



SMU

SINGAPORE MANAGEMENT
UNIVERSITY

FULFILLING BOLD ASPIRATIONS

GIVING >>>>
REVIEW 2022



TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED

\$40,024,179 »»

TOTAL NUMBER OF GIFTS RECEIVED

859 »»

TOTAL NUMBER OF UNIQUE DONORS

566 »»

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS »»

▄▄▄▄▄ 61.7%

\$24,705,446

EMPOWERING STUDENTS

BURSARIES, STUDY AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS,
GLOBAL EXPOSURE, VALUES-DRIVEN EDUCATION

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CREATING KNOWLEDGE

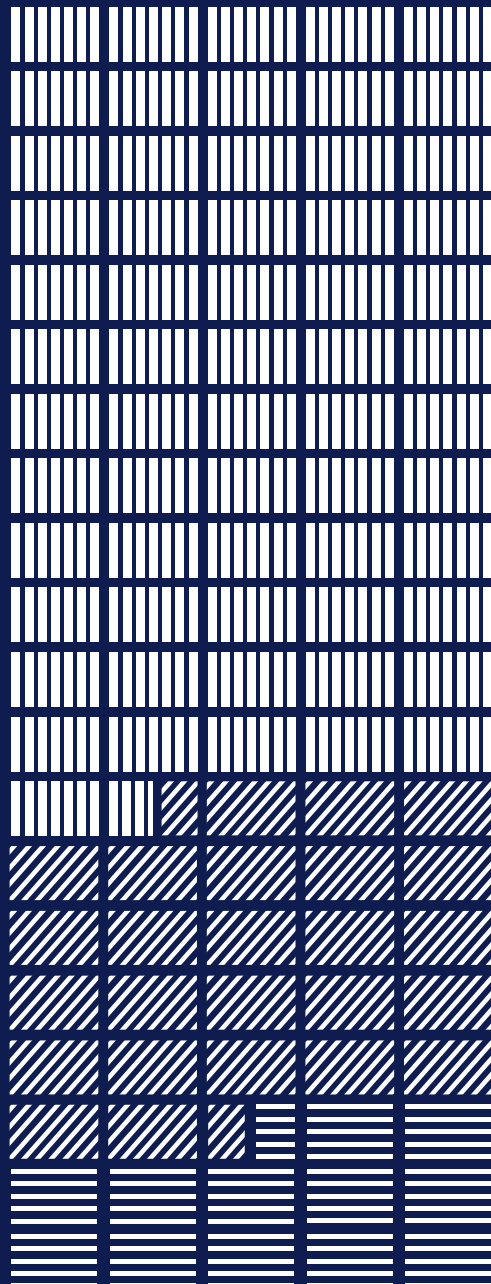
WORLD-CLASS FACULTY, CHAIRS,
FELLOWSHIPS, INNOVATIVE LEARNING SPACES

▬▬▬▬▬ 12.6%

\$5,043,733

IMPACTING COMMUNITIES

APPLIED RESEARCH, ACTIONABLE
SOLUTIONS, KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE,
SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE >>

Connecting aspiration to opportunity

Aspiration is a powerful force that drives action. People have aspirations. So too institutions. SMU's aspiration is to tackle the world's complexities, and thereby to impact humanity positively. In 2022, we continued our journey to realise the University's aspiration.

- › Two new Schools were launched in SMU. The College of Integrative Studies will take individualised learning to the next level and serve as an incubator of interdisciplinary learning. The College of Graduate Research Studies aims to develop world-class thought leaders who are trained to undertake cutting-edge research across disciplines.
- › We officially opened the SMU School of Social Sciences / College of Integrative Studies Building, adding over 12,700 square metres of teaching, learning and research space to our campus footprint.
- › The unveiling of Overseas Centre Jakarta marked SMU's first-of-its-kind facility outside of Singapore, contributing to the Indonesian community through knowledge exchange, partnerships, research collaborations and professional development.

We also celebrated many milestones.

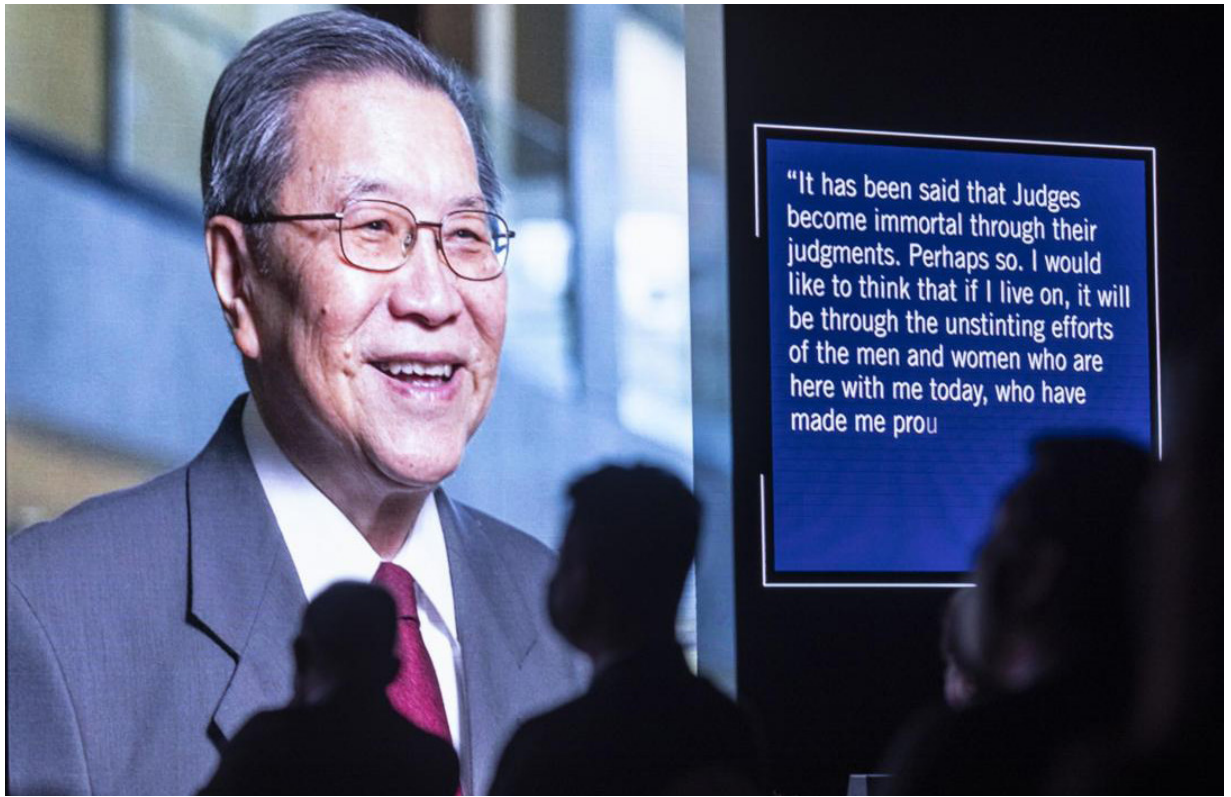
- › 2022 marked the 15th anniversary of the reorganisation of the School of Economics and Social Sciences into two separate schools — the School of Economics and the School of Social Sciences – as well as the opening of SMU's sixth school, the School of Law, which was renamed the Yong Pung How School of Law in 2021.
- › Another milestone celebrated in 2022 was the 20th anniversary of the founding of the SMU Wee Kim Wee Centre (WKWC), which saw the unveiling of the new Wee Kim Wee Room, and the formal launch of the Wee Kim Wee Heritage Fund.

Along the journey towards achieving our aspirations, the generosity of our donors is key. Support for our faculty, programmes and learning spaces helps expand capacity and motivate the development of new initiatives. Despite macroeconomic challenges, we are grateful that our donors have remained resolute in their giving. We are heartened to have welcomed new donors too. Many alumni, who have found success, are also contributing back to the University.

We would like to extend our gratitude to every one of them. Our 2022 edition of Giving Review chronicles many of our donors' impetuses for giving. Their stories of kindness will undoubtedly inspire others to be part of our journey. Thank you.

PROFESSOR LILY KONG

President and Lee Kong Chian Chair Professor
Singapore Management University



A.

