

MEDIA RELEASE**Republic Polytechnic opens new lifelong learning facility in
Paya Lebar**

New learning facility complements RP's current Woodlands campus, bringing CET courses closer to the public



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Singapore, 26 November 2018 – Republic Polytechnic (RP) today launched its new Continuing Education and Training (CET) facility at the Lifelong Learning Institute, Paya Lebar. Named the Republic Polytechnic Academy for Continuing Education @ Paya Lebar (or RP ACE @ Paya Lebar for short), the new facility will provide adult learners with easier access to RP's CET courses with a dedicated venue that supports their professional training needs.

With its central location, close proximity to public transport and amenities, RP ACE @ Paya Lebar will complement the polytechnic's Woodlands campus in meeting the diverse learning needs of adult learners and the public at large. Four CET Specialist Diplomas are currently offered at RP ACE @ Paya Lebar – the Specialist Diploma in Applied Artificial Intelligence, Applied Learning and Teaching, Business Analytics and Healthy Ageing and Community Care for Seniors, together with two other short courses – Robotics Process Automation and Values & Principles in Sports.

The opening ceremony was graced by Mr Chee Hong Tat, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Trade and Industry & Ministry of Education.

Mr Yeo Li Pheow, Republic Polytechnic's Principal/CEO, said, "In light of changing business models, evolving industry trends and technological disruptions, the pursuit of lifelong learning has become an integral part of one's career progression to excel in the

workforce. The launch of the Republic Polytechnic Academy for Continuing Education @ Paya Lebar underscores our commitment to make CET training opportunities accessible to everyone to upskill our workforce.”

RP’s Academy for Continuing Education supports lifelong learning through a full suite of courses for adults across their career development journey. Over the years, RP has broadened its CET course offering to support the needs of workers. From six specialist diplomas and part-time programmes available in 2012, the polytechnic now offers 28 such courses that span a diverse range of disciplines. RP also offers modular skills-based CET courses to provide working adults with flexible and bite-sized learning options for skills training and upgrading.

“With emerging skill requirements and new job areas such as Artificial Intelligence, Robotics Process Automation, Data Analytics, Design Thinking, Augmented and Virtual Reality, to name but a few, RP will progressively tailor our CET curriculum towards a practice-oriented learning experience to deliver workplace-relevant learning outcomes. We are expecting to roll out applied learning courses in these and other disciplines at our Paya Lebar facility,” said Mr Yeo.

At today’s opening ceremony, RP and four organisations held a ceremonial signing of agreements, in which the organisations committed to sending their staff for at least one CET course with RP between 2018 and 2019. As part of the agreements, Eu Yan Sang Academy Limited, Raffles Medical Group, Singapore Telecommunications Limited and Schenker Singapore (Pte) Ltd will send close to 300 staff for CET training with RP.

“RP is pleased to partner organisations like Eu Yan Sang Academy Limited, Raffles Medical Group, Singapore Telecommunications Limited and Schenker Singapore (Pte) Ltd to support their CET and upskilling efforts through customised programmes. RP will also be expanding its offering of Work-Learn Programmes targeting both recent graduates and mid-career individuals, which include the SkillsFuture Earn and Learn Programme and SkillsFuture Work-Learn Bootcamp, in order to provide more applied learning opportunities that benefit both workers and organisations,” Mr Yeo added.

As the appointed Sector Coordinator and Programme Manager for the Logistics & Supply Chain Management, Hotel Operations & Management, Biomedical Sciences and Sports & Wellness sectors, RP currently offers 13 SkillsFuture Earn and Learn Programmes (ELP) for these sectors which can lead to either a specialist diploma or part-time diploma.

To find out more about RP’s lifelong learning courses, visit: <https://www.rp.edu.sg/ace>

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 thirty-nine diplomas in Applied Science, Engineering, Management and Communication, Hospitality, Infocomm, Sports, Health and Leisure, and Technology for the Arts.

Republic Polytechnic is committed to nurturing innovation and entrepreneurial learning in an environment that develops problem-solving skills and lifelong learning opportunities. Its holistic and broad-based curriculum prepares students for an active and meaningful role in society as problem solvers, respected professionals and passionate citizens.

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