

MEDIA RELEASE

Republic Polytechnic Celebrates Achievements Of Over 4,600 Graduates

*First graduating cohort from the Diploma in Financial Technology and
Diploma in Digital Design & Development*

Singapore, 3 May 2023 – Republic Polytechnic (RP) today marked its 18th graduation ceremony, celebrating the achievements of more than 4,600 graduates who will be receiving their diplomas and specialist diplomas over 15 sessions. **Dr Maliki Osman, Second Minister for Education, graced the occasion as Guest-of-Honour.**

Contributing To Singapore's Industry Transformation

This year's ceremony will witness the first graduating cohort from the Diploma in Financial Technology (DFT) and Diploma in Digital Design & Development. Both courses aim to support Singapore's vision of becoming a Smart Nation and technological hub. The graduates from these courses will play a part in helping local industries automate and scale up technologically to remain competitive in the global market.

Mohamed Isa bin Mohamed Basir is among the DFT graduates who will be applying his skillsets to benefit local industries. During his internship at Oracle's NetSuite business unit, Mohamed Isa had the opportunity to work with cross-functional teams across the globe to improve the various technological systems and processes within the organisation. He also developed programmes and projects to automate manual repetitive tasks in a bid to increase productivity.

Mohamed Isa's performance impressed his company and lecturers, and he was selected to visit the Amazon Web Services office in Seoul to tap on the technological insights of industry leaders. Reflecting on his experiences and aspirations, Mohamed Isa said, "The pandemic has shown us the importance of tapping on emerging technologies to reinvent how we work and live. The opportunities in my course have also empowered me to use technology to solve wicked problems and benefit the community."

Discovering Passion And Purpose

Amongst the Class of 2023 is Kishen Suresh from the Diploma in Outdoor & Adventure Learning (DOAL). After completing his GCE 'O' levels, Kishen was unsure of his next steps and spent a year figuring it out. After much reflection, Kishen realised that his true passion was in organising camps and outdoor adventures. He set his sights on RP's DOAL course as it resonated with him. However, the pandemic struck just as he enrolled.

"As a hands-on learner, it was challenging adapting to online lessons at first. However, the tireless care and guidance provided by my lecturers reaffirmed my love for sports and the outdoors during my time in Republic Polytechnic. In fact, my course has helped me to find my calling as a physical education teacher. I now hope to inspire the next generation to become healthier and more passionate about sports and the outdoors", shared Kishen.

Today, Kishen is part of the more than 300 graduates from RP's School of Sports, Health and Leisure, who will be answering Singapore's call for trained manpower in the relevant industries.

Ms Jeanne Liew, RP's Principal & Chief Executive Officer, acknowledged the achievements of the graduating cohort, "As Singapore's youngest polytechnic, we have pushed the envelope in higher education through our holistic learning environment. Beyond the classroom, students are nurtured to realise their passion and potential, through increasing overseas internship opportunities to regional countries. They also get to deepen their skills and stretch their creativity through impactful real-world projects that add value to the industry.

Budding entrepreneurs can pursue their aspirations through our unique entrepreneurship ecosystem, which has since incubated over 50 startups across various industries. As this cohort joins our 66,000 strong alumni, I encourage them to continue learning and to acquire global perspectives while further developing the interpersonal and multidisciplinary skills that they have picked up in their diploma course."

To further support the transformation of local industries with a pipeline of skilled manpower, RP will be launching a total of seven SkillsFuture Career Transition Programme (SCTP) starting from June 2023. For a start, five part-time SCTPs ranging from three to six months will support mid-career individuals in acquiring new and relevant skills to enhance employability or transit to new job roles. These SCTPs will cover areas including digital marketing, supply chain management and digital accountancy.

Please refer to **Annex A** for a full list of SCTP.

Special Award Winners

At the ceremony, special awards were also conferred on six graduates for their outstanding achievements in both academics and the community. The awards conferred to graduates are the Board of Governors Award for the Most Outstanding Graduate of the Year, the Lee Kuan Yew Award for Mathematics and Science, The Ngee Ann Kongsi Award for the Most Distinguished Graduate of The Year (Academic) and the Tay Eng Soon Gold Medal.

Please refer to **Annex B** for the full list of award winners and quotes.

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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 37 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>.

Annex A

Course	Commencement Date	Duration
Digital Accountancy & Financial Professionals	14 June 2023	6 Months
Digital Marketers	15 June 2023	6 Months
Market Research Professionals	15 June 2023	4 Months
Supply Chain Management & Industry 4.0 Professionals	15 June 2023	3 Months
Digital Photography & Imaging	15 June 2023	3 Months

Please visit <https://www.rp.edu.sg/ace/skillsfuture-career-transition-programme> for more information

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Special Award	Recipient
<p>BOARD OF GOVERNORS AWARD FOR THE MOST OUTSTANDING GRADUATE OF THE YEAR</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>Emelia Tang An Qian <i>Diploma in Mass Communication</i></p>
<p>LEE KUAN YEW AWARD FOR MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE</p> <p>These awards are presented to the top graduates from the technology or computer science courses.</p>	<p>Matthew Ho Han En <i>Diploma in Biomedical Science</i></p> <p>Ian Izree Bin Muhammad Hairul Nazwa <i>Diploma in Marine Science & Aquaculture</i></p> <p>Ling Jun Wei <i>Diploma in Aerospace Engineering</i></p> <p>Tan Ying Teng <i>Diploma in Business Information Systems</i></p>
<p>THE Ngee Ann Kongsi Award for the Most Distinguished Graduate of the Year (Academic)</p> <p>This award is presented to the graduate who has excelled academically throughout his/her studies at RP.</p>	<p>Tan Ying Teng <i>Diploma in Business Information Systems</i></p>
<p>TAY ENG SOON GOLD MEDAL</p> <p>This award is presented to the most outstanding graduate who has advanced from the Institute of Technical Education.</p>	<p>Liu Zhixin <i>Diploma in Digital Design & Development</i></p>