OUR ACHIEVEMENT

Our students and featured this app in Digital Life on 2nd March 2011. Mr Oo Gin Lee, deputy editor with the Straits Times has interviewed our booking fees, and has generated a lot of publicity and industry interest. This is not only visually superior to telephone booking, but also saves on use of the cab using Google Maps, as it moves towards the user’s location. Instantly by using the same app. A user can then track the movement of the car in real-time using the same app. This Android prototype allows commuters to call a cab by just pressing a button on the app.


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Diploma in Business Information Technology
Message from Director, School of Business
Mr Daniel Yeow

In ancient architecture, the keystone, a wedge-shaped piece at the summit of an arch, is used to hold the other pieces together. The structure can then withstand the test of time. If I am to name a keystone in the Diploma in Business IT, I would say it is the diploma’s commitment to training students to be relevant to the needs of business and industry.

We train our students well in critical domains needed by industry, as evidenced by their achievement of industry awards, successful completion of industry-based projects as well as innovative IT applications that have received publicity in the local media. This issue of the BITe magazine showcases some of these accomplishments.

I would like to congratulate all BIT students, particularly those who have won industry recognition even before their graduation, on their sterling performance. Students, continue to seize the opportunities to learn and grow and you would always remain relevant in the fast-changing world of technology.

Message from Course Manager, BIT
Mr Benedict Fernandez

This issue of BITe shows the flexibility and willingness of our students to pick up new skills. In the 3 weeks SAP program, students learnt how to use the SAP Enterprise Resource Planning System, a system that is widely used in Singapore, including banks and other major industry players. Students signed up voluntarily for this SAP training every year, and this has been conducted for a number of years, where demand from students exceeded the number of places offered.

The applications developed by students in MediBuddie and Virtual Hailing demonstrated our students’ abilities to pick up on how to code smart phone apps, even though no formal training of this was in their curriculum. Similarly, the LifeAtEvent app shows how our students can be incubated to develop a system that effectively combined both business savvy and technical know-how.

Last, but not least, the Explorer Grant was won by a team of our budding BIT entrepreneurs while they are still students. This grant will doubtless help the team explore further development and commercialise their innovative work.

Hardwood can only be developed from saplings, and the process is long, but with the right support, our endeavours will bear fruit.

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**LifeAtEvent for Startup@BIT**

LifeAtEvent comprises of a mobile application and a web portal that would help social gatherers to come together. With the mobile application, users would be able to capture any interesting point of location that they would come across and then share it on-the-go with their friends for future gatherings locations references, all with the use of their smartphone. The mobile application is complemented by a web portal which offers a comprehensive event creation system and a whole range of services that helps gatherers to interact and communicate with one another.

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**BIT Graduation Night 02 April 2011**

The graduating cohort has organised a graduation celebration with the theme “Masquerade” at NUSS at Suntec City. It was indeed a memorable night to see graduands so well-dressed with their fanciful masks that they could pass off as movie stars. Graduands and lecturers enjoyed the night thoroughly as the program unfolded with table games, vocal performance, moment-of-truth game, couple-rated R’ dance and crowning of Mr & Miss BIT.

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**MeetingYoungMinds @BIT 2011**

"Bringing you Tomorrow’s Technology Today" is the theme of this year’s MeetingYoungMinds@BIT, an annual industry seminar cum project show where graduating BIT students addresses seminar participants about technology innovations that could help improve the way we work and live. This year’s event was held on 24th February 2011 and saw 24 projects in various areas ranging from iPhone and Android applications, enterprise systems done in collaboration with companies and organizations such as the Singapore General Hospital, Singapore Aviation Academy, HSBC and New Urban Male. In seminar 1, Mobile 2.0, Benson Poh explained how mobile applications of the future might change the way people live, work and play. In the next seminar titled “How IT Works”, Neelima S.V conducted a live game show in the lecture theatre where she addressed some of the most common business problems with the most ingenious IT solutions that the students built. This event was well attended by more than 100 participants consisting of companies, partners of the diploma, parents and friends.

We hope to see you at the next MeetingYoungMinds@BIT project show on 23 Feb 2012 (Thurs) at 2pm in LT19. Email Phyllis at phyllisc@tp.edu.sg for enquiries and registration.

