



**Lee Kuan Yew  
CCA Award**

**Neesha Binte Akbar**

***Nitec in Urban Greenery  
& Landscape  
ITE College East***



# Cultivating Success

When Neesha was young, she would go for walks in the park with her parents and help them care for plants. These activities nurtured her interest in the environment and led her to enrol in the Nitec in Urban Greenery & Landscape course. She joined the Green Ambassadors Club, as she wanted to contribute to promoting environmental sustainability.

Dedicated and passionate about her cause, Neesha led her peers in driving various sustainability initiatives both on and off campus. These included teaching preschoolers at a kindergarten to create toys with recyclable materials, as well as guiding the elderly at a nursing home to make tissue holders from plastic packaging. Distinguishing herself as a committed leader who leads by example, Neesha was elected Vice President of the Green Ambassadors Club.

## From the Heart

*"ITE helped me to become more open-minded and adaptable. When I was in secondary school, I was very shy and lacked confidence in taking on any leadership role. I am grateful to my lecturers at ITE who encouraged me to step out of my comfort zone and gave me many opportunities to lead. I was even able to host different events. All these experiences helped me to adapt quickly to situations and become a better version of myself. At the end of the day, I feel very proud of what I have accomplished."*

## Life after ITE

Neesha is pursuing a Diploma in Environmental and Marine Science at Republic Polytechnic. She plans to take a degree in environmental studies after attaining her Diploma and aspires to build a career in landscape design or arboriculture.

## Top Achievements

- For her exceptional efforts in promoting environmental sustainability, Neesha was conferred the ITE Green Ambassador Award in 2024 and ITE College East Sustainability Advocate Award in 2025.
- She received the ITE Service Star Diamond Award in 2024, in recognition of her extensive service contributions.
- Showcasing innovation and creativity, Neesha and her team of classmates won the second prize in City Square Mall's Landscape Design Competition in 2023.
- An all-rounder, she achieved a perfect GPA score of 4.0 and was in the Director's List from 2023 to 2024.