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## **POISED TO SOAR: TOP GRADUATES HONOURED AT ITE GRADUATION CEREMONY 2010**

***Aerospace Technology student tops cohort of 12,409 graduates***

Lee Jun Wei is all of 19 years old, but he projects a cool demeanor and level of maturity that belie his age. The quietly-confident lad was offered a place in polytechnic after his GCE 'O' levels, but he chose to come to ITE to study Aerospace Technology instead. It proved to be the right move, as Jun Wei went on to pass his *Nitec* course at ITE College Central with flying colours. He will graduate with the prestigious **Lee Kuan Yew Gold Medal**, the highest award given to an ITE graduate.

2 For Jun Wei and 699 of his peers who have achieved outstanding results in their respective ITE courses, the **ITE Graduation Ceremony on 21 July 2010** will be their time to shine and to savour the fruit of their hard work and determination.

3 In the Academic Year 2009/2010, **12,409** students will be graduating from ITE. Of these, **700** have been awarded **Certificates of Merit**. Among them, **164** 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 – the **Lee Kuan Yew Gold Medal, Tay Eng Soon Gold Medal, Sng Yew Chong Gold Medal** and **Singapore Labour Foundation Gold Medal**. Profiles of the top four graduates are at **Annex A**.

4 The ITE Graduation Ceremony 2010 will be held on **Wednesday 21 July 2010** at **1430 hours** at the **University Cultural Centre Hall**, National University of Singapore, Kent Ridge Crescent. **Dr Ng Eng Hen**, Minister for Education and Second Minister for Defence, will be the Guest-of-Honour at the Ceremony.

### **Other Ceremony Highlights**

5 Dr Ng Eng Hen will also launch the new ITE Song – ***Hands-On, Minds-On, Hearts-On*** – at the Ceremony. For the first time, guests at the ITE Graduation Ceremony will be treated to a visual galore of stunning hairstyles paraded by 20 lovely models. The ***L'Oréal-sponsored Hair Fashion 'Xtravaganza*** is a showcase of hair creations by ITE's Hair & Fashion Design students.

### **Invitation to Media Members**

6 Members of the media are cordially invited to the ITE Graduation Ceremony 2010, and to cover the event. The Programme and Location Map for the ceremony are attached at **Annexes B and C** respectively.

7 To confirm your attendance or for further information / arrangements for interviews, 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 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. For more information, please visit [www.ite.edu.sg](http://www.ite.edu.sg).

**RECIPIENTS OF TOP MEDALS AT ITE GRADUATION CEREMONY 2010**

**LEE KUAN YEW GOLD MEDAL WINNER 2010**

**Lee Jun Wei, 19**

*Nitec* in Aerospace Technology  
ITE College Central

Lee Jun Wei is all of 19 years old, but he projects a cool demeanor and level of maturity that belie his age. The quietly-confident lad was offered a place into polytechnic after his 'O' levels, but he chose to come to ITE to study Aerospace Technology instead.

With his goal of a career in aerospace and aviation in mind, Jun Wei focused on studying hard to achieve excellent results. It helped that the learning environment at ITE suited him very well.

Jun Wei's hard work paid off – he was awarded one of two Book Prizes sponsored by Eurocopter South East Asia Pte Ltd, the worldwide leader in helicopter manufacturing, and secured a six-month internship with the company. To top it all, he also scored a perfect Grade Point Average of 4.0 for his course.

But it was not all work and no play for Jun Wei. As General-Secretary of the 100-strong ITE College West Outdoor Adventure Club, he planned and organised numerous hikes, camps and team-building sessions for his club members. The National Youth Achievement Gold Award recipient was also actively involved in the National Police Cadet Corps (NPCC) as a Cadet Inspector, where he led his fellow cadets in various activities and competitions.

Currently pursuing a Diploma in Aeronautical Engineering course at Singapore Polytechnic, Jun Wei aspires to further his studies in university, and eventually soar in an aviation sales career.

**TAY ENG SOON GOLD MEDAL WINNER 2010**

**Chang Ze Xun, 20**

*Higher Nitec* in Mechanical Engineering  
ITE College West

When Chang Ze Xun is faced with challenges, he does not succumb. His first impulse is to take the problem apart and solve it. In fact, this young man is the inventor of several award-winning devices – all in his bid to solve daily problems.

His various inventions have won him the Lee Kuan Yew Technology Award, the Tan Kah Kee Young Inventors Commendation Award, and the Best Mechanical Design Award at the 2009 National Junior Robotics Competition.

Ze Xun believes that one should “always challenge your limits and don't ever limit your challenges.” This positive outlook has served him well. Ze Xun obtained a perfect Grade

Point Average score of 4.0 and was the top student at ITE College West. He was also Chairman of his campus' Mechanical Engineering Club, Vice-President of the Inspire Club and Team Leader of the Student Innovation and Quality Club.

Indeed, the challenges in Ze Xun's life have spurred him to spurn boundaries and leap even higher. He is now a Diploma in Mechanical Engineering student at Singapore Polytechnic. His dream is to return to ITE, as a lecturer and make a difference in another young person's life, just like the teachers who have made an impact on him, in ITE.

