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OUR ALUMNUS WINS THE IT LEADER AWARDS' YOUTH AWARD AGAIN!



Darran (standing, third from left) together with Mr Lee Tuck Seng, Dy Principal/Engineering (seated, right), and Dr Lim Choo Min, Director/ECE (seated, centre) and ECE staff who attended the award ceremony.

For the second year running, a Ngee Ann graduate has won one of the two Youth Awards at the IT Leader Awards organized by the Singapore Computer Society (SCS).

Darran Nathan, our 2000 ECE graduate, received his award at a ceremony on 30 March 2002.

The Youth Award aims to acknowledge our local youths aged 25 years and below for their outstanding IT contributions and/or achievements in developing innovative products with potential or real commercial value. The SCS, established since 1967, is the professional body for IT practitioners and IT users in Singapore.



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NGEE ANN'S SCHOLARS SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCE WITH FELLOW GRADUATES

For the first time, the Ngee Ann Alumni and the Alumni Relations Unit jointly organized a sharing session on applying for undergraduate scholarships. Two of our recent scholars, Lim Fang Shen and Teh Meng Chee, shared their scholarship application experiences.

Mr Lim Kian Seng, President of the Ngee Ann Alumni, gave the audience an update of the Alumni Clubhouse, and the Alumni membership schemes in his welcoming address. He also presented tokens of appreciation to the two speakers.

Fang Shen, the 2000 Lee Kuan Yew Award recipient and ME Gold Medallist, had won an EDB Scholarship to pursue a Mechanical Engineering Degree overseas.

Meng Chee graduated from ME in 1997 with a Silver Medal and had won the EDB-PLE (Economic Development Board - Promising Local Enterprise) Scholarship to pursue his Bachelor's degree at Stanford University. He has now received a full scholarship from his employer to pursue his Master's degree at Harvard University this year.

From how to obtain an application form to providing information on the type of essay questions to expect, and the kinds of financial aid available from universities in the United States, Fang Shen and Meng Chee provided a wealth of information for all who attended the session.

Such prestigious scholarships - once elusive and just a dream to polytechnic graduates - have in recent years seen quite a number of polytechnic graduates applying for and actually getting them.



Meng Chee briefed the audience on the US university experience.



Fang Shen answering questions from graduates during the reception after the Sharing Session.

And Ngee Ann certainly has quite a fair share of such scholars. Some of them are:

- **Mandy Khoo**, 2000 BS Gold Medallist who received both the 2001 Lee Kuan Yew-STEP Award and the SGX Scholarship to pursue her degree at the Singapore Management University;
- **Tay Chiew Teck**, 1996 BIO Gold Medallist, who completed his degree at Cornell University, USA, with an EDB-PLE Scholarship;
- **CPT Chew Chun Chau & CPT Chew Chun Liang**, 1996 ECE graduates, who completed their degrees at Imperial College, UK, with overseas Scholarships from the SAF (Navy);
- **Toh Poh Joo**, 1995 Ngee Ann Kongsi Gold Medallist and Lee Kuan Yew Award winner from ME, who received the EDB-PLE Scholarship for his studies at Imperial College, UK, too;
- **Leow Ching Yun**, 1997 Tay Eng Soon Gold medallist and BSE Silver Medallist, who received a scholarship from the Institute of Technical Education for his studies at Loughborough University, UK;
- **Lim Nian Hua**, 1994 Ngee Ann Kongsi and ME Gold Medallist, who received a Singapore Technologies Scholarship for his studies at UMIST, UK;
- **Melissa Ong Mae**, 2001 BS Gold Medallist, and Ong Kian Wee, 2001 BS Diploma with Merit winner, who received scholarships from Cycle & Carriage and Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce, respectively, for their studies at the Singapore Management University.

CAMPUS SNAPSHOTS

CAMPUS VISIT BY MINISTER

Diploma holders need to constantly upgrade themselves to stay relevant and employable, said Minister of State (Manpower and Education) Dr Ng Eng Hen, on his first visit to Ngee Ann Polytechnic earlier this year.

