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SINGAPORE POLY PROJECTS LEVERAGE PARTNERSHIPS, VR, TECH FOR SOCIAL IMPACT

SP's 2026 open house showcased about 60 student-run businesses and innovation projects, highlighting how **SP** students are applying partnerships, technology and creative thinking to address social and environmental challenges. Among the featured projects was *REVAMP*, developed by **SP** Business students who upcycle worn-out denim into durable make-up pouches. The initiative partners with Mustard Tree, a social enterprise that trains and employs individuals with special needs, combining sustainability with inclusive

job creation. The Industry & Innovation (I&I) showcase also featured a virtual reality (VR) rehabilitation project designed to make stroke therapy more engaging for seniors. Working with Lions Befrienders, **SP** students developed VR "therapy games" focused on improving balance, coordination and cognitive skills at active ageing centres. Listen to Diploma in Computer Engineering student, Priscilla Loi's podcast with CNA 938 [here](#)! Other highlights included a smart solar ecosystem that integrates

rooftop greenery with automated solar systems, and the debut of Try-a-Skill booths offering prospective students hands-on exposure to modern engineering disciplines. *Serich*'s second-skin moisturising cream, a non-steroidal eczema cream developed at **SP**'s Consumer Chemicals Technology Centre (CCTC) was featured in [Shin Min Daily News](#) and [Tamil Murasu](#). *The Paper Bride* was also featured in [Tech Edition](#).

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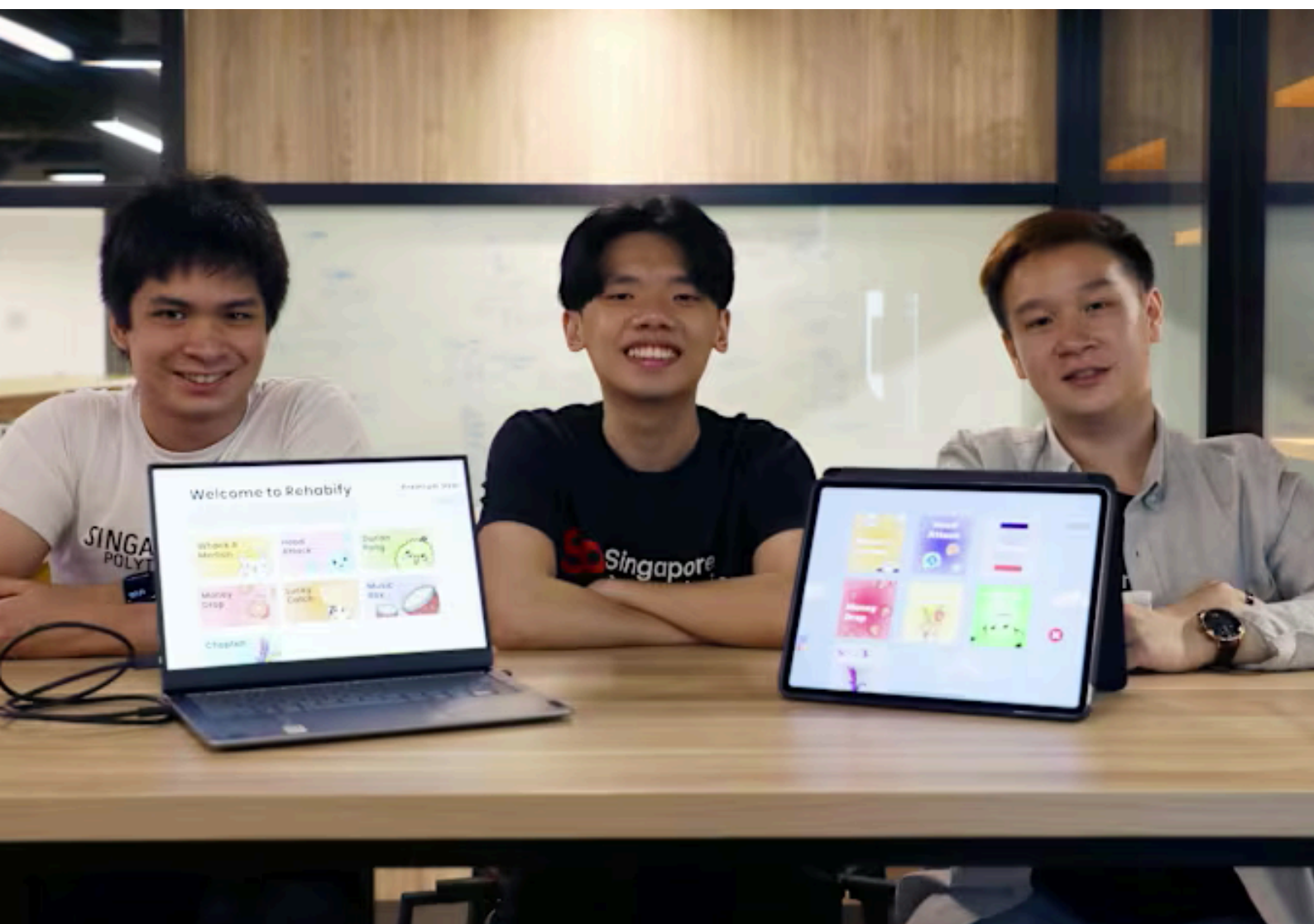
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POLY STUDENT VOLUNTEERS FOR NIGHT VIGIL IN SENGKANG GENERAL HOSPITAL WHILE DREAMING OF MEDICAL SCHOOL