FEATURE STORY

A \$20 MILLION GIFT TO PUSH THE FRONTIERS OF LEGAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH >>

As a gesture of their continuous friendship with SMU, the family of the late Dr Yong Pung How gifted \$20 million to the Yong Pung How School of Law (YPHSL). This monumental donation was made possible by Mrs Yong Wei Woo, in Dr Yong's honour, and in conjunction with celebrations of the School's 15th anniversary.

Of this contribution, Mrs Yong says, "My family and I are deeply honoured by the naming of the SMU law school after my late husband. He had been closely associated with SMU and with the law school since its founding years, and proud of its rapid development. We are delighted to be able to make this gift to continue his good deeds in nurturing young law undergraduates, developing quality faculty and supporting the acceleration of legal research in growing areas of critical importance."

B.



This page:

- A. Dr Yong Pung How
- B. (L to R) Ms Yong Ying-I, Professor Lily Kong, Mrs Yong Wei Woo, Professor Lee Pey Woan

Opposite page:

- C. Yong Pung How School of Law

The gift will be used to establish a financial aid programme, a fellowship programme and a research fund, as follows:

- › S\$10 million will be channelled towards the Yong Pung How Law Access Award, which will provide support to eligible first-year law undergraduates in financial need. Commencing Academic Year 2023-2024, eight students will receive full tuition fee support for the duration of their undergraduate law education at YPHSL every year and in perpetuity.
- › S\$5 million will be channelled towards the Yong Pung How Fellowship Programme to attract and retain talented faculty at YPHSL. Up to 12 awards will be given out every year. YPHSL will also recruit talented young Singaporean law graduates with potential for academia.
- › S\$5 million will be channelled towards the Yong Pung How Research Impact Fund to accelerate the research endeavours and thought leadership of YPHSL in strategic and emerging areas of interest. YPHSL will invite renowned legal experts and reputable scholars to contribute to its intellectual and research endeavours.

Dr Yong was Singapore's second chief justice and SMU's third chancellor. As chief justice, he was one of Singapore's most consequential legal reformers. For his profound impact on Singapore's law community, SMU named its School of Law after him on 11 April 2021, coinciding with what would have been his 95th birthday. YPHSL has since enjoyed myriad support from the SMU community and the legal industry over the years.

“This gift is of exceptional significance to us because Dr Yong was not only an outstanding lawyer and a distinguished judge but also a pioneer and a nation builder who made extraordinary contributions to Singapore. My colleagues and I are immensely grateful for, and encouraged by, this opportunity to honour Dr Yong’s legacy through our educational and research endeavours. His single-minded commitment to justice and the nation’s wellbeing will be our constant inspiration.”

PROFESSOR LEE PEY WOAN
Dean
Yong Pung How School of Law

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GG STUDENTS

»» **BURSARIES, STUDY AWARDS,
SCHOLARSHIPS, GLOBAL EXPOSURE,
VALUES-DRIVEN EDUCATION**

The challenge of creating a better future starts with equipping tomorrow's leaders. Our collective commitment to our students ensures that they have the opportunities to explore new pathways for development and discover the full extent of their capabilities.



A.

WEE KIM WEE HERITAGE FUND >>>

Shaping our world through the values of meaningful dialogue and exchange

FEATURE STORY

This page:

- A. Former President Wee Kim Wee
- B. Among the many interesting artefacts in the Wee Kim Wee Room are a 1970s leather sofa set of eclectic blue, a cookbook of sought-after Peranakan recipes, along with numerous knick-knacks, files and personal items that give a glimpse into how Dr Wee and Mrs Wee lived and worked.

Opposite page:

- C. By adopting a warm and personal tone, the Wee Kim Wee Room and its contents invite visitors to reflect on the importance of respectful dialogue involving alternative perspectives, and always with compassion and humility — principles advocated by Dr Wee and Mrs Wee and inspired by the rich experiences of their lifetimes.
- D. (L to R) Dr Wee Hong Neo, Ms Wee Eng Hwa and Professor Lily Kong, with the third edition of Ms Wee Eng Hwa's best-selling volume, "Cooking for the President", in the Wee Kim Wee Room at SMU.

PRESERVING THE LEGACY OF SINGAPORE'S FOURTH PRESIDENT

Commemorating its 20th anniversary on 4 November 2022, the Wee Kim Wee Centre (WKWC) unveiled the new Wee Kim Wee Room at SMU, which houses some of the original belongings of former President Wee Kim Wee and Mrs Wee. The WKWC, part of SMU's College of Integrative Studies (CIS), aims to advance learning and dialogue about major cross-cultural issues.

The 20th anniversary event was officiated by Mr Desmond Lee, Minister for National Development & Minister-in-charge of Social Services Integration. Over 50 donors, supporters, close friends and family of the late Dr Wee attended the event. They paid tribute to the former President through speeches, interviews, videos and the unveiling of the new Wee Kim Wee Room at SMU Administration Building.

"It is a privilege for this Centre to be associated with the late Dr Wee Kim Wee, who believed passionately in practising and fostering communication, understanding, and goodwill in a complex world," said SMU President Professor Lily Kong.

B.



BREATHING LIFE INTO HISTORY WITH THE NEW WEE KIM WEE ROOM

The premise of the Wee Kim Wee Room is to bring life to the story of Dr Wee Kim Wee, who is best remembered as a “People’s President” of a multi-cultural country. Dr Wee was also a journalist, a newspaper man, a Diplomat to Malaysia, Japan and South Korea, a Peranakan family man and an embodiment of cross-cultural sensitivity in his personal and professional life. His experiences, values and beliefs have been mindfully distilled into the immersive space within the Wee Kim Wee Room.

“When I first broached the idea of setting up the Wee Kim Wee Room, I was delighted that Professor Kong immediately understood what it meant to put up a ‘living gallery’. This was not to be a dry, lifeless museum, but a meaningful, living heritage. We hope you will enjoy reminiscing the past with the present in mind, as well as the many human stories embedded in each and every item within this room,” said Ms Wee Eng Hwa, daughter of Dr Wee Kim Wee.



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“The 20th anniversary of the Wee Kim Wee Centre is focused on forging a ‘cultural consciousness’ and commitment to lifelong learning, which are values that the new College of Integrative Studies embraces. As we look ahead to the Wee Kim Wee Centre’s next 20 years, we will carry on Dr Wee’s spirit of cultivating social and cultural diversity. By combining the intercultural and the interdisciplinary aspects, we will deliver transformative education that nurtures graduates with the skills and compassion to make meaningful impact to society.”

PROFESSOR ELVIN LIM

Director, Wee Kim Wee Centre
Dean, SMU College of Integrative Studies



c.

LAUNCH OF THE WEE KIM WEE HERITAGE FUND

SMU also formally launched the Wee Kim Wee Heritage Fund at the event. The Heritage Fund will help to preserve the heritage and memory of Dr Wee and Mrs Wee in three ways. It will allow for the continuing upkeep of the Wee Kim Wee Room, support educational activities that embody the values that Dr Wee held fast to, and support students with financial need.

“Wee Kim Wee did not have money to go through secondary school. I know for a fact that he would have been very pleased with every dollar that goes to supporting this fund,” said Ms Wee.

Dr Wee Hong Neo, daughter of Dr Wee, kickstarted the Fund in 2021, while Ms Wee has committed all the nett proceeds from the sale of the third edition of her best-selling volume, *Cooking for the President*, to the Heritage Fund.

INTERDISCIPLINARY EDUCATION AND INTERCULTURAL ENGAGEMENT

The CIS and the WKWC stand united in the view that the boundaries between the classroom, boardroom and public square are fluid and porous, and that the academic mission of the university is enhanced and best championed when informed by sustained and critical public engagement. Combining the intercultural and the interdisciplinary aspects, the CIS and the WKWC are envisioned to be institutions that will stand Singapore in good stead for the future.

LIM HOON FOUNDATION'S NOBLE CAUSE OF FURTHERING ACCESS TO EDUCATION ➤

“Everyone, regardless of his or her financial background, is entitled to a holistic education — this is a conviction that JL Family Office (JLFO) holds dear to. Equal opportunity and access to education is the fundamental key to escaping the vicious poverty cycle,” says Mr Andy Lim, Group CEO of JLFO. “It is our wish to help mould students with financial needs into leaders of the next generation as well as open up new opportunities for them.”

