

**Connecting Minds + Unlocking Talents + Creating Value**





# To Have A Winning Attitude

I know not what lies ahead of me – but I welcome it with open arms.  
For success is not just in winning, but in enjoying and learning on the  
journey itself.

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Ngee Ann Polytechnic is one of Singapore's leading institutions of higher learning.

Ngee Ann offers 34 full-time diploma courses and a wide range of part-time courses through its eight academic schools. The Polytechnic offers students a balanced and broad-based education through the enhanced Ngee Ann Learning Model (eNLM).

It maintains close industry links and devotes resources to promote entrepreneurship.

To enrich every student's learning experience, Ngee Ann offers a wide variety of activities through its 107 student clubs and societies.

# council chairman's message



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tan Hup Foi'.

Tan Hup Foi  
Chairman  
Ngee Ann Polytechnic Council

The changes in polytechnic education that have taken place in recent years have been breathtaking. What we know of teaching and learning has taken on new meanings, their boundaries redefined, bringing with them new expectations and new challenges.

How do we continue to play a pivotal role in providing a first-rate practice-based education? The answer, I believe, is by keeping faith in our core mission and the people that we serve – students.

We must continue to innovate so that we can nurture a breed of Ngee Ann students with a distinctive identity. What is the outcome of a Ngee Ann brand of education? To us, it is about producing a student who is global-smart, confident in negotiating the new world order, who has the passion for learning, and for life; and who has the ultimate *winning attitude* that inspires.

The value of a Ngee Ann diploma is thus judged by how well our graduates continue to perform in their pursuits, be it in further studies or in their workplace. Penny Tan, our 2005 top graduate, for instance, made education history by earning a place in the University of Leicester to read medicine on the strength of her Diploma in Biomedical Science, without getting a degree first. Penny joins a league of Ngee Ann students who have made it to the top overseas universities around the world. Locally, the number of Ngee Ann graduates entering Nanyang Technological University (NTU), for example, has increased by 40 per cent in the past four years. Last year, our graduates won 11 scholarships awarded by NTU to the top one percent of its undergraduates.

Similarly, the 2005 Graduate Employment Survey, which showed that more than 90 per cent of our graduates found employment within six months of graduation and enjoyed improved salaries, is a strong endorsement of a Ngee Ann education.

What we have achieved is not by chance. It takes boldness in pushing the boundaries to develop new niches and new strengths, break new ground to expose our students to new ways of learning in order to enhance their capabilities, and increase their learning opportunities.

Guided by the principles above, I am pleased to note that we have had an exciting year marked by several significant milestones. The first is the collaboration between Ngee Ann and public-listed company AEM-Evertch Holdings Ltd, to set up the first Centre of Innovation (COI) on precision engineering. It helps to boost research and innovation efforts of homegrown enterprises. More importantly, it enables staff and students to engage in high-tech applied research, while networking with industry specialists. The second is the set-up of our Overseas Education Centre (OEC) in Shenyang, becoming the first Polytechnic from Singapore to do so in China. We expect to launch the Diploma in Logistics Management before end 2007. Critically, the OEC offers a structured and sustainable approach for staff and student immersion in China.

Ngee Ann has also started working actively to link up with specialised foreign universities to offer degree courses in niche areas of an applied and practice-oriented nature. This development is a wonderful opportunity for Ngee Ann graduates to move up the value chain, and will no doubt elevate the Polytechnic's position in tertiary education.

The many initiatives undertaken by the Polytechnic can only mean better recognition and more opportunities for our students. I would therefore like to thank the great team that has made all these possible – my fellow Council Members, Advisory Committees, management and staff for their single-mindedness in keeping to Ngee Ann's mission of providing every student a total learning experience.

I am proud to have been given the opportunity to steer the polytechnic. It is certainly exciting to work alongside such a committed team of staff and students. It is this rich and stimulating interaction at the ground level that will define how successful Ngee Ann is in motivating and nurturing our students – the key focus of all our activities in the Polytechnic.

What does the world require of our students?

As they tackle their studies, manage multiple projects and go on journeys of self-discovery, they are challenged to question what else they need to do in order to become world-class professionals.

Their education and total development must remain the unyielding focus of all our efforts. To this end, I am pleased to report that the year under review saw the polytechnic charting new grounds.

Our new School of Humanities became Ngee Ann's eighth academic school. The first and only school of its kind at the polytechnic level in Singapore, it now offers the Diplomas in Early Childhood Education and Chinese Studies. To tap the 35,000 job opportunities in the upcoming integrated resort industry, we launched the Diploma in Tourism & Resort Management course. The Diploma in Facilities Management for Business course was revamped to provide a sharper focus on the management of resort, hospitality and recreational facilities. We also launched the Diploma in Pharmacy Science course, to nurture pharmacy technologists in biomedical, medical and clinical management.

