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FROM CAMARADERIE TO CAREER PROGRESSION: POLYTECHNIC'S STAFF TO FIND SUPPORT, BALANCE AND GROWTH

SP prioritises staff well-being, offering initiatives like the annual Fruits Party, wellness talks, and interest groups. **SP** was ranked 19th for Singapore's Best Employers 2025 by The Straits Times and Statista, demonstrating its commitment to fostering a supportive work environment. Madam Siti Fadilla from SP's [Professional & Adult Continuing Education \(PACE\) Academy](#), who appreciates the chance to connect with colleagues outside of work.

SP further invests in staff development through training, job rotations, and secondments. Strong leadership supports these initiatives, with senior management setting the tone, as exemplified by Dr Tan Tuan Lin, Senior Director for Computing, Chemical, and Life Sciences, who avoids emailing on weekends. The ranking table can be found on [The Straits Times](#).

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A growing number of polytechnic graduates, including **SP** alumni, are pursuing higher education abroad, primarily in the United Kingdom and Europe. **SP** provides education and career coaching to guide students through the application process for these international universities. Chiyo Tan, 22, an **SP** Diploma in Biotechnology alumna, is now a third-year undergraduate studying veterinary medicine and surgery at Britain's University of Edinburgh, while Gabriel Lee, 23, who graduated from **SP** Diploma in Electrical & Electronic Engineering, is waiting to embark on his undergraduate studies in the same discipline at the University of Edinburgh. He received a scholarship from the Defence Science and Technology Agency (DSTA), which covered the full cost of overseas studies.

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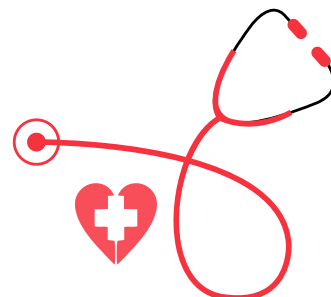
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SP VALEDICTORIAN AIMS TO BE CLINICIAN-SCIENTIST AFTER OBSERVING DOCTORS AT WORK

Donavan Tan Jia Jie, a valedictorian from **SP**'s Diploma in Biomedical Science, proactively shadowed over 13 doctors in various specialties to gain firsthand experience. Graduating with a perfect GPA of 4.0 and receiving the prestigious Lee Kuan Yew Award, he has been accepted to NUS to pursue studies in medicine, deferring national service to do so.

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SP CELEBRATES FIRST BATCH OF 163 MINOR PROGRAMME GRADUATES

SP celebrated its first cohort of 163 graduates who completed Minor programmes in emerging fields such as Asia-Readiness, 5G & AIoT, Business Management, Data and AI, Entrepreneurship, and Sustainability, in addition to their main diploma courses. Senior Minister of State for Culture, Community and Youth, and Trade and Industry, Ms Low Yen Ling, graced the graduation ceremony at **SP**.

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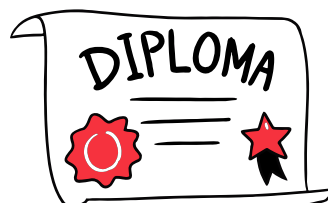
USED TO TAKE STUDIES LIGHTLY, NOW HAS ACHIEVED ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

SP Diploma in Mechanical Engineering alumnus and a Low Guan Onn Gold medallist, Abdullah Bin Zainal, hopes to take his passion further – he aspires to become an engineering professor. He struggled with his 'N' level exams and was 'saved' by one of his teachers, who helped him improve his academic performance until he became the best student in class. He did well and was accepted into **SP** through the Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP). An Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR) scholar, Abdullah hopes to continue his studies and achieve his goal of becoming a professor.

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AWARD-WINNING SINGAPORE POLY GRADUATE IS ASPIRING TECH ENTREPRENEUR CODING FOR SOCIAL GOOD



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SP Diploma in Applied AI & Analytics alumnus Jeyakumar Sriram had no coding experience before joining the polytechnic. The aspiring tech entrepreneur has participated in multiple hackathons and won seed funding for his innovations, including, 'Ho Seh Bo?', an app designed to assist volunteers at active ageing centres in their outreach and visitations of vulnerable seniors by digitising record-keeping and providing an AI assistant that gives personalised advice for engaging each senior based on records kept on the app. Another app, Oculis, was developed under MINDEF's Total Defence Sandbox Initiative to assist visually impaired individuals in navigating.

