

Republic Polytechnic graduates rise to support workforce needs for Singapore's Care and Green economies

- *Republic Polytechnic celebrates the achievement of close to 600 graduates from the School of Sports and Health ready to meet the growing care needs of Singapore*
 - *Two-fold increase in the enrolment for Specialist Diploma in Environmental and Corporate Sustainability*

Singapore, 6 May 2025 – Republic Polytechnic (RP) celebrates its 20th Graduation ceremony, empowering a new cohort of skilled graduates to significantly contribute to Singapore's care and green economies. A total of 584 graduates across 5 Pre-Employment Training (PET) and 9 Continuing Education and Training (CET) diploma programmes from the School of Sports and Health will graduate this year from diverse specialisations such as Integrated Care Management, Healthy Ageing & Community Care for Seniors, Sport & Exercise Science and Sports Wellness & Services.

With a strong push for seniors to stay physically, mentally, and socially active under the government's Live Well, Age Well programme, the initiative is expected to drive up the demand for more health, sports wellness and care-related openings in the community health settings such as at Active Ageing Centres and Community Hospitals.

Associate Professor Gan Wee Hoe, CEO, SingHealth Community Hospitals and Pro-Tem CEO, Eastern General Hospital who graced the graduation ceremony said, "Singapore will be a super-aged society by 2030, where 1 in 4 of our population will be aged 65 and older. By the year 2050, this ratio will be 1 in 3. Ageing does not need to be associated with ill health, social isolation and poorer quality of life. Against this backdrop, this is where the training of our graduants will be instrumental in supporting Singapore as a Blue Zone nation. Whether in the areas of sport and exercise, health and wellness, or integrated and community care, our graduants are well-placed to contribute towards building a healthier Singapore and a vibrant workforce."

From 2 to 8 May, RP will see a total of 4,567 graduates comprising 3,611 from Pre-Employment Training (PET), and 956 from Continuing Education and Training (CET) programmes, receiving their diplomas and specialist diplomas from a total of 79 diploma programmes.

Ms Jeanne Liew, Principal and Chief Executive Officer, Republic Polytechnic added, "This year's graduation ceremony marks two decades of nurturing talent across diverse industries – a reflection of Republic Polytechnic's strong commitment to skilled workforce development. With the development of forthcoming public healthcare facilities like the Eastern General Hospital Campus, one of our priorities is to support the workforce demands of the care economy as Singapore's healthcare needs evolve with an ageing population. We will continue to provide relevant, industry-aligned training and to nurture adaptable, skilled individuals – each a purposeful game-changer, ready to contribute meaningfully to the Singapore economy.

Inaugural batch of CET graduates from three new Specialist Diplomas

This year's graduating cohort also comprises the inaugural batch of specialist diploma graduates from the year-long CET courses:

- Specialist Diploma in Health and Wellness Coaching – 18 graduates
- Specialist Diploma in HR Analytics and Technology – 11 graduates

- Specialist Diploma in Immersive EdTech Design for Learning – 11 graduates

Among the Specialist Diploma in Health and Wellness Coaching graduates, 63-year-old **Teo Chai Hwa** stands out as a strong advocate and champion for lifelong learning, having successfully completed his third specialist diploma this year. He had previously graduated from two specialist diplomas in Gerontology; one with a specialisation in Community Care Support in 2024 and the other in Nutrition for Ageing Well in 2022. He has been working as a clinic support staff at the Nanyang Technological University Chinese Medicine Clinic since 2021 having worked in the local telecommunications industry as a project manager for over seven years.

Uptake in upskilling for CET Specialist Diploma: Environmental and Corporate Sustainability

78 CET graduates from the Specialist Diploma in Environmental and Corporate Sustainability are ready to augment the workforce needs of Singapore's rapidly expanding green economy, while playing a vital role in the nation's agenda on sustainable development. With the same Specialist Diploma programme witnessing 36 CET graduates last year, this marks a two-fold increase in the enrolment rate of the Specialist Diploma.

The specialist diploma provides the gateway to a variety of roles, focusing on integrating environmental considerations with business practices such as Sustainability Specialist, Environmental Officer, Carbon Management Specialist, Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) Consultant and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Specialist.

Having completed his MSc in Mechatronics in 2016, 57-year-old **Wang Shengliang** decided to upskill for a career transition from a department manager in Lonza Biologics Tuas, a pharmaceutical services provider, to a principal sustainability specialist within the same firm. The graduate from the specialist diploma is responsible for driving sustainability initiatives to enable innovative and economical green methods in the company's production facility. Juggling between work and evening classes was no mean feat but he feels accomplished having acquired the knowledge and skills to perform his new role competently.

Special Award Winners

In an earlier graduation session held on 5 May, special awards were also conferred to seven graduates for their outstanding achievements in both academics and non-academic areas.

Special Award	Recipient
<u>BOARD OF GOVERNORS AWARD MOST OUTSTANDING GRADUATE OF THE YEAR</u> 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.	Tee Li Hen <i>Diploma in Pharmaceutical Science</i>

<p><u>THE NGEE ANN KONGSI AWARD FOR THE MOST DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE OF THE YEAR</u></p> <p>This award is presented to the graduate who has shown distinguished accomplishments in both academic and non-academic areas, while demonstrating strong leadership and values.</p>	<p>Rebecca Tan Tze Shuen <i>Diploma in Environmental & Marine Science</i></p>
<p><u>LEE KUAN YEW AWARD FOR MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE</u></p> <p>These awards are presented to the top graduates from the technology or computer science courses.</p>	<p>Javier Tan Jing Yang <i>Diploma in Industry & Operations Management</i></p> <p>Ivan Leong Cheng Yang <i>Diploma in Infocomm Security Management</i></p> <p>Nathaniel Elijah Lim <i>Diploma in Biotechnology</i></p> <p>Jagpreet Kaur Rikhraj <i>Diploma in Pharmaceutical Science</i></p>
<p><u>TAY ENG SOON GOLD MEDAL</u></p> <p>This award is presented to the most outstanding graduate who has advanced from the Institute of Technical Education.</p>	<p>Elsa Foo Dui San (Fu Rui Shan) <i>Diploma in Customer Experience Management with Business</i></p>

For the schedule and details of the RP Graduation Ceremony 2025, please visit <https://www.rp.edu.sg/graduation>.

About Republic Polytechnic

Established in 2002, Republic Polytechnic (RP) is Singapore's youngest polytechnic. RP offers over 40 full-time courses across diverse fields, including Applied Science, Business, Engineering, Hospitality, Infocomm, Sports and Health, and Technology for Arts, Media and Design. Through its "Becoming Greater Me" framework, RP endeavours to spark joy in learning by helping students discover their purpose and aligning their goals and passions with both academic and life pursuits.

RP adopts effective learner-centred pedagogies to equip students with a wide range of skills needed to thrive in an ever-evolving world. The polytechnic envisions its graduates as Articulate Self-Starters, Passionate Community Builders, and Purposeful Game-Changers. Additionally, RP's Academy for Continuing Education offers a comprehensive suite of lifelong learning programmes, providing graduates and adult learners with upskilling opportunities.

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