

MEDIA RELEASE

Republic Polytechnic celebrates 14th Graduation ceremony with 4,500 graduates awarded diplomas

The polytechnic also introduced lifelong learning initiative – ASAP (Alumni Skills Advancement Programme) as part of the celebration

Singapore, 2 May 2019 – Republic Polytechnic (RP) celebrates the achievements of its 14th graduation cohort comprising 4,066 Pre-employment Training (PET) students and 434 Continuing education and training (CET) adult learners. This year, a total of 4,500 graduates from 66 PET and CET programmes will be receiving their diploma certificates at graduation ceremonies held over six days. They join the ranks of more than 42,000 industry-ready RP graduates since the polytechnic's inception in 2002. The first graduation session held today was officiated by **Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Education & Ministry of Trade and Industry Mr Chee Hong Tat**.

Launch of ASAP encourages continuous learning even after graduation

In line with Singapore's SkillsFuture initiative to embrace lifelong learning, Republic Polytechnic also introduced **ASAP** (Alumni Skills Advancement Programme) at the event. It provides all RP graduates (including CET graduates from Part-Time Diploma and Specialist Diploma courses) with **three (3) complimentary SkillsFuture Series courses** offered by the Academy for Continuing Education (ACE@RP). With effect from 1 June 2019, all RP alumni will qualify for this scheme*. Please refer to the Appendix for more information on ASAP.

Addressing the graduands during his welcome speech in which he announced the initiative, RP Principal/CEO Mr Yeo Li Pheow underlined the importance of staying current in today's fast-paced world by equipping oneself with up-to-date skillsets.

“Today, it is no longer sufficient to be content with a set of qualifications and skills that you have. With the advent of industry 4.0 and technological disruption, the world of work is evolving. It is vital for jobseekers to keep an open mind and embrace an attitude of lifelong learning so as to acquire new skills.

ASAP is one way RP is encouraging our alumni to take up short courses that will upgrade their skills and help them stay relevant at the workplace. More importantly, it builds on the RP Academy for Continuing Education @ Paya Lebar lifelong learning facility we launched last year, underscoring our commitment to fostering the spirit of lifelong learning not just within our students, but also the community at large.”

RP celebrates its first batch of graduates from three courses

This year marks the first batch of 60 graduates from the Diploma in Engineering Design with Business, launched in 2016 to meet the growing demand for professionals who are capable of designing and building innovative engineering solutions from multidisciplinary perspectives.

Also receiving their certificates during the ceremonies are 26 graduands from 2 CET courses launched in 2017, the Specialist Diploma in Internet of Things (SDIoT) and Specialist Diploma in Integrated Care Management (SDICM). The SDIoT equips diploma or degree-level graduates and professionals with advanced integration skills and end-to-end thinking to meet IoT deployment needs. The SDICM trains healthcare professionals in coordinating health and social support systems so that patients benefit from a seamless transition from hospitals to their communities.

Top-performing students were also presented special awards in recognition of their outstanding all-rounded achievements.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS AWARD FOR THE MOST OUTSTANDING GRADUATE OF THE YEAR

This award is presented to the most outstanding graduate who has excelled academically, performed at the highest standard and inculcated an appreciation of virtues and beliefs which RP advocates. The recipient of this award for 2019 is:

KEEFE LAU
Diploma in Health Services Management with Merit

THE Ngee Ann Kongsi Award for the Most Distinguished Graduate of the Year (Academic)

This award is presented to the graduate who has excelled academically throughout his/her studies at RP. The recipient of this award for 2019 is:

KEEFE LAU
Diploma in Health Services Management with Merit

LEE Kuan Yew Award for Mathematics and Science

These awards are presented to the top graduates from the technology or computer science courses. The recipients of these awards for 2019 are:

CHANG MIAN YAN
Diploma in Aerospace Engineering with Merit

CHEW YU YING
Diploma in Biotechnology with Merit

LEIN ROU XUAN
Diploma in Business Applications with Merit

TAY Eng Soon Gold Medal

This award is presented to the most outstanding graduate who has advanced from the Institute of Technical Education. The recipient of this award for 2019 is:

LIM JUN HAO DERRICK
Diploma in Supply Chain Management with Merit

** The offer of 3 complimentary SkillsFuture courses under ASAP is valid from 1 June 2019 to 31 May 2022.*

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About Republic Polytechnic

The first educational institution in Singapore to leverage the Problem-based Learning approach for all its diploma programmes, Republic Polytechnic (RP) has seven schools and one academic centre offering 39 full-time diplomas in Applied Science, Engineering, Management and Communication, Hospitality, Infocomm, Sports, Health & Leisure, and Technology for the Arts.

