSQ Apply Food Safety Management Systems for Food Service Establishments* | 26-27 Oct '17 |
| WSQ Follow Good Manufacturing Practices* | 4 Oct '17 |
| WSQ Implement Advanced Food Hygiene Practices* | 1-3 Nov'17 |
| WSQ Operate Tangential Flow Process Equipment* | 31 Oct-1 Nov '17 |
| WSQ Perform Maintenance of Photovoltaic (PV) Systems* | 6 Nov-2 Dec '17 |

LEGEND:

NEW - New Course

* Eligible for Skills Future Credit

Eligible for SP Alumni Discount

Upcoming Courses & Events



SINGAPORE POLYTECHNIC GRADUATES' GUILD (SPGG) COME AND DINE AT OUR F&B OUTLETS!

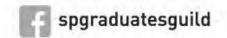
THE RESTAURANT

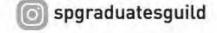
The Restaurant @ SPGG has committed itself to preserving Asian cuisine, offering incomparable food quality and excellent customer service in a pleasant environment.

Our food includes include a mix of Chinese cuisines that have been relished for generations.

THE DOOL SIDE CARE

A cozy poolside al-fresco café along the stretch of Dover Road. Our menu lovingly features trusty comfort food that doesn't break the bank. Bask in the cool breeze and soothing sounds of the nearby waterfall as you feast on delicious Western, European and local styled dishes.









JOIN AS A SPGG MEMBER

TO ENJOY OUR CLUB MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES

Complimentary usage to our Gymnasium, Swimming Pool, Spa Wellness Centre, 15% discount in our F&B outlets and many more benefits.



BUS SERVICES

A1 (19051) 33, 196

A2 (19059) 33, 196

B1 (17099) 33, 96, 151, 183, 196

P B2 (17091) 96, 151, 183

MRT

10 mins walk from Dover Station

Contact us at 6796 9988 / 9066 8818 or email joinus@spgg.org.sg

VIEW OUR CLUB ONLINE

> SPGG Get Connected, Stay Connected

SINGAPORE POLYTECHNIC GRADUATES' GUILD 1010 Dover Road, Singapore 139658



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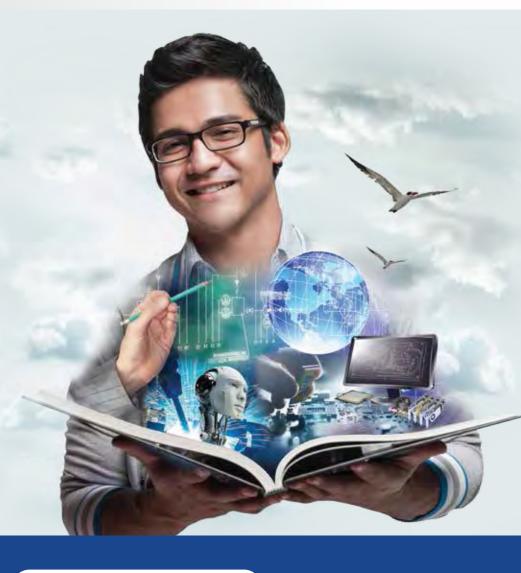




SP CAREER & EDUCATION FAIR 2017

15 NOVEMBER 2017, 11am to 5pm

SINGAPORE POLYTECHNIC CONVENTION CENTRE















1 Nov to 15 Nov 2017 Aerohub Multi-Purpose Hall AF 309

Visit **engineroom.sg** for more information.



Embark on a journey of personal and professional development through Toastmasters' Pathways! In this SP Alumni Toastmasters Club Workshop, we have chosen 3 out of 10 Pathways that you can learn

Why learn public speaking?

How to present yourself?

Time to overcome your fears



Motivational Strategies

25 Oct 2017



Presentation Mastery

1 Nov 2017



Persuasive Influence

8 Nov 2017

Join us in these FREE Workshops, limited seats only!

We look forward to see you!

