

News Release

**Inmate students now able to pursue Diploma in Business Practice
(International Supply Chain Management) in Prison School**

*The Singapore Prison Service and Ngee Ann Polytechnic sign a Letter of Understanding to begin
Diploma course in 2018*

Singapore, 19 November 2018 – The Singapore Prison Service and Ngee Ann Polytechnic (NP) today signed a Letter of Understanding for the Diploma in Business Practice (International Supply Chain Management) at the Prison School. This signifies a new chapter at the Prison School which traditionally only offered inmates N, O and A level courses while they served their sentences.

2 The diploma course, which equips students with knowledge and skills in logistics, supply chain management and business management, allows graduates to pursue employment in industries such as third party logistics companies and supply chain solution providers. SUPT1 Edwin Goh, the Second Superintendent of Institution Tanah Merah 1, said that the collaboration was in response to the projected increase in employment opportunities in the logistics sector. “The Prison School aims to provide educational opportunities to inmates who are serious about their rehabilitation and upgrading themselves, to equip them with skills to be useful and contributing citizens when they are released.”

3 The Prison School and NP will deliver three runs of the course, with the first module having commenced in October 2018. The course comprises 15 modules, with each module allowing an enrolment of up to 25 student inmates. The course will be conducted by NP lecturers at Prison School.

4 Alex Tan (pseudonym), 32, who enrolled for the diploma course, said: “I’m grateful to have the opportunity to pursue this diploma with Ngee Ann Poly. The learning curve has not been easy for me, but the lecturers do their best to explain to the class. I want to be able to continue with my studies and pursue employment in the logistics field when I am released.” Students can carry on with the remaining modules at NP’s Continuing Education & Training Academy after their release.

5 “The logistics sector is a very vibrant industry, and we are hopeful that the course will provide good employment opportunities for its graduates. We are thus very happy to work with the Prison School to develop this alternative track for student inmates to pursue a skill-based course that will enhance their employability and re-integration into the society,” said Mr Clarence Ti, Principal of Ngee Ann Polytechnic.

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About the Singapore Prison Service

SPS is an agency under the Ministry of Home Affairs. As a key member of the Home Team, SPS operates a secure and exemplary prison system. SPS protects society through the safe custody and rehabilitation of inmates, working closely with its partners in aftercare and prevention. The SPS is committed to realising its Captains of Lives vision. Its team of uniformed officers and civilian staff work together to steer ex-offenders towards becoming responsible citizens with the help of their family and the community.

About Ngee Ann Polytechnic

Ngee Ann Polytechnic started in 1963 and is today one of Singapore's leading institutions of higher learning with 15,000 enrolled students in over 40 disciplines. It seeks to develop students with a passion for learning, values for life, and competencies to thrive in a global workplace.

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