

making campus life great

{ Creating an enriching student experience
on campus that will be remembered for life }



Social and Co-curricular Activities

This year witnessed the exciting debut of Singapore Polytechnic's first-ever original musical entitled 'SuperStar – the Pop Musical' at the NUS Cultural Centre. The musical, which was staged to a full-house audience over two nights, received a standing ovation from the appreciative audience. President S R Nathan was the guest-of-honour on the opening night.



1. Tea with President and Mrs S R Nathan for the cast of 'SuperStar – the Pop Musical'.
2. A resounding success for Singapore Polytechnic's first musical effort.

A wide range of CCA were available to students with 84 different clubs to choose from.

The new Student Hub@Moberly opened during the year to provide students a venue conducive for studying, socialising and pursuing recreational activities.

As students began their educational journey at Singapore Polytechnic, a new Student Portfolio System endeavoured to help them drive and direct their own learning and achievements.

Leadership and Life

Students at Singapore Polytechnic benefited from a line-up of programmes aimed at developing leadership and other soft skills.

These programmes included two runs of the Leaders of Tomorrow Camp for 183 student leaders from 80 student clubs and the Students' Union Council.

Another programme, the GYL Leadership and Peer Helper Training Programme, was organised for class representatives to hone leadership skills and mobilise positive peer influence.

Other workshops were also held to sharpen students' ability to cope with life. A series of 18 self-management workshops helped students develop appropriate coping responses to adolescent issues, while four 'No Apologies' workshops for student leaders dealt with sexuality issues.

Charity and Community

An all-rounded student experience at Singapore Polytechnic would always include efforts to contribute to the community.

As an early initiation to the culture, all first-year students took part in the Singapore Polytechnic Flag Day, in support of the President's Challenge, held on 12 April 2006 during Freshmen Orientation Week. The net proceeds of \$138,227.65 were donated to the President's Challenge 2006.



1. Public support for Singapore Polytechnic's Flag Day.
2. Collections of donated items for the Salvation Army by the School of Business.
3. Eye care for taxi drivers at Singapore Polytechnic.

This year, the School of Business organised several community projects in conjunction with its 20th anniversary celebrations. The happy occasion was marked by a 'Donations in Kind' collection drive which involved more than 2,750 students to collect items for the Salvation Army in May 2006. The anniversary celebrations closed with a charity golf tournament in November 2006 to raise funds for the School of Business Needy Fund.

The School of Electrical & Electronic Engineering also rose to the challenge in contributing to charitable causes. The School's 3G Carnival in November 2006 involved 101 student volunteers to provide 200 senior citizens from the Yong-En Care Centre with a day of fun-filled games, entertainment and other activities.

Taking the charitable spirit further, Singapore Polytechnic's Overseas Community Service continued to expose students and staff to contribute to projects in other countries. During the year, eight teams went on overseas expeditions to the Philippines, Cambodia, Myanmar, China, Indonesia and Laos.

Public Services

Efforts to contribute to the community also extended to offering services and resources to improve the quality of life for the general public.



Concerned about optical health, the School of Chemical & Life Sciences embarked upon putting eye screening services within easy reach of the public. A satellite Optometry Clinic at the West Coast Community Centre was opened in November 2006. Going one step further, the School organised a three-day clinic to provide customised eye checks for almost 800 taxi drivers.

At the School of Media & Info-Communications Technology, a group of Diploma in Multimedia Technology students produced a short film entitled 'A View From The Other Side' to highlight the symptoms of psychosis.

Diploma in Multimedia Technology students also contributed to the success of the National Day Parade 2006 by manning cameras around the stadium to project images onto the big screen and by producing 'Making of NDP 2006' videos.

Sports and Fitness

Once again, the campus at Singapore Polytechnic was bustling with a calendar full of exciting sporting activities, both friendly and competitive.

Among the year's highlights, the Poly 50 Campus Relay 2006 drew 1,200 participants including staff, students, secondary school students and alumni. The first-ever Student Sports Camp was held on campus with almost 100 students from various sports groups. In total, 447 students were recognised with Sports Awards during the year.



A record number of 560 participants from polytechnics, junior colleges and schools joined in the SP Chess Open 2006, and about 230 secondary school students participated in the SP Floorball Competition 2007.

Apart from taking part in national competitions, several students did Singapore Polytechnic proud by representing the country in international competitions. These included the Commonwealth Games, Asian Cities Gold Cup Tae Kwon Do Championships, SEA Age Group Swimming Championships, UK International Silat Championship, Asian Youth Cup Aeromodelling World Championship, and World Pentanque Championship.

Model Students and Scholarships

This year, the coveted Model Student Award recognised 13 final-year students for academic excellence, co-curricular achievements, outstanding leadership and exemplary character.

As at March 2007, 1,179 students or 9.5 percent of the full-time student population received financial assistance in the form of scholarships, bursaries, needy funds, study loans and study aids assistance. The total disbursements of more than \$1.5 million included the financial support from generous donors.



1. Friendly competition at the Poly 50 Campus Relay 2006 for 1,200 participants.
2. A moment for Excellent Award winners to celebrate.

In addition, the SP Alumni Scholarship Award, which raised funds through alumni activities and donations, increased the number of beneficiaries from one to two.



1. Beneficiaries of the SP Alumni Scholarship Award.
2. Successful alumni sharing their experiences with students.

Career Search

Graduating students and alumni again found support in seeking appropriate jobs for their future. The online SP Career Portal continued to link job-seekers with prospective employers. By the end of the academic year, 2,446 students and 1,526 alumni had registered themselves on the portal.

In another move, the Department of student and Alumni Affairs partnered JobsFactory to provide opportunities for graduating students and alumni to make online job applications to employers through the eCareerFair.

For the second year running, the Graduate Employment Survey 2006 showed that graduates from Singapore Polytechnic continued to command good salaries and employability.

Alumni Ties

The alumni body, which comprises more than 135,000 members, formed an important support network for Singapore Polytechnic alumni. To maintain regular communication with them, SPAN News continued to update the alumni community with news on campus developments and alumni events.

With the help of the Alumni Relations Office, academic schools also organised 15 reunions and networking sessions to reach out to their alumni. Separately, the academic schools also hosted visits and talks by alumni to share their experiences.

In February 2007, the SP Alumni (Local Universities) was formed to reach out to alumni who were studying in local universities.



