

**MEDIA RELEASE**

**Ngee Ann Kongsi supports poly's student aid grant and overseas programmes**

*Singapore, 12 September, 2017* – Philanthropic organisation Ngee Ann Kongsi presented a \$9.5 million cheque to Ngee Ann Polytechnic (NP) today at a ceremony graced by Ms Low Yen Ling, Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Trade and Industry and Ministry of Education.

Out of the donated sum, \$2 million is channeled into an education fund to support student development programmes and disburse Student Aid Grants to about 3,000 needy students. The remaining \$7.5 million 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 channeled back into the education fund.

The donations from Ngee Ann Kongsi have made some students' overseas programmes possible. One of them is the Certificate in China Readiness programme that was launched in April. A first-of-its-kind among polytechnics, the programme enables students to gain an edge in engaging with the global powerhouse and capitalise on the entrepreneurial energies in the Chinese market today. It supports the deepening of international connections, one of the recommendations outlined by the Committee on the Future Economy.

As part of the China Readiness Programme, Woozer Arif Ahmad will join 68 other NP students to visit Chongqing in March 2018 on a 12-day immersion trip to gain insight into the business environment in China as well as the cultural and social factors that shape it. "I hope to become a technopreneur and being able to collaborate with companies in China is crucial as the country has become a sandbox for innovation and creativity projects. I am hoping to learn more about China and the business community there during the trip," said the second-year student from the Diploma in Engineering Science.

Other programmes supported by the Ngee Ann Kongsi fund include NP's Global Entrepreneurial Internship Programme, Overseas Merit Fellowship, Social Leadership Challenge and Overseas Innovation Challenge.

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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 about 15,000 full-time students, 2,000 part-time students and an alumni community of over 130,000.

The polytechnic offers 48 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 Pedagogies in the Profession and Service-Learning approach, 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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