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ITE Student Achievers' Award Presentation Ceremony 2016

ITE Students Recognised for Achievements Beyond the Classroom

Award-winning students stand out for their passion, perseverance and sense of purpose

ITE honoured **377 outstanding students** at its annual ITE Student Achievers' Awards Presentation Ceremony 2016 held at ITE Headquarters this morning. These students have overcome different obstacles to excel in areas such as the arts, sports and technological innovations. Many of them have shown strength in character to rise above their circumstances. These students have also excelled beyond the classroom. They exemplify the values, character, skills and knowledge that ITE hopes to infuse in students through a holistic ITE Education.

Of these 377 students, **44 received the prestigious Lee Kuan Yew (LKY) Award** – namely, the **LKY Model Student/Trainee Award**, the **LKY Co-Curricular (CCA) Award**, and the **LKY Technology Award**. The other 333 students received the ITE Arts Excellence Award, the ITE Sports Excellence Award, the ITE CCA Medal and the ITE Student Commendation Award. A brief on these Awards is at **Annex A**.

Passion to Help

One student who overcame all odds is Bryan Tan Guang Jun from ITE College East. Growing up after his parents' divorce presented its own set of challenges. But, as the eldest child, Bryan embraced these changes head-on and kept his eyes trained on the little blessings in life. Although he qualified for the Direct Polytechnic Admission exercise based on his excellent GCE Normal Level results, he chose to sign up for a course that he was passionate about at ITE. The *Higher Nitec* in Chemical Engineering student actively participates in community work and leads the College's Student Council as President. Still, he works part-time to supplement his mother's income.

With his strong passion to help his family, peers and community, Bryan is an excellent role model for other youths. Despite having achieved the **LKY Model Student Award**, Bryan said, "I want people not to remember me by my achievements alone, for such are fleeting moments. I

want people to remember me for the meaningful memories created that will last a life time, and for the difference I may have brought into their lives.” In total, 10 ITE students won this Award for their exemplary attitudes and conduct.

Off the Beaten Path

ITE College Central’s Nur Aqeela Bte Noor Hussain is not afraid to take the road less travelled. As Captain of the ITE Judo Club, she has taken part in six inter-tertiary and national Judo competitions and won Medals in all six. This is an outstanding feat, considering that Aqeela only took up this male-dominated sport in 2012. However, this is not the only area where Aqeela has stood out in. She is also among the only six girls in her batch in the *Higher Nitec* in Marine Offshore & Technology course. Aqeela firmly believes that girls can do just as well, whether it is in the shipyard or in the sporting field. Today, Aqeela has achieved the **LKY CCA Award** – an Award that was given to three ITE students this year.

Skilled to Contribute

Three ITE students have created a Fish Slicing Machine that the Singapore Zoo now uses to feed animal performers. Since young, ITE College West’s Eng Han Rong Rayner, Timothy Lee Ke Xin and Shawn Ng Zhi Sheng are keen to use their hands to make and to create. To facilitate feeding in the zoo, the trio have built a machine that could slash fish slicing time by up to five times, as compared to when zoo keepers cut the fish by hand. These young inventors have greater dreams for their machine, which is simple yet effective in upping productivity levels. For developing a device that embodies quality, technical innovation and creativity, these *Higher Nitec* in Mechatronics Engineering students were presented with the **LKY Technology Award**. This year, nine innovative student projects have won this Award.

Profiles of the Lee Kuan Yew Model Student Award winners, the Lee Kuan Yew CCA Award recipients, and write-ups on the Lee Kuan Yew Technology Award winning projects are at **Annexes B, C and D** respectively. For queries and arrangement for interviews and photography, please contact:

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