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ITE Graduation 2016

ITE Celebrates the Graduating Class of 2016

Top 11 Graduates will receive their Awards from Mr Ong Ye Kung, Acting Minister for Education (Higher Education and Skills)

The Graduating Class of 2016 will celebrate their achievements at the **ITE Graduation 2016** to be held on Friday 22 July 2016, 3 pm, at the Tay Eng Soon Convention Centre at ITE Headquarters, 2 Ang Mo Kio Drive. Acting Minister for Education (Higher Education and Skills) will officiate at the event.

2 Of the 13,849 graduating students, 675 will receive the Certificate of Merit (COM), and 226 will be awarded the Course Medals for topping their respective courses.

3 ITE will also accord the highest accolades to 11 top students who have distinguished themselves with a flawless academic record while sustaining a balanced campus life. They will receive the prestigious Lee Kuan Yew Gold Medal, Tay Eng Soon Gold Medal, Sng Yew Chong Gold Medal, IES Engineering Award and the inaugural e2i Gold Medal. (Brief on these Awards is attached at **Annex A**). These ITE achievers have inspiring stories about overcoming the odds and through sheer determination, they have achieved beyond expectations and labels.

One Life, One Take

4 This year's Valedictorian is an ardent fan of filmography. Liew Yu Cheng Paul John started immersing himself with industrial experience through internship before his ITE course began. The *Nitec* in Digital Audio & Video Production course student benefited greatly from

ITE's authentic learning approach, when he worked together with the production team of local film 'Ah Boys to Frogmen'. Beyond the classroom, Paul was enthusiastic to share his knowledge and experience with his peers. He was President of ITE College West's Apple Club, which provides Apple software training to students. As Project Head of the ACE Club, he oversaw numerous video projects that featured College activities. In March 2015, he participated in the Global Education Programme to Hong Kong, where he shared his expertise with students from the Hong Kong Academy of Performing Arts. Receiving the Lee Kuan Yew Gold Medal at the ceremony, Paul exemplifies the spirit of a go-getter with a great attitude towards life.

Gift of Creativity

5 Tan Rui Ting may have dyslexia and a mild reading disorder, but she has never felt disadvantaged. The *Nitec* in Space Design (Interior & Exhibition) student emerged top of her cohort from the School of Design and Media. Achieving excellent grades was not her only accomplishment at ITE. She was the Secretary of the ITE Show Choir, and a member of the ACE Programme, a programme for developing leadership qualities in students. Rui Ting dedicated her time to several community projects, including the Dignity Kitchen and Gift of Heart. Despite her own challenges, Rui Ting, who will receive of the Tay Eng Soon Gold Medal, has proven that with self-belief and a positive attitude, anybody can excel.

Going from 'F' to 'A'

6 He was from the Express stream, but he struggled to cope then. However, he was not deterred. The Games Design & Development student gave his all during his course at ITE and received the School of Electronics & Info-Communications' Top Graduate Award and ITE Course Medal (Gold) Award in 2016. It was at ITE that Hadi discovered his leadership qualities and affinity for working with others. He led a team to the University of Tasmania. There he worked alongside Australian researchers to create an app for Australian farmers to researchers to create an app for Australian farmers to ascertain soil fertility. Hadi will receive the Sng Yew Chong Gold Award, for his outstanding course performance and active participation in co-curricular activities.

7 Profiles of the other Top 11 graduates are attached at **Annex B**.

Invitation to Media

8 Members of the media are invited to join in the celebration and cover the **ITE Graduation 2016**. The Ceremony will be held on **Fri 22 Jul 2016** at 1500 hours at the **Auditorium, Tay Eng Soon Convention Centre, ITE Headquarters & College Central, 2 Ang Mo Kio Drive, Singapore 567720**. The Ceremony Programme and Location Map of ITE Headquarters are at **Annexes C and D** respectively.

9 For confirmation on attendance and arrangement for interviews and photography, please contact:

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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.

