RP DIOM Soars to Greater Heights!

Singapore, 7 August 2013 – With three new Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) signed on 7 August 2013, Republic Polytechnic (RP) brings School of Engineering’s (SEG) Diploma in Industrial and Operations Management to greater heights!

The MOUs are in collaboration with three leading organisations in the field of industrial and operations management – Singapore Productivity Association (SPA), American Society for Quality (ASQ), and the Project Management Institute Singapore Chapter (PMI Singapore Chapter).

This provides a platform for knowledge sharing between industry and academia through joint programmes such as seminars and workshops.

“These partnerships will help nurture the new generation of operations management professionals and play an important part in enabling Singapore to achieve its target of higher productivity,” said Mr Seto Lok Yin, Deputy Principal (Industry Services) of RP. He added further that these MOUs represent a big step forward for RP’s DIOM programme as it would provide students with industry-relevant skills and experience.

During his welcome address, Mr Seto Lok Yin brought attention to the door gift given to each guest – a letter opener moulded into the shape of a man’s or woman’s head with four movable gears. The gears represented the collaborations between the government, Institutes of Higher Learning, and industries towards the National Productivity Drive. It was designed in-house by RP using AutoCAD and subsequently printed with a 3D printer.

(L-R) Executive Director of SPA Mr Low Hock Meng, Vice President of SPA Mr Tan Peng Yong, Deputy Principal (Industry Services) of RP Mr Seto Lok Yin, and Director of RP SEG Dr Wang Jianguo.
Apart from the MOU signings, there was also a series of presentations led by Mr Low Tuck, Management Committee Member of Singapore Productivity Association. His keynote address on the productivity movement in Singapore especially garnered attention from the participants. Mr Dennis Quak, Director of Centre of Innovation for Supply Chain Management (COI-SCM), shared his insights on projects through collaborations between industry partners and RP.

Mr Cheng Howe Chiat, SEG Senior Academic Staff, also touched on his project in which productivity and savings were gained through the application of simulation and optimisation technologies. Due to the overwhelming interest from the participants on the topics brought up during the session, there was a very engaging Q&A session after the presentations.

Following that was a heartwarming sharing session from SEG students about their Industry Immersion Programme (IIP) and Final-Year Project (FYP) experiences. The event wrapped up with an entertaining skit performance put up by the students and staff on the internship programme at RP to rousing applause from the audience.