Welcome to our April 2015 edition of DIOM newsletter! Hope that it had been a wonderful start of the new semester for all of you. In this edition, we will share some activities, events and competitions that took place in the past few months.

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An idiom is a phrase or sentence which has a completely different literal meaning from the words comprising the idiom or idiomatic expression.

“Piece of cake”
Something that is very easy to complete.

"Costs an arm and a leg"
Something is very expensive.
Welcome to All our DIOM AY2015 Freshmen to RP!

Let us give a very **WARM WELCOME** to all our **DIOM AY2015 Freshmen** to RP!

Our DIOM freshmen have participated in the school orientation program from 15 to 17 Apr and have been enjoying & experiencing our unique polytechnic culture.

Let’s wish them an **enjoyable and memorable** three years journey in RP!
SEG Team won 3rd Prize in inaugural "SiPi Innovation Challenge Trophy 2014" Competition!

We are happy to share that our RP Team comprising three Year 3 SEG-DIOM students, CHAN XIAN LUN BRENDAN, GOH WEI HAO and MUHAMMAD ALIF, have won the 3rd Prize in the inaugural “SiPi Innovation Challenge Trophy 2014” Competition for Polytechnics!

This competition is in conjunction with the Singapore Innovation and Productivity Conference (SIPC) on 8th to 9th October 2014 organised by Singapore Manufacturing Federation (SMF). The main objective is to introduce and provide a platform for students’ to demonstrate their knowledge on Business Model Innovation (BMI) and its implementation.

On 3rd September 2014, students attended a training workshop which introduced students the concept of Business Model Innovation (BMI) and its importance to companies and businesses, after which each team was given 1 week to submit a paper on their Business Model Innovation proposal on 10 September 2014. There were a total of 9 participating teams (RP-1, SP-1, NP-1, NYP-4 & TP-2) from the 5 Polytechnics. Eventually, our RP team was shortlisted as one of the Top 5 finalist with their innovative business proposal for a scheduling system based on FlexSim, which can be applied to a variety of industries (such as Healthcare, Manufacturing, F&B and Retail). The other 4 teams included 1 team from TP, 1 team from NP, and 2 teams from NYP.
SOT trip to Hong Kong/Guangzhou, 13-18 Oct 2014

On 13th October 2014, 24 SEG students led by Diana and Aidong to Hong Kong and Guangzhou for the Student Overseas Trip. Despite the situation at Hong Kong and the Dengue outbreak at Guangzhou, they were very blessed that the trip went smoothly and safely.

Company / University Visits:

The team visited various companies like HK Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, HK Civil Aviation Department, HK Internet of Things Center of Excellence, HK Science Park, Guangzhou Yihai Kerry edible oil factory, Yangcheng Evening paper printing house etc to learn about their various operational processes and improvement initiatives from the companies. The hosts gave the students a good overview of the company business processes and also the energy saving initiatives and workplace safety measures. Students were impressed by the adoption of various technologies in the business operations. The group also got to visit the local universities, Hong Kong Polytechnic University, City University of Hong Kong and Guangdong University of Technology which gave them a different educational systems experience.
Outreach to Unity Secondary School by DIOM eLeap
Students on 15 Oct 2014

We had a fruitful outreach session by four of our SEG students at Unity Secondary School on 15 Oct 2014 to 79 Sec 2 N(A) students. The four SEG students are Aw Shi Yun, Tan Li Ning Lynn and Chen Xiayi who are our DIOM Year 2 eLeap students, as well as Benjamin Chang Yong Kuang who is a DEEE Year 2 eLeap student. They presented an overview of RP, the various schools and centers available, as well as the various diplomas offerings in SEG (including Common Engineering & PFP programme as requested by their teacher). Shi Yun and Benjamin, who are both alumni of the school, also shared with the students their personal journeys to achieving their successes in RP – in an effort to inspire and motivate their juniors.

It was very heartwarming from the students at the end of the session that they found this outreach very meaningful. At the same time, they felt really good to be able to inspire their own juniors and the experiences gained certainly boost up their self-worth and self-confidence.

We hope more students can initiate the ideas can return your secondary school to inspire your juniors and share your experience in RP SEG!
NUS ISE National Business Analytics Case Competition 2015, 31 Jan - 14 Feb 2015

For the NUS ISE Business Analytics Case Competition 2015, the case was released on 31 January 2015. After two weeks' preparation, students presented their findings on 14 February 2015. More than 50 teams from secondary schools, JCs and Polytechnics participated in the completion. Among the three DIOM/DSCM teams were sent for the competition. The following team became one of the 7 finalist teams due to their in-depth analysis and good presentation skills.

