Media Release

Republic Polytechnic receives $3million donation from Ngee Ann Kongsi

Donation will be used for scholarships and an annual Ngee Ann Kongsi Award

SINGAPORE, 15 May 2012 – Republic Polytechnic (RP) today received a donation of $3million from the Ngee Ann Kongsi foundation. This is the single largest donation that RP has received in its 10 year history since it was founded in 2002.

RP will use the donation to set up an endowment fund which will help support up to eight scholarships and an annual Ngee Ann Kongsi award each year. The scholarships will be awarded to full-time students enrolled in RP based on academic merit.

The Ngee Ann Kongsi award, which carries a prize of $1,500, will be presented each year to a graduating student for the distinguished accomplishment of attaining the best overall academic results at the Polytechnic level.

Mr Goh Kim Hock, Chairman of Education, Scholarship and Bursaries Committee, Ngee Ann Kongsi, said, “Education is the cornerstone of Ngee Ann Kongsi’s activities and we have built strong and enduring partnerships with many educational institutions in Singapore. We would like to congratulate Republic Polytechnic on the high standards of education it has achieved over the last 10 years, and we are happy to partner RP in contributing to educational excellence and shaping our future generations.”

Mr Yeo Li Pheow, RP’s Principal/CEO, said, “We are extremely grateful for the support that Ngee Ann Kongsi has lent us over the years. This year RP celebrates its 10th anniversary, and this contribution will enable us to continue to ensure that there are equal opportunities for all students in their pursuit of academic excellence. This is a significant gift and one that will continue to benefit RP and its students as we mature as an institution.”

The donation was officially presented by Mr Teo Chian Long, President, Ngee Ann Kongsi, at RP’s seventh graduation ceremony that took place today at The Republic Culture Centre.

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**About Republic Polytechnic**
The first educational institution in Singapore to leverage Problem-Based Learning approach for all its diploma programmes, Republic Polytechnic (RP) has six schools and two centres offering thirty nine courses in Infocomm, Engineering, Applied Science, Technology for the Arts, Sports, Health & Leisure, Events and Hospitality, Enterprise, and Communication. Republic Polytechnic is committed to nurturing innovation and entrepreneurial learning in an environment that develops problem-solving process skills and a life-long learning attitude. Its holistic, broad-based curriculum, covering culture, enterprise development and cognitive processes, prepares students for an active and meaningful role in society. Republic Polytechnic strives for excellence by achieving various international and national accreditations, including ISO9001, ISO14001, OHSAS 18001,SS540, Singapore Quality Class, People Developer, Innovation Class, and Service Class. For more information, visit [http://www.rp.edu.sg](http://www.rp.edu.sg).

**About Ngee Ann Kongsi**
Founded in 1845 to look after the religious and welfare needs of Teochew immigrants in Singapore, the Ngee Ann Kongsi has evolved to become a significant contributor towards the enrichment of Singapore society and has touched many generations of Singaporeans with its continuing efforts and services in the educational, cultural, religious, welfare and medical arenas. Today, the Ngee Ann Kongsi is managed by a council elected from amongst its members. It is based in the stately Teochew Building on Tank Road, which also houses the Ngee Ann Cultural Centre and Ngee Ann Kongsi Heritage Hall as well as the Ngee Ann-Adelaide Education Centre.