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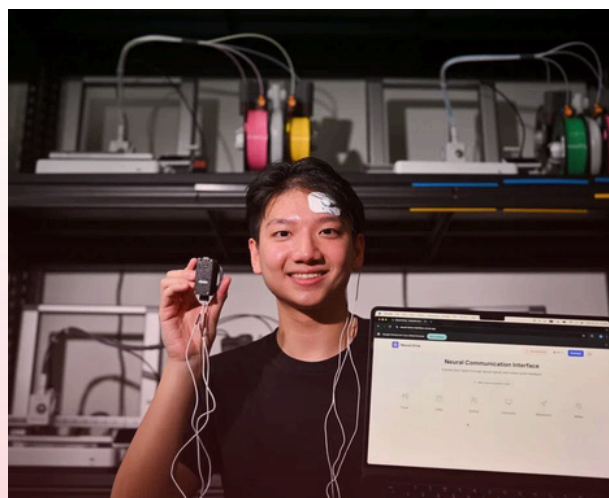
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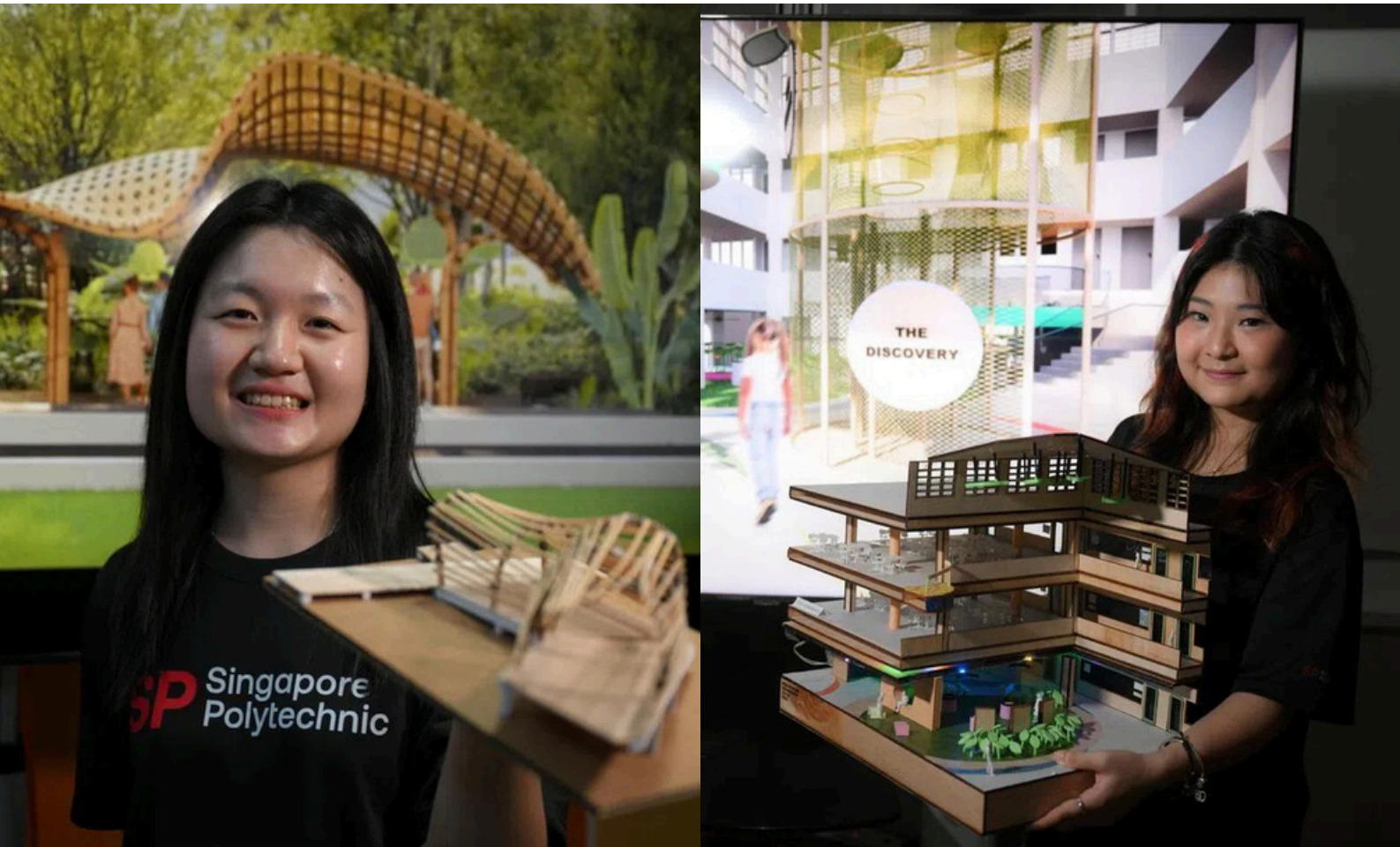
SP'S NEW FACILITIES AND SPACES HELP STUDENTS GAIN A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF THE MEDIA AND IMMERSIVE GAMING INDUSTRY

