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HEAR FROM FELLOW RP ALUMNI ON THEIR CONTINUING EDUCATION EXPERIENCES WITH RP!

Here's an exclusive interview with School of Engineering alumnus Edrick Koh and School of Applied Science alumnus Nicholas Chin, who attended "Fundamentals of Data Visualisation" – part of SkillsFuture's series of short courses – via the Alumni Skills Advancement Programme (ASAP).



NICHOLAS



EDRICK



Q1. When you first heard about the Alumni Skills Advancement Programme (ASAP), what was your reaction?

EDRICK:

I thought, "Hey, it's a good opportunity for me to go back and reconnect with RP."

NICHOLAS:

I shared the info with my uni friends from NTU and they were very envious that RP alumni are entitled to three free SkillsFuture courses!

Q3. How have you benefitted from the course?

EDRICK:

This course has introduced me to new functions and features and helped me to improve on what I already knew.

NICHOLAS:

The course gave me good insights into data analytics and it's a good starting point for anyone looking to advance their skillset in this area.

Q2. Did you sign up the course for work or out of personal interest?

EDRICK:

I signed up for this course to improve my skillset for my business. Being able to visualise the data is important as I need to showcase it to my stakeholders in an easy and consumable way.

NICHOLAS:

For both personal reasons and work. I wanted to attend a course that could be applied universally while I searched for my ideal job, so I chose this course that is related to data analytics. Coming from a science background, I understand that the ability to present and understand data is important. I am looking to improve my skillsets in the domain that I want to work in.



With the Alumni Skills Advancement Programme (ASAP), RP alumni have easy access to upgrade their skills, hence remain relevant and employable in the workforce. All RP alumni are entitled to three complimentary SkillsFuture series of courses each!

Claim your first course credit today!





CAREER TIPS TO GO

HOW TO ANSWER SINGAPORE'S MOST COMMON INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Here are some of the most frequently asked interview questions and tips on how to answer them.

It can be easy to get overwhelmed and find yourself at a loss for words at job interviews. But practice makes perfect! Coming up with drafted answers to possible interview questions can help.

Here's a list of the top interview questions in Singapore identified by HR experts for you to prepare for, ahead of your next job interview.

1

"Tell Me About Yourself."

Align your answer to the position you are applying for as much as possible. Include examples of what you enjoy doing outside of work that's relevant to the job. If you're applying to the tech industry, talk about how you enjoy keeping up-to-date with the latest gadgets, the various programming projects you take part in, or the latest news on tech blogs.

2

"What Are Your Strengths/Weaknesses?"

Think about the characteristics best suited to the position you are applying for and pick two or three that relate to you. If you want to be a business analyst, let your interviewer know your strength lies in critical thinking, problem-solving and good communication.

Talking about your weaknesses can be tricky. Be as honest as possible and demonstrate self-awareness and a desire to improve yourself. But bear in mind that your weakness should not be something critical to your role.





3

“What Attracted You to Our Company?”

Being near to home or on your bus route is not the right answer! Do your research about the company, focusing on things such as its working culture and offerings like training programmes, opportunities for rotation etc. Show knowledge about the company and how its corporate values and interests align with yours.

6

“What Business Challenge Have You Faced and How Did You Overcome It?”

Pick a challenge that you overcame using a skill that best relates to the job you are applying for. If you had managed to improve the workflow in your previous company to increase productivity, explain the approach you took, including your thought process and actions.

4

“What Are Your Goals in the Next Five Years?”

Set realistic goals to show your interviewer that you are driven, ambitious and interested in a long-term career in this company. You could say that you hope to gain more expertise in your industry, and perhaps take on more managerial responsibilities within the next five years.

7

“Do You Have Any Questions?”

Interviews are not just a one-way street; you are there to learn more about the company as much as the interviewer is there to find out more about you. Take advantage of this opportunity to ask your interviewer thoughtful questions, such as how this position has evolved (if it is not a new position) or how the company defines success.

5

“What Can You Contribute to the Job and Our Company?”

Examples of previous accomplishments would be great in demonstrating what you could achieve and add value to the company. Highlight some of your soft skills like a sense of responsibility as a team leader and being a good communicator that will make you an asset to the company.



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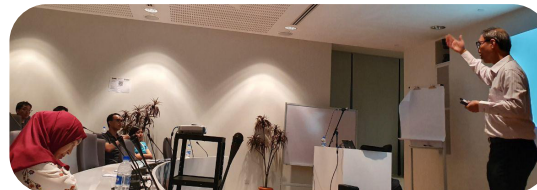
Alumni events



POST EVENTS

RP Alumni Committee (RPAC) gathered last month to brainstorm new ideas to enhance platforms and processes to better serve the RP alumni community.