RP is committed to nurturing professionals with strong problem-solving capabilities through an innovative and entrepreneurial learning environment, based on a holistic and industry-relevant curriculum. RP's Academy for Continuing Education also offers a comprehensive suite of lifelong learning programmes to provide adult learners with skills upgrading opportunities.

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Appendix

Factsheet on Alumni Skills Advancement Programme (ASAP)

Objectives	<p>As an institution of lifelong learning, it is RP's objective to inculcate the value of lifelong learning in all our alumni.</p> <p>Every year, more than 4000 students (PET) graduate and become our alumni. In addition, with our increasing efforts in Continuing Education Training (CET), at least 500 students graduate each year from our Full Qualification CET courses (e.g. Part Time Diploma, Specialist Diploma) and becoming our alumni. RP's current alumni base stands at more than 42,000.</p> <p>RP hopes that ASAP will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enable our alumni to have easy access to upgrade their skills; and 2. Keep our alumni updated with skills that are current and useful, thus ensuring that they remain relevant in the workforce, and also increase their employability.
Details of ASAP	<p>The Alumni Skills Advancement Programme (ASAP) is valid for three years, starting from 1 June 2019, it will end on 31 May 2022.</p> <p>During this period, all RP alumni shall enjoy complimentary enrolment into their first three SkillsFuture Series (SF Series) courses offered by RP. Refer to Annex A for the list of courses.</p> <p>Close to 200 courses are offered by RP in the SF Series, across different fields such as data analytics, tech-enabled services, digital media, cybersecurity, entrepreneurship, advanced manufacturing, and urban solutions.</p> <p>The average duration of the SF Series courses range from 1 to 5 days, and this lowers the commitment barrier for alumni, as they would not need to commit to a long duration to complete the course.</p> <p>Alumni will have to apply through RP ACE (www.rp.edu.sg/ace) website for the course(s) that they wish to attend.</p> <p>The full list of SF Series courses can be found at www.rp.edu.sg/ace</p>
Offer applicable to	<p>All RP Alumni.</p> <p>"Alumni" is defined as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PET alumni – students who have graduated from a full-time diploma programme 2. CET alumni – students who have graduated from Full Qualification CET courses (Part-Time Diploma and Specialist Diploma courses).
Duration of Offer	<p>3 Years. 1 June 2019 – 31 May 2022</p>

List of SkillsFuture Series courses offered by Republic Polytechnic

COURSE TITLE	AREA
3D Additive Manufacturing: Materials and Technologies	Advanced Manufacturing
3D Printing and Ecosystem (2 days)	Advanced Manufacturing
3D Printing and Modelling (2 days)	Advanced Manufacturing
Advanced Composites Manufacturing: Fundamentals and Applications	Advanced Manufacturing
Autodesk CAD Training (AutoCAD)	Advanced Manufacturing
Basics of Automated Non-Destructive Techniques (NDT)	Advanced Manufacturing
Beginner Computer-Aided Design Course	Advanced Manufacturing
Collaborative and Mobile Robotic Systems for Industrial Applications	Advanced Manufacturing
Designing an In-Building Wireless Network	Advanced Manufacturing
Energy Audit and Power Quality	Advanced Manufacturing
Exploring Internet of Things with Arduino	Advanced Manufacturing
Exploring Internet of Things with Raspberry Pi	Advanced Manufacturing
First Steps in Programming and IoT using the MicroBit	Advanced Manufacturing
Go Lean Transformation (7-day)	Advanced Manufacturing
Industry 4.0 in Action (2 days)	Advanced Manufacturing
Intermediate Computer-Aided Design Course	Advanced Manufacturing
Introduction of Cleanroom and Basic Equipment for Micro-fab Process	Advanced Manufacturing
Introduction to Autonomous Robots Integration and Programming	Advanced Manufacturing
Introduction to Computer-Aided Design (CAD) (4 days)	Advanced Manufacturing
Introduction to DesignSpark Mechanical	Advanced Manufacturing
Introduction to DesignSpark PCB	Advanced Manufacturing
Risk Assessment and Laboratory Safety (Physics)	Advanced Manufacturing
Ethical Hacking - Exposed	Cybersecurity
Implementing IT Security @ Work (IT Security and Your Organisation)	Cybersecurity
Introduction to Google Firebase for Android Developers	Cybersecurity
IT Security and You	Cybersecurity
The Fundamentals of Digital Forensics	Cybersecurity
Advanced Certificate in Market Research	Data Analytics
AI Mobile Projects	Data Analytics
Amazon Web Services Cloud Computing Architecture	Data Analytics
An Introduction to DevOps	Data Analytics
Applied Artificial Intelligence with Python	Data Analytics
Artificial Intelligence for Everyone - A Practical Experience	Data Analytics
Artificial Intelligence for Techies - A Hands-On Approach	Data Analytics
AWS Academy Cloud Foundations incorporating Web Application and Database Deployment on AWS Platform	Data Analytics
Building Interactive Websites with jQuery	Data Analytics
Data Science with Python	Data Analytics
Deep Learning with Python	Data Analytics
Developing Your First Chatbot	Data Analytics
Drone Programming with Python	Data Analytics
First Steps in Business Intelligence	Data Analytics
Fundamentals in Java Programming	Data Analytics
Fundamentals of Data Analytics	Data Analytics
Fundamentals of Data Visualisation	Data Analytics
Getting Started with Text Mining	Data Analytics
Introduction to Data Communications and Computer Networking	Data Analytics
Introductory Programming using Python	Data Analytics
Managing Data @ Work (Managing Business Data)	Data Analytics
Mining Data for Insights @ Work (Mining Business Data for Insights)	Data Analytics
Social Media Analytics with Programming	Data Analytics

