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The Right Switch

The COVID-19 pandemic led Chong Boon to make a mid-career switch from the food and beverage industry to the information technology (IT) sector.

This started when a friend recommended that he upgraded himself through ITE's part-time courses, while he was out of job. He took up the recommendation, as he believed it was an opportune time to acquire a new skill. Being curious in cyber security issues, he enrolled in the *Higher Nitec in Technology – Cyber & Network Security* course.

Through the course, Chong Boon gained practical knowledge on providing technical support for network servers. Scoring an "A" for his first module motivated him to continue doing well. His hard work paid off and led him to clinch his current employment by a company that distributes network security products.

Making Learning Count

"Going back to school was an unexpected decision I made, so I did worry if I could cope. However, I am also someone who will do my best once I decide on pursuing something. At ITE, I focused on gaining a big-picture perspective on the value of my studies. I do not just study simply to pass exams. The more important thing is to process and grasp the knowledge taught. That is how we can develop new capabilities."

After ITE

Chong Boon is continuing his upskilling journey, through ITE's Work-Study Diploma (WSDip) in Cyber Security & Forensics. As part of his training, he works as an Associate Support Engineer at Netpoleon Solutions Pte Ltd.

Top Achievements

- Chong Boon excelled academically, and graduated with a perfect Grade Point Average score of 4.0.
- Being one of the top performers of his course, he was awarded the Certificate of Merit upon graduation.
- Recognised for his positive work attitude during an internship with his current employer, he was offered a full-time position with the company under the WSDip programme.