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ITE Gives Back
Singapore's Golden Jubilee celebrations bring ITE closer to the community, while tracing ITE's changing landscapes through launch of new SG50 portal

The series of nation-wide celebrations to mark Singapore's 50th Anniversary have given ITE students more opportunities to engage the community in meaningful ways. While ITE students have been actively involved in community service projects over the years, the commemorative SG50 year has given ITE more reason to enhance and deepen partnerships with charities that are Institutions of a Public Character (IPCs), to impact the lives of their beneficiaries.

Gift of Giving

2   These opportunities have been made possible by the Ministry of Education's (MOE) SG50 Giving initiative announced earlier this year. Under the initiative, ITE has been given a sum of money to use for causes beneficial to the community.

3   Among the engagement activities planned for the year is **ITE SG50 Gifting** - a community service event to be held at ITE College Central that brings together some 650 beneficiaries from 12 IPCs for a morning of activities, entertainment and interaction with ITE students and staff. At the event, beneficiaries will be trying their hands at assembling a dish garden, through the support of National Parks Board.

4   Beyond the one-day event, ITE will engage 29 IPCs. Among them is Kampong Chai Chee Citizens' Consultative Committee Community & Welfare Fund, where students from the School of Engineering will use their skills to install safer appliances or equipment to enhance the

living conditions of the needy in the community. ITE will also be collaborating with Lions Home for the Elders to organise student visits to engage the elders on a monthly basis for the rest of the year to conduct interactive sessions for the senior citizens.

Tracing ITE's Footprints

5   As part of the SG50 celebrations, more than 2,000 ITE students and staff have also walked down memory lane, capturing and documenting ITE's developments over the years in the **ITE SG50 Portal**. These students, from various courses, have applied their video production, animation and web development skills to record ITE's history and journey over the last five decades, its contributions towards nation-building and, its aspirations for the future. The development of the portal has enabled students to better appreciate the role of Vocational and Technical Education in the country's economy, as some 450 projects by students have been submitted for inclusion as content in the portal.

6   **Dr Mohamad Maliki Bin Osman, Minister of State, Ministry of National Development & Ministry of Defence and Mayor, South East District**, officiated at the ITE SG50 Gifting event, where he interacted with beneficiaries and launched the new portal.

7   On the SG50 initiatives, Mr Bruce Poh, Director & CEO, ITE, shared, "These initiatives encourage students to have a sense of social responsibility, to look beyond themselves, and care for their school and community. Besides developing their skills, we believe these opportunities build character and foster values, which are just as important for a student's holistic development."

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About ITE

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