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**NGEE ANN POLYTECHNIC OFFERS SUPPORT FOR  
THIS YEAR'S FULL-TIME DIPLOMA GRADUATES HIT BY COVID-19 CRISIS***'Career Jumpstart' support package includes close to  
400 employment and learning opportunities*

Singapore, 27 April 2020 — In the month of May, over 4,500 Ngee Ann Polytechnic (NP) students will be graduating amid a global pandemic, and venturing into uncharted waters. Extraordinary situations like these call for extraordinary efforts.

As the economic consequences of Covid-19 have been unprecedented, NP is stepping forward to help its graduating students mitigate the challenges ahead with Career Jumpstart, a graduation support package that includes gainful employment and learning opportunities.

*The basket of jobs & placements curated by NP and its industry partners includes:*

- 150 GoSchool jobs & apprenticeships
- 80 Campus Jobs
- Potentially 150 WSPs

The launch of **GoSchool** in a separate announcement issued by NP today is one of the initiatives the polytechnic has worked on to help its Class of 2020 graduates kickstart their careers. Serving as a career springboard for IT graduates, GoSchool has secured to-date about **150 job placement opportunities and apprenticeships** to meet the talent demand of its hiring partners such as Shopee, FoodPanda and Zalora.

There are also close to **80 campus job placements** NP has curated for the graduating cohort. These range from web content development and digital marketing communications positions, to research assistant and administrative support roles. Besides providing the fresh graduates with gainful employment in today's challenging economic climate, these campus jobs will also help them acquire relevant skillsets, which will enhance their employability and prepare them for the eventual upturn of the economy.

Another pathway for our fresh graduates to gain a head-start in careers related to their diplomas is to pursue Work-study Programmes (WSP). To-date, NP has compiled a potential list of over **150 WSP placements** for them to embark on a rewarding career while deepening their professional skills and knowledge at the same time. They will also gain recognised certification of their skills upon completion of the programme.

One example of a WSP is the **Startup Talent Factory programme**, a 9 to 12-month place-and-train programme that provides opportunities for fresh graduates to work in a startup and pick up emerging skills. There are currently 30 potential placements under this programme.

Covid-19 has upended businesses, driving both large companies and Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to adjust their strategies and accelerate digital transformation. In light of this, the polytechnic is also collaborating with some industry partners to digitalise key processes in SMEs to allow them to work and grow their business from home. For a start, the initiative is targeting to digitalise 10 SMEs in its pilot phase, with the potential to scale it to over 100 SMEs. NP's School of InfoComm Technology will run a series of short courses to upskill interested non-tech diploma graduates to work on these digitalisation projects.

*Continued Learning opportunities from NP's CET Academy:*

- 1 Masters Collective Programme
- 1 SkillsFuture Series Short Course or 1 Post-Diploma Certificate course

*NP will also provide career counselling services to help its fresh graduates navigate the challenging climate.*

To create more learning opportunities, NP is also gifting this year's graduating cohort<sup>1</sup> with **two complimentary CET programmes** to equip them with both professional and life skills. They can choose one programme from its Masters Collective series and pursue a SkillsFuture Series Short Course or a Post-Diploma Certificate (PDC).

In addition, the polytechnic will avail its education and career guidance (ECG) counselling to help fresh graduates in their career preparation and transition to the working world.

"Our students are graduating in uncertain times and their initiation into the working world has been overshadowed by an unprecedented upheaval. The impetus for these initiatives is to empower our Class of 2020 to face the future confidently. It is our hope that these support measures we have curated will give them an edge in this challenging climate and inspire a passion for continued learning," said Mr Clarence Ti, Principal of Ngee Ann Polytechnic.

Visit [www.np.edu.sg/careerjumpstart](http://www.np.edu.sg/careerjumpstart) for details of the support package for NP's Class of 2020.

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<sup>1</sup> This refers to NP's full-time diploma student who has graduated in 2020 and/or NP's full-time diploma male graduate who has completed his national service in 2020.

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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 30 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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