CHOOSING YOUR PASSION

LEE JUN WEI shares his story about how his life in College Central became the first step in pursuing his passion.
Welcome to our inaugural issue of Central Times! What makes this different from a standard ITE newsletter is that everything that is featured in here is written with YOU in mind – students of our ITE College Central network schools. We understand that some of you may find it difficult to figure out what post-secondary education choices you may have and the courses that are available to you. Let us make the choice a little easier for you by letting you know what you can look forward to if you choose to make ITE College Central your destination.

We are proud of the achievements of our student (an ex-Pierce Secondary School student), Lee Jun Wei, who was recognised as the top ITE student for 2010 and wish to share with you some insights that he has on his two years with us.

Going forward, ITE College Central will be re-locating to our mega campus at Ang Mo Kio in January 2013 and we are excited to share with you our plans for the future.

Happy reading!
Tan Seng Hua
Principal, ITE College Central

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AN EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME AT ITE COLLEGE CENTRAL!

come to where the action is and experience first-hand the exciting world of the Experience ITE Programme (EIP).

WHAT IS THE EIP?

The EIP is a one and a half day programme specially designed for Secondary 2 Normal (Technical) and Secondary 3 Normal (Academic) students and it gives them the opportunity to have hands-on experience with projects that are related to the four Schools (refer to Page 3 for more details) in ITE College Central.

BEACH FIESTA is the theme of our core project (multi-disciplinary) and participants will get to have hands-on experience in one of four areas. Their efforts in each of the individual projects will contribute to the successful running of the “Beach Fiesta” and give students a good appreciation of the inter-relationships of these core areas.

At the end of the Programme, students will gather and reflect on what they have learnt. Through discussions, they will draw conclusions on how the convergence of skills from each of the four Schools serves to contribute to the success of the event.

Besides hands-on action, you also get to experience a host of other activities. You will get an opportunity to tour the campus facilities, see our students at work, and be engaged in a CCA activity.

So come and join us at ITE College Central! Through our Experience ITE Programme, students will get an opportunity to Experience the Creativity and Innovation of ITE College Central!
At ITE College Central, our four schools offer a diverse range of courses in various fields! Still weighing your post-secondary education choices? Let us clue you in on what ITE College Central has to offer.

**SCHOOL OF ELECTRONICS & INFO-COM TECHNOLOGY**

Have you always wondered how games are made or feel intrigued by how IT applications and systems are developed? The School of Electronics & Info-Comm Technology, with its Play.Learn.Build teaching and learning model, is the perfect place for you to nurture your interests and develop practical skills in a ‘fun’ yet ‘professional’ environment.

Courses in the School of Electronics & Info-Comm Technology are organised into three industry clusters, namely, Digital Media Technology, Electronics Technology and Systems, and Mobile Communications and Computing.

**SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & SERVICES**

Do you aspire to be a young entrepreneur or dabble in fields relating to financial and professional services? Then the School of Business & Services is for you!

With niche courses in Event Management, Banking Services and Early Childhood Education, students with a keen interest in having a hands-on learning experience in such fields will fit right in.

**SCHOOL OF DESIGN & MEDIA**

Do you have a eye for design or feel at home in a creative environment? Being part of the School of Design & Media will give you the perfect opportunity to express your creativity and bring your ideas to life.

Courses are offered in four clusters of specialisation: Architecture and Space Design, Communication and Interaction Design, Media and Broadcast Design, and Product and Industrial Design. Through the industry relevant training provided, students will be able to build up their portfolio and be grounded with a strong design foundation.

**SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING**

Have you always wondered why planes are able to fly or what powers a ship? These are but some of the secrets that you can unearth in the School of Engineering.

With a wide range of niche courses such as Aerospace Technology, Aerospace Avionics, Marine Engineering and Mechatronics (Medical Technology), students with an interest in manufacturing or engineering services will be able to experience real work environments first hand.

CHECK OUT THE FULL LIST OF COURSES OFFERED BY THE 4 SCHOOLS ON PAGE 6!
Studying in ITE College Central has given me many opportunities to excel. Through the global education programme, I was given the opportunity to go for an overseas industrial attachment programme; this exposure to new experiences will better prepare me to be a “world-ready” youth and be responsive and adaptable in a fast-changing world.

GRACE GOH
SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING
Nitec in Aerospace Technology
CHIJ Toa Payoh

Through the overseas industrial attachment programme, I was able to experience a real work environment and learnt to be more independent. Furthermore, at ITE College Central, I was able to excel academically and was rewarded for the hard work that I put in when I was awarded the Central Development Council scholarship in 2009 and 2010.

SHAMINI D/O MURUGAYAH
SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & SERVICES
Higher Nitec in Business Studies (Administration)
Ahmad Ibrahim Secondary School

To meet the changing demands of our global economy, ITE College Central has taught me to sharpen my skills and level up my competency. As a result, I am able to stay abreast with the latest trends in technology with confidence. Through my course of study, I have learnt the importance of adopting a ‘customer first’ mindset and to handle tasks efficiently.