When asked during an interview with the campus newspaper The Ngee Ann Tribune, how diploma holders can stay relevant during an economic recession, Dr Ng said, "The diploma sector has held up the best. It's the post-secondary and the diploma sector that has held well, that has kept unemployment down to three to four percent...which means that the industry sees the diploma-holder as someone with value even in times of recession".

Dr Ng's visit to Ngee Ann - the second in a series to polytechnics and the Institute of Education headquarters - was a "familiarization visit" to give him an "overview of the polytechnic education", said Mr Tan Hang Cheong, Deputy Principal, Academic Planning whose office coordinated the visit.

NGEE ANN OPEN HOUSE - THE PLACE TO BE

The Polytechnic's Open House, held from 7 to 9 February, saw the school adding a touch of fun to the annual event.

The Atrium was divided into five e-zones; e-ntertainment, e-ngeeneering, e-xposure, e-nterprising and e-learning. Aside from viewing the students' projects on display, visitors also played games like brainteasers and Intelligence Quotient (IQ) quizzes at the e-ntertainment zone.

Outside the Octagon, the Co-Curricular Activity (CCA) fiesta bustled with magic and cheerleading performances. The Ngee Ann Alumni (NAA) too was on hand to present to both current and prospective students that their life at Ngee Ann does not end after getting their diplomas. They could always sign up with the NAA and enjoy many member privileges.

Several graduates also turned up to help counsel prospective students on their choice of courses. Mr Teh Meng Chee (1997/ME), said NP had definitely changed his academic and career path 180 degrees, and that he was more than happy he could share his NP experience with the visitors at the Open House.



The CCA Fiesta tent was a crowd-puller during the Ngee Ann Open House in February.



This installment of Campus Snapshots was adapted from the March 2002 edition of **The Ngee Ann Tribune** - the campus newspaper.

LEAP AHEAD WITH THE SPECIALIST DIPLOMA IN LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT

By Mr Wee Gim Theng/ME Lecturer



Ngee Ann's one-year part-time **SPECIALIST DIPLOMA IN LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT** is now an SMCP-endorsed course. This means that the SMCP (Logistics) funding scheme supports both the course fees and training allowance for the Specialist Diploma.

Ngee Ann graduates who wish to take up the challenge and switch to be part of the growing logistics sector can take advantage of the incentives which SCMP has to offer. Mr G T Wee, ME Lecturer, explains more in this special feature.

The Strategic Manpower Conversion Programme (SMCP) (Logistics), is aimed at re-skilling professionals to enable them to make a career switch and take on jobs in the logistics sector. The launch and implementation of SMCP (Logistics) takes place in April 2002.

The SCMP (Logistics) is one of the projects undertaken by LEAP 2001, which is the Logistics Enhancement and Application Programme launched in 1997 by the Trade and Development Board (now known as International Enterprise Singapore, or IE Singapore, for short). LEAP provides a platform for 13 other government agencies and major industry players to address issues specific to the logistics industry. LEAP also carries out many logistics-related projects annually.

The fiercely competitive global market place has become even more demanding since the

recent international economic downturn, and a number of manufacturing companies have moved out of Singapore to countries like China. To succeed in the 21st Century, Singapore businesses will have to re-examine their strategies and change some basic assumptions.

The Singapore Government formed the Economic Review Committee (ERC) to chart new directions and to remake the Singapore economy. For Singapore to remain competitive and enjoy good growth in the next 5 to 10 years and beyond, the ERC is reviewing the fundamentals of Singapore's development strategy and formulating a blueprint to restructure the economy.

Economic Development Board's (EDB) vision includes developing Singapore into a leading integrated logistics hub in Asia in the year 2010. This vision is of strategic importance to Singapore as it is being repositioned as an entrepreneurial knowledge-economy.

Through this vision, EDB seeks to promote and develop a full range of logistics capabilities to support manufacturing and business services, through third-party logistics providers, chemicals logistics companies, and electronic distributors.

The logistics sector is vital to Singapore's economy as it accounts for about 11% of Singapore's GDP. The logistics services not only serves the trading and the manufacturing sectors, it also provides jobs for more than 70,000 employees in Singapore.

