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LIFELONG LEARNING WITH RP





Lifelong learning with RP

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

Our alumni from Diploma in Hotel & Hospitality Management (DHMM), Eric Teo Jun Qi, is currently working with InterContinental Singapore. He is also pursuing a Specialist Diploma in Hospitality Business Management under the SkillsFuture Hotel Earn and Learn Programme (ELP). Hear from Eric about his learning experience in RP!



“Some beneficial experiences in RP School of Hospitality include having a unique robotic hotel experiential lab and a problem critic learning environment in hospitality. This prepares and encourages the future workforce to develop a broad perspective in a disruptive digital economy that challenges norms and bridges unfamiliar boundaries.

The Business Management modules from the **Specialist Diploma in Hospitality Business Management** help to further enhance our skills in analysing and solving real-world business issues. In addition, there are plenty of opportunities for one to develop and gain exposure through Overseas Industry Immersion Programmes (OIIP), Subsidy for Student Overseas Travel (SOT) for cultural or university exchange programmes, and social work with the local communities. RP SOH is a great starting point for the future hospitality business leaders and entrepreneurs.”



CAREER TIPS TO GO

DID YOU KNOW THAT COMPANIES ARE HIRING THROUGH CAREER TRIAL?

FIND OUT MORE FROM ALUMNA AIFIFAH ALJASYI.

Trying Out a Job Helps Me Decide on My Career Path

Republic Polytechnic Alumni A'fifah Aljasyi gave the Career Trial programme a shot to find out if her job is what she wants for the long haul.

1

What is your role in the company?

I was in business development, and later brand marketing; the latter is where my strength and interest lie. In my current role, I make sure that our brand aligns but I also have other ad-hoc business development duties.

2

We understand you were hired under Career Trial. How long were you in the programme and did you know anything about it prior to joining?

It was an impromptu decision. I attended an interview at a Career Fair in Sembawang. That was when I found out about the Career Trial programme. I converted to a full-time position after 20 days.





3

Did you find the experience tough?

I think it is okay. Whatever I learn is different from school but it has been an interesting experience. It is good to try out and learn new things while I figure out what I want in my next job.

4

Did you have any struggles in the beginning?

There have been a lot of new things that I have had to pick up, like how to get leads or do cold calling. The struggle was in adapting to different situations. The learning point is that I had to see things from a new perspective. I applied for digital marketing but was offered business development, and now I am doing both, which is good. The company culture is healthy and there's open communication.

5

Any advice to others who may consider going for Career Trial?

Yes, I think Career Trial opens up possibilities [in your career].



Find out which companies are hiring through Career Trial on MyCareersFuture.sg.
Visit <https://bit.ly/RPDec19> for the full list.





WONDERING WHAT SKILLS YOU NEED FOR LAUNCHING YOUR CAREER?

Maximise your marketability by pursuing the top skills trending in Singapore now!

#RISING SKILLS

There is an exponential growth of skills in emerging areas adopted by professionals. This increase creates jobs that did not exist in the past.

These are some of the rising skills in the Asia-Pacific region (APAC).

TECH SKILLS

- ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
- FRONTEND WEB DEVELOPMENT
- ROBOTIC PROCESS AUTOMATION (RPA)
- GESTURE RECOGNITION TECHNOLOGY
- WORKFLOW AUTOMATION
- BLOCKCHAIN
- CONTINUOUS INTEGRATION

NON-TECH SKILLS

- COMPLIANCE
- SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING
- HUMAN-CENTRED DESIGN

DOMINATED BY TECH SKILLS
BUT SOME NON-TECH SKILLS STAND OUT

Info was curated from LinkedIn's Future of Skills 2019 Report

#SOFT SKILLS

Soft skills increase in value with the rise of artificial intelligence (AI) and automation. Both employees and L&D professionals place high value on soft skills, particularly when it comes to career progression.



IN SINGAPORE

1. Critical thinking, problem solving
2. Adaptability & flexibility
3. Communication
4. Leadership & people management
5. Innovation & creativity

*Top 5 soft skills that employees feel will be very important to the future of work.

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#BASELINE SKILLS

Baseline skills are skills that are commonly requested in job advertisements across different industries and occupations in Singapore*. Baseline skills are not limited to "soft skills".

TOP 10 BASELINE SKILLS IN SINGAPORE

- COMMUNICATION SKILLS
- TEAMWORK / COLLABORATION
- PLANNING
- MICROSOFT OFFICE
- MICROSOFT EXCEL
- PROBLEM SOLVING
- RESEARCH
- ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS
- BUILDING EFFECTIVE RELATIONSHIPS
- WRITING

Date was curated from Burning Glass' Labour Market Insights





Alumni events



The School of Engineering (SEG) held its annual SEG Alumni Homecoming at Republic Polytechnic (RP) on 18 October 2019. It was heartening to have 99 of our alumni turn up at the event despite their heavy schedules.