“Through this Scholarship, I was able to learn directly from Mr Andy Lim and my seniors. Being experienced professionals themselves, they are able to share with me valuable advice, which I constantly fall back on when making decisions regarding my educational journey and my desired career in the finance industry. Also, I applied for the Scholarship as I wanted to be a part of the LHF Scholars Circle — I thought it was a good opportunity for me to give back to my juniors and provide help instead of just receiving it.”

CHOO JIA JUN

JLFO-Lim Hoon Foundation Scholarship Recipient (2022)
Lee Kong Chian School of Business



A.

That education is close to the hearts of those at JLFO should come as no surprise. Mr Lim Hoon, the late father of JLFO's Chairman and Founder Mr John Lim, and grandfather of Mr Andy Lim, was a teacher who dedicated a huge part of his life to developing Singapore's nascent educational system. He taught at Tao Nan School, one of Singapore's oldest primary schools, circa the 1950s, and continued to be a public servant until his retirement in 1970.

In honour of Mr Lim Hoon, a private charitable trust called Lim Hoon Foundation (LHF) was set up in 2008. LHF aims to uplift students from low-income families and promote the advancement of education. To date, LHF has worked with organisations like Jurong Spring CCC, Mountbatten CCC and the Dyslexia Association of Singapore, with beneficiaries ranging from primary to tertiary students.

The generosity of the Lim family is exceptional. In 2022, LHF made an endowed contribution of \$3 million to establish the JLFO-LHF Scholarship at SMU. The Scholarship provides financial support towards each recipient's annual tuition fees and/or study-related expenses. Recipients become a part of the LHF Scholars Circle, which serves as a platform for them to connect, expand their networks, and undertake meaningful community service projects. Mr Andy Lim also takes the scholars under his wing, helping them build their business acumen.

Of the contribution to SMU, Mr Andy Lim says, “Since 2009, we have been working with SMU to support undergraduates from Singapore's sandwich class and have created the LHF Scholars Circle with the aim of building deeper connections, and working together to perpetuate the virtuous cycle of giving. Having been involved in many of the activities with our scholars, I am heartened to see their growth both professionally and personally over the years. That has motivated us to renew our commitment to developing the undergraduates with the endowment. We are excited to welcome the new batch of scholars into the LHF family.”

“Growing up in a less privileged family, entering university was never an easy route for me. The bond-free Scholarship by LHF has helped to relieve my financial burden and take the pressure off my parents and me. I am able to focus solely on my studies without having to worry about taking on part-time jobs to cover expenses. It has also given me the motivation to push myself and pursue my dreams.”

SERENE ONG SI ZHEN

JLFO-Lim Hoon Foundation Scholarship Recipient (2022)
Lee Kong Chian School of Business

This Page:

A. Mr Andy Lim (left) presenting the cheque to Professor Lily Kong (right) at a ceremony held at SMU. Also present were senior management and staff from JLFO and SMU.



PT GRACE DANIEL LEE EXCHANGE GRANT: EMPOWERING FEMALES TO GAIN A WORLDLY VIEW ➤

Whether through their actions or words, faculty members leave a deep and lasting effect on the students who walk through the doors of their classrooms. The PT Grace Daniel Lee Exchange Grant is a testament to that. It is named after two professors at the School of Accountancy — the “P” stands for Professor Pang Yang Hoong, and the “T” for Professor Themin Suwardy. Grace and Daniel are the names of the donor’s children.

This touching gift is supported by alumna Leong Meijun (BAcc, 2006), who says she owes oodles of gratitude to her two professors. Now, with this grant she is paying it forward, providing financial assistance to female undergraduate students at the School of Accountancy. Meijun believes that an overseas exchange programme, which allows students to expand their worldviews and embrace a different culture, reaps many rewards. She hopes that her juniors will get to pursue a semester of study abroad with SMU’s partner universities and gain an experience that complements their university journeys.

KEEVE TAN ENDOWED STUDY AWARD: GIVING ALL AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO EXCEL ➤

Since his graduation, Keeve Tan (MBA 2016, MWM 2022) has gone on to pursue his passion in finance and carve out an impressive career. Today, he is a highly sought-after expert who has been invited by platforms such as Bloomberg, Nasdaq and The Business Times to share his insights. He also speaks regularly on international panels and is a part of the advisory board on a major foreign exchange network.

Coming from a modest Singapore family himself, Keeve knows all too well just how important support from others is when it comes to both professional and personal development. As such, he actively contributes as a member of the SMU Alumni Philanthropy Council, and mentors SMU students every year.

One of Keeve’s biggest inspirations is his father, Mr Tan Joke See. The latter believed that finances should never weigh heavy on a child’s mind, and that his or her sole focus should be on studying and aspiring to do well in life. This is something that Keeve has internalised as well. He believes in equal opportunity for all, regardless of one’s family background. Thus, he has established the Keeve Tan Endowed Study Award in 2022, which encourages students in financial need to aspire for greater heights of excellence despite their adversities.



A.

IN MEMORY OF DR LEE SENG TEE >>>

(1923 – 2022)

Dr Lee Seng Tee was a founding Member of SMU from November 2000 to April 2021. SMU members, together with its Board of Trustees, are key organs of SMU's overall governance structure. Dr Lee's reputation as one of Singapore's outstanding leaders of society and the corporate sector was an important factor in helping SMU build up its reputation, especially during its formative years, as this association clearly signalled to society that this newly-formed university was an institution fully deserving of his support and had tremendous potential.

In addition to his role as a founding member of SMU, Dr Lee and the Lee Foundation have been benefactors of SMU. The University received a landmark gift of S\$50 million in 2004, the largest donation to a Singapore university then. In a show of appreciation, SMU named its School of Business after Dr Lee's father, the late Dr Lee Kong Chian, who was a business leader, philanthropist, and a firm believer in education. SMU also established a university-wide initiative called the Lee Kong Chian Scholars Programme, which helped attract the brightest students to join the University.

In addition, the Lee Foundation gave to establish the Lee Kong Chian Fund for Research Excellence to spur excellence in research. The Lee Kong Chian Professorship and the Lee Kong Chian Fellowship were set up in 2014 to acknowledge and reward distinguished scholars and faculty for their research contributions.

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A. Dr Lee Seng Tee at the official opening of the Lee Seng Tee Senior Common Room in 2001.

Opposite page:

B. Lee Kong Chian School of Business



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Over the last two decades, Dr Lee and the Lee Foundation have made generous gifts towards the Lee Foundation Bursary to positively impact students in financial need as well as the Wee Kim Wee Centre, the Sim Kee Boon Institute for Financial Economics, and the Kwa Geok Choo Law Library to foster knowledge generation and sharing. Of particular significance is the Lee Seng Tee Senior Common Room, located in the Lee Kong Chian School of Business, which Dr Lee supported in his personal capacity.

Dr Lee's attendance at important university events and general meetings, and interactions with university colleagues and students will always be remembered. SMU is grateful for the generosity and strong support of Dr Lee, and is honoured to have had a close and warm relationship with him throughout the years.

HIS MEMORY LIVES ON

Dr Lee will be fondly remembered. The impact he had made will undoubtedly reverberate through the lives of those he had and will continue to change via the Foundation's giving.

SINCE 2004, THE LEE FOUNDATION HAS SUPPORTED SMU THROUGH

1,195

SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

189

CHAIR PROFESSORSHIPS, PROFESSORSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS*

*Accurate as at January 2023

“Dr Lee Seng Tee believed in improving the well-being of a nation and improving the lot of local communities. To him, education was a social leveller, a tool with which real change could be effected. He hoped to inspire students to strive for academic excellence and become responsible individuals who will actively contribute to society.”

PROFESSOR LILY KONG

President and
Lee Kong Chian Chair Professor
Singapore Management University

LEAVING FOOTPRINTS OF KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY ACROSS ASIA ➤

Our students' unique cultural backgrounds are part of what makes the SMU experience so vibrant and colourful. At SMU, we are proud of our diverse community, which comprises both international and local students. Hailing from more than 50 cities, our international students bring enriching global views to the table and help broaden the perspectives of not just their peers but also faculty members. In the spirit of celebrating this diversity, and in support of the international student population, SMU has set up various financial aid programmes to ensure deserving students from all backgrounds and nationalities will be able to pursue a holistic education here.



