

Ngee Ann Kongsi Donates \$11.6 million To Ngee Ann Polytechnic

The gift from the longstanding donor will support students in need and *bolster the* polytechnic's student development programmes

Singapore, 11 October 2024 — Philanthropic organisation Ngee Ann Kongsi (NAK) donated \$11.6 million to Ngee Ann Polytechnic (NP) today, in the presence of Ms Gan Siow Huang, Minister of State for Education and Manpower.

The gift will support NP's suite of student programmes, including the Overseas Merit Fellowship (OMF), a distinguished talent development programme designed in partnership with prestigious universities to empower students to become critical thinkers and socially conscious global citizens.

One of the beneficiaries of OMF, Denise Teng, a recent Early Childhood Development & Education graduate, shared: "My experience at the University of Queensland in Brisbane broadened my understanding of sustainability across social, economic, and environmental dimensions. Specifically, an inspiring example of sustainability in healthcare is how scientists at the lab we visited are researching gene sequencing in plants to lower the cost of producing medication so that more will have access to it. Engaging with these passionate and talented experts has shown me the value of pursuing sustainable development. I hope to venture into public service in the future and my OMF experience has motivated me to learn more about sustainable policymaking."

Mr Lim Kok Kiang, Principal & CEO of Ngee Ann Polytechnic, expressed gratitude for NAK's continued support: "Ngee Ann Kongsi's enduring generosity has allowed us to do more for our students and invest in quality programmes that nurture graduates who will make a meaningful impact in Singapore and beyond. With NAK's support, we hope to continue providing more holistic development opportunities that foster leadership and global perspectives in our students."

From the total donation received, \$2 million will be directed to an educational fund aimed at supporting the development of NP students through student programmes, bursaries, scholarships and student aid grants. The remaining donation of \$9.6 million will be placed in an endowment fund, the investment income from Envehich will be channeled partially back to the education fund and partially to fund NP's operations.

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About Ngee Ann Polytechnic

Ngee Ann Polytechnic started in 1963 and is today one of Singapore's leading institutions of higher learning with over 13,000 enrolled students in close to 40 disciplines. It seeks to develop students with a passion for learning, values for life, and competencies to thrive in a global workplace. The polytechnic also supports Continuing Education and Training (CET) through its CET Academy, which offers a wide range of part-time programmes and short courses. It works closely with industry partners to curate programmes for emerging skills, develop talent pipeline for the industries and help adult learners stay agile in today's rapidly changing global economy.

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