SP Moberly Meet 1, 7pm to 9pm

Sign up at goo.gl/Sny7Gx

For any enquiries, drop us an email at sptoastmasters@gmail.com

Pathways is designed to build your communication and leadership skills. As you progress, you will:

- Give speeches in our club based on pathways projects.
- Complete a range of projects such as persuasive speaking, motivational speeches, podcasting and leading a group in difficult situations.
- Challenge and improve yourself progressively.



Quotable Quotes

Have you sometimes walk away from a conversation, remembering only certain segments that etched into your memory? For most of us, these are either insightful words of wisdom or motivating quotes that we have never given much thought to. As you read this issue of Alumni@SP E-newsletter, guess the following words that may change your life for the better!

Stand a chance to win prizes if you get the right answers. Simply email to Jessica_Wong@sp.edu.sg before 15 October 2017. Answers will be published on Alumni@SP E-newsletter (December 2017 Issue).

Answer to last issue's crossword puzzle:

1. Community Service

4. Reunion

2. SkillsFuture

5. Etiquette

3. SP Alumni Card

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- Amore Fitness: Enjoy
 \$100 off Fitness
 membership (for minimum
 6 months purchase)
- 2. **Amore Boutique Spa:**Enjoy an Algo Discovery
 Hydrating Facial (75
 min) for only \$68 (worth \$136.96)

Terms and Conditions:

- · Valid from 1 June 2017 to 31 May 2018
- Applicable to SP alumni cardholders and new customers of Amore Fitness & Boutique Spa only
- Offer not valid with other discounts, promotions, vouchers or privileges
- · Spa treatments are by appointment only
- All outlets are exclusive to ladies; except for Amore Living at Tampines One which is open to all*

Click here to refer to listing of outlets.



10% off total bill

Terms and Conditions:

- · Valid from 1 June 2017 to 31 May 2018
- · Applicable for 10% discount off total bill
- Offer is not valid with other vouchers, promotions and credit card offers
- · Applicable at all Eighteen Chefs outlets
- Present Singapore Polytechnic Alumni Card to enjoy this offer
- The Management reserves the rights to change or amend the above terms and conditions without prior notice

Click here to refer to listing of outlets.



10% off total bill

Terms and Conditions:

- · Valid from 1 June 2017 to 31 May 2018
- · Applicable for 10% discount off total bill
- Offer is not valid with other vouchers, promotions, privilege card and credit card offers
- · Applicable at Eighteen Chefs Signature outlet
- Present Singapore Polytechnic Alumni Card to enjoy this offer
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browhaus

The Brow Salon

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1. **50% off** First Treatment

- · Valid for New Customers Only
- · Valid For One-time Redemption Only
- · Applicable only for ala-carte services
- · Not valid for semi-permanent services
- Customers must quote 'SPBH50' instore and flash SP Alumni Card to redeem offer; redeemable at all outlets. Valid from 1 June 2017 to 31 May 2018
- Cannot be used in conjunction with other discounts, privileges or packages/promotions

2. 20% off Ala-Carte Services

- · Valid for All Customers
- · Valid for Multiple Redemptions
- Applicable only for ala-carte services
- Not valid for semi-permanent services
- Customers must quote 'SPBH20' instore and flash SP Alumni Card to redeem offer
- · Redeemable at all outlets
- · Valid from 1 June 2017 to 31 May 2018.
- Cannot be used in conjunction with other discounts, privileges or packages/promotions

SINGAPORE POLYTECHNIC (SP) ALUMNI CARD

PRIVILEGES



THE FOLLOWING PROMOTIONS ARE ONLY VALID FROM 1 JUNE 2017 TO 31 MAY 2018



10% discount on ala-carte services at all Kenko outlets

Terms and Conditions:

- · All services are inclusive of GST
- Not applicable for/with other discounts, offer, promotional items, purchase of vouchers, treatment packages and/or spa package membership
- Treatments are non-refundable, non-exchangeable and non-accumulative
- All charges incurred by guests during the services are to be paid by the guest
- Valid from 1 June 2017 to 31 May 2018; subsequent and other promotions are subject to Kenko Reflexology & Spa's review
- · Strictly by appointment basis
- This discount is valid for Singapore Polytechnic alumni cardholders only
- Please kindly present Singapore Polytechnic Alumni Card for verification upon visiting

Click here to refer to listing of outlets.



