



Top of the World

Developing a business concept that helps youths with autism gain employment, a team of two ITE students emerged as one of three winners in the Global Final of the Social Innovation Relay 2020 on 16 June 2020.

Arthur Chong and Ernest Antonio Ching had earned the right to represent Singapore in the Global Final, by beating teams from top local schools in the National Final.

Their winning concept is a social enterprise that trains and places youths with autism into jobs, and assigns mentors to coach the youths in handling work situations.

The duo beat teams from seven other countries, placing Singapore top alongside Greece and Slovakia. This is the second time that an ITE team had won the Global Final of the competition.

Well done!

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Triumphing Above All

Beating 42 other teams from local schools, a group of three ITE students won the Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS) SBIZ Business Plan Competition on 18 July 2020.

The competition required participants to develop an innovative business plan that addresses Singapore's social problems in the digital era.

Joshua Lim, Jarryl Lim, and Muhammad Adil Juma'at devised a plan that focused on the use of immersive technologies, such as virtual games and simulations, to help the elderly stay active and healthy. They were mentored by Life Skills senior lecturer Karen Loh.

Their competitors had included teams from schools such as Hwa Chong Institution, Nanyang Junior College and Singapore Polytechnic.

Bravo to the team!

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Smart Innovation for Teachers

A group of ITE staff have invented a face shield that allows lecturers to be heard more clearly by students, when worn in classes.

This was developed to address concerns of lecturers' voices being muffled when masks are worn.

The design was inspired by a melaphone, a device used for sterile communication in environments such as laboratories or cleanrooms. The melaphone acts as a diaphragm that amplifies users' voices.

According to the team's experiments, the shield could improve voice level by more than four decibels, even when worn together with a mask!

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Honouring our Top Graduates of 2020

ITE celebrated the graduation of 13,945 students from the Class of 2020.

Of these, 11 top graduates were conferred the Lee Kuan Yew Gold Medal, Tay Eng Soon Gold Medal, The Ngee Ann Kongsi Gold Medal, e2i Gold Medal and IES Engineering Award for their exceptional achievements.

One of them is Tang Yu Alexander. At the age of 16, he was dealt with the passing of his father and grandmother. Overcoming his grief, Alexander chose to focus on his studies at ITE. This was however a struggle, as he also had to care for an uncle with Down syndrome and a depressed grandfather. Despite these challenges, Alexander excelled academically. He even made time to volunteer at community events and deliver meals to the needy.

We are very proud of our graduates' achievements and wish them all the best in their future endeavours!

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A Recognition of All-Round Excellence

This year, ITE honoured 57 outstanding students with the Lee Kuan Yew (LKY) Awards – namely, the LKY Model Student/Trainee Award, the LKY Co-Curricular Activity (CCA) Award, and the LKY Technology Award. They were recognised for their holistic achievements and technological innovations.

Muhammad Zaliq B Husri is one of the LKY Model Student Award recipients.

Devastated by his father's passing, Zaliq entered ITE in 2013 in low spirits and did not do well. His turning point came during National Service, when his supervisor advised him on the importance of education. This motivated him to restart his education at ITE.

Returning to school was challenging for Zaliq, as he had to juggle school commitments and part-time jobs to support his family. Nevertheless, he persevered and distinguished himself as an all-round achiever who was passionate in guiding his younger classmates.

Well done to all our winners!

[Photos and Stories of 2020 LKY Award Winners >>](#)



Kick-Starting Careers through Professional Networking

ITE students will learn to market themselves to potential employers and build professional networks online, through a new partnership between ITE and LinkedIn Singapore.

Signed on 15 June 2020, it is LinkedIn's first such partnership with an Institute of Higher Learning in Singapore.

Under this three-year collaboration, ITE students will be taught to set up a LinkedIn profile and optimise their personal branding.

They will also have access to LinkedIn's online learning platform – LinkedIn Learning, to gain certifications in digital skills that can be added to their LinkedIn profiles.