Logistics services will continue to play a very prominent role in our economy as more companies out-source their distribution and supply chain management to third party logistics providers. Today, manufacturers and businesses

are looking to third party logistics providers for supply chain management, time-critical deliveries and innovative fulfillment solutions.

The logistics business has gained greater significance in the new millennium, and radical change with regards to the perception of logistics has taken place. Logistics is now viewed as a comprehensive and professional service sector, comparable to accountancy and other professional services.

Singapore must continuously upgrade the logistics infrastructure and services to remain relevant in the new economy in view of the intense globalisation and rapid technological advances. In order to stay ahead of emerging trends and competitions, logistics companies must develop new business processes, and upgrade their IT and manpower capabilities.

The development of manpower capabilities is key to the future growth potential of the logistics businesses in Singapore. Singapore must therefore continue to strengthen and expand its pool of professional logistics workforce to meet the challenges ahead by providing training and re-training to our workforce.

Please contact Ngee Ann's Centre for Professional Development at 6460-8319 or 6460-6353 for more details. You may also find out more about the Specialist Diploma in Logistics Management from the Alumni Portal www.ngeeann.com by clicking on the Continuing Education link.

For more information on developments in the logistics industry, visit www.singaporelogistics.com

VERTICAL LIMIT

AFTER CONQUERING MOUNT EVEREST, THERE WAS NO STOPPING EDWIN SIEW. HYPE MAGAZINE'S EIKTHA MURLI KHEMLANI CAUGHT UP WITH THE DAUNTLESS MOUNTAINEER JUST BEFORE HE LEFT TO CONFRONT THE DEATH ZONE.

NP graduate Edwin Siew Cheok Wai, is on his way to conquer yet another of the world's highest peaks. On 17 March, this 31-year-old left for a mountaineering expedition to Mount Xixabangma, the highest mountain in Tibet. At 8027m, it is also the 14th highest peak in the world. This will be Edwin's most perilous trip so far as he and his team members will be climbing the mountain using the "Alpine Ascent" method, which requires the mountaineers to ascend the peak without pre-built camps, extra oxygen or cooking equipment. If they succeed in reaching the summit, they will be the first team in Southeast Asia to successfully climb a mountain above 8000m in this style.

Besides battling the elements of nature and terrain barriers, they will also be staring death in its face. Edwin and his team are climbing the last leg of the mountain, also known as the "Death Zone", without oxygen – another first for Southeast Asia. With a death rate of one out of every eight climbers on Xixabangma, Edwin's fears are of the unknown and of dying. "How do I know I'm not going to be the next to die on the mountain? You never know what's going to happen up there."

He believes that good preparation is the key to overcoming his fears. "Preparation comes in two stages. Firstly, you have to prepare things that are within your control, like equipment. Next is preparing yourself for the things that are not in your control, such as weather or climbing conditions. For that, we've been trained to be focused on what we're doing and not panic when we face the danger up there." To practice for the climb, Edwin went trekking in Nepal and New Zealand. Back in Singapore, he climbed Bukit Timah Hill regularly and did some power training and strength building exercises.

Facing his fears and limitations helped Edwin discover his strengths and weaknesses and adapt to them. He described his unsuccessful attempt to climb Cho Oyu in 1997 where the expedition team was already on the last leg of the trek. A strong wind wrecked the tent poles and blew their tents away. "Most of us had frostbite so we had to go back down the mountain again and take two doses of morphine. We didn't go up the mountain after that. We just went all the way back down and didn't force ourselves to go up again because we knew we couldn't do it."

But the endurance, courage and determination he gained from these experiences spurred him on to overcome greater difficulties. It was on the second attempt when he became one of the first from Singapore to successfully plant the flag on the peak of the "Goddess Mother of the World" – Mount Everest. Achieving the greatest height of his life was "exhilarating". A peacefulness and sense of freedom overwhelmed Edwin – "I felt that after fighting so long...nothing could defeat me now."

