

A Night to Remember: Mr Bruce Poh (centre, with award), with Senior Management and Public Relations staff at the PRISM Awards 2010 at Marina Bay Sands.



Triple Joy

ITE Clinches Three Awards in the Same Month

by Shalini Veijayaratnam

ITE scored a hat trick of awards in May 2010, bagging two awards at the Excellence in Public Service Awards 2010 and a PRISM Award from the Institute of Public Relations of Singapore (IPRS).

At the Excellence in Public Service Awards 2010 Ceremony, ITE clinched the Public Service Distinguished Award, which recognises public service agencies that have strongly embraced Organisational Excellence.

ITE also received the inaugural Best Practice Award for Stakeholder Engagement, which recognises innovative and effective practices which are important to the Public Service. This award recognises the outstanding approaches and results achieved in ITE's engagement of customers, stakeholders and the community, to promote vocational and technical education.

It would perhaps be honest to say that ITE's stakeholder engagement was initially driven by needs. With strong societal prejudice against ITE and vocational education, in the mid-1990s, ITE saw the need to introduce multi-pronged engagement initiatives targeted at various stakeholders – like the Experience ITE Programme and school-based counselling sessions for prospective students; and the Corporate Branding Programme for the public. Ms Sabrina Loi, Senior Divisional Director/Corporate Services, ITE, explained: "When we were

restructured as a post-secondary education institution in 1992, there were information gaps on ITE and a general societal 'bias' against technical education."

Outstanding PR Champion

ITE's success in image transformation could not have been possible without the commitment of the Senior Management, headed by ITE's Director & CEO, Mr Bruce Poh. Mr Poh further ignited ITE's growth by being a strong advocate of public relations (PR) and stakeholder engagement activities by supporting strategies for corporate branding, research and stakeholder engagement. Being a people-oriented and stakeholder-savvy leader, Mr Poh has been a visible figure at events and functions, and has provided his full support for the PR team at ITE. Recognising his ardent commitment to PR, the IPRS honoured Mr Poh with the Outstanding PR Champion at the 2010 PRISM Awards. The award is given to top leaders in organisations for championing PR.

Looking back in history, the complete overhaul of ITE is remarkable, to say the least. These awards are testament of ITE's business excellence, and will certainly add energy, and a newfound fervor to continue being a forerunner in organisational excellence.

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Sharing the ITE Story

by Lim Hui Ling and Jennifer Tan

ITE hosted many groups of distinguished visitors in the last few months, many of whom were keen to learn from ITE's experience in vocational and technical education (VTE).

One such group was a 16-member delegation led by Professor Albert Kharisovich Gilmudtinov, Minister of Education and Science, the Republic of Tatarstan, who visited ITE on 6 May 2010. As vocational education suffered persistent poor standing in Tatarstan, the Minister was interested to learn how ITE managed to improve and overhaul its image over the years.

On 24 April 2010, Cambodia's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister-in-Charge of the Council of Ministers, Dr Sok An, visited ITE College East, following a recommendation by Singapore's Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr George Yeo. Dr Sok An was very impressed by the visit and indicated that he would send study delegations to learn about ITE so as to build up Cambodia's VTE capacity.

With only a third of the population based in the capital city of Malé and the remaining two-thirds spread over 200 islands, the Maldives Education Ministry is facing an uphill task to get more of their young population to take up higher education. Dr Aamaal Ali, Permanent Secretary, and Mr Mohamed Shakir, Director of Schools, from the Maldives Ministry of Education, toured ITE College East on 31 March 2010 to understand the Singapore education system. The visit was an insightful one as the visitors studied how secondary school leavers in Singapore were being motivated to pursue higher education via the various education pathways, including ITE.

The Education Committee of the Danish Parliament visited ITE on 11 March 2010 as part of a study visit to learn about Singapore's VTE system. After experiencing ITE's brand of education for herself, Danish Member of Parliament and head of delegation, Mrs Christine Antorini, said she was confident of the potential for collaboration between Danish institutions and ITE. She was accompanied by Mr Heng Guan Teck, Deputy CEO (Academic), ITE, and Mrs Vibeke Rovsing Lauritzen, Denmark's Ambassador to Singapore.



Practical Applications: Professor Albert Kharisovich Gilmudtinov (in beige suit) checks out Smart Home automation applications at the ITE-ABB Automation Technology Solutions Centre at ITE College East.



