SINGAPORE NATIONAL EMPLOYERS FEDERATION (SNEF) GOLD MEDAL

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WORK-STUDY DIPLOMA IN MARITIME BUSINESS MANAGEMENT
ITE COLLEGE CENTRAL

Adapt and Grow

Rather than being tied to a single field, Ryan believes in being open to exploring various career options. He feels that this will give him chances to pick up different skills. This mentality has moulded his ability to adapt, and led him to attain ITE qualifications in Computer & Networking, Electronics Engineering, and Maritime Business Management.

Ryan chanced upon the Work-Study Diploma (WSDip) in Maritime Business Management after his National Service, and decided to give it a shot. Despite not having a maritime background, he quickly picked up the skills required to excel in the industry. Ryan is thankful to his supportive lecturers, who were always there when he needed help.

While training at shipping firm Singfar International, he earned praises for his positive attitude and willingness to undertake new responsibilities.

A Practical Choice

"If I have taken the polytechnic route, I would be 27 by the time I graduated and still have no work experience. I believe that is not good for someone of this age! The WSDip allowed me to gain work experience, earn some money and still get a Diploma certification. Through the WSDip, I can pursue a degree and continue upgrading myself."

After ITE

Ryan was promoted to Purchasing Assistant and received a 30% pay increment, upon graduating from the WSDip programme. A believer in lifelong learning, he intends to enrol in a part-time degree course in 2024.

Top Achievements

- As the top student in his WSDip course, Ryan was awarded the Gold Course Medal upon graduation.

- For his outstanding performance, he was also awarded the Singapore Shipping Association Book Prize.

- Ryan proposed and implemented an enhancement to his company's purchasing system, which helped to save an estimated 300 man-hours as the added feature resulted in fewer errors during the purchasing process.