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Building Skills, Boosting Employability

To help Singaporeans reskill and enhance their employability amid the current economic downturn, ITE has launched a series of courses under the SGUnited Skills Programme (Train & Place). Offered over a six-month duration, they cover various sectors such as manufacturing, infocomm technology and healthcare.

Rolled out from July 2020, the programme is part of national efforts to improve the employment situation in Singapore. It offers subsidised full-time courses delivered by Continuing Education and Training (CET) providers.

Trainees will receive a monthly allowance of \$1,200 for the duration of the programme. They will also receive employment facilitation support through national career centres.

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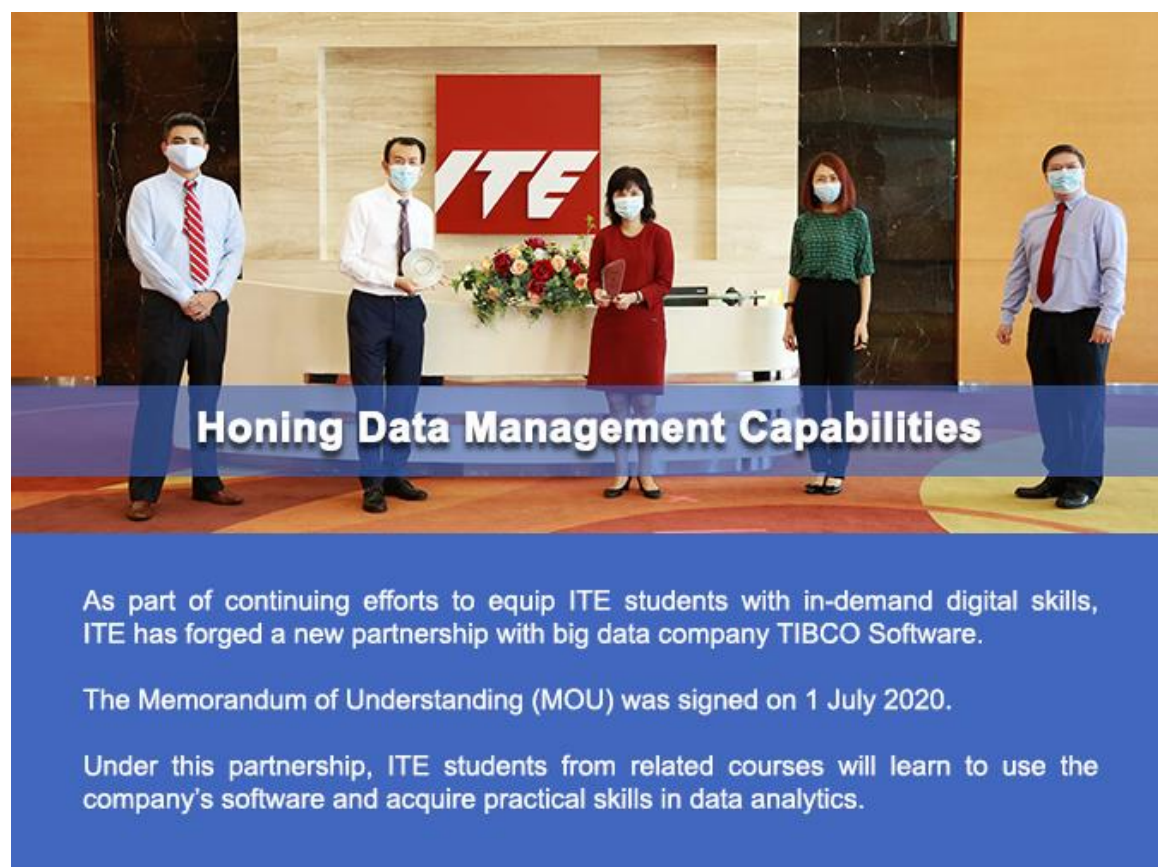
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