With the indomitable spirit that he possesses, it's no wonder that the sky's the limit for Edwin. "There isn't a mountain too high if you're determined to climb it."

Reflecting on how his mountaineering experiences could relate to everyday life, the NP alumnus revealed that he wasn't the best student in school and had to study for a particular subject he disliked. "All I did was memorise without understanding it, which was why I didn't do well in it. This can be applied to mountaineering. There are various techniques that you have to understand to overcome obstacles when you climb a mountain. You



Edwin Siew at Base Camp during his climb up Mount Everest in 1998. "There isn't a mountain too high if you're determined to climb it."

can't just memorise it without understanding what it is about and knowing how to use it. There are no fixed solutions."

Difficulties and sometimes seemingly insurmountable odds will often stand in the way of our goals. Edwin believes that to conquer our fears, we must take the first step and proceed from there.

"Fear of the unknown is in everybody," he says.

Depending on how you see it, that fear can be your closest friend or your greatest enemy.



THE MAN BEHIND THE OXYGEN MASK

- Currently works as an Outward Bound School Instructor
- Married to an air-stewardess wife
- Nicknamed "Ultraman" because of his strength in carrying heavy loads.
- Graduated from NP in 1992 with a Diploma in Building Services Engineering
- Was President of NP's Dragon Boat Club for two years
- Likes drawing and collecting Japanese toy figurines, including Ultraman.
- Listens to modern Jazz.

Conquering Mountains

Edwin's attempts in scaling some of the world's highest peaks

2002	MOUNT XIXABANGMA	8027m
2000	MOUNT VINSON MASSIF	4897m
1998	MOUNT EVEREST	8848m
1997	MOUNT CHO OYU	8201m

This article was adapted from the April 2002 edition of **HYPE magazine** – a bi-monthly publication by final year Print Journalism students in the Mass Communication diploma programme.

WORDS OF WISDOM...

As our graduates leave the polytechnic and progress with their careers and lives, they garner much experience and wisdom that could be very valuable lessons to the younger cohorts of Ngee Ann graduates.

Ngee Ann has thus established a policy of inviting our graduate achievers back to the Polytechnic to speak to Ngee Ann students about their experience in the corporate world as well as reminisce about their times when studying at Ngee Ann. In the last issue, we featured two Ngee Ann graduates who spoke at the 2001 Graduation Ceremony. In this issue, we reproduce edited excerpts from a speech made by two graduates who were invited as Guest Graduate Speakers at a ceremony last year to celebrate our students who received the Outstanding Academic Award for topping their classes at Levels 1 and 2 in the semestral examinations.

CHEW CHUN CHAU AND CHEW CHUN LIANG – ELECTRONIC AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING, CLASS OF 1996, OFFICERS WITH THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE NAVY

Editor's Note: Chun Chau and Chun Liang are twins who both graduated with Diplomas with Merit in 1996. They both signed on with the Navy and are probably the first pair of polytechnic graduates to receive prestigious overseas scholarships from the Navy. Both of them read their degrees at the Imperial College, UK. Chun Chau received the SAF (Navy) Overseas Merit Scholarship and graduated with MEng (1st Class honours) in 2000, while Chun Liang received the SAF (Navy) Academic Training (Overseas) Award and graduated with BEng (1st Class Honours) in 1999. Chun Chau also received the Most Outstanding Student Award presented by the Imperial College Alumni. This award recognises students who excel both in their studies and non-academic activities. He is the only polytechnic graduate to have received this award.

Let (us) talk about our pre-NP days. We didn't do well for our PSLE. Despite being hardworking, we still didn't do well in secondary school and failing 4 to 5 subjects was common. I can still remember very clearly that I was the second last in the whole cohort, while my brother did better than I. Guess what...he was third from last.



An inspiration to each other, both graduated with Diplomas with Merit. They are also the first two polytechnic graduates to receive overseas scholarships from the Republic of Singapore Navy.

Despite our poor academic results, our parents still encouraged us to join CCAs. This was because they believed that things like leadership qualities, teamwork, organizational skills, creativity and interpersonal relationships cannot be learned from books. Books may be an invaluable source of knowledge, but they lack the human touch, which is invaluable towards developing social skills.

