



# STANLEY ONG

e2i Gold Medal 2021

## LIFELONG LEARNING FOR LIFELONG SUCCESS

A graduate from the University of Melbourne with a Bachelor of Environments, Stanley started out as a Project Engineer managing oil and gas pipeline insulation works, before joining an environmental services company as a Senior Operations Engineer. Keen to pursue a career with greater autonomy, he established his own electrical services company in 2018. As Director, Stanley primarily handles business development and project management functions while entrusting technical work to his staff.

A year into his business, a family friend who runs an electrical business convinced Stanley on the importance of having technical expertise in his line of work. To bridge his knowledge gap, Stanley enrolled in a part-time Electrical Engineering course at ITE. He quickly gained practical insights and skills in areas such as electrical design and installation, intelligent building systems, and codes of practice. These enabled him to adopt a more hands-on approach in project management, and streamline work processes for greater efficiency. Inspired by his rewarding experience at ITE, Stanley has gained a deeper passion for lifelong learning.

### **Faith and Perseverance**

*"Before I enrolled in ITE, I was pursuing a part-time Master's degree in Analytics. When I told others about my decision to switch to the Higher Nitec course, I could sense their skepticism. However, that did not affect me. I believe it's important to focus on achieving our desired goals, and not to worry about others' opinions. Thankfully, my wife was very supportive as she understood the importance of the ITE course to my career."*

*It wasn't easy juggling work and study. I attended classes four times a week. By the time I got home, it would be late at night. I sacrificed a lot of family time but it was all worth it. I gained a lot from this course. It was inspiring to meet classmates from diverse backgrounds, all motivated by a common goal of improving themselves. They reinforced my belief that it's important to have a growth mindset, to be curious, and keep learning."*

### **After ITE**

Stanley plans to pursue a part-time diploma in Electrical Engineering. He is also keen on taking up technical courses, which could empower him to expand his business, from providing electrical services to delivering Mechanical and Electrical services collectively.

### **Top Achievements**

- For his strong academic excellence, Stanley was awarded the Gold Course Medal for *Higher Nitec* in Technology – Electrical Engineering course.
- Being one of the top performers of his course, he obtained the Certificate of Merit upon graduation.
- Diligent and motivated, Stanley graduated with a perfect Grade Point Average score of 4.0.