Smart Solutions: Dr Sok An (second from right), interacting with Dr Ricky Tam (extreme right), Principal, ITE College East and Mr Kong Chee Seng (first from left), Director/School of Engineering, ITE College East, during the tour of the ITE-ABB Automation Technology Solutions Centre.



Education Snippets: Dr Aamaal Ali (third from left) and Mr Mohamed Shakir (fifth from left) study how VTE is offered, Singapore-style. Accompanying them are (from left): Mr Edwin Low, Senior Lecturer/ITE College West (representing Union of ITE Training Staff); Mr Gary Yeo, Assistant Director/Educare Co-operative Limited; Mr Tan Seng Hua, Principal/ITE College Central; and Dr Ricky Tam, Principal/ITE College East.



Healthcare Matters: Mdm Suppiah Nagammal (extreme left), Section Head/Nursing, ITE College East, shares a light-hearted moment with Members of the Education Committee of the Danish Parliament during the tour of the ITE Centre for Healthcare Simulation Training. Danish Member of Parliament and head of delegation, Mrs Christine Antorini (centre, in orange floral dress), was accompanied by ITE's Deputy CEO (Academic), Mr Heng Guan Teck (centre, back row).



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Never Too Late to Bloom

ITE Graduate Gets First-Class Honours in Electrical Engineering

By Valerie Ng

THOMAS Edison and Albert Einstein were both late bloomers, but see how famous they became. ITE, too, has its share of “late bloomers”. One of them is Mohamed Akbar Khan Akhtar, a former ITE College West student, who rose from an “EM3” pupil to becoming a first-class honours degree graduate at the National University of Singapore.

Among others, the 27-year-old attributed his achievement to two of his ITE lecturers, whom he still speaks of fondly, despite having left ITE almost a decade ago.

Beacons of Inspiration

He remembered Mr Sugumar, Section Head/Physical Education, ITE College West, as someone approachable, who gave him the chance of his lifetime.

“Mr Sugumar always encourages and motivates us. He was the one who pushed me to join the Asian Fencing Championships in Bangkok. I didn’t have the courage to but he didn’t give up on me, and even took the trouble to speak to my parents,” recalled Akbar. Although he did not win, he was grateful for the exposure, which increased his self-confidence.

Another lecturer who left an impact in his life was Ms Chan Lay Lee, who taught at ITE College West, then.

“Ms Chan taught me about discipline. She chats and gives us advice. I will always remember her formula for success, which is W-I-S-H. It stands for **W**illingness, **l**ook for **I**nformation, **S**acrifice

and **H**ardwork. It has become my guideline for success,” Akbar added.

Aspires to Return to Alma Mater

And it is lecturers like Mr Sugumar and Ms Chan who inspired Akbar to aspire to be an ITE lecturer one day. But first, he hoped to gain some industry experience so as to better contribute to ITE.

“Some people might not have a good opinion of ITE. But I learnt more in ITE than what the books can teach, such as doing social work. I was sent to Karimun Island in Indonesia to help the orphanage. In Singapore, my ITE lecturers led us to participate in the Tanjong Pagar District’s Safe Home Programme, which provides elderly-friendly fixtures for the homes of the elderly poor. All these activities opened my eyes. I also learnt interpersonal skills,” he shared.

Now he has this advice for others. “Never condemn ITE students as ‘useless students’. Give them your support and do not give up on them,” he said.

He is also most grateful for the support given by his family.

Hands-on Hospitality

ITE Inks MOU with Resorts World Sentosa

By Valerie Ng

ITE students in hospitality and tourism-related courses will soon get the opportunity to put their skills to practice at Singapore's first and largest integrated resort – the Resorts World Sentosa (RWS) Pte Ltd.

On 9 April 2010, ITE signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with RWS, which will see RWS providing training-cum-work opportunities, scholarships and industrial attachments for ITE students. The partnership marks a key milestone in both organisations' pursuit for collaboration in Hospitality and Tourism training and development for students.

Universal Appeal: Mr Bruce Poh (fifth from right), Director & CEO, ITE; Dr Yek Tiew Ming (third from right), Principal, ITE College West, and other ITE staff pose for a photo outside Universal Studios Singapore, one of the attractions at RWS.