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“I am delighted to extend my partnership with SMU through this postgraduate scholarship. We need to build a generation of innovative and entrepreneurial leaders. My wish is for this contribution to support my fellow Indonesians who want to make an impact towards our country. I strongly believe this scholarship programme will help inspire and develop the requisite skillsets of many talented professionals, sparking new leaders in the field of technology, entrepreneurship and innovation.”

HARYANTO ADIKOESOEMO POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP



In 2022, Mr Haryanto Adikoesoemo, President Director of PT. AKR Corporindo Tbk and member of SMU's International Advisory Council for Indonesia, made a generous contribution to set up a first-of-its-kind postgraduate scholarship in SMU for Indonesian students. His contribution will support three new scholars each year, for a period of three years, and aims to motivate SMU students who are Indonesian citizens to pursue graduate studies in the areas of innovation, human capital and business transformation. He hopes that his support will inspire them to attain academic heights of excellence and return to Indonesia with their new skills and contribute back to the community.

This page:

A. (L to R) Associate Professor Themis Suwardy, Associate Provost (Postgraduate Professional Education) at SMU, presenting a token of appreciation to Mr Haryanto Adikoesoemo.

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B. A group picture taken during the ICON 10th Management Committee retreat at Universal Studios Singapore. The committee consists of the ICON executive committee and the Presidents of the 13 ICON Cultural Clubs.

MR HARYANTO ADIKOESOEMO

Director of PT. AKR Corporindo Tbk and Member of SMU's International Advisory Council for Indonesia



B.

SMU INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP



(and other emerging economies in Asia)

Twelve students from Sri Lanka, Myanmar and other developing countries in Southeast Asia have benefitted from the SMU International Scholarship since its establishment in 2017.

Mr Kuok Khoon Ean, Chairman of Kuok Singapore, and member of SMU's first Board of Trustees, made an endowed contribution to support the scholarship in 2017. He gifted a top-up contribution in 2022, which now results in increased financial support that covers full tuition fees for each of the recipients under this Scholarship, as well as provides additional funding for two incoming SMU students from Malaysia throughout the tenure of their studies.

Mr Kuok believes strongly that learning is a lifelong journey and that every individual should "pursue each opportunity with vigour, embrace every experience graciously, give wholeheartedly and live a life fulfilled". His vision is to help develop the next generation of youth leaders who have the resilience and tenacity to lead, whilst being mindful of the values that shape those decisions and actions. In addition to the SMU International Scholarship, Mr Kuok has also established the SMU Pathfinders Programme.

RICHARD LIM LEE SCHOLARSHIP



Mr Richard Lee, Chairman Emeritus, The Covenant Car Company Inc., Hyundai Asia Resources and Scandinavian Motors, is a member of SMU's International Advisory Council in the Philippines.

Mr Lee's connection to the University is personal — he is a father of two alumni members. In 2019, he made a generous contribution to establish a scholarship for Filipino and Singaporean postgraduate students to undertake the Master of IT in Business programme. "Lim" is his mother's maiden name, and is his way of paying homage to his mother.

"I continue to marvel every day at the exciting and spectacular student life SMU has provided me with. Academically, I am learning valuable lessons from my amazing professors, peers and seniors. I have encountered many opportunities to try new experiences and meet new people. I am also the President of SMU Apsara Cambodia, a cultural club which aims to promote Cambodian culture to the SMU community."

TINN SOKMUNI

SMU International Scholarship Recipient (2021)
Lee Kong Chian School of Business



"The Richard Lim Lee Scholarship is a great blessing to the religious congregation where I belong and has prepared me for my teaching and school administration in the Philippines. It is one of the many ways to turn imagination into reality where Filipinos are given a rich pathway towards global competitiveness. Thank you, Mr Lee."

**BROTHER CYRILL
OSTONAL ESCOLANO**
MITB, 2020



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PRIMA CEYLON SCHOLARSHIP



Founded in 1961, Prima Limited began its roots as Singapore's first flour mill. Over the decades, as it grew from strength to strength, the organisation showcased its philanthropic leadership by making endowed gifts to universities. These gifts help spur research in food sciences and food technology innovations.

In 2018, the Group created the endowed Prima Ceylon Scholarship to benefit SMU undergraduates of Sri Lankan descent. One student will be supported each year throughout his or her four-year undergraduate educational journey.

“My experiences at SMU have helped develop my leadership skills and my ability to solve a problem creatively. Recently, I also took part in Deloitte’s SheXO Young Leaders Challenge, where I emerged as one of the inaugural winners and received the opportunity to engage in a mentorship programme with female corporate leaders in Singapore. The ability to pursue my passions and explore the numerous opportunities that are at my fingertips in Singapore have indeed been a dream turned into reality. I feel so incredibly fortunate to be a recipient of Prima Limited’s generosity through this award. I am determined to continue making the most of my undergraduate experience and I have a renewed sense of motivation for the journey ahead.”

ANAGI NADINA FERNANDO

Prima Ceylon Scholarship
Recipient (2021)
School of Economics



IWA VIDYA SCHOLARSHIP



This Scholarship is made possible by the Indian Women’s Association (IWA) Singapore. Since 1998, the association has been bringing the local Indian community together, and celebrating the multifaceted talents of Indian women.

2022 marks the 10th anniversary of the IWA Vidya Scholarship — that is 10 years of empowering students in Singapore and Southeast Asia to pursue their passion through education.

“I feel elated and proud that IWA considered me deserving of such a scholarship. As an international student, I am appreciative of the fact that I was equally evaluated as an awardee. The award has been a constant source of motivation to continue to strive for the better and to prove my worthiness. My aim is to continue to work hard and be able to give back to the community that has held my hand today.”

PALLAVI TULSIAN

IWA Vidya Scholarship
Recipient (2022)
School of Economics

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A. (L to R) SMU Professor Emeritus Tan Chin Tiong, Mr Primus Cheng, Chairman and CEO of Prima Limited, Former SMU President Professor Arnoud De Meyer and His Excellency Nimal Weeraratne, Former Sri Lanka High Commissioner to Singapore.

EQUINIX SUSTAINABILITY SCHOLARSHIP: GOING BEYOND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ➔

SOWING THE SEEDS OF A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Becoming a sustainable tourism destination, a hub for carbon services in Asia as well as a leading regional centre where cutting-edge sustainability solutions are engineered — these are some of the targets under the Green Economy pillar of Singapore's Green Plan 2030.

To realise these targets, Singapore will have need for talent with a zeal for sustainability and well-honed green skills. Recognising that Singapore's green workforce is still a seedling, Equinix, a digital infrastructure company specialising in interconnected data centres, has selected SMU as one of two universities to establish the Equinix Sustainability Scholarship. Through this scholarship, the company hopes to cultivate interest and awareness in sustainability and inspire undergraduates to take their learning beyond traditional academic disciplines.

Shania Sukamto is the inaugural recipient of the Equinix Sustainability Scholarship. The fourth-year business undergraduate looks forward to creating positive global impact through her work. "Nurturing the next generation of leaders with a core expertise in sustainability will be key to accelerating the transition towards greener business models and is necessary to boost climate change efforts in ways that are scientifically sound, economically feasible and socially acceptable," said Ms Yee May Leong, Managing Director, Equinix South Asia.



"Sustainability is a career path that provides opportunities for individuals to be a part of innovations that will solve some of the most pertinent issues we face today. My interest in technology and sustainability has inspired me to apply for the scholarship. Given Equinix's strong environmental credentials, I am optimistic that the scholarship will spur passionate students like me to advocate for a sustainable future from our various professional domains."

SHANIA SUKAMTO
Equinix Sustainability Scholarship
Inaugural Recipient

ALLOWING YOUTH ENVIRONMENTALISTS TO SHINE

In addition to the Scholarship, Equinix has also thrown its weight behind two sustainability-centric initiatives at SMU. They include the Equinix SMU-X Sustainability Programme and Project Rhize.

Technological innovations are key drivers in the sustainability journey. Under the SMU-X Sustainability Programme, which is an experiential learning framework, students get to harness technology and take on real-world problems faced by corporations as well as non-profit and government organisations.

