Hear our graduates’ stories in their Careers

Motto: Don’t be afraid of trying!

I chose RP because of the choice of course, wireless learning environment, and its unique learning system. I chose SEG-DIOM because of its versatility and application in a wide range of industries. Now, having graduated from the course, I am proud to say that I have made the right choice as DIOM was indeed a great training platform that provided me with lots of opportunities to grow, to learn, and to excel!

I remember the language difficulty that I faced as an international student when I first started out. I’m grateful to my facilitators who have encouraged and provided many opportunities to help me overcome my language barrier. One most memorable experience was being approached to be the emcee of a prestigious event “Engineering Week 2008 Opening Ceremony”. This, followed by other emceeing experiences along the way, has helped improved on my public speaking skill. Now I am able to express myself more confidently!

Throughout my studies in RP, I have managed to obtain numerous scholarships, diploma-based and module-based prizes. Outside classroom, the experiences gained from my participation in the management committee of International Student Club was also invaluable, from organising and helping out in events, to the wonderful friendships that were formed.
What sparked my interest in applying to RP was because of DIOM, which wasn't offered in any other polytechnics. Besides, RP has a very nice campus and I was very interested in the PBL as well. The facilitators are very helpful, and my peers were fun-loving too!

At RP, I was involved in the International Student Club, serving as Event Co-ordinator Head during my first year and Welfare Coordinator Head in the second year. I was also President for Puzzle Interest Group. Some of my achievements in RP included winning several module prizes, diploma awards, and Scholarships, as well as 1st runner up for VB challenge which was a competition that I had participated.

DIOM has helped me to be better in thinking more systematically when trying to solve problems in my workplace. Also, I now find it easier when it comes to processing data, making sense out of it. When it comes to solving problems, I'm able to consider various aspects of a problem more holistically when coming up with solutions. Last but not least, my presentation skill has also improved a lot compared to before I joined RP, which has helped me pretty much at my work.

Thanks RP for making me who I am today!

Motto: Work hard and love what you do!

Harris Kristanto (DIOM '11 Graduate, GPA 4.0)  
- Currently working at Jurong Shipyard as Assistant Engineer
I graduated from RP, with a Diploma in Industrial and System Engineering (DISE) in the year 2007. I enrolled into NUS, studying Project and Facilities Management and graduated with Honours in 2010. Following on, I spent a year in Korea at Kyung Hee University for an Advance certificate in Korean language. I came back to Singapore and accepted a job offer in Siemens doing Logistics and Supply Chain Management.

Being the President of the Logistics and Supply Chain Management (LSCM) & Social Dance Interest Groups at RP had allowed me to develop my EQ and my leadership qualities. My internship in Shanghai was also a great exposure and opportunity for me to be even more independent. Being the valedictorian during my graduation ceremony a RP was one of the most invaluable experiences that RP has provided me which trained me to become an even more comfortable and confident speaker in front of a large audiences today.

Great thanks to DISE and all the RP facilitators who has guided and inspired me to pursue my dreams and excel!
I applied to RP because at that time of point, I did not do well for my O levels. It was the only school that offered an engineering course which is not so technical as compared to the other polytechnics.

Due to the setback in my ‘O’ levels, I tell myself that I have to do well in RP. Before coming to RP, my goal was to do well for both my sports and studies. Thank God, I was able to excel in these two areas due to proper time management and active participation in class.

I guess in an engineering course, you will meet people from all walks of life and also different nationalities. We spent most of our time together preparing and discussing our presentations. It was quite challenging initially, facing challenges such as culture shock and communication breakdown. This can be overcome if we try to understand and accept the differences.

I was very active in committees and sports. I was part of the Floor ball (Women) team, captain for 2 years and won the Best Captain Award in Glitz. I was in student union (Exco) for Service Learning Club, organizing FOP and other activities. I also participated in the Youth Expedition Programme to China.

I graduated from National University of Singapore in 2010, Bachelor of Science in Project and Facilities Management. I am currently employed by Land Transport Authority as a Contract Rail Executive.

Being a failure in ‘O’ levels and able to enter National University of Singapore after diploma, I really have to thank the encouraging and motivating facilitators and staff at Republic Polytechnic. It was a life-changing process for me and I am actually able to do it, coping well with both my studies and sports commitments.
Able to memorize the whole text book and scribbling them down the exam scripts doesn’t meant you’ve understood the concept/ theory behind the things you’ve to learnt.

In RP, Problem Based Learning teaches you how to understand the problem you’re facing and enables you to solve it innovatively. In every environment there are different scenarios which we are unable to directly copy and paste from the textbooks and apply the solutions successfully. PBL is one of the techniques I’ve learnt in RP and this had greatly assisted me in my work & personal life.

In DISE (DIOM) programme, the modules learnt in this course allows us to learn logistics in detail and other tag-along courses like human factor engineering, auto-cad, six sigma etc. provide us an overview of what are the common industry practices. What I wanted to say is that going through these courses makes you the jack of all trades, master of none logistics.. I would like to thank all the facilitators which taught us, the pioneer batch of RP students. We are all new and trying out this wonderful learning approach together.

