MUHAMMAD ZALIQ B HUSRI

Lee Kuan Yew Gold Medal 2020

BECOMING A BETTER SELF

Devastated by the passing of his father before his N-Levels, Zaliq entered ITE in 2013 in low spirits. He struggled to find meaning in his studies and performed poorly. His turning point came during National Service, when his supervisor advised him on the importance of good education. This motivated him to restart his education at ITE.

Being interested in lighting systems, Zaliq enrolled in the *Nitec* in Electrical Technology (Lighting & Sound) course. As a fan of musical performances, he has been fascinated by how stage lighting enhances a show.

The return to school however, had its challenges for Zaliq. While managing school commitments, he also worked part-time to support his family. This took a toll on him initially, but he persevered and was determined to succeed. In ITE, Zaliq developed a passion for helping his schoolmates stay motivated in their studies. He would often share his story with them, and set himself as an example they could learn from.

Believe in Yourself
"*I am always looking to improve myself. I believe that is the key to a better future. No matter what circumstances you are in, you can find your own success if you set your mind on achieving it. There are many lecturers at ITE who want to help you achieve your best. You just need to work hard, stay determined, and believe in yourself.*"

After ITE
Zaliq is pursuing a Diploma in Electrical Engineering at Ngee Ann Polytechnic.

Top Achievements
- For his all-round achievements, Zaliq won the Lee Kuan Yew Model Student Award in 2020 and ITE CCA Medal in 2019.
- Creating an animation of a futuristic Singapore using Lego bricks, Zaliq and his team clinched second place in the open category of the SG75: Our Singapore Competition. The competition required submission of works that envision Singapore's future.
- For his outstanding service contributions, Zaliq received the ITE Service Star Diamond Award in 2019 and Gold Award in 2018.