The partnership with Equinix in particular has engendered encouraging outcomes. The internet connection and data centre specialist worked with students on projects to identify areas of improvement. Students presented ideas on how to reduce the energy load in its floating data centres as well as improve sustainability reporting procedures.

Conservation is also a critical piece of the sustainability puzzle. The Centre for Social Responsibility's Project Rhize is a student-led community service project that aims to increase environmental consciousness and community participation in environmental conservation.

The team has partnered with the National Environment Agency to conduct guided nature walks in Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve. It has also organised panel discussions aimed at connecting sustainability-minded corporations with youth leaders of SMU.

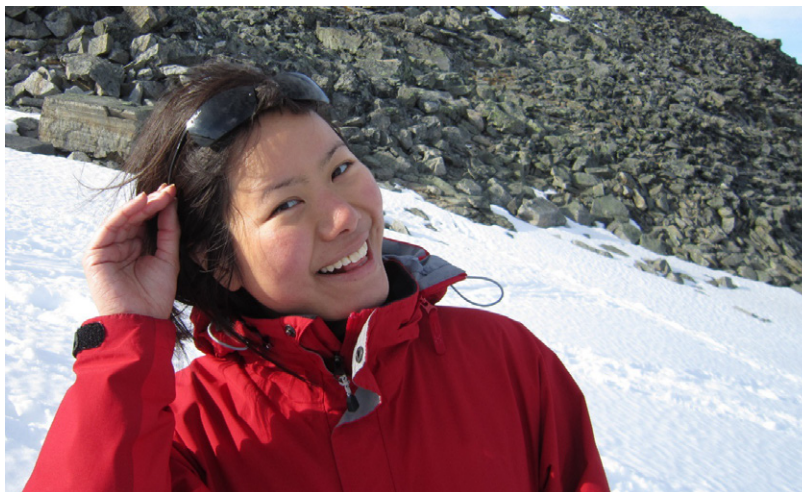
Scan the QR code to find out more about Project Rhize.



DYANNE KHENG EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIP: PARENTS REMEMBERING THEIR LATE DAUGHTER ➤

SMU alumna Dyanne Kheng (BSc (Econs), 2007) was a loving mother to her daughter Naomi and wife to her husband Lars Haakon. She was also a compassionate woman, devoting her time to community projects that benefitted children and improved access to education. When life dealt her a cancer diagnosis, she embodied strength and courage, becoming a fervent advocate who raised awareness about the terminal illness. Specifically, she educated others about the epidermal growth factor receptor mutation, which can afflict people — who like her — have no history of smoking.

To pay tribute to her, Dyanne's parents Mr and Mrs Robert Kheng established the Dyanne Kheng Exchange Scholarship in 2022 to continue her life's work of giving back to society. They hope that students will get to spread their wings by embarking on an overseas exchange programme. The financial award helps offset related expenses.



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“Dyanne loved travelling and experiencing the world. Her journey at SMU brought her to many places. She fell in love especially with Norway, and there she would meet the love of her life, and eventually raise a family. Through the establishment of this exchange scholarship, we hope to inspire other students to broaden their global and cultural perspectives as part of their SMU education journeys, and become global citizens with the compassion to initiate activities for the good of the community.”

MR AND MRS ROBERT KHENG
Donors of the Dyanne
Kheng Scholarship

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES COMMEMORATES 15 YEARS OF GROWTH WITH NEW STUDY AWARD ➤

Every year, over 400 SOSS undergraduates (2 in 5 students) require financial aid. This number is likely to be higher, as there are many others who remain discreet about their families' financial situations. Mounting financial pressure distracts these students from performing their best, and some may even drop out of school. Even though many SOSS undergraduates require financial help, a SOSS-specific study award did not exist — until this year. Making its 15th anniversary a special one for the annals, the School has rallied the community to come together, pay it forward and empower our youths in need.

Our cause has resonated with several donors, who also recognise this pressing social need and have taken it upon themselves to change the status quo. To date, they have collectively contributed to support an endowed study award. This will provide each of the recipients, in perpetuity, a study award that goes towards his or her undergraduate education. This dedicated award will give SOSS students in need a better chance of securing the financial support they deserve.



This page:
A. Dyanne Kheng

SOSS GRADUATES MAKING A POSITIVE IMPACT

Financial aid goes a long way in helping students not only complete their educational journeys but also lead fulfilling university lives. The success stories of our SOSS graduates who have once benefitted from similar initiatives underscore the need for the new study award.



SUBADEVAN MAHADEVAN: AN EPITOME OF GRIT

By his own admission, Subadevan Mahadevan (SocSci, 2015) was never a model student. He had to retake his A-Level examinations and only gained entry to SMU on his second try. But his life took a turn when he matriculated at SOSS — sociology and political science ignited his passion for learning. His commendable results surprised everybody, but more so himself.

However, school fees and other related expenses became a burden for Subadevan's parents to shoulder. As such, he supported himself, taking up loans and working part-time for pocket money. The financial help he received from his second year onwards was a great boon. Specifically, he credits the Mahendra Misra Scholarship as a “game changer”, as it allowed him to conduct research in India for his thesis, culminating in a co-authored publication that boosted his chance at PhD admissions.

“I can confidently say I wouldn't be who I am and where I am today if not for my time at SOSS. And I am one of many stories like that. Your support will help students like me to unlock their potential, achieving things they would not have dreamt of before.”

“As we celebrate our 15th anniversary, we would like to take this opportunity to encourage giving to support the social sciences. A better appreciation of the social sciences will affect how we influence policy, nurture community, foster well-being, meet the challenges of a sustainable future and help people achieve lives that they have reason to value. We hope that the SOSS Study Award will help to uplift budding social scientists at SOSS and enable them to realise their potential.”

PROFESSOR CHANDRAN KUKATHAS

Dean, School Of Social Sciences
Lee Kong Chian Chair Professor
of Political Science
Singapore Management University



RAYNER TAN: TURNING PAIN INTO STRENGTH

Rayner Tan (SocSci, 2016) has had a chequered past. His personal struggles with substance use caused him to drop out of the Lee Kong Chian School of Business after his first year of study. While undergoing rehabilitation for substance dependence and treading his path of recovery, he found his calling in psychology and sociology.

Rayner is an exemplary example of how one's past does not define a person. He was given a second chance to shine at the SOSS. Not wanting to place further stress and financial burden on his parents, Rayner chose to work part-time whilst pursuing his undergraduate education. His hard work in school paid off as he became a beneficiary of various bursaries, awards and scholarships during his time here. His hard-won wisdom has given him a unique outlook on life. Today, he has published over 50 peer-reviewed scientific journal articles, and serves on the board of numerous community-based organisations.



The Gift that Keeps on Giving

Infinity, for us, is making an impact for generations to come

SMU ALUMNI GIVE BACK AND HELP SHAPE BRIGHTER TOMORROWS >

Since SMU's very first enrolment in 2000, we have aimed to mould our students into empathetic citizens with a heart for making a difference to society. Over the years, our graduates, wherever their post-university paths might have taken them, never forgot their roots. Many of them are giving back to the University. Here are a few examples of the good deeds performed by our alumni members in 2022 alone.

EMPOWERING STUDENTS



"We reap what those who came before us sowed, and we owe it to the next generation to provide them with a greater chance of success. I was a beneficiary of the SMU education system, hence I am delighted to be able to contribute to the SMU Infinity Fund through my company Elitez. I hope that the modest contribution can go a long way in helping those who are embarking on their education journey in SMU."

LIN RONG JIE
(BBM, 2010 & MPA, 2019)
CFO, Elitez Group Pte Ltd
SMU Alumni Infinity Fund Donor



"During my schooling days, I would consider myself more fortunate compared to some of my peers as education was readily accessible to me, be it school fees or tuition. I hope that by giving back through the SMU Alumni Infinity Fund, students benefitting from this will get to feel what it really means to be a student — one with no financial worries, being able to concentrate and do school to the best of their abilities."

PAESSON ONG
(BS(IS), 2018)
Business Development,
Heinrich Food Private Limited,
SMU Alumni Infinity Fund Donor

Opposite page:

A. Undergraduate and postgraduate alumni members, from pioneering batches to the newest graduands (Class of 2022), coming together with SMU Chairman Mr Ho Kwon Ping and Professor Lily Kong to celebrate the achievement of the \$1 million goal.