### **SNG YEW CHONG GOLD MEDAL WINNER 2010**

#### **David Christopher Pang Jin-Yang, 20**

*Higher Nitec* in Business Studies (Sport Management)  
ITE College East

David Christopher Pang is truly an all-rounder. He had to juggle studies alongside duties and responsibilities as the Chairman of Bridge Leaders, and captain of the Track and Field team.

Responsible and trustworthy, David was also chosen to lead in overseas exchange programmes, such as the Sports Exchange Programme to Indonesia and the Student Exchange Programme to Australia.

Nevertheless, David – the A-grader who scored an excellent Grade Point Average of 3.97 – remains modest and believes in contributing back to society through community service projects and mentoring of secondary school students under the Eurasian Association.

People who achieve are usually guided by their dreams and aspirations. The same goes for David. A diploma in Sports & Wellness Management at Nanyang Polytechnic, then a degree in Business Studies, and thereafter a company in the sports industry he can call his own are just some of his goal posts. He has his future all mapped out and it sure looks bright. We can be sure David will run a good race, always.

### **SINGAPORE LABOUR FOUNDATION GOLD MEDAL WINNER 2010**

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

#### **Mak Yuen Leong, 55**

*Nitec* in Electrical Technology  
ITE College West

Fifty-five-year-old Mak Yuen Leong epitomises passion for lifelong learning.

His company may be 16 years old, but it is now on the path of new growth. Thanks to his completion of the *Nitec* in Electrical Technology course, Yuen Leong went on to obtain his Licence for Electrical Workers.

With his newfound certifications, Yuen Leong won over more clients and business for his company, A-Mark Industries Services and Trading.

Yuen Leong credits the professionalism of his lecturers and the hands-on aspects of his ITE course for his success. For his diligent consistency in his studies, Yuen Leong scored a perfect Grade Point Average of 4.0.

Needless to say, Yuen Leong is a shining example of lifelong learning not only to his three grown-up children, but also to all who aspire to upgrade their skills.

**ITE GRADUATION CEREMONY 2010**

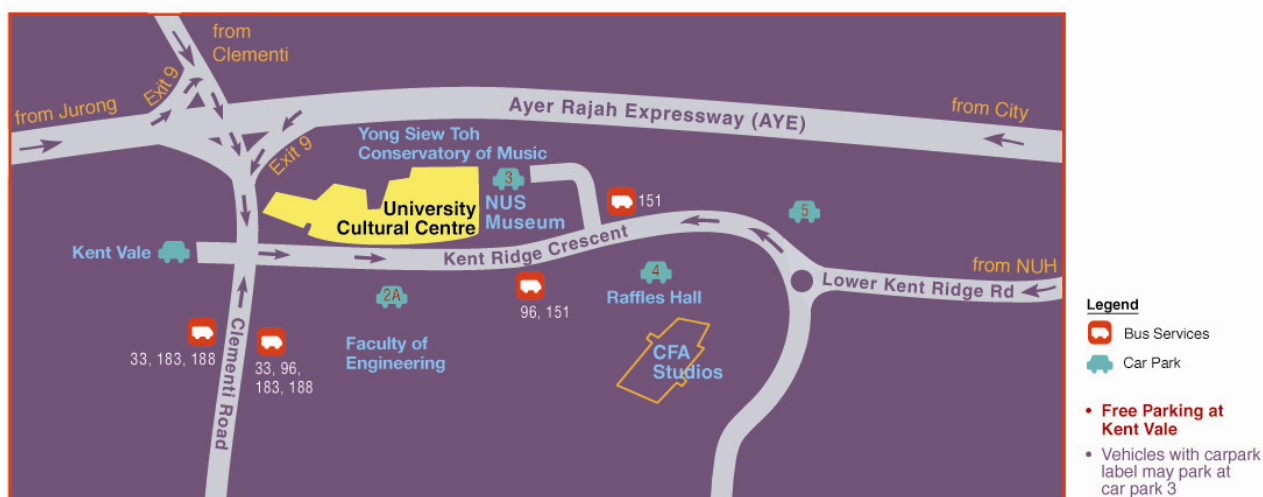
**21 July 2010, 1430 hours**  
**University Cultural Centre Hall, National University of Singapore**

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Programme

1350 hrs	Medal and Certificate Recipients to be seated
1410 hrs	Guests to be seated
1425 hrs	Arrival of Guest-of-Honour <b>Dr Ng Eng Hen</b> Minister for Education and Second Minister for Defence
1430 hrs	National Anthem
	Video Presentation
	Address by Mr Bruce Poh Geok Huat Director & Chief Executive Officer Institute of Technical Education
	Address by Guest-of-Honour
	Launch of New ITE Song
	Presentation of Certificates of Merit
	Presentation of Technical Engineer Diplomas
	Presentation of Course Medals
	Presentation of Top Awards to Outstanding Graduates
	Valedictory Speech
	Finale: Hair Fashion 'Xtravaganza <i>A Showcase of Hair Creations by ITE Students</i>
	Song Tribute for Class of 2010
1700 hrs	Reception

**University Cultural Centre,  
National University of Singapore  
50, Kent Ridge Crescent, Singapore 119279**



**Getting Around:**

SBS Bus No. 96  
from Clementi Bus Interchange  
SBS Bus No. 151  
from Hougang Central Interchange

SBS Bus No. 33  
from Bedok Interchange  
SMRT Bus No. 188  
from Choa Chu Kang Interchange

SBS Bus No. 183  
from Jurong East Interchange