Text Mining - Making Sense of Unstructured Data	Data Analytics
Text Mining Analytics with Programming	Data Analytics
Understanding Behavioural Insights	Data Analytics
360 Video Creation for Immersive Experiences	Digital Media
Avid Pro Tools 101	Digital Media
Avid Pro Tools 110	Digital Media
Be a Cyber Warrior - Fight Against the Black Hats	Digital Media
Building AR Experiences	Digital Media
Captivate Your E-Learning Audience with Adobe Captivate	Digital Media
Content Management System for Social Media (Creating Digital Media Content for Business)	Digital Media
Developing Digital Proficiencies (Creating Digital Media Content)	Digital Media
E-Learning: Learning at your OTOT (own time own target)	Digital Media
Gamification: Psychology of Gaming in Learning and Development	Digital Media
I can, I want, will I? The World of Adult Learning.	Digital Media
Immersive Experiences: Introduction to AR, VR and 360 Media Creation	Digital Media
Internet of Things for Sound Production	Digital Media
Introduction to Building Interactive Experiences with Unity	Digital Media
Master Class in Advanced Photographic & Post-Processing Techniques	Digital Media
Mobile Music Making	Digital Media
The Art of Digital Photography	Digital Media
The Art of Macro Photography	Digital Media
Unity Certification for Professionals	Digital Media
Achieving Product Market Fit	Entrepreneurship
Business Canvas for Innovation	Entrepreneurship
Business Idea Validation	Entrepreneurship
Business Model Canvas for Entrepreneurs	Entrepreneurship
Business Pitching through Storytelling	Entrepreneurship
Business Start-up Programme	Entrepreneurship
Corporate Governance for Non-Profit Organisations	Entrepreneurship
Creativity and Innovation Workshop	Entrepreneurship
Cross-Cultural Management in China	Entrepreneurship
Design Your Way From Purpose to Performance:	Entrepreneurship
Financing for Innovations	Entrepreneurship
Launching your Startup	Entrepreneurship
Lean Innovation at Work	Entrepreneurship
Managing Top Talent with Design Thinking	Entrepreneurship
Revenue Management for Non Revenue Managers	Entrepreneurship
Social Innovation	Entrepreneurship
Start Your Own Blogspace	Entrepreneurship
Starting an Online Business	Entrepreneurship
The Entrepreneur Dive	Entrepreneurship
Travel and Learn Programme: Business Learning Journey to Jakarta	Entrepreneurship
Travel and Learn Programme: Business Learning Journey to Myanmar	Entrepreneurship
Understanding Contemporary China Business Perspectives	Entrepreneurship
A Primer in HR Analytics	Tech-Enabled Services
Advanced Demand Forecasting Techniques	Tech-Enabled Services
Analysing Your Social Media Performance	Tech-Enabled Services
Analytics for Quality Control	Tech-Enabled Services
Applied Digital Design	Tech-Enabled Services
Basic Demand Forecasting Techniques	Tech-Enabled Services
Basic Video Creation and Editing	Tech-Enabled Services
Becoming A Media Entrepreneur through E-Commerce	Tech-Enabled Services
Brand Health Survey & Analysis	Tech-Enabled Services