SP's Media, Arts & Design School marked its annual graduation showcase with the launch of two new industry-facing creative spaces on campus: the Immersive Games Studio, developed in collaboration with So Drama! Entertainment, and The Riot Factory.

These facilities place students in direct contact with industry workflows and professionals, enabling them to develop immersive games and interactive experiences in a real production environment.

Director of **SP's** Media, Arts & Design School, Mr Mark Lu, noted that such partnerships help students stay current with the latest trends and technologies while sparking the kind of creativity that prepares them for careers in a fast-moving industry.

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HORNBILLS AND TALK TUBES: SP STUDENTS REDESIGN JURONG TOWN HALL AREA AND CLASSROOMS

SP's School of Architecture & the Built Environment continues to inspire with final-year projects that go beyond blueprints to reimagine how communities connect with nature and how students experience learning. Then Jing Ying's "Peek-a-bill" envisions the Jurong Town Hall area transformed into a network of boardwalks and green corridors, inspired by the hornbill, that weave biodiversity back into urban life.

Meanwhile, [CNA 938](#) spoke to Faydra Neo about "PlayState", a project that tackles the classroom itself, replacing fixed desks with flexible layouts, sensory gardens, and "talk tubes" to foster creativity and independent thinking, a concept co-developed with a local school and aligned with Singapore's STEM and experiential learning agenda.

A separate graduation exhibition in March, featured on [Lianhe Zaobao](#), also showcased three Diploma in Landscape Architecture projects - Scalelink, Peek-A-Bill and Sunset X-change - focused on safeguarding the Sunda pangolin, Oriental pied hornbill and grey-headed fish eagle, reflecting the environmental conscience that defines this generation of **SP** designers.

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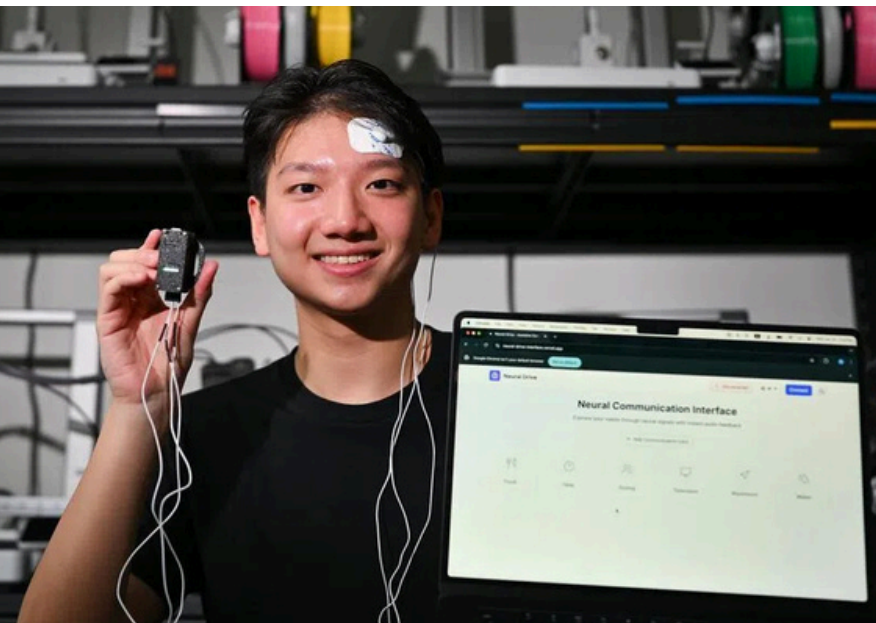
A remarkable cluster of **SP** students and alumni are channelling their education into ventures that make life more accessible for those who need it most.