NP was definitely the right choice to be in. The helpful and patient lecturers motivated us and before long, we began to fall in love with our course. On top of that, the conducive and pleasant environment also attracted us; to the extent that we even spent some of our weekends in NP playing sports and studying as well.

We participated actively in CCAs too. It was definitely not easy to juggle between CCAs and studies. Through careful time management, both of us graduated with both a Certificate of Merit in ECE and an Outstanding ECA award. The three years in NP had moulded us to become an all-rounded and complete person.

Being able to study overseas and in a prestigious world-class university at that was a dream come true for us. Although the schoolwork was extremely tough, we didn't forget to serve our Singapore community in the university. We were elected as the committee members of the IC SingSoc. We organised orientation programmes for the freshers and helped them adapt to university life while away from home, as well as outings and gatherings for our members. We also organised many successful charity events for the children's homes, in UK and Singapore. Acting as ambassadors, we participated in many cultural activities such as International Nite, as well as the Variety Show, a performance staging the history of Singapore. It is through these activities that we built a very strong bonding and cohesiveness among the Singaporeans. The sense of happiness on seeing members interacting, enjoying the activities, turning strangers into friends and even couples, was indescribable.



Chun Chau and Chun Liang are identical twins who have done equally well academically at the Polytechnic and in life.

Despite all the hard work, we never forgot to enjoy ourselves. We took time off during our holidays to travel and backpacked to almost all the European countries. These trips exposed us to different cultures, histories and ways of living, which broadened our horizons and enabled us to view things from a different perspective. Skiing and snowboarding on the French Alps, celebrating the New Year at the Eiffel Tower, climbing up the Leaning Tower of Pisa, trekking the mountains of Norway and even sleeping at train stations were some of the wonderful experiences we will never forget.

You must be wondering why we have so much time to do so many things. The secret formula is proper time management. You will be equally busy no matter how much work you have because "Procrastination" is always at work. Everyone has 24 hours a day, but it is what you make of it, which really matters. Don't let yourself be lured into complacency, into thinking that you do not have enough time. It's a matter of priority and management.

Our future took a turning point during our stay in NP. The all-rounded education system had definitely prepared us well. We would like to take this opportunity to thank NP and her staff.

Ngee Ann Alumni

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The student gym has been expanded from the one non-air-conditioned free-weights room to include another two air-conditioned rooms adjacent to the existing one.

NAA MEMBERS PRIVILEGES - IMPROVED GYM FACILITIES

NAA MEMBERS WHO ARE ALSO SPORTS COMPLEX MEMBERS, WILL SOON BE ABLE TO TONE UP AT AN EXPANDED SCHOOL GYM AT BLK 15, IN AIR CONDITIONED COMFORT.

To meet the increased demand from both students and the Alumni, the free weights gym (also more commonly known as the student's gym), currently at squash court three, will be air-conditioned and expanded to squash court two.

Said manager of the Student Development Centre, Mr Siow Chow Sid, "The gym is getting crowded...we cannot escape the fact that most will be using the gym between 4 and 8pm. So in a way, we are converting space from a sport which is less in demand for another sport which is now very popular with the students."

Air-conditioning has also been installed in order to provide a more comfortable workout experience. Additional weights and gym equipment will be brought in depending on available funds and space.

Have you renewed your sports complex membership?

Calling all existing NAA members who have registered as Sports Complex Members!

The Alumni Relations Unit is embarking on a membership renewal exercise for existing members, and has sent out renewal reminders to all existing members. If you wish to renew your membership, please fill out the renewal form that you received, and return that form together with a cheque payment for your membership subscription and two IC-sized photographs for your new membership card.

If you have not received your renewal letter and form, please call the Alumni Relations Unit at 6460-8449 to get your copy.

If you're not a Sports Complex Member, but would like to become one, please call 6460-8449 or visit the Alumni Portal, www.ngeeann.com, to request for an application form. But before you do so, please remember that you would have to already be an NAA member before you can join the membership for the Sports Complex.