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**Overseas Internship (OSIP) in Shanghai**

I have personally benefited a lot through this overseas internship. I felt that I have grown as a person, to see things not just at the present, but also to view issues in a longer term perspective. Through much interaction and relationship building with clients and colleagues in the real estate industry, I have developed good interpersonal skills. In this short four months, I had to be independent, immerse myself in a different culture, as well as understand the real estate industry. Lastly, I am glad that the company had recognised our excellent work performance and rewarded us with two return air-tickets to Shanghai next May-June to witness the opening of ONE PRIME.

Wen Su

Doing an overseas internship has proven to be fun and fruitful! During my 4 months internship in Shanghai, SRE has taught me a lot in terms of my job scope, communication skills and most importantly, it allowed me to have a taste of what the working life really is. Being in a foreign country, it provided me the opportunity of being independent as there is no one to help do my dishes. In summary, SRE is a great company to do internship in as the job identity is high and as for the idea of OSIP, you guys should really go for it!

Sebastian Loh

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**Overseas Internship (OSIP) in Australia**

What I have experienced in Australia was unforgettable. My mentors who guided me along the way were very helpful and kind and were also the funniest people you can ever find. At the end of the four months, I made a lot of close friends in Australia. My advice to BIT students is, if you have the chance to choose your internship there, make that choice because you won’t regret it.

Keagan Sng
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Our New Lecturer -
Mr Kor Chan Chiong, Mark
Mark’s background hails from Hospitality industry and IT. Having worked for Raffles Hotel, Meritus Mandarin Hotel, and Standard Chartered Bank Singapore for 12 years; he now relishes sharing with students on how IT is infused into business. Being a stout believer in all things IT, he believes the new generation business graduates should have a solid grounding in IT to have a competitive edge over their peers. Where time permits, Mark usually occupies himself with hospitality and IT related training for internal and external organizations such as STB, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Overseas Training, Lao National Institute of Tourism and Hospitality (LANITH), @Gallery Suites hotel (Shanghai, China); and Temasek Polytechnic’s evening classes for adult learners. In his spare time, besides enjoying the company of close friends and listening to evergreen music, Mark enjoys reading, jogging, working out at the gym, playing table tennis and tinkering with his electronic gadgets.

VirtuAl HAILING

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Projects developed by students
Include MediBuddi, Virtual Taxi Hailing and FUN@SG

The FUN@SG iPhone app was developed by a group of 4 BIT students to help visitors locate and obtain information on attractions in Singapore and share experiences on social media sites. The app was showcased at the Asian Attractions Expo 2011 at Resorts World Convention Centre from 22 – 24 June 2011 to visitors from different countries.

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Study Trip to Melbourne

Led by lecturer, Mr. Kelvin Lim, 32 Diploma in Business Information Technology students participated in a study trip to Melbourne between 27 March and 1 April 2011 as part of their Global Citizenship curriculum. Students visited the Great Ocean Road and Twelve Apostles to appreciate the environmental challenges. Students also visited the STA Travel Melbourne Office where they had an opportunity to observe back office processes, business development in the travel industry as well as how the company has leveraged IT in their business. The visit to the Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI) allowed the students to hear from an ACMI curator who shared behind-the-scenes insights into Disney’s Dreams Come True animation. The talk also touched on a range of subjects, with particular emphasis on animation and digital media creation and how they were adapted to the big screen. Also, included were tours of RMIT, Swinburne and Victoria Universities.

Reflecting on the trip, participant Jonathan Lee said, “This trip on the whole was very educational and I learnt a lot. I felt that the trip increased my knowledge on how people in the cosmopolitan city of Melbourne lived, how different parts of Australia survived and thrived using different means of revenue. I also got to see a lot of beautiful scenery, understood more about the geography of Australia and Australia’s environmental protection efforts. I now have a better appreciation of globalization and cosmopolitanism.”

Rent Tycoons

Make money, save money & be green!

Congratulations to our BIT Alumni - Miss Fenni Wang and her business partner, Founder and CEO of Rent Tycoons, Mr. Swito Yuber successfully obtained the funding support from SPRING Singapore on their business idea: Rent Tycoons! Rent Tycoons provides the platform that enables individuals and businesses to rent items and services to/from each other. Through this online rental marketplace, Rent Tycoons aims to grow the practice of peer-to-peer renting in Singapore and build a community of individuals with the heart to adopt green practices as an integral part of their daily lives.