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AI TOOL HELPS PARALYSED PATIENTS COMMUNICATE THROUGH BLINKS AND FOCUS; HOSPITAL TO TRIAL DEVICE



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Neural Drive, co-founded by **SP** School of Computing graduates and current students, Khambhati, Kaushik Manian, Nyan Lin, and Raymond Loong Ng, has developed an AI-powered device that enables paralysed patients to communicate using eye blinks and brainwave signals, with a clinical trial set to take place at Tan Tock Seng Hospital. The device costs around S\$2,500, far more affordable than comparable systems on the market.

SP alumnus Raymond Loong Ng, who completed the Diploma in Applied AI and Analytics, has also been recognised [in this article](#) for his impact-driven entrepreneurship: his social enterprise Resumify uses AI to help former offenders craft effective resumes, while Neural Drive continues clinical testing with healthcare partners — all while Raymond serves full-time national service.

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In a separate story, **SP** Diploma in Applied AI & Analytics alumni Lee Kiah Hong, Ryan Yeo, Chia Wee Leong and Sriram Jeyakumar founded Oculis, a bus navigation mobile app designed to restore independence and dignity to visually impaired commuters, developed in close collaboration with the Singapore Association of the Visually Handicapped.

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STUDENT DESIGNS A CLASSROOM TO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO BE CALMER AND MORE INDEPENDENT

Concerned by the growing academic pressures placed on primary school children, **SP** Diploma in Interior Design graduand Syazmira Samsaimond spent eight months conducting research at a primary school to design "Kapsool", a classroom equipped with purpose-built features to ease stress and nurture independent learners.

Working alongside teachers, MOE, and **SP**'s User Experience Centre, the 20-year-old's final-year project was among 182 showcased at **SP**'s School of Architecture & the Built Environment end-of-year exhibition in March, reflecting the school's commitment to human-centred design that makes a tangible difference in communities.

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Two SP Diploma in Interior Design graduands drew on deeply personal connections to shape standout projects at the ABE graduation showcase.



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For Quraisyah Azmi, inspiration came from the streets of Berlin: her project "TAPAK Union" brings the city's honest, contemporary design ethos to Joo Chiat, imagining a hostel that celebrates cultural exchange and connection, conceived after interviews with backpackers across Singapore's heritage districts. Quraisyah will continue her design journey pursuing a Bachelor of Architecture at NUS.

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EXPLORING THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS THROUGH 'SANDS OF TIMES'

Syuhrah Huwaida Yamanhizas turned an unexpected topic, the global scarcity of sand, into "Sands of Times", an immersive installation designed to raise public awareness of an environmental crisis that largely goes unnoticed.

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THE SCIENCE BEHIND STEROID-FREE ECZEMA RELIEF

At **SP**'s Open House 2026 in January, visitors experienced firsthand the story behind Serich, a locally developed, non-steroidal moisturising cream designed to support the skin barrier of eczema sufferers in Singapore's tropical climate.

In an interview, Ms Jessie Tong, Acting Director at **SP**'s School of Chemical & Life Sciences, and Dr Rajaletchumy Veloo Kutty, Lead Research Scientist at CCTC, explained how Serich improves hydration, reduces itchiness and

works in harmony with the skin's microbiome as a long-term maintenance product alongside steroid treatments. Serich is a compelling example of **SP** translating applied research into real-world health solutions that improve everyday lives.

Serich is now available at local pharmacies.

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NEW PROGRAMME TO TRAIN COMMUNITY OPTOMETRISTS IN CLINICAL SKILLS TO SUPPORT EYE CARE

SP and the Singapore National Eye Centre (SNEC) have joined forces to launch a new Certificate in Clinical Decision-Making in Community Optometry, strengthening community optometrists' ability to manage patients with stable eye conditions closer to home.

Each intake will put 20 fully registered optometrists through a three-month blended learning programme combining online instruction and hands-on practical

training, easing the load on major hospitals while raising the standard of community eye care across Singapore.

The programme reflects **SP**'s expanding role in building a more resilient, community-centred healthcare system.