Spend \$30 or more and get a signature dessert 'Old Habit Coconut Kueh' FOR FREE

Terms and Conditions:

- · Valid from 1 June 2017 to 31 May 2018
- This discount is valid for Singapore Polytechnic alumni cardholders only
- Please kindly present Singapore Polytechnic Alumni Card for verification upon visiting

Click here to refer to more information.



Executive Suite Special:

- \$180/night during Off-Peak Period
- \$320/night during Peak Period
- \$340/night during Super Peak Period

Enjoy the following perks during the Executive Suite Stay

- :: One complimentary BBQ pit
- :: One complimentary parking label
- :: Four complimentary passes for the use of the Club's sporting and recreational facilities

Terms and Conditions:

- · Valid from 1 June 2017 to 31 May 2018
- The SP Alumni Card must be presented at the point of booking/payment
- · Booking is open 3 months in advance
- · Executive Suite is subject to availability
- The rack rates are for booking of the Executive Suites located on the 2nd and 3rd level
- · Please note that there will be an additional

\$40 charge per night for booking of the Executive Suites located at the Ground Level

 All booking charges are subject to 7% GST; no service charge

Off Peak: Sunday to Thursday (Excluding School Holidays, Eve of Public Holidays, Public Holidays)

Peak: Friday, Saturday/Sunday to Thursday during School Holidays/Eve of Public Holidays and Public Holidays Super Peak: Friday, Saturday, Eve of Public Holidays and Public Holidays during School Holidays

 Aranda Country Club reserves the right to amend the terms and conditions without prior notice

Click here to refer to more information.

Alumni Card Privileges



- 1. Dental Cleaning Package @ \$120 nett (Package includes consultation, scaling and polishing + Full mouth Xray). For first-time patients only.
- 2. Dental Cleaning + Fluoride Therapy @ \$150 nett (Package includes consultation, scaling and polishing + Full mouth Xray). For first-time patients only.
- 3. **Dental Cleaning + Prophy Jet @ \$100** 6. Whitening Packages: **nett** (For patients who have heavy staining due to coffee/tea or smoking)
- 4. Aesthetic tooth colour/filling/tooth extraction (10% off from usual pricel. For first-time patients only.
- Single Dental Implant Package @ \$2,750 nett. (After medisave claim, package includes: Crown, Xray, Medication and Consumables. **EXCLUDES** Bone Grafting.)
- - i) Take Home Kit @ \$500 **nett** (Packages Include Teeth Whitening Gel, Custom-Made Whitening Tray)
 - ii) Chairside Whitening + Scaling & Polishing @ **\$1,200** nett (Packages Include Chairside Whitening Treatment, Scaling and Polishing)

Terms and Conditions:

- · Prices indicated herein is GST-included
- Promotion is valid from 1 June 2017 to 31 May 2018
- This promotion is valid for Singapore Polytechnic alumni cardholders only
- Kindly present Singapore Polytechnic Alumni Card for verification upon visiting
- Terms and Conditions indicated here are subjected to changes without prior notice

Click here to refer to listing of outlets.



Up to 10% discount on selected courses*

* Alumni discount, if applicable, will be clearly indicated on the course page under Funding Incentive as "Discount for SP Alumni"

Click here to refer to more information.

PHS **HAIRSCIENCE®**

- 1. **Free Shipping** With Any Purchase Using Promo Code 'FREESHIPPING' upon checkout
- 2. **20% off** all product purchase using promo code 'SP20' upon checkout

Terms and Conditions:

- Promotion is valid from 1 June 2017 to 31 May 2018
- · Promotion is applicable to only online purchase at shop.phshair.com
- Each transaction is applicable for one promotional code



- 1. **50% off** First Treatment
 - · Valid for New Customers Only
 - · Valid For One-time Redemption Only
- · Applicable only for ala-carte services
- · Valid for waxing services only
- Not valid for semi-permanent services: customers must quote 'SPST50' instore and flash SP Alumni Card to redeem offer: redeemable at all outlets
- · Valid from 1 June 2017 to 31 May 2018
- · Cannot be used in conjunction with other discounts, privileges or packages/ promotions

