

MEDIA RELEASE

Ngee Ann Kongsi donates \$8.71 million to Ngee Ann Polytechnic *New Global Entrepreneurial Internship Programme to tap the fund for student development*

Singapore, 6 September, 2016 – Ngee Ann Polytechnic (NP) received an \$8.71 million cheque from Ngee Ann Kongsi on Tuesday, 6 September 2016. The event was witnessed by Dr Janil Puthuchery, Minister of State, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Communications & Information.

A philanthropic foundation, Ngee Ann Kongsi contributes 25 per cent of its income to NP every year. Half of the donated amount – capped at \$2 million – is channelled into an education fund, which is used to support local and overseas student development programmes, and disburse Student Aid Grants to help needy students defray their educational expenses. The remaining amount donated is placed in an endowment fund. Seventy-five per cent of the endowment fund’s income is used to offset the annual grant given by the Ministry of Education. The balance 25 per cent is then channelled back into the education fund.

Expressing his gratitude, NP Principal Mr Clarence Ti said: “We are grateful for Ngee Ann Kongsi’s continued support and generous donation. Their contributions will go a long way in supporting our aim to develop passionate learners, big-hearted individuals, and global-smart professionals.”

He added: “Besides helping out needy students, the fund will also be used to enhance our programmes to enrich our students’ learning experiences and better prepare them for the future economy.”

Global Entrepreneurial Internship Programme: Inspiring Entrepreneurship

Among the new student development programmes that are funded by Ngee Ann Kongsi is the Global Entrepreneurial Internship Programme (GEIP). The programme provides students with an opportunity to experience the realities of startup life at the world’s leading innovation and enterprise hubs such as Silicon Valley, and allows them to build their networks and practise their domain skills at the same time.

One of the students who will be interning for six months at a Silicon Valley startup as part of the GEIP in September this year is Angeline Tan. The final-year Business Studies student, who also runs a clothing and accessories store at *SCAPE, said: “I am looking forward to my GEIP experience to get new perspectives, valuable startup experience and global connections to take my business to higher levels.”

Social Leadership Challenge: Nurturing Big-heartedness

Besides nurturing entrepreneurship, Ngee Ann Kongsi's contributions are also channelled to programmes to encourage students to make a difference to the community at large. This year, a total of 60 students will get the opportunity to participate in the Social Leadership Challenge (SLC), which aims to encourage students to champion social causes.

Sheryl Ho, a final-year Mass Communication student, was one of the participants of the SLC trip to Taiwan. Recounting her experience, she said: "We visited various voluntary welfare organisations such as the Taiwan Access For All Association, where we experienced what it was like to move around in a wheelchair. It gave me a taste of the daily challenges faced by patients who are physically challenged. I also learnt that social leadership is all about creating an inclusive society, where people with disabilities are recognised and empowered to achieve their full potential."

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About Ngee Ann Polytechnic

Inaugurated in 1963 as Ngee Ann College with only 116 students, Ngee Ann Polytechnic is today one of Singapore's leading institutions of higher learning with more than 16,000 full-time students, about 2,000 part-time students and an alumni community of over 130,000.

The polytechnic offers 49 full-time courses through its nine academic schools - School of Business & Accountancy, School of Design & Environment, School of Engineering, School of Film & Media Studies, School of Health Sciences, School of Humanities & Social Sciences, School of InfoComm Technology, School of Interdisciplinary Studies, and School of Life Sciences & Chemical Technology. Ngee Ann supports Continuing Education and Training (CET) through its CET Academy which offers a wide range of part-time programmes. The Polytechnic has also established two Centres of Innovation - in Environmental & Water Technology and Marine & Offshore Technology - to work on collaborative research and technology projects.

Learning takes place amid a caring and conducive environment with top-notch facilities ranging from broadcast, multimedia and animation studios to research laboratories as well as simulation and technology centres. With our emphasis on a broad-based education, coupled with our signature Service-Learning pedagogy and global exposure, Ngee Ann Polytechnic's vision is to prepare graduates with a passion for learning, values for life and competencies to thrive in a global workplace.

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