WANG RUI <13037442> - DIOM
ONG JIAN HUI DARIUS <13061053> - DIOM
ZHENG YULONG <13034413> - DIOM
CHEN CONG <13037090> - DSCM

The other two DIOM teams are as follows:

CHEN XIAYI <13037040>  
TAN LI NING LYNN <13031662>  
MA YUE YING <13035604>  
LI KAINAN <13037111>  

LI MINYI <120217>  
WANG LI <120177>  
WEI SHUAIKE <128250>  

This is the second time that RP joined this competition. For this year, there were 57 teams in the competition. Our students worked hard to put their creative ideas in this competition. We are glad to see the students’ teamwork and motivation really paid off!
Outstanding RP-SPMI @ AWWA Community Home Charity Event on 3 Jan 2015

On 3rd January 2015 (Sat) morning, Republic Polytechnic and Project Management Institute Singapore Chapter (SPMI) jointly organized a charity activity to bring 30 seniors from AWWA Community Home for a shopping trip to our newly opened Singapore Sports Hub NTUC Xtras.

These seniors who live in pairs in one room flats at Blk 123 and 125 Ang Mo Kio Avenue 6 have very low or no financial support and visiting shopping mart is always on their wish-list. Through AWWA, our strategic MOU partner (SPMI), has graciously sponsored each senior with a $20 NTUC voucher so that they can start the year with joy.

This event has received overwhelming responses with 53 students from LSCMS IG, Ops IG(CYRIVA CLUB) and RP-SEG students comprising of both DIOM and DSCM students as well as 15 volunteers and board members from SPMI participating. After the shopping trip, our students also helped to distribute sumptuous lunchboxes to all the 150 seniors living in the two blocks of flats (Block 123 and 125).
Open House 2015 (8 - 10 Jan 15)

RP’s open house started with a visit from a very special guest – Minister for Education Mr Heng Swee Keat. Minister took the time to visit the booths, stopping to interact with students and staff.

For the Open House this year, DIOM envisioned our graduates to play a “magical” role in the nerve centre of an organisation. Interesting event such as magical performance was included at our booth which was attention-grabbing.

You may log in to our Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/rpdiom#!/rpdiom/photos_stream for more photos.
DIOM Industry Day 2015

On 11th Feb, DIOM has successfully concluded its RP SEG-DIOM Industry Day 2015. This year’s Industry Day saw active and robust participation from the Industry, Secondary School Student and Staff and Students from SEG. With this year’s theme as “Make the Productive Move into the Future of Manufacturing: Today’s Technology, Tomorrow’s Industry”. The event aimed to raise awareness and application of Additive Manufacturing and 3D CAD software, improve productivity through the use of 3D printing and open up opportunities in the manufacturing sector.

We also took the opportunity to launch our DIOM STAR Program which represents Special Training Apprenticeship for industry-Readiness, and signed 4 Memorandums of Understanding with our partners (Autodesk, Creatz3D, Cummins, Select Group). Not to forget our inaugural RP 3DP Challenge 2015 “My Gift for Singapore”, in celebration of Singapore’s 50th anniversary (SG50). We had good participation from 10 secondary schools and received a total of 40 entries.

We concluded the event with prize awarding ceremony to winners of the RP 3DP Challenge 2015 and also a light-hearted skit performance by our DIOM Year 2 students and lecturers!
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Student matters

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Year 2014 - Dr Teng Suyan (teng_suyan@rp.edu.sg)
Year 2013 - Mr Leo Chin Khim (leo_chin_khim@rp.edu.sg)

Happenings!

SOT

Are you interested?

DIOM will be having our SOT to Taiwan and Thailand in September 2015.

Interested students can highlight your interest to the following lecturers:

For Thailand, Ms Diana Tang diana_tang@RP.EDU.SG or Mr Leo Chin Khim leo_chin_khim@RP.EDU.SG
For Taiwan, Mr Hoo Chee Wai hoo_chee_wai@RP.EDU.SG or Ms Wendy Ang wendy_ang@RP.EDU.SG

Important to note!

From Academic Year (AY) 2015 Semester 1 onwards, there will be changes to the academic policies that will be rolled out in the following areas:

1. Assessment
2. Academic Calendar and Timetable
3. Debarment

Please refer to Student Handbook nearer the start of AY 2015 for more info.
100 Most Appreciation Mentors Award 2014!

Let's congratulate our DIOM Mentors for receiving the 100 Most Appreciated Mentors Award! Continue to give your full support to all our DIOM Mentors, 3 Cheers!

Ms Diana Tang  Mr Leo Chin Khim  Mr Goh Sian Meng  Mr Yong Fui Long  Mr Jason Toh

SEG Freshmen Week One Programme (COMPULSORY)

All DIOM Year 1 students be reminded to attend the COMPULSORY SEG Freshmen Week One Programme. Attendance will be taken.


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- *Your Classroom* - Please refer to LEO for the correct classroom venue for each day. Note that the classroom may not be the same for all days.
- Please contact chang_teck_keng@rp.edu.sg for any enquiries.