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Vibrant campus grounds provide a cohesive environment for optimum learning. With an upbeat ambience, up-to-date resources and a wide range of sports and interest clubs, Singapore Polytechnic students participate actively in competitions and enjoy the facilities that the campus provides as balance to their studies.

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## CAMPUS ENHANCEMENTS

Singapore Polytechnic's goal is to provide a holistic place for learning. Its 16,000 students can relax, have fun, develop friendships and engage in recreational activities as a balance to academic studies. The Department of Estates and Development is instrumental in helping Singapore Polytechnic achieve this aim, through a number of facility enhancements that will make the Polytechnic a 'living, changing and happening' campus.

Students can now enjoy a country club ambience around the renovated swimming pool, which has been re-tiled and retrofitted with the latest filtration system. On the social scene, the newly refurbished Student Hub@Moberly has become the place to be for students, staff and alumni to relax and interact. Complete with an outdoor amphitheatre for concerts and other entertainment productions, a speed rock climbing wall, outdoor hotplates and graffiti columns, the Student Hub@Moberly has become the focal point for students on campus.

New landmark features at the junctions of Dover Avenue and Clementi Road with Commonwealth Avenue West added vibrancy to the campus. Enhancements also extend to teaching students to care for the environment through Singapore

Polytechnic's own example. The Polytechnic's commitment to sustainability includes planting trees in its parks and opening up facilities to the community for the development of technologies used to help sustain the environment.

## A VIBRANT CAMPUS

Students had many opportunities to develop themselves through a myriad of programmes and activities. In the year under review, the number of competitive sports teams stood at 39 and student clubs on campus increased to 89. These offered students a diverse choice of activities in area like arts and culture, development, general interest and



Nearly 90 student clubs on campus.

sports. The overall Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) participation rate was 99.6%.

Arts@SP co-ordinates performances on campus and was kept busy throughout the year. New initiatives launched included the weekly Lunch Show@Moberly, which provides an avenue for budding entertainers to perform for their fellow students. This year also saw a concerted effort by the constituent clubs to organise singing competitions among the academic schools. This culminated in the Singapore Polytechnic Star competition to determine the Polytechnic's overall singing champion.

The Excellence in Service Awards, which are given for outstanding contributions by student leaders and clubs to the Singapore Polytechnic community, was awarded to 23 student leaders and five student clubs.

SPICE Travel is a new initiative born of a collaboration between Singapore Polytechnic and Transinex Travel, a tour agency. This travel centre, set up on campus, operates five days a week and specialises in planning student-related tours and activities.

Adding colour to the campus scene is the revamped campus newspaper fullStoP, which features a new look, and content that appeals to students.



Never a dull moment at Singapore Polytechnic.

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In addition, the arts and cultural and sporting activities organised by Singapore Polytechnic student clubs attracted participation from 2,655 secondary school students, creating an exciting buzz on campus all year round.

## LIBRARY BUZZ

Engaging students in lifelong learning, improving library services and reclassifying its collection were some

of the major challenges facing the Library in the year in review.

A record number of 12,525 students attended information literacy programmes ranging from library orientation, training workshops on ELISER to tutorial classes on Critical Reasoning Skills, Fundamentals of Marketing, Mass Media Research and Good Manufacturing Practice. Four hundred and ninety final-year students also received help in their projects through the Project Advisory Service.

Efforts to promote library resources and services have boosted the loan of materials to 329,241. To facilitate seamless connection to materials, a project to map library resources to course modules was initiated. A “Library Resources” section was added to the electronic learning platform, Blackboard, to provide links to recommended textbooks, project resources, exam papers and the ELISER portal.



A librarian guiding students to relevant resources for their final-year project through the Project Advisory Service.



Newly released books add to the wide range of materials available at the Library.

E-books doubled in numbers to 41,170 titles, while the library's total collection of books and multimedia increased to 251,148 this year. Its resources were strengthened with new databases such as e-Gazette, Productscan Online and REALIS, a URA real estate database. Its e-library resources were well utilised with 900,354 searches conducted in the year.

