



## Elevating Skills and Careers

On 6 December 2021, ITE celebrated the achievements of top graduates from 13 Work-Study Diploma (WSDip) courses at the WSDip Awards Presentation Ceremony.

The 13 top graduates of these courses were each presented a Course Medal by Minister for Education, Mr Chan Chun Sing. They were among 242 trainees who have graduated from their Work-Study Diploma courses this year.

At the Ceremony, ITE also announced the launch of six new WSDip courses in 2022. This brings the total number of WSDip courses offered by ITE to 36.

[Photo Highlights of WSDip Awards Presentation Ceremony >>](#)



## Driving Sustainability through Innovation

Participating in the ITE-SME Climate Change Mitigation Project, 15 teams of ITE students were attached to 15 Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) to find ways for these businesses to reduce carbon emissions.

This came as part of a collaboration between ITE and the National Youth Achievement Award (NYAA) Council, which was supported by HSBC Singapore.

The students' efforts were recognised at a prize presentation ceremony on 30 November 2021, where awards were presented to six teams with the most innovative projects.

Details of the various projects were documented in an e-book titled "Shaping a Sustainable Future", which was also launched at the ceremony by Minister for Sustainability and the Environment, Ms Grace Fu.

[Shaping a Sustainable Future Book Launch & Prize Presentation Ceremony >>](#)  
[Projects by the ITE Teams >>](#)



### Lighting Up the Christmas Season



Did you know that the 2021 Christmas decoration at Wisma Atria was designed by ITE students?

Through a collaboration between ITE and Wisma Atria, students from the *Higher Nitec* in Visual Merchandising course had the opportunity to develop design proposals for the mall's Christmas decorations. They were encouraged to draw inspiration from "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland".

The proposals of three students – Cedric Lim, Chak An Qi, and Malcolm Xiong – were selected by Wisma Atria as the top three winning designs.

Key elements of their proposals were integrated into the final decoration at Wisma Atria, which was launched by Minister of State for Education and Manpower, Ms Gan Siow Huang, on 19 November 2021.

Bravo to the winners!

[ITE Students Designing Wisma Atria's Christmas Decoration >>](#)  
[News Story on ITE Students Designing Wisma Atria's Christmas Decoration >>](#)



## Receiving Top Honours

Recognised for their teaching excellence in sports and Physical Education, two ITE lecturers were honoured by the Singapore Physical Education Association at an awards ceremony on 30 November 2021.

Ratna Suffian Ishak (pictured left), Lecturer/Physical Education and football team coach at ITE College East, was one of eight recipients of the Outstanding Teacher-Coach Award.

Siah Kai Ming (pictured right), Senior Lecturer/Physical Education at ITE College West, was one of two recipients of the Outstanding Physical Education Teacher Award.

They are the first lecturers from ITE to receive these honours.

Well done!

[ITE Lecturers Honoured by Singapore Physical Education Association >>](#)



## Creating Photos with an Impact

Through a photo story that showcases Singapore as a green city, ITE filmmaking student David Adam James Lee emerged one of the top three winners of the ASEAN Photo Competition on 6 November 2021.

With a theme of "#ASEANYouth Shaping the Vision of Sustainable Energy as the New Normal", the competition called for ASEAN youths aged between 18 and 30 to create a photo story that shows the benefits of sustainable energy in their community. It was organised by the ASEAN Foundation.

David's photo story featured shots of various green spaces and infrastructure in Singapore, from Gardens by the Bay to solar panels.

Congratulations to David!

[ITE Student Winning ASEAN Photo Competition >>](#)



ITE students from underprivileged backgrounds will be receiving more financial assistance through a \$1 million donation by The Ngee Ann Kongsi (NAK) to the ITE Education Fund.

More than 1,000 students are expected to benefit from the donation over the next five years. These students will receive a monthly allowance of \$150 for meals, transport, and school expenses.

ITE and NAK inked the agreement at a signing ceremony on 23 November 2021.

[Donation by NAK to ITE >>](#)



The ITE Industry Partnership Forum was held on 8 November 2021, to discuss the value of workplace training in building a competitive workforce.

The Forum brought together industry leaders and partners, who shared about their companies' workplace training experiences. These included companies that have benefited from ITE's Certified On-the-Job-Training Centre (COJTC) scheme. The Advanced Certified Industry Trainer (ACIT) certificate was also presented for the first time, to three outstanding industry trainers under ITE's Train-the-Trainer (TTT) programme.

At the Forum, ITE further signed six partnership agreements with companies from various sectors to expand workplace training opportunities for students. Mr Alvin Tan, Minister of State for Trade and Industry, and Culture, Community and Youth, witnessed the signing of the agreements.

[Photo Highlights of ITE Industry Partnership Forum 2021 >>](#)

[Post by MOS Alvin Tan on ITE Industry Partnership Forum 2021 >>](#)



As part of efforts to boost the online learning experience for students, ITE has forged a new partnership with online course provider Udemy.

Under the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed on 25 November 2021, ITE and Udemy will collaborate in the development of massive open online courses (MOOCs). These refer to courses with open access via the Internet.

The finals of the MOOCathlon Challenge, which required staff to design impactful micro-learning content, was held after the signing ceremony. Six teams presented their concepts, with three clinching the Best of MOOCs Award.

[MOU Signing with Udemy >>](#)



**CHO\_OEIP 2** **Deepening Global Ties**



Over the years, ITE has forged an extensive network of partnerships with technical and vocational education and training (TVET) institutions from around the world. These include Canada's Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT) and Denmark's TECHCOLLEGE.

ITE's long-standing partnership with SAIT spans twenty years, while ITE's partnership with TECHCOLLEGE started in 2014.

On 7 December 2021, ITE and SAIT signed a five-year MOU to extend their partnership for a fifth term. Similarly, on 8 December 2021, ITE and TECHCOLLEGE signed a five-year MOU to renew their partnership for a third term.

Cheers to more milestones and collaborations with our global partners!

- [MOU Signing with SAIT >>](#)
- [MOU Signing with TECHCOLLEGE >>](#)



## Recognising Staff Innovation and Excellence



On 12 November 2021, the annual ITE Care and Innovation Fiesta was held to celebrate staff innovations and service excellence.

The ceremony featured the presentation of the Smartathon Award for the top three teams of Smartathon 2021, as well as 21 Innovation Awards and ten Service Star Awards. The Innovation Awards recognise initiatives by staff that have contributed to improved work processes, while the Service Star Awards honour staff who have displayed exemplary service standards.

Three new awards - the ITE Dare to Do Award, ITE SkillsFuture Award and ITE Outstanding Innovator Award were also presented.

Well done to all winners!

[Winners of ITE Care & Innovation Fiesta 2021 >>](#)



## **A Recognition of Growth and Progress**

From 15 - 24 November 2021, ITE underwent an extensive six-yearly assessment under the Poly-ITE Quality Assurance Framework. A team of eight external assessors visited ITE campuses and facilities, and spoke to close to 220 staff and stakeholders comprising industry partners, employers, ITE alumni, students and CET learners.

The External Review Panel affirmed the significant progress made by ITE over the last six years, as well as our efforts in building industry partnerships, expanding pathways and enabling success for our students and graduates. We would like to thank all our partners and stakeholders for the support and will continue to deliver the best for our students.