Authentic Learning Environment

One of the exciting ventures from the MOU is the setting up of a joint training facility at the new ITE College West in Choa Chu Kang. The training centre is geared towards the sharing of knowledge, developing skill-sets, understanding the latest in technology and bringing the latest hospitality and tourism know-how to ITE students.

"We hope to create an authentic learning environment whereby ITE's 'Hands-on, Minds-on and Hearts-on' approach to learning can be integrated within the programmes and activities to be offered at this training facility. The passion for knowledge lives in every ITE staff and student. As a learning institution, we need to stay relevant and be ahead of the times," said Dr Yek Tiew Ming, Principal, ITE College West.

Time to Get Creative!

First Peek at Innovative TED Projects

By Jamie Chan

THE pioneer batch of 43 graduating students from ITE's first diploma programme, the Technical Engineer Diploma (TED) in Machine Technology, demonstrated their technical capabilities and innovative edge in a Project Fair on 8 March 2010 at ITE College West.

Visitors were treated to a display of 13 creative projects, four of which were done in collaboration with industry partners. Another project, titled "The Friendship Clock", was accomplished in collaboration with TED students from Gottlieb-Daimler-Schule 1 (GDS 1), Ministry of Education, Youth & Sports, Baden-Württemberg, Germany, as part of a student exchange programme.

Symbol of Partnership between Two Countries

Symbolising the close cooperation and relationship between GDS 1 and ITE, "The Friendship Clock" is the fruit of close partnership between four students from each institution. Each team had produced half of this jointly-designed clock, and assembled the two halves when the German students arrived in Singapore for the Project Fair.

"Quick-Release Door"

The Best Student Project Award for the first graduating cohort went to the team of four TED students who invented the "Quick-Release Door" device. The team invented this hands-free mechanism so that the elderly and disabled can simply kick to open doors. Team leader, Ikhtiaruddin B Salleh said: "The main consideration for our invention was the ease of use for the



Two Become One: The makers of "The Friendship Clock" from GDS 1 and ITE gather to join the two halves of the clock.



Best Student Project: The inventors of the "Quick-Release Door" are (from left) Mohammed Juwandy B Mohd Kamal, Ng Soo Leong, Ikhtiaruddin B Salleh and Ezuan B Kamis.

handicapped." Indeed, this project was birthed from cutting edge skills and a compassionate heart for the disabled.

The TED programme started in 2008. Details on this programme can be found at www.ite.edu.sg/ft/ted_mt.htm.

A Chance to Shine

Gearing Up for WorldSkills Singapore 2011

By Victor Yen

THE search is on for Singaporean youths who are the best-in-class in their skills areas. WorldSkills Singapore (WSS) 2011, a biennial skills competition organised by ITE, with the support of the five Polytechnics, is here again to recognise some of the nation's finest talents.

The competition, the ninth in its series, will be held from 20 to 22 January 2011 at ITE's second Regional College – the new ITE College West – at Choa Chu Kang Grove. Some 317 competitors, representing ITE, Singapore's five polytechnics, three private educational institutions and three commercial companies, will be in the spotlight for this competition.

The WSS series aims to recognise the abilities of young, skilful Singaporeans, and raise the standards of excellence in technical skills. The competition is open to Singaporeans from secondary schools, Junior Colleges, Polytechnics, ITE, companies and other institutions of higher learning. Top medallists in the WSS stand a chance to represent Singapore at the prestigious 41st WorldSkills Competition, to be held in London, United Kingdom, in October 2011.

For more information, please visit www.ite.edu.sg/wss.



The Best in Skills: Team Singapore celebrating its best-ever showing at the 40th WorldSkills Competition held in Calgary, Canada, in 2009.

WSS 2011 Skills Areas

Automotive Technology	Information Network Cabling
Caring *	IT Network Systems Administration
Cooking	IT/Software Applications
CNC Milling	Mechanical Engineering Design-CAD
CNC Turning	Mechatronics *
Creative Modelling	Mobile Robotics *
Electronics	Restaurant Service
Graphic Design Technology	Visual Merchandising
Industrial Control	Web Design

* Team Events

In the Pipeline

ITE Co-organises PUB Water Supply Network Skills Competition

By Valerie Ng

EXCITEMENT was in the air at ITE College East when ITE, PUB – the national water agency, and the Singapore Plumbing Society (SPS) co-organised the PUB Water Supply Network (WSN) Skills Competition in mid-April 2010.

