



Clinching Top Teaching Honours

The prestigious President's Award for Teachers recognises top educators who are committed to developing their students to the fullest potential.

Mr Oh Chee Kiat (pictured left), Senior Lecturer-Mentor in Cyber and Network Security at ITE College East, clinched the honour of being one of seven winners of the President's Award for Teachers 2020. President Halimah Yacob presented the Awards to the winners at a virtual ceremony on 3 September 2020, which was also attended by Education Minister Lawrence Wong.

Mr Alvin Low (pictured right), Lecturer in Facility Management and Engineering at ITE College West, was also one of the 17 finalists this year.

The finalists were selected from 3,399 educators nominated by schools, post-secondary education institutions and the public.

Congratulations and well done to Mr Oh and Mr Low!

[ITE's Winner and Finalist of President's Award for Teachers 2020 >>](#)



Shaping Future-Ready Learners



*To the winners of ITE Teacher Award 2020
Congratulations!*



The ITE Teachers' Conference was held on 30 September 2020, to discuss best practices for skills training in the digital economy.

The online Conference brought together experts in skills and career education to exchange insights on the future of work and skills. They included keynote speakers Mr Chng Kai Fong, Managing Director of the Economic and Development Board, and Dr Gog Soon Joo, Chief Skills Officer of SkillsFuture Singapore.

The Conference also featured a virtual presentation of the ITE Teacher Awards 2020 and inaugural CET Trainer Awards. These Awards recognise outstanding lecturers of ITE students and adult learners respectively. Congratulations to the winners!

[Photo Highlights of ITE Teachers' Conference 2020 >>](#)



Masks for the Vulnerable

At the outbreak of COVID-19 in Singapore, ITE Electronics lecturer Apple Toh wanted to help those in need. This motivated her to join the Masks Sewn with Love project, which encourages people to sew reusable masks for donation to vulnerable groups.

Apple's role involved tracking, packing, and distributing masks contributed by members of the public. She also helped to sew masks. Being a mother of five, Apple could only do these late at night when her children were asleep.

For the efforts of volunteers like Apple, the Masks Sewn with Love initiative was honoured at the President's Volunteerism & Philanthropy Awards (PVPA) 2020 ceremony on 16 October 2020. Apple represented the group in receiving the Special Commendation Award from President Halimah Yacob at the Istana.

Well done!

[Photos of Apple at PVPA 2020 Ceremony >>](#)



For demonstrating exemplary service, 27 ITE staff were honoured with the WOW Service Commendation this year.


The Award is given to staff who have received public compliments, including from parents, for service excellence.

The winners were presented their Award by Ms Low Khah Gek, CEO of ITE, via a virtual ceremony on 14 September 2020.

From bringing out the best in students to displaying strong professionalism on duty, all winners had gone the extra mile to make a positive difference.

Congratulations and well done!

[WOW Service Commendation Award Winners >>](#)



