

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Largest cohort of Continuing Education and Training graduates take the stage at Republic Polytechnic's 17<sup>th</sup> Graduation Ceremony**

*Celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, RP also announced new minor programmes and witnessed the pioneer batch of graduates from four CET courses*

**Singapore, 4 May 2022** –Republic Polytechnic (RP) celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, and marked its 17<sup>th</sup> graduation ceremony with the biggest graduating cohort of Continuing Education and Training (CET) graduands to date. From 4 to 11 May, a total of 4,477 RP students across 75 Pre-Employment Training (PET) and CET programmes will receive their diploma certificates at on-campus graduation ceremonies. They will join the ranks of RP's over 61,000-strong industry-ready graduates since the polytechnic's inception in 2002.

Mr Chan Chun Sing, Minister for Education and Minister in-charge of the Public Service officiated the keynote session on 4 May.

Mr Yeo Li Pheow, Principal/CEO, Republic Polytechnic remarked, "This year is special to RP as we also celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. RP was the first local institute of higher learning to leverage Problem-based Learning across all our diplomas. Over the years, we have expanded our range of learning pedagogies to develop a unique brand of education that is learner-centred, inquiry-based, collaborative and built on social-constructivism. With RP's increased focus on lifelong learning, we are well-positioned to continue nurturing future-ready graduates."

Congratulating the graduating class of 2022, Mr Yeo added, "COVID-19 has accelerated the pace of digitalisation and transformation across multiple industry sectors. Many have adopted new technologies and processes to boost business resilience. This has created a strong talent demand for professionals capable of navigating quickly-evolving changes in the new normal. Whatever your ambitions may be, I hope that you will continue to upskill and keep RP close to your heart as you move on to the next chapter of your life."

#### **New minor programmes in Business, Digitalisation, and Sustainability**

To strengthen its holistic and well-rounded curriculum, RP is offering PET students the option to take on minor programmes in business, digitalisation or sustainability from Academic Year 2023, providing them an additional area of study beyond their core academic discipline. Students will gain broader perspectives through multidisciplinary learning and be able to pursue additional interests, preparing them to be versatile industry-ready professionals equipped to succeed in today's rapidly-evolving environment.

Eligible students can apply for the programme towards the end of their first year. To fulfil the minor programme requirements, they are required to take two relevant freely-chosen modules and select another two from their chosen minor programme. In general, students undertaking the minor programme will take on two extra modules on top of their diploma graduation requirements.

### Pioneer batch of CET graduates from four new diplomas

This year's graduating cohort also comprises the first batch of students from the following CET courses:

- **Diploma in Applied Science (Urban Agricultural Technology)**
- **Diploma in Engineering (Vehicular Technology and Operations)**
- **Diploma in Health Sciences (Health Management)**
- **Specialist Diploma in Coaching and Mentoring for Workplace Learning**

### Special Award Winners

During the main graduation session, special awards were also conferred to seven graduates for their outstanding achievements in both academics and the community.

<b>Special Award</b>	<b>Recipient</b>
<p><b>BOARD OF GOVERNORS AWARD MOST OUTSTANDING GRADUATE OF THE YEAR</b></p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Oliver Sim Wenhui <i>Diploma in Consumer Behaviour &amp; Research</i></p>
<p><b>LEE KUAN YEW AWARD FOR MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE</b></p> <p>These awards are presented to the top graduates from the technology or computer science courses.</p>	<p>Austin Seah Wen Kang <i>Diploma in Biomedical Science</i></p> <p>Chee Wei En <i>Diploma in Aviation Management</i></p> <p>Jensen Lim Han Wei <i>Diploma in Aviation Management</i></p> <p>Jerome Yap <i>Diploma in Biomedical Science</i></p>
<p><b>TAY ENG SOON GOLD MEDAL</b></p> <p>This award is presented to the most outstanding graduate who has advanced from the Institute of Technical Education.</p>	<p>Cynthia Tan Rui Ying <i>Diploma in Health Management &amp; Promotion</i></p>
<p><b>THE Ngee Ann Kongsi Award Most Distinguished Graduate of the Year (Academic)</b></p> <p>This award is presented to the graduate who has excelled academically throughout his/her studies at RP.</p>	<p>Ho Jun Da Wilson <i>Diploma in Information Technology</i></p>

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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 36 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. For more information, visit <http://www.rp.edu.sg>.