Mr Bruce Poh, Director & CEO, ITE; Mr Khoo Teng Chye, CEO, PUB; Mr Ong See Ham, President, PUB Employees Union; and Mr William Tang, President, SPS, flagged off the event together.

Ten teams, comprising six from PUB and two each from SPS and ITE, dashed to their positions to start the challenge, which included pipe-work fabrication, water efficiency audit, water conservation techniques and tackling difficult customers.

The annual competition was in its fourth year, but this was the first time PUB had invited ITE and SPS to participate, to forge camaraderie among the three establishments.

Apart from the competition, display booths dotted the main foyer of the College. These booths showcased ways to conserve water and career prospects in the plumbing industry. There were also exhibits of innovative products and new piping technology.

Cheering Skills On

Droves of ITE students visited the booths and lent their support to their schoolmates who were in the competition. To add to the good cheer, some 300 PUB employees were also on site to give moral support to their colleagues who were competing. They were given a tour of the College's facilities, which enhanced their understanding and confidence of the training given to our students.

After an exciting two-hour competition, the PUB team emerged champions, while ITE students did well, too, by winning the second and third places.



Well Done! Dr Ricky Tam (extreme left), Principal, ITE College East, and Mr Chong Hou Chun (extreme right), Director, Water Supply Network, flanked the first runner-up participants.

ITE's Got Talent!

By Josephine Lefort Alfonse

Inaugural ITE Talent Quest Unearths Performing Gems



Winners, All: Yes, ITE has got loads of talent indeed!

AFTER what seemed like endless rounds of auditions and screenings, *iTalent* 2010 – ITE's inaugural search for performing talents among its students – culminated in an exciting Grand Finals held at ITE College East on 15 March 2010.

The competition drew over 400 enthusiastic student applicants, among whom 56 progressed on to compete in the semi-finals held at the VivoCity Amphitheatre on 27 and 28 February 2010. The top three contestants in each of the four talent competition categories – namely, Vocal, Dance, Instrumental and Open – advanced to the “final showdown” and battled it out at the Grand Finals.

A Feisty Fiesta

The atmosphere was electrifying at the *iTalent* Grand Finals, as hundreds of people flocked into the ITE College East Auditorium to witness the top 12 finalists in action. Apart from strong support from fellow students, friends and family, the contestants were spurred on by members of the public who had obtained tickets for the show, too. A few local celebrities were also spotted among the audience that night.



Dance Category Champion: Freekzy Nutz

The contestants danced, sang and beat-boxed their way to impressing the distinguished panel of judges, which comprised renowned professionals in the local entertainment scene. They were: Mr Vincente Michael Gaspar, Mr Zaini Tahir, Mr Jay Che and Mr Peter Tan. SMS-voting was also an interactive feature introduced to get the audience play an active part in choosing the winners.

After a nail-biting wait for the scores to be tallied, the results were announced. The champions in each category were: Kamsani Jumahat (Vocal), Freekzy Nutz (Dance), Soul 56 (Instrumental), and Muhd Zulkarnain (Open).

iTalent 2010 was indeed a super-duper success and it promises to return with a new batch of hopefuls next season!



Instrumental Category Champion: Soul 56

Vocal Category Champion: Kamsani Jumahat



Open Category Champion: Muhd Zulkarnain



Extraordinary Exchange

ITE Hosts Students from Canada's SAIT Polytechnic *By Lim Hui Ling*

WHAT do the cartoon series *SpongeBob SquarePants*, aspirin-making and the *Amazing Race* have in common? They are all part of a student exchange programme that ITE offered to a group of six students from the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT) Polytechnic, located in Calgary, Canada.

Hands-on Animation

New Media Production & Design students, Joy Elder, Davidson Liao and Mario Puyo, experienced what it felt like to be *SpongeBob SquarePants* animators when they learnt how to use the software behind the celebrated cartoon series at ITE's College Central's School of Design & Media. The software is developed by ITE's industry partner, Toon Boom Animation Inc., a Canadian software company.

"Learning Toon Boom and getting to explore a whole new software that we don't use at SAIT is amazing! It's really awesome that we got to do the animation," gushed Joy.



Pressure, Checked: SAIT student, Alexander McBain (second from left), monitoring the pressure of water being purified at the Pharmaceutical Process Laboratory at ITE College East.