Our alumni gained invaluable insights into key considerations when investing during the Financial Literacy Talk conducted by MoneySense in September.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Any RP alumni with aspirations to commercialise innovation or start-up are welcome to join us for the inaugural “Meet-up, Link-up for Start-ups” event.

Event Details
22 Nov 2019, 6pm - 8pm
HubQuarters @ SCAPE Level 4,
2 Orchard Link
Dinner provided!

Sign up now



Our success stories



Congratulations to Jerome Lim and Vanesia Tan, School of Hospitality alumni, who braved cold weather, jet lag and stiff competition with passion and determination. They clinched two Medallions of Excellence in Cooking and Restaurant Service at the 2019 WorldSkills Competition in Kazan, Russia!



JEROME LIM



VANESIA TAN



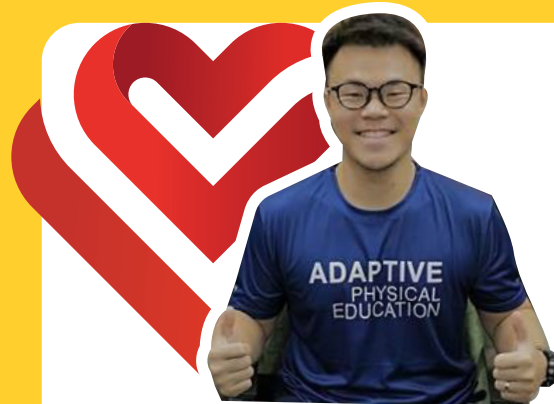
Keefe Lau, a 2019 Health and Leisure graduate from the School of Sports, is the first RP poly grad to receive the prestigious PSC and SAF Scholarship!

The Diploma in Health Services Management holder showed us that one can overcome any setback and reach his/her life goals with the right mindset: "While academic achievement is important, what matters more...is the right values, the right attitude and willingness to serve what is greater than us."

Heartiest congratulations!



**RP gives
back**



In 2015, Albin Low graduated with a Diploma in Sport Coaching from RP. Since June 2017, he has been working as an Adapted Physical Education Teacher at Metta School, where he coaches children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). His focus is to enhance his students' health and wellness, and to help them lead independent and meaningful lives.

At first, Albin faced daunting challenges, especially in holding the attention of his students during PE lessons. To assist them in learning better, Albin included elements of fun and visual aids within his lessons. Through spending quality time together, Albin now understands the needs of each individual far better!

Albin shared, "RP's Problem-based Learning approach taught me to be solution-focused in my work rather than problem-focused, so I applied this at Metta School too."

Having worked closely with the ASD community, Albin now inspired to become an advocate for people with special needs. He explained, "The current world view of people with special needs is still full of avoidance. I hope the work that I do can help change how the world views them, and how they can be better included in our society."





Calendar of events



Keen to join us for these events?

Email Help-Graduate@rp.edu.sg

SEP

- “Alumni@Work” (STA)
- Diploma Alumni Get-Together (STA)
- Understanding the Job and Labour Market (RPAC/SFO)
- Career Booster Workshop (WSG)
- Business Networking Mastery Workshop (RPAC/OSG)

OCT

- SHL Alumni Networking (Halloween)
- Industry Day (SHL)
- DBSE Industry Day (SMC)
- Uncover Secrets to Landing Your Dream Job (RPAC/SFO/OSG)
- Alumni@Work (STA)
- Alumni Talk Series: “How to Stay Relevant in the Creative Industry” (STA)
- Diploma Alumni Get-Together (STA)
- HR Week (SMC)
- SMC Alumni BBQ Reunion (SMC)

NOV

- Alumni Sharing @ Diploma(s) Choice Week (SAS)
- DPHM Diploma(s) Alumni Gathering (SAS)
- DMAC Alumni Gathering (SAS)
- School Alumni Homecoming (SEG)
- Meet-up, Link-up for Start-ups (RPAC/SMC)
- Industry Day (SHL)
- Alumni Talk Series: “How to Stay Relevant in the Creative Industry” (STA)
- Diploma Alumni Get-Together (STA)
- SOH Gives Back (SOH)

DEC

- DBIO/DBMS/DENV Alumni X'mas Gathering (SAS)
- Christmas Party (SMC)
- DSC Sport Day (SHL)
- DCBR Invitation to Marketing Week (SMC)
- Alumni Talks Series: “How to Stay Relevant in the Creative Industry” (STA)
- “Alumni@Work” (STA)
- Diploma Alumni Get-Together (STA)
- DCXB Homecoming (SOH)
- DBMS Diploma(s) Alumni Gathering (SAS)