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SP GRADUATE BENEFITED FROM MINDEF'S WORK-LEARN SCHEME TO EXPLORE CYBER SECURITY

For Ammar Abdul Jabar, an **SP** Diploma in Infocomm Security Management (now Diploma in Cybersecurity & Digital Forensics) alumnus, a briefing about MINDEF's Work-Learn Scheme was the turning point that set his career in motion.

Now 21 years old and holding the rank of Third Sergeant, Ammar is serving as a Cyber Specialist in the Cyber Incident Response Team under the Digital

and Intelligence Service (DIS), applying digital forensics skills first honed at **SP** to assess and investigate real cyber incidents.

His story is a powerful reminder of how an **SP** diploma can serve as a direct launchpad into high-stakes national security work.

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SP students and alumni are proving that a business can be both profitable and purposeful and that sustainability need not be a constraint but a creative edge.



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SP STUDENT ENTREPRENEURS STITCH SUSTAINABILITY INTO PET FASHION

SP Business students Amanda Chua and Syahirah Idora Shahrin were part of a team that started a pet accessories label using donated and upcycled fabrics, supported by **SP**'s Business Essentials Through Action (BETA) programme, which provided just S\$1,000 in seed funding; the venture, sold through Carousell and campus pop-ups, donates all proceeds to non-profit Honour Singapore. At the end of 15 weeks, all profits were donated to help cultivate the culture of Honour and Honourable Behaviour.

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In a parallel story, **SP** alumni Ashley Khan Kit and Ian Thio turned a student project into Weare, a physical thrift store that has grown into a recognisable brand since 2023, championing textile waste reduction one garment at a time. Together, these ventures speak to a generation of **SP** entrepreneurs for whom doing good and doing business are one and the same.

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STUDENTS TURNED FRUIT PEEL INTO ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY DETERGENT

Sometimes the best ideas come from grandmothers! Inspired by homemade cleaning solutions passed down through her family, **SP** Diploma in Business Administration student Joey Chan Rou Yu, together with Diploma in Accountancy student Gabrian Yuen Zheng Jie, developed Peelergent, a natural, multi-purpose surface cleaner made from upcycled orange peels, vinegar and essential oils.

Supported by **SP**'s BETA programme, their product is free of harmful chemicals, safe for families and pets, and helps tackle food waste. The duo showcased Peelergent at The Green Collective in Funan Mall and the Sengkang Sustainable Market, gaining real-world experience in marketing and entrepreneurship while showing that green living can start right at home.

Hear from Gabrian and Joey on [CNA 938!](#)

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A BYSTRO WITH OPEN SEATS FOR HWACHAE, BUT NOT ROOM FOR INVISIBLE ABUSE

Five **SP** Media, Arts & Design School students transformed their graduation project into a platform for social change with "3rd Perspective Bystro", a café-style space serving Korean hwachae drinks alongside interactive exhibits, workshops and conversations about invisible abuse, including harassment, gaslighting and emotional manipulation.

Developed in partnership with AWARE and supported by the National Youth Council, the project raised funds for the organisation and challenged visitors to become active, empowered bystanders. Showcased at the **SP** MAD graduation exhibition, it exemplifies the kind of socially responsible creativity that defines **SP**'s creative community.

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NTU COLLABORATES WITH 5 POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTES FOR STUDENTS TO TAKE UNIVERSITY COURSES IN ADVANCE



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SP students studying business-related diplomas now have an exciting new pathway to university! From 2026, eligible students can take up to two undergraduate modules at NTU's Nanyang Business School through the University Accelerated Pathway Programme (UAPP), potentially completing their degree faster if they later enrol at NTU and meet performance requirements.

The Memorandum of Agreement between **SP** and NTU covers diplomas in accounting, banking and finance, business administration, and human resource management with psychology and also opens the door for **SP** to establish similar accelerated pathways with other NTU colleges.

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ASEAN'S FUTURE IN FOCUS AS YOUTH CONFERENCE CONCLUDES IN SINGAPORE

A noticeable shift is reshaping how **SP** students see the world. In line with a national target of 70% student global exposure by 2028, students are heading to ASEAN, China and India for internships, exchanges and short-term programmes. **SP**'s Deputy Principal (Development), Ms Tan Yen Yen, noted that this produces graduates who are equally comfortable in Western and Asian markets, a combination that employers increasingly value.