One for the Album: Exchange students from SAIT, Nathan Bernhard (third from left), Davidson Liao (fourth from left), Joy Elder (fifth from left), Wayne Tams (centre, in white), Mario Puyo (sixth from right), and Alexander McBain (fourth from right), as well as Ms Cynthia Johnston, SAIT Hospitality & Tourism Instructor (fifth from right) who accompanied the SAIT students to Singapore, take a group photo with ITE staff.

During their three-week stay in Singapore from 7 to 28 May 2010, the three students not only manipulated animation software, but also worked on elaborate projects involving photography and magazine cover design, and went on industry visits.

"We visited VHQ, a post-production company in Singapore responsible for editing 60 per cent of the country's television commercials. It was great to talk to the Operations Head and understand how he got to be in that position," commented Mario on one of the industry visits.

Aspirin Aspirations

Meanwhile, Chemical Process Operations exchange students, Nathan Bernhard, Wayne Tams and Alexander McBain, got to try their hands at aspirin-making during a laboratory lesson under the *Nitec* in Chemical Process Technology (Pharmaceuticals) course. "ITE has a pharmaceutical plant where we conducted a mock trial of aspirin-making. This is not available at SAIT as we only concentrate on petrochemicals at Alberta," said Wayne, referring to the petroleum-industry-centred province where Calgary is located.

Next to aspirin-making, Nathan and Wayne agreed that the MegaZip course at Sentosa Island was the other highlight of their sojourn in Singapore. "I saw it on the *Amazing Race* a few months back and planned on doing it," explained Nathan, who lived out his *Amazing Race* reality series fantasy the very second day of his arrival in Singapore when ITE coordinators brought the visiting students to Sentosa.

Joy summarised the group's three-week experience at ITE this way: "The hospitality is great! I wish we had one more weekend here!"

Well-trained: Shoulder-to-shoulder with media from Singapore and the region, the ITE student reporters made sure that they captured photographs of girl band S.H.E. autographing on three MRT train seats at the Circle Line launch event.



When ITE Met S.H.E.

ITE Students Score in SMRT Social Media Marketing Competition

By Tan Sze Yin and Eileen Yap



Reporters for a Day: Five ITE College East students who won media passes and front row seats to get up close and personal with popular female band, S.H.E.

ON 12 April 2010, ITE College East's School of Business & Services initiated an e-marketing campaign with SMRT, for the latter's launch of the 16 new Circle Line stations. Lead programme coordinator and Service Skills lecturer, Ms Eileen Yap explained that such collaborations will better allow students to "soak in the real experience."

Taiwanese female pop group, S.H.E. was invited as the special guest for the launch party on 17 April 2010, and it was a "grand and exclusive event", according to Lee Yi Xiang, a *Higher Nitec* in Business Studies (Administration) student. "I am proud to be invited to this exclusive event, and now I can relate to my Marketing and Event modules better. I can see for myself how much preparation and work is involved in the marketing and planning of an event."