Justin Tan, a final-year **SP** Diploma in Biomedical Science student, is the youngest volunteer in Sengkang General Hospital's Night Watchers programme. Supporting staff during overnight shifts, Justin describes the experience as an authentic look at healthcare realities that has solidified his resolve to pursue a career in medicine. Similar news was reported in [Lianhe Zaobao](#).

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FROM PARKOUR FOR SENIORS TO STYLISH ADULT DIAPERS, SINGAPORE YOUTHS ARE REVITALISING THE BUSINESS OF ELDERCARE

Three **SP** Computing students — Lim Jian Ping, Rafael Macam, and Reyes Ng — have developed Rehabify, an app that transforms traditional physiotherapy into interactive, game-like experiences for seniors. Utilising AI and computer vision, the motion-controlled games aim to make exercise enjoyable and consistent. This empathy-driven innovation clinched the Grand Prize at **SP** Batey Challenge 2025.

Hear from them on [CNA 938 radio](#) and [MONEY FM 89.3](#)!

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A HAUNTED HOUSE HAS APPEARED IN YISHUN

The highlight of the 5th Yishun Halloween Event, WICKED Wonders@NeeSoon (OneCommunity Fiesta), held on 25 October, was a thrilling haunted house designed and staffed entirely by **SP** students. With thousands of residents in attendance, the student team delivered a professional, sensory horror experience for the community.

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TWO SINGAPORE POLYTECHNIC STUDENTS BUILD AI TOOL BROBY TO HELP VETS SAVE TIME

SP Business students, Hyuga Karamochi and Caleb Yap Keane Yang, turned a personal pet-care struggle into a successful startup with *Broby*, an AI transcription tool for veterinarians. Self-taught in coding and supported by **SP**'s entrepreneurship ecosystem, the duo created a multilingual tool that automates medical documentation, saving vets hours of paperwork daily. Similar news was reported in [Tamil Murasu](#) and [Red Hot Singapore](#).

At the Singapore Week of Innovation and Technology (SWITCH) 2025, **SP** also highlighted emerging changemakers and their solutions.

Featured projects included *Harmony Quest*, a card game designed to deepen family connections in the digital age, *Memoity*, a game developed by Business Administration students, and *SnapRent*, an innovative, AI-powered rental platform that connects users for short-term item rentals, marking **SP**'s fourth year showcasing student-led solutions at the premier event. *Memoity* and *Harmony Quest* were reported in [Tamil Murasu](#) and Videotto was reported in [Tech Edition](#).

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FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT RATE STABLE FOR FRESH POLY GRADUATES IN 2025, WITH STARTING PAY ON THE RISE

The 2025 Graduate Employment Survey by Singapore's five polytechnics showed that 90% of polytechnic graduates secured employment within six months, a slight decline from 90.4% in 2024. Despite this, the median monthly salary for full-time permanent roles rose to S\$3,000, with humanities and social sciences graduates earning the highest at S\$3,200. Sectors such as financial and insurance services, and health and social services, drove employment growth, while outward-oriented industries like information and communications remained subdued due to global uncertainties. Entry-level vacancies also increased, highlighting continued demand for fresh polytechnic graduates.

Mr Simon Chee, Employment Support Advisor at **SP**, emphasised that AI and automation are reshaping the job landscape, but graduates equipped with creativity, critical thinking, and human-centric skills remain valuable. **SP** is addressing this by integrating AI, digital literacy, and future-ready skills into its curriculum, ensuring graduates are "AI-ready" and prepared for evolving market demands. Employers increasingly value hands-on experience, technical skills, adaptability, and soft skills such as communication and teamwork. Chee noted that internships and real-world projects are critical, allowing students to gain workplace exposure, demonstrate abilities, and potentially convert internships into full-time roles. Listen to his full interview at CNA 938 [here!](#)

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Hansini Prisha Kannan

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National University of Singapore



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A FUTURE ENGINEER WITH VISIONARY THINKING

Hansini Prisha, a 20-year-old electrical engineering student at the National University of Singapore and SP Diploma in Electrical & Electronic Engineering alumna, has received the Institution of Engineers Singapore's (IES) education bursary. Her interest in engineering was sparked by a high school competition focused on addressing issues such as food waste, in which she won a Special Merit Award. Initially, she missed the opportunity to attend SP because of uncertainty about her field of study. However, competitions organised by IES reignited her passion, leading her to engage in numerous projects and international competitions.