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Darran (second from right), together with other award winners and Guest of Honour, Minister for Information, Communications and the Arts and Senior Minister of State for Defence, Mr David Lim, (fourth from left) at the ceremony.

Describing Darran's achievement, SCS says in his citation: "Darran has garnered three most prestigious accolades during his academic pursuit at Ngee Ann Polytechnic – the Lee Kuan Yew Award, the Ngee Ann Kongsi Award, and the Creative Technology Gold Medal. He was a lead architect and developer for the project "Development of an Intelligent PC-based DAB Receiver", which incorporated several world-first features and has been exhibited at BroadcastAsia and CeBIT in 2001. This achievement has planted a flag for Ngee Ann Polytechnic as a leader in digital broadcast. Its industry partner has also received an initial order of 10,000 sets from a UK-based consumer electronics company."

Last year, Leo Chen Hong, the 1999 Lee Kuan Yew Award winner and CS Gold Medallist, won the same award. Chen Hong's list of achievements then included clinching top prize in the Engineering & Technology category of the NP Innovation Competition, winning a gold medal at the 3rd National Skills Competition and being the first Singapore student to win a gold medal in the IT category at the 35th biennial World Skills Competition in Montreal, Canada, in November 1999.

Chen Hong is now pursuing an undergraduate degree in Computer Science at the University of Michigan, USA, on a Defence Science Technology Agency overseas scholarship.

Like Chen Hong, Darran also aspires to advance himself and pursue a degree course at MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), USA, after completing his National Service.

▶ 1977 ME graduate, **Ang Hwee Meng Ralph**, has graduated from the University of Hull, United Kingdom, with an MBA.

▶ Two 1999 EE graduates have graduated with Honours from the University of New South Wales (UNSW), Australia. **Yong Jiun Hoe** graduated with 2nd Class Upper Honours, while **Chan Shu Hua** graduated with 2nd Class Lower Honours. Both had received the Golden Jubilee Awards in 1999 to pursue their degrees at UNSW.



Shu Hua and his parents with Mrs Rosalyn Tay (second from right) at his Ngee Ann graduation in 1999.

At Ngee Ann, Jiun Hoe received the Thomson Multimedia Silver Medal, the Diploma with Merit, The Institute of Electrical Engineers Singapore Section Prize, the Outstanding ECA Award and the Gold Certificate of Achievement in ECA, at his graduation. Shu Hua received the Thomson multimedia Gold Medal, the IES Award, the Diploma with Merit, the Fuji/GE Prize, the Singapore National Committee World Energy Council Prize, the TECH Semiconductor Singapore Prize, and the Gold Certificate of Achievement in ECA.

▶ 1996 ECE graduate, **Siaw Woon Chong**, is currently at Imperial College, United Kingdom, pursuing a Masters of Science course in Communications and Signal Processing.

▶ 1995 ME graduate, **Chin Cheng Siong**, has graduated from the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology (UMIST), United Kingdom, with an MSc with Distinction in Advanced Control and System Engineering in September last year. He was also awarded the Rosenbrock Medal for being the best graduate of the MSc course.

Cheng Siong had graduated from NTU with 2nd Upper Class Honours in Sept 2000. In Ngee Ann, Cheng Siong graduated with a Diploma with Merit.

▶ The following Ngee Ann graduates had received their Honours BEng degrees in the Electrical & Electronic Engineering course at the Nanyang Technological University, Singapore:

NAME	CLASS ATTAINED	DEPT/YEAR GRAD FROM NP	AWARDS GAINED FROM NP
Ang Boon Keong	1st Class	ECE/1996	Diploma with Merit
Boey Chee Kin	1st Class	ECE/1996	Diploma with Merit
Cham Kok Kiang	1st Class	ECE/1996	-
Gee Chin Lin	1st Class	ECE/1997	Creative Technology Silver Medal, The Institution of Engineers, Singapore Award, Diploma with Merit, Motorola Prize and Sun Microsystems Prize
Lee Cheng Nam	1st Class	ECE/1996	Diploma with Merit, The Institution of Engineers, Singapore Prize and Motorola Prize
Lee Hong Aik	1st Class	ECE/1996	Diploma with Merit
Lee Keng Hock	1st Class	ECE/1996	Diploma with Merit
Lim Eng Chuan	1st Class	ECE/1996	Diploma with Merit
Lim Sing Tat	1st Class	ECE/1996	Diploma with Merit
Oh Chye Yong	1st Class	ECE/1996	Creative Technology Gold Medal and Diploma with Merit
Png Eng Huat	1st Class	ECE/1992	Diploma with Merit
Andrew See Teck Meng	1st Class	ECE/1996	Diploma with Merit
Toh Yee Wee	1st Class	ECE/1997	Diploma with Merit
Yong Teck Seng	1st Class	ECE/1992	Diploma with Merit
Cheah Weng Kwong	2nd Upper	ECE/1996	-
Choah Khai Hu	2nd Upper	ECE/1990	-
Hong Ben Soo	2nd Upper	ECE/1997	Diploma with Merit, and ECE Academic Staff Prize
Kee Bak Heng	2nd Upper	ECE/1997	Diploma with Merit, ECE Academic Staff Prize and OMRON Prize
Koh Moh Khoon	2nd Upper	ECE/1990	-
Lee Leong Kheng	2nd Upper	ECE/1996	-
Lim Han Ping	2nd Upper	ECE/1996	-
Lim Poh Seng	2nd Upper	ECE/1997	Diploma with Merit
Lim Teck Leng Raymond	2nd Upper	ECE/1993	Diploma with Merit
Ng Chin Ngee	2nd Upper	ECE/1996	-
Ong Beng Hwee	2nd Upper	ECE/1996	Diploma with Merit
Ong Chee Ying	2nd Upper	ECE/1996	Diploma with Merit
Ong Lay Kian	2nd Upper	ECE/1991	-
See Seng Chee	2nd Upper	ECE/1997	Diploma with Merit, and The Institution of Engineers, Singapore Prize
Tan Huu Cherng	2nd Upper	ECE/1995	-
Tan Lee Meng Mark	2nd Upper	AMMM/1998	Diploma with Merit
Tan Peter	2nd Upper	ECE/1996	-
Tan Seng Boon	2nd Upper	ECE/1997	-
Tan Sze Hong	2nd Upper	ECE/1991	Diploma with Merit
Yip Weng Kin	2nd Upper	DCN/1996	-
Chan Choon Nam	2nd Upper	ECE/1996	Diploma with Merit
Cheong Tuck Fatt, Elton	2nd Lower	ECE/1996	-
Chia Choon Seng	2nd Lower	ECE/1996	-
Chia Siak Kwee	2nd Lower	ECE/1990	-
Chia Young Hian	2nd Lower	ECE/1987	-
Chin Tze Pin	2nd Lower	ECE/1991	-
Chong Shao Kang	2nd Lower	ECE/1997	Diploma with Merit
Goh Chye Ghee	2nd Lower	ECE/1990	-
Goh Leag Hua	2nd Lower	ECE/1992	Diploma with Merit
Khee Chye Boon	2nd Lower	ECE/1995	Diploma with Merit
Koh Chwee Lee	2nd Lower	ECE/1991	Diploma with Merit
Kwok Ching Yun, Danny	2nd Lower	ECE/1996	-
Lee Chin Heng	2nd Lower	ECE/1996	-
Lee Kwei Mean	2nd Lower	ECE/1998	ECE Academic Staff Prize
Lim Cher Hwee	2nd Lower	ECE/1996	-
Lim Poh Keng	2nd Lower	ECE/1994	-
Low Chuan Kiat	2nd Lower	ECE/1996	-
Neo Lay Ling	2nd Lower	ECE/1996	-
Sunny Ng Chan Fei	2nd Lower	ECE/1993	-
Ng Seow Sheng	2nd Lower	ECE/1996	Diploma with Merit
Ng Shoo Ming	2nd Lower	ECE/1995	Diploma with Merit
Ng Soo Hua	2nd Lower	ECE/1997	Diploma with Merit
Png Lay Koon	2nd Lower	ECE/1997	-
Tan Kim Wee	2nd Lower	ECE/1997	-
Tan Wei Kheng, Thomas	2nd Lower	ECE/1996	-
Ting Chee Kian	2nd Lower	ECE/1989	-
Wong Tze Chean	2nd Lower	ECE/1994	-
Yew Yuen Leong	2nd Lower	ECE/1996	-
Ko Tee Eng	3rd Class	ECE/1997	Diploma with Merit
Lu Bee Seng	3rd Class	ECE/1982	-
Peh Kheng Lam	3rd Class	ECE/1990	Diploma with Merit
Shy Wee Min	3rd Class	ECE/1989	-
Soh Wee Loon	3rd Class	ECE/1995	-
Wang Eng Hwee	3rd Class	ECE/1995	-
Yeo Suan Hoe	3rd Class	ECE/1989	-
Goh Siew Choo	3rd Class	ECE/1992	-
Ng Kian Wah	Pass with Merit	ECE/1991	-
Tan Kim Chye	Pass with Merit	ECE/1990	-
		ECE/1996	-

