

SLA scholarship award cum lunch ceremony 2005

SALSA WITH ME

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DPM Jayakumar, Chairman Liew Heng San, CE and our scholars posing for a picture together

SLA is now in its fourth year of our scholarship programme. Since last year, we have also extended the postgraduate scholarship award to outstanding serving officers to develop specialist skills sets which are important to SLA's mission.

As a result of our effort in people development, SLA is now reaping the benefits of the seeds that we have planted over the years. This was shared by our Chairman, Mr Liew Heng San, who hosted this year's Scholarship Award Presentation Ceremony at the Carlton Hotel on 22 July. Once again, we are honored that DPM and Minister for Law, Professor S Jayakumar took time off to officiate the occasion. Families of the scholars were also invited for the ceremony.

The SLA Postgraduate Scholarship award recipients for year 2005 are:

I. Ms Thong Wai Lin, Deputy Director / Land Policy, who will be pursuing a full-time Masters programme in Real Estate at NUS in 2006,

II. and Mr Kevin Wong Ee Cheong, Manager / Land Lease Public, who will be pursuing a full-time Masters programme in Real Estate overseas in 2006.

The three Undergraduate Scholarship recipients are :

I. Ms Leow Siew Jin, who is pursuing Industrial & Operations Engineering at University of Michigan at US in Aug 2005;

II. Mr Adrian Chia Guo Rong, who has started his final year in Real Estate at NUS in Aug 2005,

III. and Ms Sharmaine Soon Qin Rong, who is pursuing her 3rd year in Economics at NUS in Aug 2005.

Below are extracts from our undergraduate scholarship recipients on what attracted them to SLA scholarship.

"Apart from the nature of work being exciting and challenging, the SLA scholarship also offers me the opportunity to fulfill my dream of working with both the public and private sectors. I strongly believe that I will be stretched to achieve my fullest potential at the various departments within SLA. I am definitely looking forward to being part of this big and warm family." - *Siew Jin*

"SLA has introduced several new and innovative uses for State land. It has contributed significantly to the social and economic sustainability of land-scarce Singapore. Joining SLA would give me the sacred opportunity to be part of the team, carving out Singapore's future from its scarce land resources. At SLA, I have experienced the warmth and willingness to share among the staff and I am looking forward to a challenging, yet enjoyable career with SLA." - *Adrian*

"I have always had an interest in land-related issues and how it ties in with economics. As such, I hope to play a part in maximising the land area in Singapore for our economic and social needs. A career with SLA will allow me to develop this passion and provide me with the opportunity to shape the physical and economic landscape of Singapore." - *Sharmaine*

We would like to welcome the new scholars to embark on an interesting journey with us.