



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **NGEE ANN POLY UNVEILS MULTIPLE INTERNSHIP INITIATIVE VIA NP@GLINTS, AN ONLINE PLATFORM JOINTLY DEVELOPED WITH START-UP GLINTS**

**NP students and graduates to gain access to a diverse range of internship and job opportunities, as part of the poly's holistic Education and Career Guidance efforts**

*Singapore, 22 January 2016* –Ngee Ann Polytechnic (NP) students can now go on their second, third or even fourth internship, thanks to a new initiative that enables them to take on multiple internships right from their first year. This enables them to benefit from a journey of continual career skills development in tandem with their academic learning.

This new initiative follows a survey conducted in April 2015 among 860 NP students who had completed an internship. Close to 60 per cent of the respondents said that they were keen on a second internship experience. At present, internships are usually only implemented in students' final year as part of their curriculum.

The multiple internship initiative will be administered via a new online platform NP@Glints, jointly developed by NP and Glints, a local start-up founded by three 21-year-old Singaporeans and backed by prominent investors including Infocomm Investments and East Ventures.

#### **Diverse Career Opportunities**

NP@Glints is an online career discovery and development platform for close to 16,000 NP students and alumni to build their profiles, get scored on their employability, discover and apply for internships and graduate job opportunities, from their first year up to two years after their graduation. All they need to do is to upload their resumes on NP@Glints. The online repository will then use its skills identification feature to unlock a list of internship and graduate job opportunities that fit their fields of study and career preferences.

In addition to NP's existing corporate partner-employers, Glints will also specially curate career opportunities for NP@Glints. One such example is the Infocomm Investments Management Associate Track, which is Asia's first venture capital management associate programme for

graduates. NP@Glints will also feature internships and jobs from fast-growing start-ups such as HotelQuickly and 99.co. These specially curated opportunities add to the diversity of learning opportunities available to the students.

"I am encouraged by our collaboration with Glints and particularly like the fact that young people are stepping forward to develop platforms that help each other in their career journeys," said Mr Clarence Ti, Principal of NP.

#### **MOU between NP and local start-up Glints**

To mark the partnership, NP and Glints signed a memorandum of understanding today in conjunction with *Career Runway 2016*, the polytechnic's mega annual career fair that features more than 50 employers across diverse industries.

"We are excited to have found synergy with Ngee Ann, as this partnership combines both our unique resources, outreach and capabilities to give the students a wider range of career opportunities, and help our local companies access a wider pool of quality talent," said Qin En, co-founder of Glints.

Internships sourced via NP@Glints will not be graded or contribute to students' module credits. Such internships are voluntary and are aimed at complementing NP's existing career counselling services and resources, thus creating more opportunities for students to discover their career interests and giving them a head start in their chosen career paths. At the same time, the job search and application templates provided by NP@Glints give students the opportunity to practise what they have learnt in their Career and Professional Preparation curriculum.

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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 broad-based learning, global exposure and character development, 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.

For more information, please visit [www.np.edu.sg](http://www.np.edu.sg)

**About Glints**

Glints' is a career discovery and development platform that helps young people discover their passions and develop the relevant career skills, while empowering employers to attract the right talent more effectively. With more than 20,000+ talent, Glints has one of the most active young talent network in Singapore, with more than 2,000 employers including Adidas, Coach, IDA, GrabTaxi, RedMart and Great Eastern. The startup is founded by three 21-year-old Singaporeans and backed by prominent investors including Singapore Press Holdings (SPH), Infocomm Investments, and East Ventures.

You can find out more about Glints at [www.glints.com](http://www.glints.com)