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## **Inaugural Temasek Cares Bursary Awards for ITE Students**

*First batch of 30 needy ITE students to receive \$1,000 each this year*

More ITE students will be benefitting from bursary awards, thanks to a fresh donation of S\$30,000 in funds from Temasek Cares, a non-profit philanthropic organisation launched by Temasek Holdings in June 2009. The Temasek Cares Bursary Awards aim to encourage promising ITE students from low-income families to progress and excel in their studies.

2 The inaugural bursary awards will benefit ITE students, who are Singapore citizens, with gross monthly household per capita income of more than \$500 but less than or equal to \$600. There are currently more than 600 of such students in ITE. Some of these students now support themselves through part-time work. The bursary awards are expected to relieve the students of their financial burdens, and allow them to stay focused on their studies, so as to complete their courses successfully.

3 Currently, ITE has bursaries for students from families with a gross monthly household per capita income of up to \$500. The Temasek Cares Bursary Awards increases the qualifying criteria of per capita income ceiling to \$600, and reaches out to students who have fared well in their ITE courses.

## **More to Benefit in the Coming Years**

4 Mr Richard R Magnus, Board Chairman, Temasek Cares, who is also the Chairman of the Casino Regulatory Authority, will present the bursary awards to the pioneer batch of 30 ITE students, in a Ceremony to be at held on **Wed 21 October 2009**. The Ceremony will take place at the **Function Hall, Level 3, ITE College East, Simei Avenue.**

5 Mr Richard R Magnus said: “Temasek Cares’ support of the bursary awards is closely aligned to our aim of building students for life. I am glad that we are partnering ITE to nurture young people through education and training for employability skills. This is Temasek Cares’ first programme and we hope to provide more bursary awards in the coming years that serve as a catalyst in helping promising students to succeed and excel in their studies.”

6 Said Mr Bruce Poh, Director & CEO, ITE: “On behalf of ITE, I would like to thank Temasek Cares for its philanthropic gestures towards ITE students. The Temasek Cares Bursary will certainly make a difference to motivated and needy ITE students each year.”

7 In addition to good academic performance, the recipients of the Temasek Cares Bursary Awards must possess good character and sound values, and have been identified as potential leaders who can contribute to society.

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## **Invitation to the Media**

8 Your reporter and photographer/camera crew are cordially invited to attend and cover the Temasek Cares Bursary Awards Presentation Ceremony. The event will be attended by **Director & CEO of ITE Mr Bruce Poh and Chairman of Temasek Cares Mr Richard Magnus**. Details as follows:

**Date** : Wednesday 21 October 09

**Time** : 9.30am – 10.30am

**Venue**: Level 3, Function Room, Administration Block, 10 Simei Avenue, Singapore 486047.

Please click on the link below, for the location map:

[http://ce.ite.edu.sg/college\\_east/clIndex151.aspx](http://ce.ite.edu.sg/college_east/clIndex151.aspx)

The programme is attached for your reference:

<b>Timing</b>	<b>Item</b>
9.30am	Welcome address by ITE Director & CEO, Mr Bruce Poh
9.35am	Address by Chairman of Temasek Cares, Mr Richard Magnus
9.40am	Presentation of Letter of Bursary Awards
9.45am	Group photo
9.50am	Light entertainment by ITE students
10.00am	Light refreshment
10.30am	End of programme

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### **Institute of Technical Education (ITE)**

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 key developer of national occupational skills certification and standards to enhance Singapore's workforce competitiveness. Under its “**One ITE System, Three Colleges**” Model of Education and Governance, ITE has three Colleges, comprising **ITE College Central, ITE College East** and **ITE College West**.

### **Temasek Cares**

Temasek Cares is an Institution of a Public Character established in June 2009. It is supported by a S\$100 million endowment from Temasek Holdings to the Temasek Trust. The focus of Temasek Cares is to help improve the lives of the underprivileged or disabled, poor and needy individuals, families and communities in Singapore, or their caregivers.

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