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## **Republic Polytechnic sees its largest batch of Graduates at Fifth Graduation Ceremony**

**SINGAPORE, 11 May 2010** – Republic Polytechnic (RP) today hosted its fifth graduation ceremony at The Republic Cultural Centre (TRCC). The ceremony was officiated by Mr S Iswaran, Senior Minister of State for the Ministry of Trade and Industry, and Ministry of Education. A total of 2,953 graduates will receive their diploma certificates over three days.

As a result of the introduction of several new diplomas, this year's ceremony saw an increase in the number of graduates from last year. The Centre for Culture and Communication will see their first batch of graduates, while other schools including the School of Applied Science, School of Engineering, School of Hospitality, School of Information and Communications Technology, School of Sports, Health and Leisure and School of Technology for the Arts, will also see an increase in the number of students graduating this year.

RP's Principal & CEO, Mr Yeo Li Pheow reiterated the basic tenets of the RP offering in his speech to the graduates, highlighting that the school's approach was to "challenge our students to stretch their minds and come up with novel solutions to real-world problems" through its problem-based learning approach.

"This approach enables our students to learn not just facts and information, but also more fundamental skills and strategies for learning that they can apply to whatever they do. Moreover, it brings the realities of the workplace into education, helping our students to develop the skills needed to respond quickly to challenges without any standardised solutions," he noted.

In his speech, the minister noted that RP is the "newest kid on the block", and highlighted RP staff who have gone the extra mile to ensure that the educational experience for students is special and rewarding. Mr Iswaran also highlighted that RP students have been offered positions in companies such as Sony, Certis CISCO Security, Tan Tock Seng Hospital and the People's Association, even before they graduate.

This year's graduation ceremony will take place through eight sessions over a period of three days.

### **BOARD OF GOVERNORS AWARD**

Lee Cheng Wei and Melvin Teo from the School of Applied Science, Jeksen from the School of Engineering as well as Karthik from the Centre of Cultural Communication are amongst the group of nine students who will receive the Board of Governors award this year.

### **LEE KUAN YEW AWARD**

Yeo Jin Sheng Anton and Tan Hui Min from the School of Information and Communications Technology, and Makevitage Rameesha Surani Perera from the School of Engineering will receive the Lee Kuan Yew Award for their exceptional performance in Mathematics and Science during their studies at the Polytechnic.

### **TAY ENG SOON GOLD MEDAL**

The Tay Eng Soon Gold Medal, presented to the most outstanding graduate who has advanced from an Institute of Technical Education, will be received by Lim Kai Bin from the School of Engineering.

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**About Republic Polytechnic**

The first educational institution in Singapore to adopt the Problem-Based Learning approach for all its diploma programmes, Republic Polytechnic (RP) has six schools and one centre offering thirty four courses in Information and Communications Technology, Engineering, Applied Science, Technology for the Arts, Sports, Health & Leisure, Events and Hospitality, and Culture and Communication. Republic Polytechnic is committed to nurturing innovation and entrepreneurial learning in an environment that develops problem-solving process skills and a life-long learning attitude. Its holistic, broad-based curriculum, covering culture, enterprise development and cognitive processes, prepares students for an active and meaningful role in society. Republic Polytechnic strives for excellence by achieving various international and national accreditations, including ISO9001, ISO14001, OHSAS 18001, TR19, People Developer Standards, Singapore Quality Class and Singapore Innovation Class. For more information, visit <http://www.rp.sg>