Our Graduates

THE ESSENCE OF THE Ngee ANN SPIRIT

THE **NGEE ANN SPIRIT** HAS FOR SOME TIME NOW BEEN CAPTURED ON FILM AND DISPLAYED ON POSTERS. THE **POLYTECHNIC** HAS A TRADITION THAT IS NEARLY **40 YEARS** OLD AND HAS PRODUCED MORE THAN **75,000 GRADUATES** WHO HAVE OVER THE YEARS, FOUND THEIR **CAREER PATHS** AND NICHES IN SOCIETY.

Our graduates are most ready to bear testimony to the success of their Ngee Ann education and the polytechnic spirit that have embodied them to enjoy a fulfilling life in the Poly and to succeed in their chosen career paths. Success as defined by Ngee Ann, is not confined to the academic or professional arena, but also personal achievements and sporting achievements, as in the feature of national athletes and graduates who have overcome their handicaps or successfully made landmark achievements.

The idea of putting successful graduates, students and staff on posters was first mooted by the then Principal Mr Khoo Chin Hean in 1996. The posters were to capture the lessons the personalities learnt and applied in their lives since graduation. Hence the Corporate Communications Office conceptualized the Ngee Ann Spirit posters, featuring these Ngee Ann achievers with their words of wisdom and personal anecdotes. The series is into its sixth year now as the Corporate Communications Office unveiled its latest series of ten posters in January.

In this first and future installments of the Ngee Ann Spirit, we will showcase some of the graduates who have been featured on the posters and share with you their life's insights, starting with the Ngee Ann Alumni President, Mr Lim Kian Seng, who was featured in the first series itself, and Ms Lilian Koh Nee Noi, President & CEO of One Knowledge Pte Ltd, who was featured in the latest series.

Lim Kian Seng

(Mechanical Engineering, Class of 1978)
Managing Director, Kaufer Access Systems Pte Ltd

"I always take any task given to me as a challenge. In doing so, you learn to always give your best and be self-motivated. So if there is something you don't understand, find out more and also how to go about it. You'll definitely learn from the process! Ultimately, it is your attitude towards learning that plays the most important part in the learning process."



Lilian Koh Nee Noi

(Computer Studies, Class of 1985)
President & CEO, One Knowledge Pte Ltd

Lilian displays an innate ability to spot IT trends and capitalize on opportunities. The netpreneur founded Vshaper.com in 1994, providing business-to-business electronic commerce software solutions, and Internet commerce community management services in Singapore and the region.

Foreseeing the growing importance of knowledge management in the competitive global market, she started One Knowledge Pte Ltd in 2000 to develop knowledge management solutions for business transformation.

In March, Lilian received the Merit Award at the inaugural Netpreneur of the Year Award 2001, which acknowledges her strong leadership in contributing to the growth of Internet-related business in the new economy.

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