

NGEE ANN KONGSI DONATES \$11.4 MILLION TO Ngee ANN POLYTECHNIC

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Singapore, 9 October 2019 — Ngee Ann Polytechnic (NP) received an \$11.4 million cheque from philanthropic organisation Ngee Ann Kongsi today at a ceremony graced by Associate Professor Dr Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim, Senior Parliamentary Secretary for Ministry of Social and Family Development & Ministry of Education.

Out of the sum donated, \$2 million will go to an education fund that will benefit NP students, such as awarding Student Aid Grants to over 3,000 students, and supporting local and overseas student development programmes.

The remaining fund of \$9.4 million will be placed in an endowment fund. The income raised from the endowment fund will be used to fund educational programmes.

“We are immensely appreciative of Ngee Ann Kongsi’s generous contributions through the years. Their unwavering support enables us to do more for our students in need, on top of what the Government has already been doing. We are also able to invest in quality programmes that will add value to our students’ learning journey at NP and broaden their horizons,” said Mr Clarence Ti, Principal of NP.

Among the student development programmes that are funded by Ngee Ann Kongsi include NP’s Global Entrepreneurial Internship Programme (GEIP), Overseas Innovation Challenge, Social Leadership Challenge and Overseas Merit Fellowship. These programmes have enabled NP students to deepen their skills, experience global cultures, as well as give back to the society.

One such student who has benefitted from the programmes is Victoria Tan who interned at an overseas startup through the GEIP. The final-year Psychology Studies student spent six months this year at DRVR in Bangkok,

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Thailand. She was actively involved in driving the startup's business development programme to become the region's leading fleet analytics platform.

"I am grateful that DRVR had confidence in my ability and trusted me to handle very important business matters. For example, I was responsible for pitching a business development proposal in Taiwan, which was very well-received. Thanks to GEIP which links students up with organisations abroad, I have also received job offers in both Thailand and Taiwan," said Victoria.

"I would not have been able to afford such an enriching experience and all the networking opportunities, if not for GEIP," she added.

Another student development programme funded by the Ngee Ann Kongsi is the Social Leadership Challenge (SLC), where students get to interact with societal leaders and implement social action projects to empower the disadvantaged and discriminated.

"I appreciate programmes like SLC where we can step out of Singapore to understand the different societal issues faced by other countries. Through the SLC, I got to learn firsthand some of the challenges faced by people with disabilities," shared Kelvin Goh, who went on an SLC programme in Taiwan during his final year in NP.

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About Ngee Ann Polytechnic

Ngee Ann Polytechnic started in 1963 and is today one of Singapore's leading institutions of higher learning with over 14,000 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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