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“I hope the beneficiaries can focus fully and well on their studies and not worry. Spread generosity and love. Let’s continue to bring real meaning to life, which is not only about ourselves, but way beyond. No donation is too small, we can always make a difference — it not only helps, but also pushes the cause further. “

SAMMI LIM
 (BBM, 2006)
 Founder & Executive Director,
 Brilliance Captial,
 SMU Alumni Infinity Fund Donor



“I didn’t have time for any CCA at SMU because I had to balance between school and part-time work to help out with the family finances. Receiving this Alumni Infinity Fund bursary is a big support to me and my family. I am now able to focus more on my studies instead of working part-time. And during my free time, I will visit the gym with my friends to maintain a heathier lifestyle & relieve some mental stress as well!”

TOH LING XUAN
 Alumni Infinity Fund
 Bursary Recipient (2023)
 School of Accountancy

SMU ALUMNI INFINITY FUND: MAKING AN IMPACT FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

Infinity — a word that means endless. It makes a fitting name for SMU’s first-ever, alumni community-driven endowed fund. Since 2021, the SMU Alumni Infinity Fund sought to garner collective contributions of \$10,000 each from a diverse group of 100 trailblazing alumni from myriad backgrounds and industries, towards an endowed bursary fund. It will then support five SMU students through bursaries valued at \$8,000 each per year, in perpetuity.

This \$1,000,000 goal was achieved in less than two years, at the end of 2022. The gifts from donors will directly enable the lives of deserving SMU students and remove barriers to education. Undoubtedly, their actions today will also inspire other alumni members, as well as the Fund’s beneficiaries, who as they find their own successes will ensure this endless loop of kindness carries on.



“It was thanks to the SMU Alumni Infinity Fund bursary that I was able to take on a semester-long internship as a technology consultant to grow my career and yet still be able to save up for this overseas exchange through a combination of ad-hoc part-time jobs and savings insurance payout. It has been an eye-opening experience so far being able to live independently in a different city and interact with different individuals.”

KOH HONG RUI
 Alumni Infinity Fund
 Bursary Recipient (2023)
 Lee Kong Chian School of Business



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CREATING K



A blurred background image of a graduation ceremony. Several graduates in black caps and gowns are visible, some holding white diplomas. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting an indoor arena or hall.

KNOWLEDGE



**>> WORLD-CLASS FACULTY,
CHAIRS, FELLOWSHIPS,
INNOVATIVE LEARNING SPACES**

Driven to develop compelling new experiences and knowledge for our students and stakeholders, we place a deep emphasis on extending our academic capacity and expanding our physical environment to ensure that all our learners, and faculty are supported as they drive for better.

PROFESSORSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS & LECTURE SERIES >>

PROFESSORSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

Professorships and Fellowships at SMU help the University to attract top-tier faculty by providing an avenue for recruiting the best minds, the most creative researchers, and the most engaging teachers. This in turn attracts the brightest students to the University and creates valuable experiences for them. More than just a form of recognition, Professorships and Fellowships expand our collective knowledge and guide us toward the best solutions for economic and social issues in our nation and region.

LECTURE SERIES

Lecture Series provide faculty members with a platform to share enriching discourse that explores current issues and resolutions around their areas of research and teaching. They are also an avenue for fellow academics to learn from one another and aid in creating broader awareness for SMU's renowned pedagogy and leading-edge research. Each lecture series provides opportunities for communication and engagement with wider audiences such as governments, industry, and even the public.



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JANICE BELLACE PROFESSOR

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Professor Chris Brummer
Georgetown University Law Center

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Professor, School of Social Sciences

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and Information Systems
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LECTURE SERIES ➤

Dentons Rodyk Dialogue
Building a Safe and Inclusive
Digital World Together:
Vision and Transformation
Various Speakers

**Herbert-Smith Freehills-SMU
Asian Arbitration Lecture**
Human Rights, Environmental
and Climate Change Law in the
Substance and Procedure of
International Arbitration
Professor Diane Desierto
Professor of Law and Global Affairs
University of Notre Dame

Ho Rih Hwa Leadership Lecture Series
Creating Bases for Optimism
in an Era of Insecurities
Senior Minister and Coordinating
Minister for Social Policies
Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam

Lien Fung's Colloquium
Geography Lessons: Singapore,
the 1990s and Wang Anyi's
Root Seeking Journey to the South
Chan Cheow Thia

**The Annual Ikeda Peace
and Harmony Lecture**
A Broader Mind, A Bigger Heart
George Yeo
Visiting Scholar
Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy
National University of Singapore

**The Ngee Ann Kongsi
Annual Lecture Series**
Wealth and Poverty Through the Lens
of the Current Situation in Ukraine
Her Excellency Ambassador
Kateryna Zalenko
Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary of Ukraine

TY Lee Mindfulness Series
Be Mindful, Be Aware. Live a
Fun and Flourishing Life.
Maria Tan



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THE IAN R. TAYLOR MEMORIAL FUND >>

Following in the footsteps of
a leader and innovator

Past and present staff of Vitol Asia came together in the second half of 2020 to make an endowed gift of over \$14 million to SMU. This gift was made in honour and memory of the late Mr Ian Roper Taylor (7 February 1956 – 8 June 2020), the former chief executive and chairman of the Vitol Group who transformed the small Dutch fuel merchant into the global commodities powerhouse that it is today.

The Ian R. Taylor Memorial Fund at SMU was established to provide a platform to honour Mr Taylor as an innovator, an explorer, and a pioneer in his field. The Fund commemorates his life through this endowed legacy of creating and challenging the boundaries of knowledge, and by supporting the development of future talent through higher education.

With travel and large group gathering restrictions lifted in 2022, those who contributed towards honouring his legacy were able to gather. Together with Mr Taylor's family, SMU hosted an appreciation evening for all the donors and to celebrate and commemorate Mr Taylor's life.

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This page:

- A. Mr Ian R. Taylor
- B. (L to R) Mr Ryan Taylor, Professor Lily Kong, Mrs Margaret Kho, Mrs Cristina Taylor, Mrs Janet Taylor, Dato Kho Hui Meng, SMU Provost Professor Timothy Clark, Mr Bruce Taylor.

Opposite page:

- C. Mr Ryan Taylor and Mrs Cristina Taylor with the Ian R. Taylor scholars.

THE IAN R. TAYLOR MEMORIAL FUND CELEBRATES THE LIFE OF MR TAYLOR THROUGH THE FOLLOWING INITIATIVES AT SMU ➤



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IAN R. TAYLOR SCHOLARSHIP

Two full scholarships tenable for the full four-year duration of an undergraduate's university education will be awarded each year to support Singaporean students at SMU.



“Mr Ian R. Taylor is widely known to be a philanthropist, innovator and pioneer in his field. Moving forward, I would like to carry on his legacy of giving back to my community by participating and leading in various community service projects. His spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship will continue to inspire me to step out of my comfort and tread new ground as I begin my new journey at the Singapore Management University.”

RYEN CHUA

Ian R. Taylor Scholarship Recipient (2021)
Lee Kong Chian School of Business

IAN R. TAYLOR ASIA SCHOLARSHIP

Two full scholarships tenable for the full four-year duration of an undergraduate's university education will be awarded each year to the most talented and promising students from developing Asia studying at SMU.



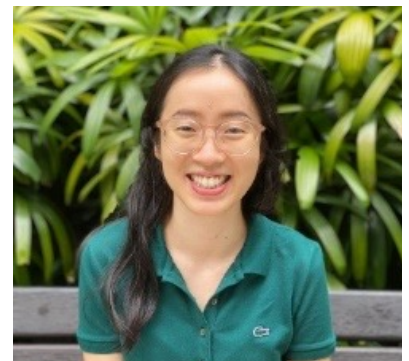
“It is my duty to work hard and take advantage of the opportunities that are presented to me. Yet, it is also my duty to acknowledge that others did not have the same opportunities that I did. It is my duty to help them, to teach them, and to lift them up. So that hopefully in the future, such a disparity does not have to exist.”

