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7 Scholarships Awarded in 2004

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"People development has been a top priority for SLA since its formation three years ago in June 2001. As part of our Talent Management programme, SLA has been awarding undergraduate scholarships to outstanding students over the past two years. This year, SLA launched its first postgraduate scholarship award. Meant for existing officers, the post graduate programme will deepen our domain knowledge and develop specialist skills sets germane to SLA's mission."

That was the message delivered by SLA Chairman, Mr Liew Heng San, in his speech at the Scholarship Award Presentation Ceremony held at Orchard Hotel on 19 July 2004. We are honored that the Minister for Law and Foreign Affairs, Professor S Jayakumar took time off his busy schedule to officiate the occasion. Families of the scholars were invited to attend the ceremony as well.

THE SLA POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

Mr Lee Seng Lai, Senior Manager, Land Lease (Public)

He will be pursuing a Part-time Msc (Real Estate) at NUS in August 2004;

Mr Victor Khoo, Manager, Cadastral Survey Central Team

He has continued his remaining 1 year PHD program in Application of Global Positioning System in Land Surveying at NTU since July 2004;

Mr Derick Tan, Senior Executive, Survey Services

He will be pursuing a 1 year full-time Msc (Surveying) at the University College, London, UK in September 2004;

Ms Fiona Wee, Senior Executive, Business Planning & Development

She will be pursuing a 1 year full-time Msc (Real Estate) at NUS in August 2004.

THE SLA UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARD RECIPIENTS

Ms Jaclyn Seow Yan Mei, 19

She will be pursuing Psychology at the Cornell University in US in August 2004;

Ms Chua Minyi, 20

She will proceed to her 3rd year in Sociology at NUS in August 2004;

Mr Gilbert Lok WenJie, 21

He will be pursuing Economics at NUS in August 2004.

Congratulations!



All Smiles! (from left to right) Lee Seng Lai, Victor Khoo, Derick Tan, Fiona Wee, Jaclyn Seow, Chua Minyi and Gilbert Lok receiving their scholarship awards from the Minister of Law and Foreign Affairs, Professor S Jayakumar

"I have completed half of my part-time PhD program when I joined SLA in October 2002 as a Section Head. It was very strenuous for me to work and study at the same time. SLA understands my position and I regard the scholarship offer as the management's support of my effort to concentrate on my PhD program."

Mr Victor Khoo

"It has been challenging and fulfilling to be part of a forward looking organisation. It wasn't easy, but I'm glad to be exposed to different situations. The next step: further studies in surveying!"

Mr Derick Tan

"Knowing that man's emotions and behavior patterns are largely influenced by his relationship to his physical environment, as well as the fact that land in Singapore is scarce led me to apply for the SLA scholarship. To be frank, the friendly and reciprocal atmosphere during the interview convinced me to accept the scholarship. I aim for a career in which I am able to apply myself effectively in tackling challenges and make a difference to SLA's overall objectives."

Ms Jaclyn Seow

"For me, allocating land is intricately tied to how society evolves. SLA's keenness to take a multi-disciplinary approach attracted me, because a cutting-edge policy involves considering land from diverse perspectives. I hope to take my understanding of social development into actual land policy, and make a difference."

Ms Chua Minyi

"As a student of Economics, I am aware that optimal utilisation of public space in land-scarce Singapore is vital to our economic health. I believe that joining SLA will provide me with the opportunity to apply what I learn, helping in shaping the physical and economic landscape of Singapore. I look forward to an exciting and fulfilling time with SLA."

Mr Gilbert Lok Wen Jie

Scholarship is not just about providing the outstanding scholars with financial aid. Our mission is also to develop the scholars along the way. As part of our bonding process, the Scholars' Mentors and SLA HR will constantly keep in touch with the scholars during their studies by inviting them to participate in corporate events. We will also provide them with the necessary guidance and support.

Welcome aboard!