2. 20% off Ala-Carte Services

Applicable only for ala-carte services

Valid from 1 June 2017 to 31 May 2018

other discounts, privileges or packages/

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· Customers must quote 'SPST20' instore

and flash SP Alumni Card to redeem offer

Valid for All Customers

Redeemable at all outlets

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SINGAPORE POLYTECHNIC (SP) **ALUMNI CARD**

PRIVILEGES



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10% discount for ala-carte menu at SPGG F&B outlets (The Coffee Hub, Poolside Café and the Restaurant)

Terms and Conditions:

- · Promotion is valid from 1 June 2017 to 31 May 2018
- · This promotion is valid for Singapore Polytechnic alumni cardholders only
- Kindly present Singapore Polytechnic Alumni Card for verification upon visiting



Click here to view the latest offers.

Special Offers for Singapore Polytechnic Alumni for seminars, events or training programs by Success Resources Pte Ltd. Get 10 - 50% off usual price for events such as National Achievers Congress, Millionaire Mind Intensive, Robert Kiyosaki events, Tony Robbins events etc.

Terms and Conditions:

- Promotion is valid from 1 June 2017 to 31 May 2018
- · Subject to availability
- · Tickets purchased are non-refundable
- Not valid with other offer/promotion
- · Success Resources Pte Ltd reserves the right to amend the promotions from time to time

20% off adult tickets

Click here to refer to more information.

Terms and Conditions:

- · Valid for Purchase from 1 June 2017 to 31 May 2018
- · This promotion is valid for Singapore Polytechnic alumni cardholders only
- · Kindly present Singapore Polytechnic Alumni Card for verification upon visiting
- · Tickets are valid for selected date of visit only
- · Discount is limited for up to 2pax only

- · Tickets are non-refundable/exchangeable
- · Promotion is not applicable for special events, not valid with any other discounts and promotions
- · Trick Eye Museum reserves the rights to change the terms and conditions at any time without prior notice
- · Last admission to Trick Eye Museum is 8pm
- · Additional terms and conditions may apply

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Click here to refer to listing of outlets.



10% off single service,20% off two or more services

Terms and Conditions:

- · Promotion is valid from 1 June 2017 to 31 May 2018
- · This promotion is valid for Singapore Polytechnic alumni cardholders only
- · Kindly present Singapore Polytechnic Alumni Card for verification upon visiting
- This promotion is not valid in conjunction with other ongoing promotions, discounts, packages and vouchers
- · Discount is not valid for wash and blow, retail products and keratin treatment
- $\cdot\,$ Only available at TONI&GUY Rochester, Star Vista, Mandarin Gallery and Novena

Branches:

Toni & Guy Mandarin Gallery

333A Orchard Road, Mandarin Gallery #03-17, Singapore 238897

Toni & Guy Rochester

35 Rochester Drive, Rochester Mall #02-01 Singapore 138639

Toni & Guy The Star

1 Vista Exchange Drive, The Star #B1-22 Singapore 138617

Toni & Guy Novena

179 Thomson Road, Goldhill Centre, Singapore 307626



5% discount with a minimum spending of \$30 (after GST)

10% discount with a minimum spending of \$60 (after GST)

Click here to refer to more information.

Terms and Conditions:

- Promotion is valid from 1 June 2017 to 31 May 2018
- This promotion is valid for Singapore Polytechnic alumni cardholders only
- Kindly present Singapore Polytechnic Alumni Card for verification upon visiting
- · Is valid for dine-in only
- Cannot be exchanged for cash, or use in conjunction with other promotions, discounts, offers or any card privileges
- Is valid on Tuesdays Sundays (including public holidays)
- Business hours: Morning 9am Midnight 3am.
 Closed on Mondays

ALUMNI CARD PRIVILEGES



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10% discount off total bill

Terms and Conditions:

- Promotion is valid from 1 June 2017 to 31 May 2018
- This promotion is valid for Singapore Polytechnic alumni cardholders only
- Kindly present Singapore Polytechnic Alumni Card for verification upon visiting
- · Is valid for dine-in only
- · Is not valid on eve of Chinese New Year
- The Management reserves the rights to change or amend the above terms and conditions without prior notice

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