AKRISH RIPUL JHAVERI

Ian R. Taylor Asia Scholarship Recipient (2021)
School of Economics

IAN R. TAYLOR BEST GRADUATING STUDENT AWARD

This award is presented to the best graduating student from the Politics, Law & Economics major at SMU each year, as determined by an internal committee.



“The diverse opportunities given to me to challenge myself, learn about my surroundings and the globalised world and grow as a young adult has been extremely beneficial to me as I enter society post-graduation. Winning this award has further encouraged me to continue pursuing opportunities to learn from others and to seek out problems that call for innovative approaches.”

LYNETTE LAU JIA MIN

Ian R. Taylor Best Graduating Student Award (PLE) Recipient (2021)
School of Social Sciences



A.

IAN R. TAYLOR INTERNATIONAL MOOTS PROGRAMME

The Ian R. Taylor International Moots Programme supports and provides promising law undergraduates with opportunities to participate in international mooted competitions. Students put theory into practice and marshal various complex areas of law into coherent threads.

Overall, as of January 2023, SMU's international mooters have placed in the Top 3 in international moots 125 times (winning 46 out of the 83 championship finals they have been in) in addition to almost 300 Best Oralist and Best Memorial prizes in the 20-over competitions they have participated in.

This page:

A. In 2021, SMU became the first-ever university in the International Criminal Court Moot to have reached the finals 5 times and won the championship 4 times.

Opposite page:

B. (L to R) Dean of Students Professor Paulin Straughan, Mrs Wong Kwok Leong and Mrs Wong's grandson, Seah Wei Ming, at the site of SMU's Bodhi Tree, which is dedicated to Mrs Wong for her years of philanthropic support to the University.
C. In her free time, Mrs Wong enjoys painting. She gifted this beautiful piece, which depicts SMU Campus Green and the Bodhi Tree, to the Centre during the tree dedication ceremony.

IAN R. TAYLOR SMU-UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD COLLABORATION

IAN R. TAYLOR SMU-UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD VISITING FELLOWSHIP

The Ian R. Taylor Fellow will be attached to the Oxford School for Global and Area Studies (OSGA) and St. Antony's College. He or she will be involved in research and education on a Southeast Asian topic, and undertake student supervision, while participating in the intellectual life at the University of Oxford.

IAN R. TAYLOR SMU-UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD VISITING STUDENT PROGRAMME GRANT

This grant aims to provide bright undergraduate students at SMU with the opportunity to enrol in an academic programme conducted at the University of Oxford. Up to three grants will be awarded per academic year.



“During my time as a fellow, I anticipate teaching and mentoring students both at Oxford and SMU as they study about the Southeast Asian region. Additionally, by taking part in the intellectual life at Oxford, I will be able to enhance both my teaching and research capacities. Interactions with students and academic staff at Oxford will boost the types of research that I can produce, especially as I am able to seek feedback, comments, and criticisms directly from faculty there. It is a rare gift. I anticipate that in the future, I will be able to report more details regarding the exciting teaching and research activities carried out under the fellowship.”

JACOB RICKS

Associate Professor of Political Science
Ian R. Taylor SMU-Oxford Fellow

SMU'S FIRST-EVER HERITAGE TREE DEDICATION — EXPRESSING OUR EVERLASTING LOVE AND APPRECIATION FOR A LONG-TIME SUPPORTER ➤

Mrs Wong Kwok Leong, known affectionately as “Mama Wong” to beneficiaries and friends, is a well-respected philanthropist. Mrs Wong possesses an unfaltering charitable spirit, which she inherited from her late mother, and from whom she learnt never to turn her back on those who approach her for help. This personal ethos has prompted Mrs Wong to support numerous community projects, ranging from temples to hospitals and schools. It is an undertaking that she has pursued for over 50 years. Her cross-border philanthropy has seen her giving back to less privileged communities in Singapore, China, Nepal, India and Myanmar.

For over 16 years now, Mrs Wong has remained a steadfast supporter of SMU. Her journey began in August 2006 with the establishment of the Wong Kwok Leong Endowed Scholarship. Together with her husband, they made a \$1 million endowed donation to commemorate their 50th wedding anniversary.



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Her next significant contribution to SMU would be towards the support of mental wellness at SMU. The Mrs Wong Kwok Leong Student Wellness Centre was named after her as a gesture of appreciation in 2013. The student wellness centre safeguards the emotional wellbeing and mental health of students through counselling and support services. Here, students can pour their hearts out and enjoy a respite from the rigors of university life. As an encouragement to SMU's counsellors, who put in relentless work, and to SMU students, Mrs Wong made a new donation to the student wellness centre in September 2022. In appreciation of her unwavering support and friendship, the University dedicated the heritage Bodhi Tree at SMU Campus Green to her.



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The tree was retained at its original site during the campus development in 2000 and has since been meticulously cared for by the University's campus facilities team. Symbolising hope and benevolence, it makes a fitting tribute for Mrs Wong whose generosity has changed the lives of countless youths. Marking SMU's first tree to be dedicated to a donor, it serves as a reminder for future generations to follow in Mrs Wong's footsteps and to give back to the community.

AIWM TEAMS UP WITH EIGHT MEMBER FIRMS FOR BURSARY INITIATIVE: MOTIVATING UNDERGRADUATES TO ACHIEVE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE ➤

When the Association of Independent Wealth Managers (AIWM) made the call for four firms to step up and partner with it to support four bursaries, eight family offices rose to the occasion. The impact of this bursary initiative hence doubled, benefitting now eight SMU freshmen throughout their four-year journeys at the University. Under the bursary, each student will receive \$20,000 over four years of their study at SMU. The bursary is being co-funded by the association with each of its participating partners.

The participating family offices are as follows:

- › Abacus Asia Wealth Management Pte Ltd
- › AL Wealth Partners Pte Ltd
- › Azimut Investment Management Singapore Ltd
- › Covenant Capital Pte Ltd
- › Global Precious Metals Pte Ltd
- › HP Wealth Management (S) Pte Ltd
- › Marcuard Heritage (Singapore) Pte Ltd
- › Red Beacon Asset Management Pte Ltd



Of this gesture, Mr Edwin Lee, CEO of Covenant Capital and committee member of AIWM, said, “As stewards of assets, we are deeply encouraged and hope that this will be the start of a wave of family offices partnering with their clients to support students in financial need.”

Undoubtedly, as financial professionals themselves, the association members know all too well just how budgeting challenges can hinder long-term plans. Their kind donations will go a long way in helping SMU students overcome roadblocks and achieve their own dreams.

THE TRUE MARK OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP — TOLARAM GIVES BACK TO YOUTHS ➤

Tolaram’s success story should serve as a lodestar for aspiring entrepreneurs. Its humble roots began in 1948 with a single textile retail shop in Malang, Indonesia. Through sheer hard work and perseverance, its founders grew the business and expanded into manufacturing and distribution. After its relocation to Singapore in 1975, the conglomerate began exporting its goods, and has over the years diversified its business interests to include fintech, infrastructure and industrials.

If there is one thing the three generations of leaders at Tolaram are deeply familiar with, it is just how tough the entrepreneurial journey can be. To encourage the brave young minds at SMU, it has established the Tolaram Innovation and Entrepreneurship Fund with a term contribution of \$600,000. The Fund aims to provide real-world experiential learning opportunities for outstanding undergraduates and postgraduates to advance their entrepreneurial knowledge, skills and global outlook. It supports two initiatives at the University: Tolaram Global Innovation Immersion Award (TGII Award) and Tolaram Entrepreneurship Venture Award (TEV Award).

Opposite page:

A. (Front row, L to R) Mr Deepak Singhal, Managing Director of Consumer Business, Tolaram, Mr Sajen Aswani, Chief Executive Officer, Tolaram, Mr Hugh Edmiston, Senior Vice President, Administration, SMU, Mr Hau Koh Foo, Director, SMU Institute of Innovation and Entrepreneurship, and some of the TEV Award and TGII Award recipients.

“At Tolaram, we understand what it means to be entrepreneurial. Our business evolved from a single retail shop into an enterprise that spans different verticals and geographies. We are excited to be supporting young entrepreneurs and self-starters at SMU wanting to gain experience or set up their own business ventures. We believe the support provided by these awards will encourage students to pursue their dreams wholeheartedly.”