Keeping resources up-to-date and up-to-speed, the library replaced the student PCs at the Main and

BizIT Libraries with new PCs. Users can now catch up on the latest library announcements, releases and blog postings via newly launched RSS feeds.

A slew of measures was put in place to improve the circulation of library materials. Loan duration was standardised to 28 days across the Main and BizIT Libraries for academic and senior administrative staff. Online renewals were increased, waiting time for reserved items was reduced and Radio Frequency Identification (RFID)

technology was harnessed to improve tracking of CD loans.

The library pressed on with tackling one of its most challenging and mammoth tasks when it embarked on a project to reclassify its collection of books and journals from the Universal Decimal Classification (UDC) System to the Library of Congress Classification (LCC) system. The project started in February 2007 and was completed in March 2008.

In addition, the library continued to engage student feedback to improve its resources and services through focus group meetings with final-year students from various project groups. The annual student survey showed that 97% of the students were satisfied with the overall quality of library services.

## SPORTS AND FITNESS

In the sporting arena, the Singapore Polytechnic swimming team captured the overall Inter-Varsity-Polytechnic (IVP) Swimming Championship, setting a new record for the 4 x 50m medley relay for men. In the Polytechnic-Institute of Technical Education (POL-ITE) Games, Singapore Polytechnic retained the rugby championship for the second year running while the tennis (women),

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road race and Chinese chess teams all took home the winner's trophy.

Singapore Polytechnic students who donned national colours did Singapore proud in the South East Asian Games held in Thailand.

Sportsman of the Year, Joshua Lim Wen Hao, took back the gold in the swimming relay while Sportswoman of the Year, Jasmine Yeong-Nathan, won the women's trio bronze for bowling. 23 Sports Awards were given to Singapore Polytechnic students for outstanding achievements in their chosen sports.



## ENRICHMENT PROGRAMMES

A number of enrichment programmes were introduced by the schools to enhance the learning experience of their students and build up critical skills. The Department of Mathematics and Science organised training workshops and the Sudoku Challenge and Rubik's Cube Challenge to stimulate and sharpen students' thinking skills. Meanwhile, the School of Business launched its inaugural Speak Good English Day to demonstrate that speaking and writing proper English is not only necessary for business, but can be good fun, too.

The newly established School of Communication, Arts and Social Sciences enhanced its curriculum by introducing enrichment programmes designed to hone its students' skills. Its language and communication arm introduced a host of challenging activities and a new lifestyle magazine for Singapore Polytechnic students by Singapore Polytechnic students. The lifestyle magazine, called Oops!, is managed by 45 students, who are advised by the School's lecturers. Its activities added much vibrancy to the campus and many of its articles were highlighted

on the Straits Times interactive website, STOMP.

Intent on improving students' written and oral English skills, the School of Communication, Arts and Social Sciences organised debates, communication workshops and talks on how to impress at job interviews, all valuable skills to launch students into the workforce.

Over at the School of Design, as part of the Diploma in Creative Media Design studio improvement programme, a Thank God It's Wednesday (TGIW) session on the last Wednesday of the month, was organised to get the course's community and industry practitioners together to create more buzz and sharing sessions at the studio.

## ALUMNI CONNECTIONS

Singapore Polytechnic continued to engage and maintain good ties with its alumni. The alumni magazine, SPAN News, in its 8th year of publication, had a circulation of over 110,000.

This past year also saw an increase in the number of services available to alumni with the launch of the SP

Alumni Card – a privilege card giving alumni better access to value-added services and benefits. One thousand members signed up and registrations continued to grow rapidly.

The Alumni Relations Office also worked closely with SP academic schools and affiliated member groups to raise funds for students in need of financial aid. In addition, a vibrant and diverse range of networking and social activities continued to be held, with the support of the Singapore Polytechnic Graduates' Guild (SPGG), Singapore Polytechnic Entrepreneurs' Club (SPEC), Singapore Polytechnic Industrial Management Alumni (SPIMA), Singapore Polytechnic Toastmasters and universities' chapters.