Key to maintaining the quality of our courses is keeping the institution close to the heartbeat of the industry. Several collaborations were inked – our partners included AEM-Evertch Holdings Ltd, Microsoft, Symbol Technologies, Sun Microsystems, and Millennium & Copthorne (M&C) International. These involved wide-ranging areas, from applied research in precision engineering to the use of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID).

Ngee Ann remains committed to its vision of having an open campus, incubating market ideas and encouraging business enterprises. We set up a campus-wide Entrepreneurs-Connect, a one-stop centre to nurture entrepreneurial spirit amongst our students. Ngee Ann also partnered the Association of Small and Medium Enterprises (ASME), through the Venture Incubator Programme, to fuel our students' spirit of enterprise.

In all areas, our students and graduates continued to shine. One defining moment was when the work of our film students was shown at the 2005 National Day Rally. The *Taugay Not Enough* and *Taugay Never Enough* videos best exemplified our creative spirit. Graduate films were showcased on the international platform, and students garnered awards in other academic, arts and sports arenas, like the Global Entrepolis 2005 Big IdEA Invention Slam and the 23rd South East Asian Games in the Philippines.

Though winning awards is always uplifting, what really sets our students apart is their ability to make real and meaningful contribution to improve the world. Their excellent innovations at the Tan Kah Kee Awards, Assistive Technology Invention, Greenwave Environmental Competition, Mayor's Innobiz Awards, and Regional Samsung DigitAll Hope 2006 Awards testify to this.

The charitable spirit is also very much alive, as students and staff cheerfully did their part for the community not just in Singapore but also Cambodia, Thailand, Indonesia, and the Philippines.

Closer to home, we successfully launched the Ngee Ann Polytechnic Student Aid Fund, to help our needy students. We raised S\$1 million, thanks to the excellent support from our staff, students, alumni and industry partners. In addition, Mr Choo Chiau Beng, our Council Chairman from 1995 to 2004, personally committed \$500,000 to set up the "Choo & Lim Endowment Fund" in memory of his late parents. With a dollar-for-dollar matching by Ngee Ann, this Endowment Fund stands at \$1 million, and will provide bursaries for our students.

We are also on track to provide overseas exposure to every student by 2007. This year, over 3,000 students embarked on work attachments, exchange programmes and community work in places as far as Chicago, Guangzhou, Hanoi, Hong Kong, New York, Shanghai, Shenzhen and Siem Reap.

Beyond ensuring that our students enter the workplace with solid skills and knowledge, we will strive to provide an inspiring environment for them to develop their talents. In this, we will create the space for them to revel in their youthful spirit and aspirations, yet help them achieve larger goals as world citizens. Our students, as always, remain our unyielding focus.

## principal's message

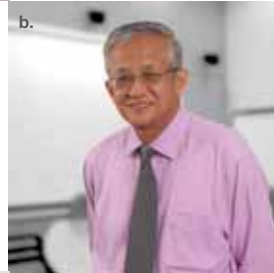


Chia Mia Chiang  
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Ngee Ann Polytechnic

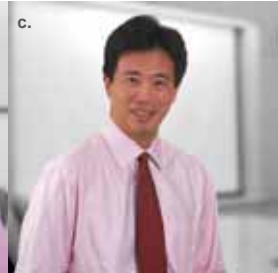
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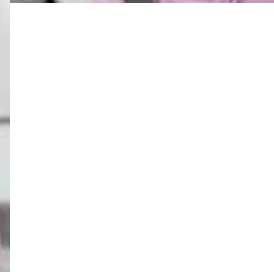
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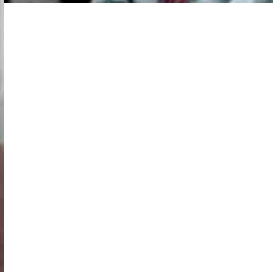
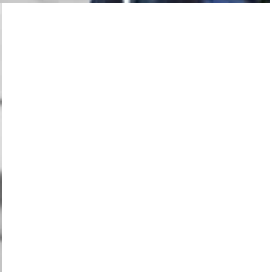
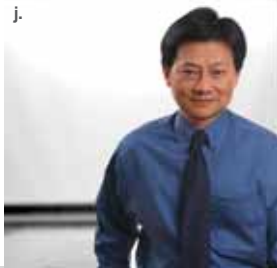
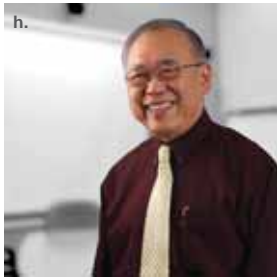
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