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**ITE Student Achievers' Award Presentation Ceremony 2017**

**Some 400 ITE Students Recognised for their Achievements**

*They came, they were inspired and they excelled in academics and beyond.*

ITE honoured **393** outstanding students at its annual ITE Student Achievers' Awards Presentation Ceremony 2017 held at ITE College West this morning. These students have persevered and were determined to excel in areas such as the arts, sports and technological innovations. Many of them were inspired during their time at ITE to do much more than they imagined they could do. These students have also excelled beyond the classroom. They exemplify the values, character, skills and knowledge that ITE hopes to infuse in students through a holistic ITE Education.

Of these 393 students, **49** received the prestigious **Lee Kuan Yew (LKY) Award** – namely, the **LKY Model Student/Trainee Award**, the **LKY Co-Curricular (CCA) Award**, and the **LKY Technology Award**. The other 344 students received the ITE Arts Excellence Award, the ITE Sports Excellence Award, the ITE CCA Medal and the ITE Student Commendation Award. A brief on these Awards is at **Annex A**.

**Making a New Life at ITE**

One student who was inspired to turn his life around was **Ryan Tan Wen Ter**. Like many boys his age, Ryan liked gaming. However, Ryan's preoccupation with gaming caused him to neglect his studies. At ITE, however, he was inspired to turn his interest and knowledge in computers into a skill that would prepare him for the real world. It was also at ITE that Ryan found that life in the real world is more satisfying than life in the virtual world.

"Before coming to ITE, I did not have many 'real' friends. I was too involved in cyber gaming. But after joining ITE, I made many friends, even on my first day in school!" said Ryan. He credits ITE for transforming him both in the classroom and outside, thanks to the many caring teachers who encouraged and showed concern for him.

Ryan also discovered the joy of volunteering. Even after graduating from ITE, Ryan continues to do his part by distributing food to the elderly on weekends. For excelling in school and for having a strong passion to help his peers and the community, Ryan is role model for other youths looking to turn their lives around. For his achievements, Ryan received the **LKY Model Student Award**. He is one of 10 students who have shown exemplary attitudes and conduct to win this Award.

**Riding the Wave**

ITE College Central's **Lim Si Ying Ynez** may only be 18 years old but she's already making waves with her success as a national windsurfer and the captain of the Swimming and



Sailing teams at her College. Described as determined and driven by her lecturers and coaches, Ynez has made an impression with her sporting achievements, leadership qualities, positive attitude and pleasant nature.

Despite her gruelling training schedule, Ynez managed to juggle both studies and sports. She's even managed to encourage 50 of her peers to meet and beat the goal of swimming 12km within six months as part of a healthy lifestyle programme! Today, Ynez received the **LKY CCA Award** – an Award that was given to three ITE students this year.

### **Charging Forth**

Two micro-hydro turbine generators were all four students from ITE College West needed to wow the judges. Muhammad Haikal, Thyng Chuan Luck Robin, Lim Wei Sheng Benjamin and Cheng Shi Hui (who's also an LKY Model Student Award winner) showed that it was possible to generate electricity while you shower just by installing these mini turbines to the water pipes connected to your water heater.

Their idea was first submitted for the Energy Innovation Challenge in 2016. Their prototype was able to store electricity in a power bank, and it won them the top spot in the ITE/Polytechnic category of the competition. Their idea also generated a lot of interest among companies when it was showcased at the Singapore International Energy Week in 2016. For their efforts, they were presented with the **LKY Technology Award**. This year, ten innovative student projects have won this Award.

Profiles of the Lee Kuan Yew Model Student Award winners, the Lee Kuan Yew CCA Award recipients, and write-ups on the Lee Kuan Yew Technology Award winning projects are at **Annexes B, C and D** respectively.

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#### **About ITE**

The Institute of Technical Education (ITE) is a post-secondary education institution established in **1992** under the Ministry of Education. As a principal provider of career and technical education, and a key developer of national occupational skills certification and standards, ITE's **Mission** is to create **opportunities** for students and adult learners to acquire skills, knowledge and values for employability and lifelong learning. ITE's **Vision** is to be A **Trailblazer** in Career and Technical Education. Our **Values** are **Integrity, Teamwork, Excellence** and **Care**. ITE comprises the ITE Headquarters and three ITE Colleges - College Central, College East and College West.