I would definitely recommend to all out there trying to find an interesting and challenging career to try out PBL in RP in DIOM as logistics is still a booming sector in Singapore, or if logistics doesn’t suits you, PBL will!

Motto: The toughest competitor in life is yourself

Chua Man Ping, DISE (DIOM) ’06 Graduate, GPA 3.13

Further studied and graduated from Curtin University & Technology (International Supply Chain Management).

Currently working at UTi Worldwide (S) Pte Ltd as Operations & Administrative Manager.
I had lots of fond memories throughout my stay at Republic Polytechnic. I gained a good amount of exposure to ready myself to take on the world. During National Service (NS), I was intoxicated with a mindset where being punished or ridiculed at is fun; but it’s at RP where I find being stressed and mugging is fun! Good friends who eventually became a band of brothers and sisters to this day, and Facilitators whom I could communicate without being subjected by their hierarchal statuses. Who wouldn’t miss being a student in RP?

This course trained me to build alot of confidence in making critical decisions as well, as we all learned that numbers aren’t exactly the definite solution to a problem – I’m sure we’ve all heard of this phrase: Lies, Da*ned Lies and Statistics.

Some of the trophies I earned was the Gold Award in Synergy competition (a tertiary-level Engineering/ Patenting competition) in 2006, beating many other teams from NUS, NTU (Nanyang Technological University) and Temasek Polytechnic (being the other Polytechnic to made it into the finals). Another was being the finalists for Start@Up Singapore: Nokia’s Run Your Own Shown Shop, a national-level business competition in 2005. (Seriously, we lost to NUS just because they had their School to sponsor and endorse almost everything :)

All in all, I am very thankful and still do feel fortunate to go through RP’s curriculum structure and methodologies of self directed learning. By the time I went to NS, I was ever ready to face hundreds of soldiers, literally, across all ranks and services daily, all thanks to the exposure in public speaking throughout my three years in RP. As an undergraduate and even now at work, I am not afraid of stepping into new domains such as Media or Social Sciences which I further studied in, or having to familiarise with the Medical environment due to my nature of work. RP has provided me with ample amount of skills that is both very applicable and practical for the real-world scenarios and also “compass” to guide my directions without asking for spoon feeding (ok, maybe just a little bit along the way). Just in case you’re wondering, I previously worked in a local university’s core eLearning development unit and currently belong to Singapore’s largest medical cluster, also in the similar field. Together with my team, we are working really hard to (hopefully) radicalise the existing learning methodologies through paradigm changes, ultimately to help doctors save more lives.
During the course of pursuing Diploma in Industrial & Operations (DIOM) from Republic Polytechnic’s (RP) School of Engineering (SEG), I did not expect my life would change. The skills, knowledge and guidance from my Facilitators had greatly groomed me to be who I am now. They are part of the reasons to my success. The first few months of my journey in RP were extremely tough. Being an introvert, the Problem Based Learning (PBL) practised by RP, requiring students to communicate openly with classmates and facilitators during class discussions and presentations, made myself laborious in expressing my ideas and thoughts in words. However, my facilitators were not too quick to award me with low grades. Instead, they continuously gave me motivational and supportive comments on my daily performances, as well as the areas of improvements so I can be equipped with better communication and presentation skills for subsequent lessons. Not only that. The emphasise to use innovations and creative ideas as solutions to our daily challenges can greatly be beneficial especially in the terms of life skills, knowledge, technical expertise that may come in handy when furthering my studies and/or working in any industries. These are extremely crucial when I founded my company, AdHeights. The challenges I faced when running AdHeights had truly made me to be more innovative and creative when generating ideas as solutions for my clients. At such, with the multi-beneficial knowledge, skills and experiences generated from the three years of RP’s DIOM programme, it had indeed groomed me to be a successful entrepreneur. Thank you to all of my facilitators for all of your guidance! And to all students who are presently studying in RP, or are presently taking this course – HOLD BELIEFS in your facilitators for they are someone who will always be trying to guide you to be someone whom you may want to be future!
I enrolled into diploma of industrial and operation management in 2007. I joined the logistics and supply chain management (LSCMS) interest group and being its president after a year. Having to have such position, I was exposed to many industrial leaders from every industrial event and it is really great that the school is quite supportive for the student to get closer to the industry.

Upon graduation from RP, I joined Charles & Keith Group as Group logistics executive. I was tasked to be the project manager for warehouse management system implementation. Thanks to warehouse management module and project management module which I took up during my study in RP and these modules really help me a lot in my work.

The greatest thing about RP is “learning with differences” which I am totally agree with this slogan after I joined the workforce. The PBL system actually makes me to be an independent learning person and I am able to do my own research whenever I find a problem in my project during my work.

Great thanks to RP and all the facilitators who had made me who I am today.