Branding in the Digital World for Employees and Employers	Tech-Enabled Services
Business Innovation: Smart Business Device	Tech-Enabled Services
Certificate in Data Processing for Consumer Insights	Tech-Enabled Services
CISCO Network Administration	Tech-Enabled Services
Cold Chain Technology and Management (e-learning)	Tech-Enabled Services
Create Graphics Like A Pro For Social Media	Tech-Enabled Services
Creating Awesome Events	Tech-Enabled Services
Cyber Security Essentials	Tech-Enabled Services
Data Visualisation and Analytics	Tech-Enabled Services
Deepening Relations with Your Consumers through Social Listening	Tech-Enabled Services
Design Innovation for Advanced Composites	Tech-Enabled Services
Design Thinking for Successful Problem Solving	Tech-Enabled Services
Designing an Effective Social Media Campaign	Tech-Enabled Services
Designing and Prototyping 3D Objects - Basic	Tech-Enabled Services
Designing Business Models for Digital Economy	Tech-Enabled Services
Designing Interactivity with Electronic Kits	Tech-Enabled Services
Designing the user experience for mobile applications	Tech-Enabled Services
Digital Branding	Tech-Enabled Services
Digital Intelligence: Opportunity Identification	Tech-Enabled Services
Digital Marketer Essentials	Tech-Enabled Services
Digital Payment for Business	Tech-Enabled Services
Digital Publishing	Tech-Enabled Services
Digital Recruitment for Talent Acquisition	Tech-Enabled Services
Digital User Experience	Tech-Enabled Services
Experience Design for Programmers	Tech-Enabled Services
Experience how Robotic Process Automation (RPA) makes your work easier	Tech-Enabled Services
Failure Analysis of Advanced Composites	Tech-Enabled Services
Fundamental of iOS Programming	Tech-Enabled Services
Fundamentals of smart biomedical device	Tech-Enabled Services
GoBI	Tech-Enabled Services
goDCE (Distribution Centre Excellence)	Tech-Enabled Services
goRPA	Tech-Enabled Services
Harnessing the Power of Data Analytics for Effective Health	Tech-Enabled Services
How To Be An Affluent Social Media Influencer	Tech-Enabled Services
Individual Performance Analysis for Sports Coaches	Tech-Enabled Services
Insight of Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF) System and Application	Tech-Enabled Services
Internet of Things for Lighting Design	Tech-Enabled Services
Intro to Hotel Technology Innovation	Tech-Enabled Services
Introduction to Chemical Laboratory Skills	Tech-Enabled Services
Introduction to Design Thinking	Tech-Enabled Services
Introduction to Drones (Basic UAV Videography)	Tech-Enabled Services
Introduction to Pharmaceutical Technology	Tech-Enabled Services
Introduction to User Experience Design	Tech-Enabled Services
Inventory Replenishment and Ordering Decision	Tech-Enabled Services
iOS App Development Fundamentals	Tech-Enabled Services
Jump Start Your Digital Marketing Strategy	Tech-Enabled Services
Lean Transformation	Tech-Enabled Services
Legal Tech	Tech-Enabled Services
Making Sense of Digital Business Platforms	Tech-Enabled Services
Marketing Analytics: From Data to Decisions	Tech-Enabled Services
Marketing in Retail Healthcare Sector	Tech-Enabled Services
Mobile App for Biosafety	Tech-Enabled Services
Mobile First E-commerce Strategy	Tech-Enabled Services
Mobile Video Creation	Tech-Enabled Services
Multimedia Content Creation for Digital Media Platforms	Tech-Enabled Services
Nudge by Design	Tech-Enabled Services
One Day Lean Experience	Tech-Enabled Services

Pharmaceutical inventory management	Tech-Enabled Services
Process Planning and Improvement Using Simulation	Tech-Enabled Services
Producing Effective Digital Brand Stories	Tech-Enabled Services
Quality Visitor Experience through Immersive Technology	Tech-Enabled Services
Redesigning Retail Experience	Tech-Enabled Services
SCOR Modelling of Supply Chains	Tech-Enabled Services
Search Engine Strategy For Business	Tech-Enabled Services
Service Analytics	Tech-Enabled Services
Service Design for Business	Tech-Enabled Services
Simulation for Decision Making (e-learning)	Tech-Enabled Services
Simulation Modelling with Flexsim	Tech-Enabled Services
Staying Relevant in the Digital Economy	Tech-Enabled Services
Storytelling for Businesses in the Digital Era	Tech-Enabled Services
Story-telling through the Lens	Tech-Enabled Services
Sustainable Feed Formulation	Tech-Enabled Services
Team Sports Performance Analysis	Tech-Enabled Services
The Digital Recruiter	Tech-Enabled Services
Understanding the Smart Nation Initiative	Tech-Enabled Services
Value Stream Mapping	Tech-Enabled Services
Warehouse Automation and Autonomous Robotics	Tech-Enabled Services
Warehousing Technologies and Management	Tech-Enabled Services
Website Creation for Beginners using HTML and CSS	Tech-Enabled Services
Who am I in this Digital World?	Tech-Enabled Services
Energy Audit - Indoor Air Quality and Air-conditioning Efficiency	Urban Solutions
Nature Education	Urban Solutions
Rapid Hygiene Monitoring using ATP Bioluminescence	Urban Solutions
Understanding Nature and Wildlife in Singapore	Urban Solutions

**List is accurate as of 25 April 2019.*