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## **Over 370 Companies to Offer Enhanced Internship to ITE Students**

*Some 7000 ITE students from 63 courses to benefit from companies' show of support for SkillsFuture initiative*

More than 110 companies will be pledging their support for the Enhanced Internship Programme with ITE on 18 Nov 2015 at Crowne Plaza Changi Airport. Acting Minister for Education (Higher Education and Skills), Mr Ong Ye Kung, will witness this show of support at a Signing Ceremony for Enhanced Internship that morning.

2 To date, over 370 companies have come on board the programme, which is one of the initiatives of SkillsFuture. These companies will provide structured internship under the Enhanced Internship framework, which takes effect from Jan 2016.

3 Said Mr Bruce Poh, Director & CEO, "ITE's Enhanced Internship is very much in line with the objectives of SkillsFuture. It will expose the students to meaningful workplace attachments to better connect their learning to the workplace and deepen their skills in their chosen professions and trades. It will better prepare our students for their transition to the workplace, and help them to develop their full potential in their careers later, based on skills mastery."

### **More Benefits**

4 Students on Enhanced Internship will enjoy the benefits that come from structured training via a prescribed, agreed task list under the guidance of an industry trainer. An Internship Participation Agreement also clearly defines the roles and responsibilities of ITE and the internship company. This ensures that students

undergo meaningful work-based learning that allows them to apply what they have learnt in the work place, all while deepening their skills set.

5 There will also be closer monitoring of student learning outcomes. This will help highlight potential learning and workplace-related issues, and provide timely response to assist them.

### **Helping Students to be Work-Ready**

6 A pilot run of the Enhanced Internship Programme is currently being carried out on two courses – *Nitec* in Retail Services (Jul - Nov 2015) and *Higher Nitec* in Space Design Technology (Oct 2015 - Mar 2016).

7 Chew Wen Xin, Dion, a second-year Retail Services student, was from the pioneer batch of students undergoing Enhanced Internship. Working as a Sales Associate at Juicy Couture at Marina Bay Sands, Dion found her four-month stint very useful.

8 Dion shared: “The internship allowed me to thoroughly experience what it is like working in the industry. It’s not an easy job! Before the internship, I was unprepared, as it was my first time working in a retail outlet. But after four months, I learnt a lot. I got to experience hands-on what it is like serving customers, stock-taking, and tackling challenges such as dealing with non-English-speaking customers and managing the expectations of well-heeled clients!” said Dion.

### **Enhanced Training**

9 Mr Sunshine Wong, General Manager, Crowne Plaza Changi Airport, is supportive of the benefits the Enhanced Internship programme can bring to both industry partners, and the interns. His hotel is one of the companies that will offer Enhanced Internship from 2016.

10 Mr Wong shared: “The EIP is a great way for us to work closely with ITE on building career progression for interns and graduates. As the EIP follows a formalised structure that is standardised across different functions and fields of study

(e.g. Hospitality, Culinary, Engineering etc), all students have access to the same level of guidance that is crucial to their development during their internship.”

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#### **About ITE**

The Institute of Technical Education (ITE) is a post-secondary education institution established in **1992** under the Ministry of Education. As a principal provider of career and technical education, and a key developer of national occupational skills certification and standards, ITE's **Mission** is to create **opportunities** for students and adult learners to acquire skills, knowledge and values for employability and lifelong learning. ITE's **Vision** is to be A **Trailblazer** in Career and Technical Education. Our **Values** are **Integrity, Teamwork, Excellence** and **Care**. ITE comprises the ITE Headquarters and three ITE Colleges - College Central, College East and College West.

## Annex A

### Visit Programme

<u>Time</u>	<u>Description</u>
0845 hrs	Depart from ITE HQ for SATS Ltd by bus
0925 hrs	Arrival at SATS Ltd <i>Terminal 3</i>
0930 hrs	Brief on Internship at SATS, Tour of Interns' Work Place & Interaction with Students
1015 hrs	Walk over to Crowne Plaza Changi Airport
1030 hrs	Arrival at Crowne Plaza Changi Airport <i>75 Airport Boulevard, Terminal 3</i>
	Presentation on Enhanced Internship at Crowne Plaza
	Tour of Interns' Work Places at Crowne Plaza Changi Airport & Interaction with Students
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Azur Restaurant</li><li>• Back of the House</li><li>• Concierge</li></ul>
1130 hrs	Acting Minister for Education (Higher Education and Skills) arrives
	Signing Ceremony for Enhanced Internship Participation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Speech by Minister Ong Ye Kung</li><li>• Signing Ceremony</li><li>• Performance by Students</li></ul>
1220 hrs	Reception Media Interviews (if any)
1230 hrs	End of Programme