SP's Youth Model ASEAN Conference (YMAC) 2026 brought together 160 delegates from Singapore and across the region for a five-day ASEAN Summit simulation. Guest-of-Honour, the Philippines Ambassador H.E. Medardo Macaraig, called on young leaders to champion inclusive growth and regional integration, themes that resonated with a room full of students already thinking beyond borders.



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MARINA BAY SANDS EXPANDS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME TO SUPPORT HOSPITALITY TALENT

Marina Bay Sands is investing more than S\$2 million in hospitality education across Singapore, with the second run of its Sands Hospitality Scholarship supporting over 160 Singaporean students at seven Institutes of Higher Learning, including SP, from 2026 to 2029.

Students enrolled in **SP**'s Diploma in Integrated Events and Project Management are among those eligible to apply, recognising the critical role that event planning and project management expertise plays in world-class hospitality operations and reinforcing **SP**'s growing presence in Singapore's talent pipeline partnerships.

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SINGAPORE AERO ENGINE SERVICES TO HIRE OVER 1,000 TECHNICIANS IN NEXT 5 YEARS UNDER DEAL WITH EDB



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Singapore's aerospace sector is growing fast, and **SP** is right at the centre of meeting the demand. Singapore Aero Engine Services (SAESL) has signed an MOU with **SP** to build a long-term talent pipeline for the maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) industry, which needs more than 1,000 new technicians over the next five years as aviation continues its post-pandemic resurgence.

SP Senior Lecturer Mr Shanker Maniam, on Vasantham, outlined the range of pathways available to students, from Aerospace Electronics to Aeronautical Engineering, and the breadth of career opportunities that await them in commercial aviation, military aerospace, drones, satellites and beyond.

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ROBOTS THAT ATTRACT YOUNGSTERS

At the fifth edition of RoboRoarZ, a regional robotics competition engaging over 380 students from across Asia, **SP** students demonstrated that the polytechnic's engineering talent runs deep. Meenakshi Ramasubramanian, a second-year Diploma in Computer Engineering student, achieved notable placements in both the prototype and live challenges, while teammate Jonathan Lim Wei Kang brought experience from previous RoboRoarZ competitions.

Both are members of **SP-RITE** (SP Robotics, Innovation, Technology and Enterprise), a CCA group that has become a launchpad for some of the school's most competitive young engineers and innovators.



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SP AND ST TELEMEDIA GLOBAL DATA CENTRES COLLABORATE TO PUSH BOUNDARIES OF SUSTAINABLE DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE

SP and ST Telemedia Global Data Centres (STT GDC) are collaborating to push the boundaries of sustainable digital infrastructure, combining applied research with hands-on student development.

The partnership focuses on innovative solutions for energy efficiency, cooling technologies and AI-driven optimisation in data centres, one of the fastest-growing segments of Singapore's digital economy.

Students benefit directly, gaining practical skills in sustainability and automation in a real-world research setting that prepares them for the green economy of tomorrow.

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A*STAR AND MARITIME SAFETY CENTRE JOIN FORCES FOR SAFER NAVIGATION



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Singapore's maritime sector is navigating one of its most transformative periods, and **SP** is at the helm of developing the talent and technology to match.

A three-year MOU between A*STAR's Institute of High Performance Computing and **SP**'s Centre of Excellence in Maritime Safety (CEMS) brings together world-class computational expertise and human-centric training systems to reduce maritime accidents and prepare seafarers for the complexities of autonomous vessel operations.

This collaboration sits within a broader national commitment: Singapore's recent investment of over S\$100 million to accelerate the adoption of maritime technology and AI across smart ports, decarbonisation, and cybersecurity.

SP's Deputy Principal for Development, Ms Tan Yen Yen, captured the stakes well in [The Edge Singapore](#), noting that **SP** is working to ensure capabilities built today remain relevant and durable enough to serve the sector well into the future - an ethos that runs through everything the institution does.

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HR Learning Fest 2026 returns with the theme "Career Rewired: Resilience, Relevance and Reinvention in the AI Era." Held as part of the SkillsFuture Festival, the event dives into how organisations can rethink roles, workflows, skills, and workplace strategies as AI reshapes the economy.

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