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ITE TEACHER AWARD 2020

An ITE graduate herself, Sitti Fatimah is an excellent role model for ITE students. Her resilience and 'never-say-die' attitude are an inspiration to the students she teaches. Her journey through ITE in *Nitec* in Infocomm Technology, Diploma in Nanyang Polytechnic and finally a Degree in Nanyang Technological University was through her sheer determination and hard work.

With her understanding of what ITE students need, Sitti spares no effort in driving the student mentorship programme, where students who are stronger in their studies play the role of a mentor to classmates who might need help understanding the lessons taught. The mentors, in turn, are personally guided by Sitti, who will coach them to gain confidence in their roles.

Sitti is also a reflective practitioner who demonstrated innovativeness in designing new pedagogy with the adoption of technology to actively engage students. She shared, "Networking concepts can be difficult to grasp because there are not many activities to engage students with during theory lessons, and the contents in the modules can be too descriptive. This can often be difficult for novice learners like our students to understand the concept."

As such, she led a team of colleagues to come up with a method of integrating Augmented Reality (AR) in the teaching of Computer Networking, which proved to be very well received by students.

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