

The logo for the ITE Student Achievers' Awards 2025. It features a large, stylized letter 'A' on the left, composed of a red-to-blue gradient with a yellow swoosh and three stars (two yellow, one red) below it. To the right of the 'A' is the text 'ITE STUDENT ACHIEVERS' AWARDS 2025' in a bold, sans-serif font. 'ITE' is in white on a red square background. 'STUDENT' is in orange, 'ACHIEVERS' is in purple, and 'AWARDS 2025' is in orange. A horizontal line is positioned below the text.

ITE STUDENT ACHIEVERS' AWARDS 2025

Lee Kuan Yew Model Student Award

A portrait of a young man, Moses Hee Jun Yao, wearing a black suit, white shirt, and a red and white striped tie. He is wearing glasses and smiling. He is standing against a background with a light blue and white diamond pattern.

**Moses Hee
Jun Yao**

*Higher Nitec in
IT Applications Development
ITE College East*

Green Crusader

After losing his father in secondary three, Moses faced significant challenges. Transferred from the Express to the Normal (Academic) stream, he struggled with motivation and direction. However, with his mother's unwavering support, he found new purpose at ITE. Initially, he had little interest in Web Design, but his time in *Nitec* ignited a passion for technology. With renewed focus and drive, Moses excelled academically.

He progressed to the *Higher Nitec* in IT Applications and Development, where his dedication earned him a perfect GPA of 4.0 and a spot on the Director's List in 2023 and 2024. His professionalism during an internship at the National University of Singapore led to a full-time contract offer and sponsorship for six professional development courses.

Apart from his stellar academic and personal achievements, Moses' passion for sustainability distinguished him from his peers. Recognising the urgent need to address climate change, he combined technology with green initiatives, creating innovative solutions to combat environmental issues. His leadership shone through in competitions, such as the International Exhibition for Young Inventors 2023, where his Zero Food Waste project clinched a Silver Medal among 137 teams from nine countries.

He also led his team to third place in the Climate Change Zero Waste Competition 2023, competing against 145 participants. Beyond competitions, Moses played a pivotal role in college-wide sustainability efforts. His involvement in the Bloobox Initiative in 2023 reinforced proper recycling habits among students and staff at ITE College East. For his environmental advocacy, he was recognised with a Silver Medal at the ITE Green Ambassador Awards 2023.

From the Heart

"True success isn't just about winning; it's about the resilience to rise after every setback and the determination to keep moving forward. This moment is not the finish line but a milestone in a journey filled with endless possibilities. The key is to embrace challenges, push beyond limits, and never stop striving for growth."

Life after ITE

Moses is pursuing a Diploma in Information Technology at Temasek Polytechnic.

Top Achievements

- Moses is a recipient of the ITE Community Scholarship in 2023 and 2024.
- He has completed several professional certifications in AI, RPA and UI Path, underscoring his commitment to lifelong learning and technical skills development.
- As a member of the school's Creative Community Club, Moses rallied his members to participate actively, guiding them to achieve notable successes in competitions and projects.