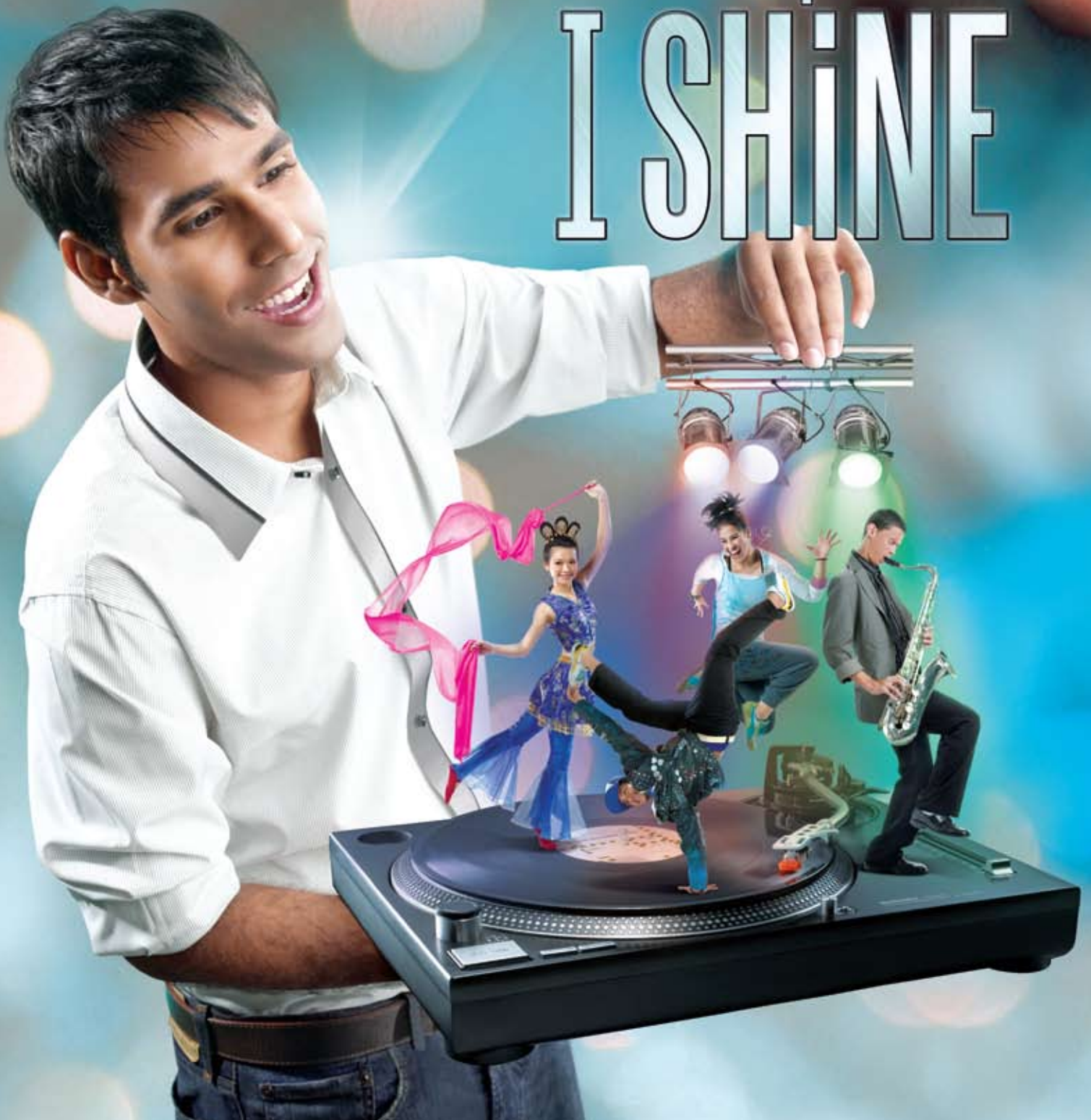
Social Media: It's Viral!

Prior to the launch, there was an e-marketing contest to get students to broadcast it. Using social media, such as Facebook, blogs, Twitter, MSN and forums, students spread the word about the launch to their family and friends, who in turn passed the message on.

The end result? Each student reached about 1,000 people over three days! The first-prize winner, Seah Hui Min, won a pair of tickets to the S.H.E. concert. The second-year *Higher Nitec* in Business Studies (Administration) student quipped: "The experience from the contest was rewarding. I've learnt the heights of awareness new media can take us to."

The top 10 winners subsequently shared their learning experience with the management staff of SMRT and ITE College East's School of Business & Services. Mr Goh Chee Kong, SMRT's Vice-President of Corporate Marketing & Communications, said: "We are touched by the students' enthusiasm and appreciate their efforts in promoting the event through social media. We are sure that they are proud of their work as much as we're pleased with the outcome!"

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HR Day 2010 *By Victor Yen*

A crowd of 173 people gathered at ITE College East on 1 March 2010 to form the letters “H” and “R” in celebration of Singapore’s second Human Resource Day (HR) Day. The effort made it into the Singapore Book of Records for the “Largest Algorithm March”.

The record-setting feat was part of this year’s “Go Green, Stay Productive and Be Innovative!”-themed HR Day, jointly organised by ITE and the Singapore Human Resources Institute (SHRI).

Discussing HR

Guests at the event were also invited to participate in a panel discussion on “HR’s Role in Raising National Productivity and in Going Green”. Chaired by Mrs Elizabeth Martin-Chua, Principal Consultant of Elizabeth Martin Associates, the panelists included Mr Bruce Poh, Director & CEO, ITE; Mr David Ang, Executive Director (ED), SHRI; Mr Howard Shaw, ED, Singapore Environmental Council; Mr Stephen Tjoa, ED for People, Performance and Culture, KPMG; and Mr Kao Beng Lee, Head of FairPrice Training Institute. Mrs Yu-Foo Yee Shoon, Minister of State for Community Development, Youth & Sports, was the event’s Guest-of-Honour.