SAMUEL LEE WAI LONG
SCHOOL OF DESIGN & MEDIA
Nitec in Product Design
Queensway Secondary School

At ITE College Central, I am given many opportunities to display my talents and leadership qualities. Through my CCA, the Outdoor Adventure Club (OAC), I am exposed to the great outdoors and have had many exciting experiences through activities such as hiking, camping and even kayaking! I was also given the opportunity to go for the Blaze Camp – a specially organised camp which helps develop our leadership skills through a series of activities. It was truly a memorable and unforgettable experience!
The ACTIVITIES that MAKE the MAN

Jun Wei was in the National Police Cadet Corps (NPCC) when he was in Pierce Secondary School. He continued to be an active member of the Corps even after graduation and was nominated by the NPCC HQ to perform duties as a Cadet Inspector, guiding his juniors in Pierce Secondary School to a Top 20 finish in the National Campcraft Competition in 2008.

Jun Wei strongly believes in leading by example and the ability to take responsibility for one’s actions. NATO – No Action All Talk is definitely NOT Jun Wei’s style; he believes that one must be able to “walk the talk”. It is through leading by example that Jun Wei was able to earn the respect and trust of his cadets.

In ITE College Central, Jun Wei was the Secretary of the 100-strong College Outdoor Adventure Club, planning and organising numerous hikes, camps and team-building sessions for his club members.

Jun Wei understood that all work and no play make Jun Wei a dull boy, and hence he made it a point to study hard and play hard.

PERFECT SCORE

Despite Jun Wei’s involvement in various activities, he remained focused on his ultimate goal of pursuing a career in aerospace and aviation. With that in mind, and complemented by the hands-on learning environment at ITE, which suited Jun Wei very well, he aced his Nitec in Aerospace Technology course, achieving a perfect 4.0 Grade Point Average upon graduation.

The MAN behind the GLASSES

• Inquisitive by nature
• Team player who believes in working together to reach a common objective
• Respectful of others’ backgrounds
• Flexible
• Willing to compromise to reach mutual goals, but not at the expense of compromising his own views

STAND up and be COUNTED

Jun Wei was an outstanding ambassador of the College when he was an ITE student and continues to be a shining example that ITE can be the start of better things to come, and is a good platform to build one’s technical competency and skills.

Jun Wei represented ITE College Central in several competitions and seminars-including the Shell LiveWIRE Social Entrepreneurship Challenge 2008, the Aerospace Technology Seminar at NTU and Nerf War Tournament Challenge 2009. Jun Wei was also awarded one of two Book Prizes sponsored by Eurocopter South East Asia Pte Ltd, the worldwide leader in helicopter manufacturing, and secured a six-month internship with the company.

Now pursuing a diploma in Aeronautical Engineering at Singapore Polytechnic, Jun Wei was recently awarded the Lee Kuan Yew Scholarship to Encourage Upgrading (LKY-Step Award), which is offered to 10 outstanding ITE graduates pursuing full-time polytechnic courses in Singapore.

…academic achievement is not everything in life, being a person who can contribute to society is much more important…

“During his term as a NPCC Cadet in Pierce Secondary School, he rose to the top rank of Station Inspector. After leaving secondary school, he continued to serve the Corps and its Alma Mater in the capacity of Cadet Inspector. As a leader and big brother to his juniors, he provided advice and will step in to address any concerns or issues as and when necessary. Although he was in the position of leadership, he was not arrogant and continued to lead by example. For example, he could be seen taking on menial tasks that his peers shunned. Jun Wei was never overbearing and displayed true care and concern for his peers and juniors. This was most evident during a school trip to Xi’an, China. There, he played the role of a big brother and would see that the needs of his juniors were taken care of. His assistance to the accompanying teachers was very much appreciated.”

Mr Tan Yaw Jin (Pierce Secondary School NPCC Teacher-in-charge)
SOCCER FUN COMPETITION
@ FESTIVAL OF FUN (17 JULY 2010)

JOURNEY OF THE
YOUTH OLYMPIC FLAME
(11 AUGUST 2010)

OPEN HOUSE ACTIVITIES
(2 TO 4 SEPTEMBER 2010)

HIGHLIGHT REEL
Following the completion of the mega campuses for ITE College East @ Simei in 2005 and ITE College West @ Choa Chu Kang in 2010, ITE College Central will be getting a facelift as well! We are in the midst of developing a mega campus at Ang Mo Kio, and our very own state-of-the-art training facilities will be ready in 2013.

OUR MEGA CAMPUS WILL BE READY IN 2013!

Here’s an exclusive preview of what you can expect if you join us in 2013!!

• A “two-in-one” integrated development project for ITE Headquarters & ITE College Central
• 10.64 hectares of land to be developed at Ang Mo Kio Ave 5 for 10,400 students
• The third and largest ITE mega development project
• To be fully operational in Jan 2013