The evening started off with a warm welcome by Ms Rowena Koh, Assistant Director (Administration). This was followed by Mr Marcus Ng, Assistant Manager, who shared about the various Continuing Education and Training (CET) programme offerings that help alumni stay relevant in the current economy. Mr Melvin Ng, Lecturer, then gave an update on RP services that alumni can tap on.

All in all, it was an enjoyable evening as alumni fondly reminisced about their recent shared past and networked with fellow peers over dinner. Our lecturers were also delighted to meet and chat with their ex-students. The homecoming event ended with lots of smiles and laughter as well as with many memorable pictures, taken at our specially set-up photo booth.

Do continue to stay connected with us. We hope to have you at SEG Alumni Homecoming 2020!



Our success stories



After graduating from the Diploma in Sport and Exercise Science (DSES), Chan Li Yang pursued a Bachelor of Science at the University of Western Australia, with a double major in Sport Science, Exercise and Health.

Li Yang shared, “I have always been keen on studying exercise physiology since my DSES days. It taught me how to design training programmes for specific sports. Exercise physiology also enables me to help athletes improve and break world records!”

The 26-year-old is also an accomplished athlete. He has been playing floorball in the defence position since Secondary 1. In 2018, he represented Singapore at the Men’s World University Floorball Championships and competed against European teams.

In 2019, Li Yang made it into the Singapore Men’s National Floorball Team in the forward position, and participated in the SEA Games in the Philippines for the first time. For this major game, Li Yang intensified his workouts with a Sports Trainer, training twice a day, from Monday to Friday.

Li Yang enthused, “I really enjoy being closer to the opponent’s goalpost as it gives me more opportunities to score goals!”

We are thrilled to witness Li Yang living his best life forward (pun intended), both as a sports scientist and as a national athlete.

Li Yang is currently working as a project staff with SHL, conducting research into children’s motor development.



RP gives
back

When she got her 'A'-level examination results three years ago, Chew Yu Ying was at a crossroads. She had obtained one pass in the examination and was struggling to adapt to the teaching style at junior college (JC). One of her JC teachers suggested that she might do better at a polytechnic. As she had a strong interest in Biology, Yu Ying decided to apply to Biotechnology. She gained entry into RP.

Fast forward to 2019, Yu Ying graduated in May from RP with a Diploma in Biotechnology (with Merit) and a GPA of 3.98. She was also awarded the Lee Kuan Yew Award for Mathematics and Science. Her achievements are impressive, but contrary to expectation, Yu Ying's journey in RP had not always been smooth-sailing. During her first year, she was badly affected by a health issue.

"It caused many complications in my social life, as I was often quickly drained of energy," the 21-year-old said.

Nevertheless, Yu Ying pressed on with her work, both in and outside the classroom. She was in the Executive Committee of Deafening Interest Group and she organised the IG's performance at the Gambas National Day Carnival 2017.

Yu Ying said, "In my previous schools, I was involved in Choir and Guitar Ensemble IGs – musical activities – so I felt very curious about the other side of the story – that is, about people who are unable to hear. My personal hardship and illness motivated me to help them, as I know what it feels like to endure hardship."

Yu Ying was also in The Youth Choir outside of RP. She rehearsed with the Singapore Girls' Home choir to give them insights into good rehearsal etiquette and to help them gain confidence.

Yu Ying credits her success in RP to the support from her lecturers, coursemates and family. Now, she has set her sights on pursuing her interest in Occupational Therapy at SIT, even though she has received letters of acceptance from NUS Life Sciences and NTU Biological Science.

Yu Ying says the reason behind her choice was that she wants to help people, both mentally and physically. "I was doing internship in A*STAR (Agency for Science, Technology and Research), when I felt this need to help people directly," she said. "However, doing the research track did not allow me to do both at the same time. It was just not possible."



Calendar of events



Keen to join us for these events?

Email Help-Graduate@rp.edu.sg

JAN

- RP Open House (OH) 2020
- SEG Alumni Corner @ OH 2020
- SOH Alumni Workshops & Networking @ OH2020
- STA Global Jam 2020

FEB

- STA Global Jam 2020

MAR

- SMC – The Media Challenge
- STA Portfolio Day 2020
- STA Alumni@Symbiosis Dinner 2020

APR

- RP Orientation Programme 2020
- SOH GetTogether @ OP2020 Jam & Hop

MAY

- SAS Parents Seminar
- STA-Connect with STA

JUN

- SAS (DMTS) Alumni Gathering