

MEDIA RELEASE

Republic Polytechnic marks record number of Continuing Education and Training graduates at its 16th Graduation Ceremony

Singapore, 5 May 2021 – Republic Polytechnic (RP) will hold its 16th Graduation Ceremony from 3rd to 10th May, marking the achievements of 4,138 Pre-Employment Training (PET) and a record 790 Continuing Education and Training (CET) graduands from a total of 71 diploma programmes. **The main session on 5th May will be graced by Guest-of-Honour Mr Masagos Zulkifli, Minister for Social and Family Development and Second Minister for Health.**

Over the seven days comprising both physical and virtual graduation ceremonies in view of safe management measures, the graduands will join the ranks of over 57,000 industry-ready graduates since the polytechnic's inception in 2002.

Congratulating the students on their graduation, Mr Yeo Li Pheow, Principal/CEO of Republic Polytechnic said, “We are especially proud of our students’ resilience in overcoming the challenges of the past year. COVID-19 posed unique challenges for them as they adapted to the new normal of Home-based Learning and other uncertainties. We celebrate that they have faced these and other challenges head-on to graduate as industry-ready professionals.”

He added, “Over the years, we have actively expanded our offering of practice-oriented lifelong learning programmes to make upskilling opportunities accessible to all. We now offer a full suite of CET programmes that cater to the learning needs of working professionals at every point of their career.”

“RP will continue to engage the graduating class of 2021 and all our alumni as their lifelong learning partner, so that they can remain employable for the future innovation-driven economy.”

Continued support for our alumni

RP will continue to support our graduates’ lifelong learning and continuous upskilling amidst the economic recovery from COVID-19. Through the Alumni Skills Advancement Programme (ASAP), the polytechnic will continue to offer free CET modules to the graduating Class of 2021 from April 2021, helping them broaden their skillsets and access more opportunities across different sectors.

All RP alumni are eligible for enrolment in up to three (3) free Skills-Based Modular Courses (SBMCs) or SkillsFuture Series (SFS) courses offered by the Academy for Continuing Education (ACE@RP). The SBMCs are stackable to a full Specialist Diploma, allowing our alumni to upgrade their skills at their own pace. SFS courses are short, industry-relevant training programmes focused on emerging skills. The ASAP scheme is valid until 31 May 2022.

Launch of new Specialist Diploma programme

Alongside graduation, RP also announced a new [Specialist Diploma in DevOps](#) commencing in June 2021. With the increasing demand by businesses to improve software delivery processes, Development and Operations (DevOps) has been identified as the would-be standard in automating software applications for continuous delivery. Through DevOps, businesses can look forward to improved collaboration and better productivity by automating applications and services.

This unique programme, jointly offered by Republic Polytechnic and Temasek Polytechnic, offers existing diploma or degree holders the opportunity to deepen their knowledge in code management and optimisation of software delivery processes. Graduates can look forward to a career in agile business. The Specialist Diploma in DevOps is also offered under the Work-Study Programme.

Registration is currently open till 17 May 2021.

Pioneer batch of CET Graduates

This year's graduating cohort also comprises the first batch of students from the following CET courses:

- Specialist Diploma in Aviation Management and Services
- Specialist Diploma in Biomedical Informatics and Analytics
- Specialist Diploma in User Experience for Infocomm Technology
- Specialist Diploma in Healthy Ageing and Community Care for Seniors
- Specialist Diploma in Sport Science and Wellness
- Part-Time Diploma in Applied Science (Medical Laboratory Science)
- Part-Time Diploma in Applied Science (Environmental Services and Management)

Special Award Winners

Six top-performing graduates will also receive the following special awards for their outstanding all-rounded achievements during the main graduation session.

Special Award	Recipient
<p>BOARD OF GOVERNORS AWARD 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>DANIEL LIM Diploma in Social Enterprise Management</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>CHEW CHENG THIAM Diploma in Electrical and Electronic Engineering</p> <p>FARHAN SUHADA BIN RASIP Diploma in Materials Science</p> <p>CHRISTOPHER BONG JUE SHI Diploma in Biotechnology</p> <p>JOHN CHUA YU SHENG Diploma in Industrial and Operations Management</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>LIM DE HAN Diploma in Customer Experience Management with Business</p>
<p>THE Ngee Ann Kongsi Award 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>CHRISTOPHER BONG JUE SHI Diploma in Biotechnology</p>

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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>.