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PURSuing A DIPLOMA EVEN THOUGH SHE ALREADY HAS A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Nur Rusydina Roslan, 27, was one of 21 **SP** graduates to receive a Specialist Diploma in Cosmetic Science at **SP**'s Graduation ceremony. Despite holding a Bachelor of Science (Food Science and Technology) from NUS and working full-time as a product development executive at ZAC Meat & Poultry Pte Ltd, her passion for fragrance and flavouring led her to pursue this diploma at **SP**. The programme allowed her to combine her interest in flavour and fragrance with her existing background in food science. While she finds satisfaction in studying part-time alongside her full-time job, she acknowledges the challenges and sacrifices involved. Rusydina is confident that this combined expertise in food and cosmetics will open new opportunities in project management, product development, and beyond.

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MEET THE TECH INNOVATORS ON THE 2025 30 UNDER 30 ASIA: CONSUMER & ENTERPRISE LIST

SP Diploma in Engineering with Business alumnus Mr Chong Ing Kai co-founded "Stick 'Em," a company making innovative chopsticks kits for STEAM education. Their kits allow users to build experiments and robot designs, and they have trained 770 schoolteachers in 11 countries.

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'WEAK STUDENT' FROM EM3 STREAM PROVES THAT SHE CAN GRADUATE WITH A MASTER'S DEGREE

Ms Aqilah Alwi, an **SP** alumna, overcame the stigma of being an "EM3 student" to achieve academic excellence. After graduating from ITE with a perfect 4.0 GPA and an iBuildSG scholarship, she pursued **SP**'s Diploma in Architecture and later obtained a Master of Arts in Urban Design from the National University of Singapore (NUS).

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COLLABORATE TO INNOVATE

SP received the SICC Award for Most Positive Workplace Collaboration for its "**SP** being the Best Place for Work, Play and Personal Growth" initiative. This internal collaboration involved aligning multiple stakeholders, including senior management and various staff committees, to foster a positive work environment.

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WALL PIE AND SINGAPORE POLYTECHNIC EXPAND SPACE ENGINEERING EDUCATION THROUGH LANDMARK 10-YEAR MOU, AS SINGAPOREAN PRODIGY ELIZABETH NG BREAKS BARRIERS IN GLOBAL SPACE ARENA

Wall PIE Pte Ltd and **SP** signed a 10-year MOU to expand **SP**'s Spacecraft Engineering elective programme. This partnership will co-develop and deliver comprehensive Space Engineering electives for students in **SP**'s Diploma in Aeronautical Engineering (DARE) and Diploma in Aerospace Electronics (DASE), meeting the high demand for future-forward aerospace training.



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CATALYST 2025: THE NEXT BIG IDEAS IN DESIGN, SINGAPORE POLYTECHNIC

SP's School of Architecture & the Built Environment (ABE) showcased 180 final-year design projects at CATALYST 2025. These projects, developed by the next generation of architects, interior designers, and landscape architects, offer solutions to real-world challenges, with many benefiting from collaborations with industry partners, such as the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA).

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FRANZWOOD CARVES OUT A NICHE IN SINGAPORE'S CONSERVATION SECTOR

FranzWood, a consultancy and engineering firm specialising in conservation and restoration, has established a niche in preserving heritage structures, including century-old churches and copper domes.

Founded in 2008 by Francis Lim, who has a background in civil structural engineering, the firm integrates expertise from various disciplines to restore and protect historic buildings. In 2022, FranzWood collaborated with **SP** to develop a patination chemical blend tailored for tropical climates. Designed to withstand Singapore's high humidity and intense sunlight, the innovation supports long-term conservation efforts in the region. The project, which cost approximately S\$10,700, was partially funded by a grant from Enterprise Singapore, covering 70% of the cost.

Francis Lim praised the collaboration, highlighting how FranzWood's engineers and architects worked seamlessly with chemists and materials scientists from SP's Advanced Materials Technology Centre (AMTC) to turn the concept into a practical solution.



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