First launched in 2009, HR Day aims to formally recognise the significant contributions of HR and people managers in their efforts to boost the Singapore workforce productivity and innovation towards achieving a world-class standard. It also aims to foster the spirit of togetherness and excite HR practitioners and leaders to embrace progressive HR and act as catalysts for change.



It’s a Record! (From left) Mr Bruce Poh, Director & CEO, ITE; Mdm Ho Geok Choo, President, SHRI; Guest-of-Honour, Mrs Yu-Foo Yee Shoon, Minister of State for Community Development, Youth & Sports; and Mr Ong Eng Huat, President of the Singapore Book of Records, during the presentation of the Singapore Book of Records Certificate.



Do What I Just Did: Following a sequence of movements from the person in front, participants had fun in the Algorithm March.



Go Green: A big green “HR” was formed after the record-setting Algorithm March.

A Celebration of Passion, Perseverance and Purpose

ITE Student Achievers' Awards 2010

By Jamie Chan

ITE has no lack of talents and young people of strong character. The ITE Student Achievers' Awards 2010 Presentation Ceremony on 25 May 2010 stands as evidence of that. That day, ITE celebrated the unstinting efforts of 329 deserving student role models who performed exceptionally in the fields of technology, sports, arts, music and other co-curricular activities (CCAs).



Smart Device: Team leader, Melvin Wang (extreme right) explains the technology behind his group's award-winning "Artificial Intelligence Controller" project to Mr Bruce Poh.

Although ITE celebrated the arrival of these award winners at success, it was the journey travelled by each award recipient that captured hearts. And the highlight was the 40 recipients of the Lee Kuan Yew Awards. 289 other student achievers were given the ITE Arts Excellence Award, the ITE Sports Excellence Award and the ITE CCA Medal.

Inspirational Stories of Success

Considering the difficult circumstances that Mark Aaron Lee had to overcome, one would never expect him to be the proud recipient of the Lee Kuan Yew Model Student Award today. He had to stop school at 14 to look after his blind and bedridden grandfather. Life was also tough, as his mother had health problems and his father had to work extra hard to provide for the family. But he went back to the Geylang Serai Vocational Training Centre (GSVTC) for a second shot and eventually went on to graduate from ITE with perfect scores in his *Nitec* in Service Skills (Tourism) and *Higher Nitec* in Business Studies (Administration) courses. An inspiration to other students, the humble young man thanks ITE for the opportunities given: "Coming from GSVTC, I really treasured the chance to study in



Congratulations to ITE's Student Achievers! Some of the award recipients take a group photo with Mr Tan Seng Hua (extreme left), Principal, ITE College Central; Ms Sabrina Loi (second from left), Senior Divisional Director/Corporate Services, ITE; Mr Bruce Poh (centre), Director & CEO, ITE; Dr Yek Tiew Ming (second from right), Principal, ITE College West; and Mr Heng Guan Teck (extreme right), Deputy CEO (Academic), ITE.

ITE. The practical training I have received in ITE has given me a stable foundation before I embark on my polytechnic education."

Alvin Tan, recipient of the Lee Kuan Yew CCA Award, is an encouraging role model too. He was the President of the ITE College East Archery Club and championed issues for students' welfare as part of the ITE College East Student Council. He said: "A lot of ITE students are full of potential, so I hope to come back here as a lecturer to provide them the stepping stone to succeed."

At first glance, one would also not realise that it was the heart to better the welfare of others that inspired the creators of the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Controller, who eventually received the Lee Kuan Yew Technology Award. The device helps adjust the temperature of air conditioners to better match the human body temperature. Team leader, Melvin Wang, from ITE College Central, revealed that his team wanted to create the controller so that their parents need not worry and wake up to adjust their room air-conditioners' temperatures.

Addressing the audience at the Ceremony, Mr Bruce Poh, Director & CEO, ITE, pointed out: "Passion, perseverance and purpose – these qualities set apart the very best from the rest." Indeed, the three "Ps" are what define the most outstanding ITE students!

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