MR DEEPAK SINGHAL
 Managing Director
 of Consumer Business
 Tolaram

GAINING A WORLDLY PERSPECTIVE

Recipients of the TGII Award will get to embark on an overseas internship under the Global Innovation and Immersion (GII) programme offered by SMU’s Institute of Innovation and Entrepreneurship (IIE). First-year social science student Muhammad Nur Izeyar Bin Yazid was one beneficiary. Thanks to the award, he was able to head to Thailand for a three-month internship, where he learnt the ins and outs of the country’s entrepreneurial ecosystems and high-growth companies.

“The award has allowed me to fulfil my internship with little worry. Buoyed by the lessons offered by the GII programme, I was able to gain further insights into the cultures and about the people living in different provinces such as Nakhon Si Thammarat and Isan.”



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PAVING THE WAY TO SUCCESS

Benefitting youth entrepreneurs who already have their own start-ups or ventures, the TEV Award allows them to focus on expanding their businesses during the holiday period. Chester Choy, a second-year business undergraduate, was able to take his business SocialLive to new heights. “It gave me access to industry experts, and the guidance of a mentor has certainly helped to accelerate growth for both SocialLive and myself. Furthermore, the monetary grant has allowed us to seize new business opportunities in a timely manner.”

SocialLive was born out of a mission to help small businesses pivot and increase their online presence during the COVID-19 pandemic. Chester also noticed that the disruption of physical events had displaced many gig workers in the entertainment industry. Together with his partners, they kickstarted SocialLive, which connected businesses with influencers and hosts. Through entertaining livestreams on social media and e-commerce platforms, they converted viewers into buyers and generated sales. Chester’s next goal is to scale SocialLive and make forays into new markets.

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The SMU International Advisory Council (IAC) was created in 2017 to establish, strengthen and deepen SMU's engagement with the private and public sectors in key Southeast Asian countries and China so as to support the delivery of meaningful impact in the region and the University's ambitions of producing well-rounded talents who will shape the future of Asia.

Through active collaboration, the seven IACs bolster SMU's overseas activities, especially in areas aligned with the University's three strategic priorities: Digital Transformation, Sustainable Living, and Growth in Asia.

Over the past five years, the IACs have provided thought leadership and support to SMU in pertinent areas, including the expansion of the University's delivery of professional continuing education; growth of students' global exposure opportunities; and the development of faculty engagement with industry stakeholders to elevate curriculum delivery and advance research opportunities.

2022 marks the fifth year of the IAC initiative. In celebration of this milestone anniversary, two in-person marquee events were held for IAC members across all seven councils.

SMU ASIA SUMMIT 2022

After a three-year hiatus owing to the global pandemic, the bi-annual SMU Asia Summit returned from 11 to 12 August 2022. IAC members were joined by SMU's Trustees and senior management for one-and-a-half days of thought leadership and knowledge exchange on "Reshaping Asian Corporations" in Singapore. The Summit featured a suite of masterclasses by SMU's faculty; a plenary moderated by SMU President Professor Lily Kong; a fireside conversation with Mr Dilhan Pillay Sandrasegara, Executive Director and CEO of Temasek Holdings; and an industry visit to the Dyson Global Headquarters in Singapore.



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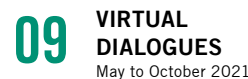
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- A. (L to R) Dr Mai Huu Tin (Founder, Chairman and CEO of U&I Investment Corporation, and Member of SMU IAC in Vietnam), Mr Don Lam (CEO and Co-Founder of VinaCapital and Chair of SMU IAC in Vietnam), H.E. Jaya Ratnam (Singapore Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam), Professor Timothy Clark (SMU Provost), Dr Truong Gia Binh (Chairman, FPT Corporation), and SMU Professor Emeritus Tan Chin Tiong.

Opposite page:

- B. SMU International Advisory Council Chairs and Members with SMU senior management at the SMU Asia Summit 2022.
- C. The SMU Asia Summit 2022 Fireside session with Mr Dilhan Pillay Sandrasegara, Executive Director and CEO of Temasek Holdings, moderated by Mr Ho Kwon Ping, Executive Chairman, Banyan Tree Holdings and SMU Chairman from January 2000 to January 2023.
- D. SMU Learning Journey to Hanoi delegates at the FPT University Campus in Hao Lac, Vietnam.

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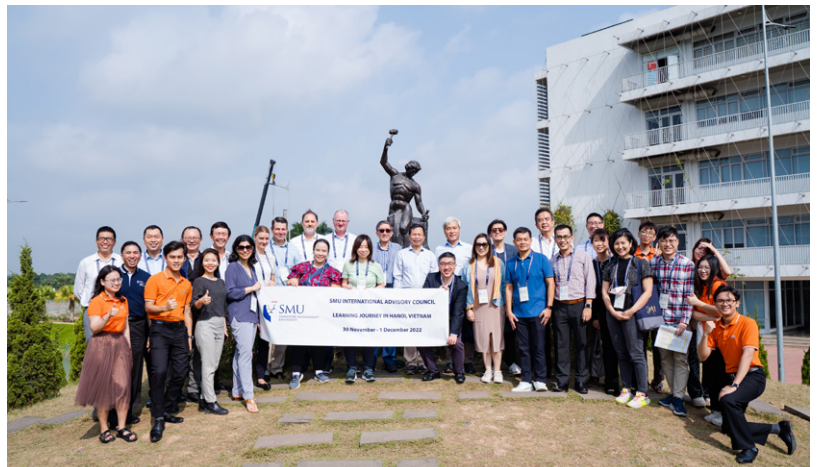
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SMU LEARNING JOURNEY TO HANOI

From 30 November to 1 December, SMU Provost Professor Timothy Clark led a delegation of close to 30 IAC members and their representatives, and SMU faculty, for industry visits to FPT University and Software Campus, KFC Vietnam and the VinFast factory. A highlight of the Learning Journey was the SMU Industry Leaders Panel, which was graced by Special Guest, His Excellency Jaya Ratnam, Singapore Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. Themed “Investing and Doing Business in Vietnam”, the panel saw a lively discussion amongst His Excellency Jaya Ratnam; Mr Don Lam, Chair of SMU IAC Vietnam, and CEO and Co-founder, VinaCapital; Dr Truong Gia Binh, Chairman, FPT Corporation; Dr Mai Huu Tin, Member of SMU IAC Vietnam, and Founder, Chairman and CEO, U&I Investment Corporation; and panel attendees.



D.

YOUTH ECOSPERITY DIALOGUE: NURTURING THE NEXT GENERATION OF ADVOCATES ➤

Youths are the inheritors of Earth. It is therefore important that we raise their awareness of environmental issues and kindle their enthusiasm to protect our precious planet. The Youth Ecosperity Dialogue (YED) 2022 sought to do just that.

Held as part of Ecosperity Week 2022, the Youth Ecosperity Dialogue (YED) was presented by SMU's College of Integrative Studies with the support of Temasek Foundation. Spanning six days from 5 to 10 June 2022, the dialogue connected youth advocates across Asia with global thought leaders and like-minded corporations to exchange views and share best practices on sustainable development.

At Temasek Foundation, sustainability anchors everything it does, and it aims to galvanise other advocates through engagement platforms such as Ecosperity Week. Ecosperity is a portmanteau of the words "ecology" and "prosperity", reflecting the Foundation's conviction that doing good and doing well must go hand in hand.

The YED was replete with illuminating think tanks, hands-on workshops and vigorous panel discussions. It also featured experiential excursions to Singapore Discovery Centre, Marina Barrage and Gardens by the Bay. Participants got the chance to see how Singapore as well as different entities are revving up their sustainability efforts.



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“The Youth Ecosperity Dialogue 2022 was a great learning experience. I learnt a lot in terms of sustainability and how to be an effective catalyst of change for the environment. Thank you so much to the organisers, founders, and partners for this amazing opportunity.”

YED 2022 PARTICIPANT

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YOUTH ECOSPERITY DIALOGUE 2022 AT A GLANCE

30 STUDENTS FROM SINGAPORE



48 STUDENTS FROM ASIA



5 BROAD THEMES

1. Accelerating Change at Scale
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A. Youth Ecosperity Dialogue 2022

B. Participants of Youth Ecosperity Dialogue 2022

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