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DON NORMAN DESIGN AWARD SUMMIT: RECOGNISING INNOVATION IN DESIGN

Hosting the first-ever Don Norman Design Award 2025 Summit from 19 to 21 November, **SP** showcased student innovations, including lanyards made from recycled Batik fabric and assistive devices for the elderly. The event also saw the launch of the HCD+ Innovation Playbook and the signing of key MOUs with partners like Thammasat University, reinforcing **SP**'s leadership in humanity-centred design. Dr Janil Puthuchear, Senior Minister of State for Education and Sustainability and Environment, was the Guest of Honour.

To find out more about Humanity-Centred Design, check out [Don Norman's podcast with MONEY FM 89.3](#).

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STRENGTHENING SP'S PARTNERSHIP WITH MOM: STUDENT INNOVATION DRIVING COMMUNITY IMPACT



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Since 2024, **SP**'s Sustainable Innovation Project (SIP) students have worked closely with the Ministry of Manpower (MOM) to enhance the quality of life for migrant workers living in dormitories. More than 360 students have conducted ground-up research and developed human-centred prototypes addressing needs in wellbeing, safety and social integration.

In October 2025, **SP** marked two key milestones reflecting the depth and strategic direction of this collaboration. **SP** lecturers were invited to share student-led initiatives co-created with dormitory operators and MOM partners, followed by students taking on a community implementation role at MOM ACE Group's Sangam of Lights Deepavali celebration just a week later.

For more information about the Sustainable Innovation Project, visit **SP**'s [Common Core Curriculum webpage](#).



3 COMPANIES JOINED FORCES TO ESTABLISH FIRST INTEGRATED RECYCLING AND PROCESSING SYSTEM FOR WASTE SOLAR PANELS IN THE REGION

In a move toward sustainability, Redux is collaborating with **SP** to recycle crushed glass from waste solar panels into construction materials. Dr Li Xiaodong, Manager at **SP**'s Advanced Materials Technology Centre (AMTC), said AMTC is developing a method to turn this glass into sound and heat-insulating concrete substitutes, with mass production targeted within a year.

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CLEAN ENERGY WORKFORCE EXPECTED TO INCREASE BY 60% IN THE NEXT DECADE

As Singapore targets net-zero by 2050, the clean energy workforce is set to surge. To meet this demand, industry players such as Sembcorp Solar Singapore are partnering with **SP** to train professionals in emerging skills, including digital system design and AI-assisted solar farm inspection. Similar news was reported in [Lianhe Zaobao](#) and [Singapore Business Review](#).

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NEW IMDA INITIATIVE TO HELP 500 COMPANIES ADOPT AUTONOMOUS ROBOTS IN NEXT THREE YEARS

To boost productivity in sectors like logistics and hospitality, IMDA has partnered with **SP** and other industry leaders to help 500 enterprises adopt autonomous mobile robots. **SP** will provide hands-on consultations and technical expertise to guide companies through the integration of these robotic solutions. Featured in [Channel 8](#) and [Channel U](#), Senior Director for **SP**'s Engineering cluster, Mr Toh Ser Khoo, spoke about **SP** leveraging its expertise in robotics and automation, and the use of Autonomous Mobile Robots as a holistic solution. Also featured in [Vasantham](#), and [Oli968](#), was Mr Mohamed Ilyas Fakrudeen Abdul Salam, Manager of **SP**'s School of Electrical & Electronics Engineering. Similar news was reported in [CNA](#) and [Capital 95.8](#).



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ST ENGINEERING PUTS UP CYBERSECURITY COE TO PUSH AGENTIC AI

ST Engineering has launched a Cybersecurity Centre of Excellence to advance AI-driven security solutions. As part of this initiative, they are collaborating with **SP** and **RP** to offer training programmes and develop a talent pipeline equipped to handle next-generation, AI-assisted cybersecurity threats.

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PTC AND YOUTH COUNCIL JOINTLY LAUNCHED THE COMMUTER CARE FUND FOR YOUTH PROJECT, WHICH OFFERS UP TO \$7,000 IN SUBSIDIES

The Public Transport Council (PTC) and National Youth Council (NYC) launched a grant to fund youth-led initiatives that promote a caring commuter culture. During the launch, **SP** was honoured with the Caring Commuters Partners Award for its sustained support and collaboration in fostering kindness on public transport. **SP**'s Chairman, Ms Janet Ang, was present at the event in her capacity as Chairman of PTC.

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SERI THERA FROM SP - OVERALL CHAMPION OF SUARA SERUMPUN 2025

SP's Seri Thera dikir barat group made history by clinching their first-ever Overall Championship at the prestigious Suara Serumpun 2025 competition. Group leader Nur Amalina expressed pride in the team's hard work, which outperformed that of various tertiary institutions.

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