Brief on Top ITE Graduation Awards

The Institute of Technical Education (ITE) holds its Graduation Ceremony in June each year, to mark the graduation of ITE students and to recognise graduands who have performed outstandingly in their courses. At the ITE Graduation Ceremony 2016, Top Graduation Awards will be presented to ITE graduands who have excelled in their studies.

The ITE Graduation Awards

The top awards that will be presented at ITE Graduation 2016 are:

1) Lee Kuan Yew (LKY) Gold Medal

Donated in 1999 by the then Senior Minister, Mr Lee Kuan Yew, from the sale of his memoirs, the **Lee Kuan Yew (LKY) Gold Medal** is awarded to the top ITE graduate of each ITE College, who has excelled in his or her course of study and co-curricular activities, and has made contributions to the community or in enriching College life. He/she will receive the **LKY Gold Medal and \$600 cash**.

2) Tay Eng Soon (TES) Gold Medal

The **Tay Eng Soon (TES) Gold Medal** was introduced in 1994, following the establishment of the TES Scholarship Fund to promote technical and polytechnic education. The Fund was established in 1993 through donations from companies, individuals and staff of ITE and the polytechnics in memory of the late Dr Tay Eng Soon, former Chairman of ITE, and Minister in-charge of polytechnic and technical education (1988 – 1993). An outstanding ITE graduate, from each ITE College, who has achieved excellent course performance, participated actively in co-curricular activities and contributed to the well-being and development of his or her college, will receive the **TES Gold Medal and \$600 cash** funded by the TES Scholarship Fund.

3) Sng Yew Chong (SYC) Gold Medal

The **Sng Yew Chong (SYC) Gold Medal** is donated through the SYC Memorial Fund, established to commemorate the late Mr Sng Yew Chong (former Director of Technical Education and first Director of the former Industrial Training Board). An outstanding ITE graduate, from each ITE College, who has achieved outstanding course performance and participated actively in co-curricular activities, will receive the **SYC Gold Medal and \$600 cash**.

4) e2i Gold Medal

The objectives of the e2i Gold Medal are to promote lifelong learning among adult learners to increase their employability, and to motivate and give recognition to

Continuing Education & Training (CET) graduates for their upgrading efforts and achievements. The e2i Gold Medal is sponsored by the Employment and Employability Institute.

5) IES Engineering Award

Introduced in 2013, the **IES Engineering Award** is awarded to a top graduate for outstanding performance in an Engineering course and contributions in Engineering-related projects and activities. The IES Engineering Award is sponsored by the Institution of Engineers, Singapore. The top Engineering graduate will receive a **Plaque and \$600 cash**.

Other Awards

The ITE **Course Medals** are awarded to the top Certificate of Merit graduate in each course. Recipients will receive the **Gold, Silver or Bronze Course Medal and a cash quantum of \$300, \$200 and \$100** respectively. Course Medals awards are donated by relevant trade/professional associations and companies.

ITE GRADUATION 2016

**Fri 22 Jul 2016 3:00pm
Auditorium, Tay Eng Soon Convention Centre
Institute of Technical Education
2 Ang Mo Kio Drive**

Programme

1440 hrs	Guests to be seated
1455 hrs	Arrival of Guest-of-Honour
1500 hrs	National Anthem
	Video Presentation – Class of 2016
	Address by Mr Bruce Poh Director & CEO Institute of Technical Education
	Address by Guest-of-Honour
	ITE Song – <i>The Heart and Soul of ITE</i>
	Presentation of Diplomas and Certificates of Merit by Principals of ITE Colleges
	Presentation of Course Medals by Mr Bruce Poh
	Presentation of Top Awards to Outstanding Graduates by Guest-of-Honour
	Valedictory Speech
	Student Performance
	Song Tribute for the Class of 2016
1730 hrs	Reception

Location Map of Institute of Technical Education
2 Ang Mo Kio Drive, Singapore 567720

