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WANG JUNYONG

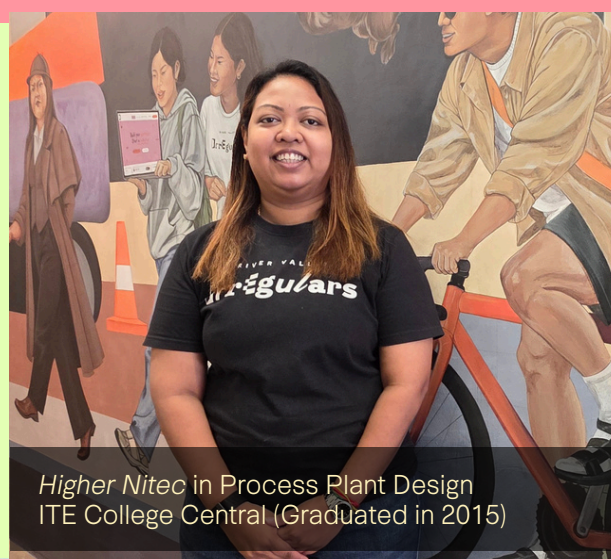
Managing Director, ISE Education Co. Ltd

Junyong struggled academically until he found an unexpected interest in taiko drumming. It gave him the motivation and confidence needed to excel. Junyong graduated from ITE as valedictorian and founded Mangrove Learning, a social enterprise that uses drumming to engage communities. He later established TG International School in Cambodia, persevered through the Covid-19 disruptions, and eventually opened its new campus in 2024. With this Fellowship, Junyong hopes to connect ITE students with business and learning opportunities in Cambodia and the region.

DERRICK LEE

Chief Technology Officer, Accredify Pte Ltd

Having known from a young age where his interest lies, Derrick chose ITE so he could pursue his passion in IT. At ITE, he gained early industry exposure through project work and competitions, completing dozens of freelance projects and establishing five micro-start-ups before graduation. Derrick co-founded Accredify Pte Ltd in 2019, building it to become a leading Verifiable Credentials platform in Asia Pacific. Recognised in Forbes 30 Under 30 Asia in 2022, and a Singapore Leaders Network TECH Leader in 2026, Derrick wants to inspire students to see technology as a pathway to innovation, enterprise and meaningful impact.



SHEILA MANOKARAN

Co-founder, River Valley Irregulars

Sheila overcame the stigma of being in the EM3 and Normal (Technical) stream, as well as financial and personal challenges, to complete her diploma and degree. It was at ITE that she discovered her passion for volunteering and a sense of purpose beyond academics. In 2022, she founded the River Valley Irregulars to empower youths through experiential learning, mentorship, and career development opportunities. Sheila also helped facilitate large donations to ITE since 2019, benefiting 13,500 students. She aims to strengthen the ITE Alumni Association Youth Wing and reconnect younger alumni through this Fellowship.

SHAHRII SAMRI

Educator, PCF Sparkletots Preschool @ Marsiling (Childcare)

Shahril built his confidence and public-speaking skills at ITE through student leadership, emceeing, and overseas exposure. He made a mid-career switch to early childhood education after helping out a friend at a preschool and became the first male teacher to receive the MOE Outstanding Preschool Mother Tongue Language Award in 2021. Shahril is also the founder of Pantunism, a group that promotes the Malay poetry art form. Eager to contribute to his alma mater, Shahril hopes to involve ITE students in hosting STEMIE workshops in preschools to develop soft skills and improve perception of ITE.



TAN TECK LEE

Deputy Principal, Programme Development; Singapore Institute of Power and Gas, SP Group

Teck Lee gained confidence and satisfaction in applying his skills at Singapore Technical Institute. Post-graduation, Teck Lee progressed through engineering and leadership roles in the power sector, undertaking consultancy work across Asia and the Middle East. Along the way, he pursued part-time qualifications, even moving overseas to earn First Class honours in Electronics and Electrical Engineering. Today, he focuses on training power sector personnel. With this Fellowship, Teck Lee intends to create platforms for students to build soft skills and explore pathways for them to enter the industry to gain valuable experience while studying.