



A New Chapter Forward

On 1 January 2020, ITE welcomed a new Chairman, with Mr Andrew Chong Yang Hsueh (left) taking over the role from Mr Bob Tan Beng Hai (right).

Mr Tan had served for 13 years as Chairman of ITE and nine years as Board member, whereas Mr Chong had been the Deputy Chairman of ITE since June 2019.

We thank Mr Tan for his many years of dedicated service and strong leadership, and warmly welcome Mr Chong as the new Chairman of ITE.

[ST Article on ITE's New Chairman >>](#)



Learning from the German System

As part of President Halimah Yacob's state visit to Germany in December 2019, six Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) were signed between ITE and German companies.

The companies included engineering and technology company Bosch, electronics company Rohde & Schwarz, and audio company Sennheiser. The agreements will provide attachment opportunities at these companies for ITE students.

Reinforcing their support for such bilateral educational exchanges, President Halimah Yacob and Education Minister Ong Ye Kung also met ITE students attached to Rohde & Schwarz's facility in Germany.

[Photo Highlights of ITE's MOU Signing with German Companies >>](#)

[President Halimah Yacob and Education Minister Ong Ye Kung Meeting ITE Students in Germany >>](#)



Expanding Skills Development Pathways

ITE will be offering ten new Work-Study Diploma (WSDip) programmes from April 2020. This brings the total number of WSDip programmes to 24, with 268 companies partnering ITE on these programmes.

The companies inked their partnership with ITE at a Signing Ceremony that was witnessed by Education Minister Ong Ye Kung on 26 November 2019.

Following the Signing Ceremony, ITE and its WSDip partner ExxonMobil Singapore also launched the Mixed Reality Centre at ITE College East. Such Mixed Reality Centres, one at each ITE College, have been established in partnership with ExxonMobil Singapore.

[Photo Highlights of WSDip Signing Ceremony and Launch of Mixed Reality Centre >>](#)
[Video Featuring Employers and Trainees of WSDip Programmes >>](#)



Driving the Digital Future of Manufacturing

To support manufacturing companies in their digitalisation journey, a Digital and Advanced Manufacturing Programme has been jointly developed by ITE, the Singapore Industrial Automation Association (SIAA) and the Singapore Precision Engineering & Technology Association (SPETA).

It will allow companies to create digital solutions and experiment with smart equipment at ITE's Digital and Advanced Manufacturing Living Labs. Workers can also take courses by ITE that train them in Industry 4.0 skills.

This Programme was launched at the Digital and Advanced Manufacturing Seminar on 19 December 2019, where industry experts also discussed trends of Industry 4.0.

[Photo Highlights of Digital and Advanced Manufacturing Seminar >>](#)



To promote working safely at heights, the Work at Heights Symposium was held at ITE College East on 14 November 2019.

Organised by ITE, the Workplace Safety and Health (WSH) Council and the Ministry of Manpower, the Symposium brought together industry partners to exchange ideas on promoting working safely at heights.

Mr Zaqy Mohamad, Minister of State for Manpower and National Development, officiated the event and visited the newly established WSH Centre at ITE College East, which provides WSH training and certification for students.

[Photo Highlights of Work at Heights Symposium >>](#)



On 12 November 2019, ITE commemorated the 25th anniversary of its Certified On-the-Job Training Centre (COJTC) Scheme.

Through this Scheme, ITE partners companies to build on-the-job training systems. Each year, some 35,000 workers are trained.

Dr Koh Poh Koon, Senior Minister of State for Trade & Industry, officiated the commemoration event, where he also presented the COJTC Distinguished Partner Award to 20 companies.

Cheers to many more milestones!

[Photo Highlights of COJTC 25th Anniversary Commemoration >>](#)



Real-World Training on Campus



Featuring a vibrant cosplay catwalk by ITE alumni and students, the new Wellness Centre at ITE College East was launched with a buzz on 20 November 2019.

Equipped with facilities and technologies of actual salons, the Centre was designed to provide an authentic training environment for ITE's beauty and hairdressing students.

At the launch, Letters of Collaboration were also signed with Kao Singapore Pte Ltd and Tai Wah Distributors Pte Ltd to enhance training opportunities for students in the beauty and hairdressing courses.

[Photo Highlights of Wellness Centre Launch >>](#)

[Lianhe Zaobao's Video Story on Wellness Centre >>](#)



Building Skills for the Sports Retail Sector

ITE students and graduates can look forward to enhanced training experiences in the sports retail sector, following a new partnership signed between ITE and Decathlon Singapore on 22 November 2019.

With this partnership, Decathlon Singapore will be providing more internship opportunities for ITE students in the retail, sports, and visual management courses. It will also be hiring and training ITE graduates under ITE's Work-Study Diploma in Lifestyle & Recreation Management.

They will be trained in retail technologies used in Decathlon Singapore's stores, and will learn to co-curate programmes that enhance the in-store customer experience.

[Photo Highlights of MOU Signing with Decathlon >>](#)



Innovators of ITE



On 11 November 2019, the annual Innovation Fiesta and Smartathon was held to celebrate innovations by staff of ITE.

50 innovation awards were presented to individuals and teams. These recognised innovations that have contributed to improved work processes and programmes.

20 project teams also presented their ideas at the Smartathon, of which three teams clinched the Best Smartathon Project Team Award.

Congratulations to all our winners!

[Photo Highlights of Innovation Fiesta and Smartathon >>](#)



Discovering ITE

Held over three Saturdays in November 2019 at each of the three ITE Colleges, the 2019 ITE Parents' Seminar was attended by close to 2,300 graduating N-Level students and their parents.

They were given a tour of ITE's facilities and had the opportunity to find out more about ITE's programmes by meeting lecturers.

Besides providing an introduction to ITE's offerings, the annual Parents' Seminar also serves to inspire confidence in ITE's learning environment and its belief in every child's potential.

[Photo Highlights of 2019 ITE Parents' Seminar >>](#)