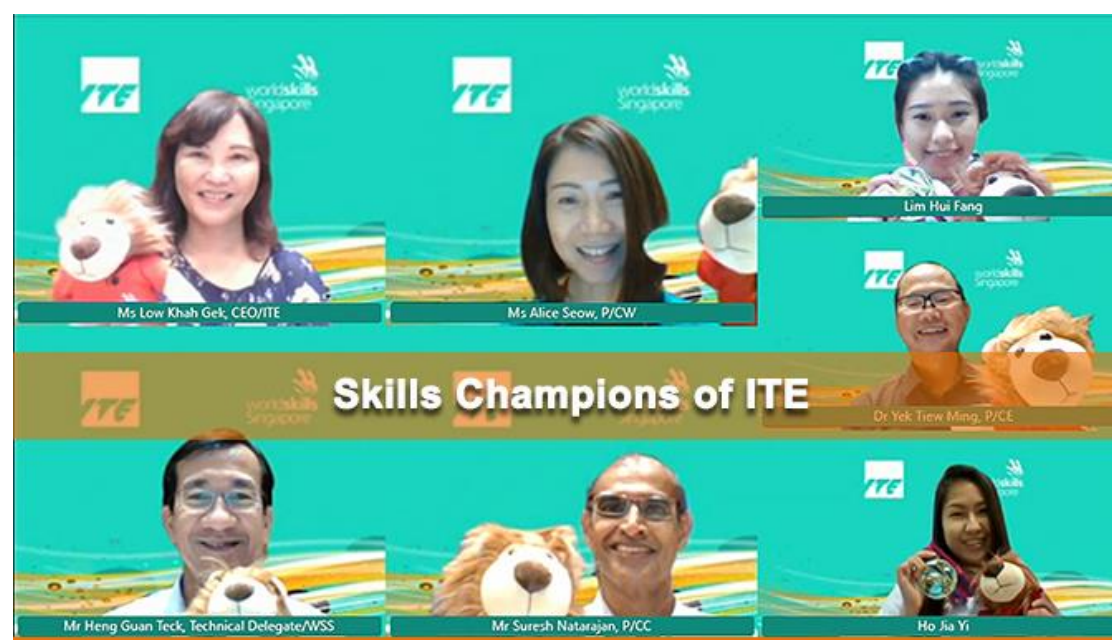
A Tribute to Staff

On 6 November 2020, ITE and the five polytechnics held the first Poly-ITE Staff Appreciation Day to recognise their staff's role in guiding and supporting students. It featured a series of student-led initiatives across ITE and the polytechnics, where students express their appreciation to the staff of their respective institutions. These included appreciation videos and student-created gifts such as cards and cookies.

Second Minister for Education Dr Maliki Osman visited the celebration at ITE College West and also witnessed the celebrations at the polytechnics via videoconference.

The Poly-ITE Staff Appreciation Day will be held on every first Friday of November in subsequent years. Thank you to all our staff for your hard work and dedication!

[Dr Maliki Osman's Visit to ITE College West for Poly-ITE Staff Appreciation Day >>](#)
[Dr Maliki Osman's Virtual Message for Poly-ITE Staff Appreciation Day >>](#)



Skills Champions of ITE

The 14th edition of the national skills competition, WorldSkills Singapore 2020, saw the nation's top youth talents pitting their skills against one another.

ITE's competitors put up a strong performance at the competition, clinching two Gold Medals, seven Silver Medals, five Bronze Medals, and ten Medallions for Excellence!

A virtual awards presentation ceremony was held for ITE's medallists on 29 October 2020, to recognise their achievements. They were symbolically presented the WorldSkills Singapore mascot, the Skillion, by Ms Low Khah Gek, CEO of ITE.

Kudos to all our competitors for giving your best efforts and making ITE proud!

[WorldSkills Singapore 2020 ITE Virtual Awards Presentation Ceremony >>](#)
[ITE Students' Performance at WorldSkills Singapore 2020 Competition >>](#)



Promoting Virtual Exchange of Skills

ITE and the National Cybersecurity Research & Development Lab held a virtual cyber security Capture the Flag competition on 30 September 2020. It featured nine student teams from ITE, Australia's Box Hill Institute (BHI) and Canada's Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT).

The competition was open to BHI and SAIT, as part of ITE's efforts to promote skills exchanges with its partners in the Global Education Network (GEN).

An ITE team – comprising Liew Wen Yu, Jodain Mohammed Bin Mohammad Fairuzi, and Shawn Lim Jun Jie, clinched the top position.

Congratulations to them!

[Photos of Winning ITE Students >>](#)

[News Article on Winning ITE Students and Competition >>](#)



Boosting Aerospace Career Pathways

ITE and the Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF) have launched a new Work-Study Diploma (WSDip) in Aircraft Maintenance Engineering, which allows ITE graduates to earn a Diploma while serving their National Service as Air Force Technicians. This is the first WSDip programme for full-time National Servicemen (NSFs).

It is open to NSFs with relevant ITE qualifications, in areas such as Aerospace Technology and Mechanical Engineering.

Under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed on 22 September 2020, ITE and RSAF will be collaborating with ST Engineering Aerospace Limited, SIA Engineering Company Limited, and the Association of Aerospace Industries (Singapore) to develop the curriculum and accord industry recognition to the programme.

[Photos of MOU Signing for Launch of WSDip in Aircraft Maintenance Engineering >>](#)

[News Article on Launch of WSDip in Aircraft Maintenance Engineering >>](#)



Enhancing Staff Capabilities and Student Development

On 13 October 2020, ITE signed two MOUs with the National Trades Union Congress (NTUC) to promote staff and student development.

Under the first MOU, ITE will be collaborating with the Union of the ITE Training Staff (UITS) and the Amalgamated Union of Public Employee (AUPE) to set up an ITE-Union Company Training Committee (CTC). The CTC will provide a framework for staff training, and allow NTUC's union members to leverage ITE's courses for training opportunities.

The second MOU involves a partnership between ITE, NTUC Club and the Employment and Employability Institute (e2i) to enhance the work-readiness of ITE students, through internships and job placement opportunities.

Mr Ng Chee Meng, Secretary-General of NTUC, witnessed the virtual signing of the MOUs.

[Photos of MOU Signing with NTUC >>](#)

[Post by Mr Ng Chee Meng on Witnessing the MOU Signing >>](#)