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**FIRST CULINARY GRADUATE FROM PIONEER BATCH WINS TOP HONOURS AT ITE GRADUATION CEREMONY 2008**

***Ceremony also marks a celebration of achievements for 706 other top graduands***

His love for cooking has more than paid off for Timothy Jung Ming, 18. Not only did he graduate from his *Nitec* in Culinary Skills (Western) course with flying colours, he also beat hundreds of top ITE graduands to win the prestigious **Lee Kuan Yew Gold Medal**, the highest award given to an ITE graduate.

2 Timothy, an ITE College West graduate, will be among 707 top ITE graduands who will be honoured at the **ITE Graduation Ceremony 2008**, come **29 July 2008**. These graduands have displayed determination and perseverance to do well in their chosen courses. Armed with tenacity and grit, they have pursued and achieved their goals.

3 In the Academic Year 2007/2008, **11,539** students will be graduating from ITE. Of these, **707** have been awarded the **Certificates of Merit**. Among them, **121** will be awarded **Course Medals** for their excellent performance in their respective courses. The most outstanding **four** among these will be presented with Top Medals – **Lee Kuan Yew Gold Medal, Tay Eng Soon Gold Medal, Sng Yew Chong Gold Medal** and **Singapore Labour Foundation Gold Medal**. Brief information on the recipients of these Medals is attached at **Annex A**.

4 The ITE Graduation Ceremony 2008 will be held on **Tuesday 29 July 2008** at **1530 hours** at **University Cultural Centre**, National University of Singapore, Kent Ridge Crescent. **RAdm (NS) Lui Tuck Yew**, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts, will be the Guest-of-Honour at the Ceremony.

**Invitation to Media Members**

5 Members of the media are cordially invited to the ITE Graduation Ceremony 2008, and to cover the event. The Programme and Location Map for the ceremony are attached at **Annexes B and C** respectively.

6 For queries on event and arrangement for interviews and photography, please contact:

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**Institute of Technical Education**

The **Institute of Technical Education (ITE)**, Singapore, was established as a post-secondary education institution in 1992 under the Ministry of Education. ITE is a principal provider of career and technical education and principal authority in developing national occupational skills certification and standards to enhance Singapore's workforce competitiveness. Under its "**One ITE System, Three Colleges**" Model of Education, ITE governs three Colleges, comprising **ITE College Central, ITE College East and ITE College West**.

**RECIPIENTS OF TOP MEDALS AT ITE GRADUATION CEREMONY 2008**

**LEE KUAN YEW GOLD MEDAL WINNER 2008**

**Timothy Jung Ming, 18**

*Nitec* in Culinary Skills (Western)  
ITE College West

You can almost say that Timothy lives in the kitchen. He spends long hours perfecting every cuisine he learned. He serves nothing, but the very best.

This young man's passion for cooking and the culinary arts has brought him to places beyond his dreams. Working alongside Chef Jason Tan of Julien Bompard at The Ascott, the master and student team did Singapore proud, when they clinched the Bronze Trophy in the Asia Pacific Bocuse d'OR Culinary Competition in Shanghai recently. Come January next year, the team will represent Singapore in the International Bocuse d'OR Culinary Competition in France.

**TAY ENG SOON GOLD MEDAL WINNER 2008**

**Siah Yong Qiang, 19**

*Nitec* in Precision Engineering (Machining)  
ITE College West

Siah Yong Qiang's passion for control-line aerobatics is obvious. His precise descriptions of the manoeuvres that he can perform and the adventures he had with his aerocraft are infectious. So good is this spunky youth that he will be taking part in the 2008 World Championships for Control Line Model Aircraft in Landres, France.

When Yong Qiang joined ITE, it was like breaking into new worlds, as the machining skills he learned in the *Nitec* in Precision Engineering course heightened his understanding of aerobatics. "Being in ITE allowed me to merge my interest in aerobatics with the technical skills acquired," said Yong Qiang, who believes that with true grit, no heights are too high.

## **SNG YEW CHONG GOLD MEDAL WINNER 2008**

### **Tan Yee Ling, 23**

*Higher Nitec* in Integrated Logistics Management  
ITE College East

Described by her ITE lecturers as an outstanding leader, Yee Ling was active in organising numerous College-wide programmes and activities. She is also a team worker who is well-liked by her peers.

As the founder and former Chairman of ITE College East Bridge Leaders' Club, Yee Ling is exemplary in her dedication to help her college mates. As Chairman of the College's Singing Club, she was instrumental in talent scouting and coordinating many charitable activities through students' performances. "ITE has equipped me with a strong foundation in customer care, and fuelled my interest in serving others through my work and daily interactions with people from all walks of life," said the gutsy girl.

## **SINGAPORE LABOUR FOUNDATION GOLD MEDAL WINNER 2008**

*[for graduate of ITE's Continuing Education & Training Programme]*

### **Andrew Tan Wee Teck, 26**

*Nitec* in Info-Communications Technology  
ITE College Central

To have to study and work at the same time can be challenging. But to excel at both is even harder. Andrew Tan Wee Teck did just that. Andrew worked hard by sacrificing his leisure time during weekends to focus on his **part-time studies**.

Only one year into his part-time *Nitec* course, Andrew was already offered the post of a Systems Engineer. "The interviewer gave me a practical test and I passed with flying colours. Even though I had not completed my course at ITE, I was hired immediately, as my employer was convinced that ITE had provided me with a strong foundation in networking and programming," said Andrew.

**ITE GRADUATION CEREMONY 2008**

**29 July 2008 at 1530 hours**

**University Cultural Centre, National University of Singapore**

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Programme

- 1510 hrs      Guests to be seated
- 1525 hrs      Arrival of Guest-of-Honour  
RAdm (NS) Lui Tuck Yew  
Senior Minister of State  
Ministry of Education and Ministry of Information,  
Communications and the Arts
- 1530 hrs      National Anthem
- ITE Song
- Video Presentation
- Address by Mr Bruce Poh Geok Huat  
                 Director & Chief Executive Officer  
                 Institute of Technical Education
- Address by RAdm (NS) Lui Tuck Yew, Guest-of-Honour
- Presentation of Certificates of Merit
- Presentation of Course Medals
- Presentation of Top Awards to Outstanding Graduates
- Valedictory Speech
- Song Tribute for Class 2008
- 1730 hrs      Reception

**University Cultural Centre  
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