

## Scholarships worth 1.3 Million for MMH students

The Cornell-Nanyang Institute of Hospitality Management (CNI) will welcome its first batch of Master of Management in Hospitality students on May 10, 2006. Of the 19 students in the inaugural batch, 13 students received scholarships and sponsorships worth more than 1.3 Million. The scholarships are offered by our industry partners including the Singapore Tourism Board, CapitaLand, InterContinental Hotels Group and YTL Hotels. Four other candidates are being sponsored by their organizations to attend the programme. Corporate sponsorships were offered by Starwood Hotels and Resorts, Ngee Ann Polytechnic and STB.

The scholarships and corporate sponsorships were presented to the recipients during the MMH scholarship reception held at the InterContinental Singapore on 24 May 2006. The scholarships range from S\$70,000 to S\$125,000, and cover tuition fees, travel and living expenses at NTU in Singapore and Cornell in Ithaca, New York, US.

### Singapore Tourism Board

presented six scholarships worth SGD 70,000 to Ms. Aw Pau Hwee, Ms. Choi Chor Kuan, Belinda, Ms. Han Ju-yeon, Mr. Tan Teck Loon, Ms. Wai Wan Hoy and Ms. Wee Ming-Yu. STB also sponsored Mr. Chew Tiong Heng (Area Director for Northern and Western China) and Ms. Jeannie Lim (Project Manager) for the MMH program.

STB scholarship winners come from many different backgrounds, for instance, Ju-yeon who worked for the Samsung Shilla Hotel, Korea, has a Bachelor in Hotel Administration from UNLV. Pau Hwee, was an Assistant Airport Manager with CAAS and graduated with a civil engineering degree from NUS.



The STB scholarships were presented by Mr. Lim Neo Chian (centre), Deputy Chairman and Chief Executive of STB. Six scholarships for a total of SGD 420,000 were given to (from left to right) Ms. Wee Mina-vu, Ms. Wai Wan Hov, Ms. Aw Pau Hwee and Mr. Tan Teck Loon.



Ms. Sylvia Lee, Senior VP HR & Corporate Services, CapitaLand Limited presented the scholarship cheque of SGD 110,000 to Michael.

On receiving the **Philip Yeo CapitaLand Scholarship**, Mr. Michael Dang said: "I am inspired by the course's in-depth curriculum and its highly successful and congenial alumni. The MMH also offers broad specialisations which span many business aspects from real estate management to marketing and operational management. The program receives tremendous support from the booming hospitality industry in the region. I feel very fortunate to be among the first batch of MMH students and the only scholar sponsored by CapitaLand. I look forward to being a pioneer and meeting the challenges in the upcoming integrated resorts." Michael, an ASEAN scholar awarded "Best Student of the Nation" by the Vietnam President. He graduated from NTU with a first class honours degree in electrical and electronic engineering.

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### The InterContinental Hotels Group

**Collaboration Scholarship** recipient, Ms. Crystal Jing Luo is elated: *"I am extremely excited to receive the InterContinental Hotels Group's Collaboration Scholarship. Attending Cornell-Nanyang Institute's prestigious MMHy programme is an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for me. I look forward to enhancing my knowledge of the hospitality industry as well as interacting with people who share my aspirations and passion for the industry. Most importantly, I am excited about joining InterContinental Hotels Group after my graduation and contributing to the company's continuing growth in Asia Pacific and China."* Crystal has a B.Engg (Computer Science & Technology) and was working as PR and Marketing Manager with a luxury hotel in Guangzhou.



*Ms. Ceri Ittensohn, Senior VP, HR, InterContinental Hotels Group Asia Pacific presenting the USD 75,000 (SGD 121,000) to Dean Sigauw. Crystal, Luo Jing was unable to attend the reception.*



*Mrs. Ong-Long Fung, Director, School of Business & Accountancy, Ngee Ann Polytechnic presented the sponsorship cheque of SGD 110,000 to Chai Fana*

Ms. Chung Chai Fang, Christy, a Lecturer with **Ngee Ann Polytechnic** was sponsored by them and is raring to go: *"I am very grateful to the Polytechnic for being so supportive of me. This is a dream come true, a chance to undergo such an established programme at a time when the tourism industry is booming. I can't wait to share my knowledge with my colleagues and students at the end of it all."* Chai Fang graduated with first class honours from the NTU accountancy programme and holds professional certifications in accountancy.

The **YTL Hotels scholarship** went to Mr. Marcus Dass, who has a BSc in Business Mathematics & Statistics from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

**Starwood Hotels and Resorts** sponsored Ms. Ilse Petronella Wittens, Management Trainee with the Westin Tokyo for the MMH degree.

Some of the Other Outstanding students in this pioneer intake include Mr. Kunal Gill (Indian), Mr. Osman Khawaja (German) and Mr. Ivan Chen (American). Kunal has worked with the Hyatt in New Delhi in various areas of hotel operations after graduating with an honours degree in hotel management from a joint program of University of Huddersfield, UK and Taj Hotels. Osman, a human resources manager with the Avari Lahore Hotel, Pakistan, graduated from Cornell University, School of Hotel Administration, with a Bachelor of Science (Tourism and Marketing). Ivan is currently a risk management consultant with Wells Fargo & Company who graduated with a B.A. Economics from the University of California, Berkeley.

The diversity in the backgrounds of the pioneer students illustrates the global relevance and attractiveness of the programme. Says Dr. Judy Sigauw, dean of CNI: *"We are very proud of the high calibre and diversity of the pioneer batch of students. We look forward to them assuming management and leadership positions in the burgeoning Asian hospitality industry. In addition, they will join the illustrious alumni from two leading institutions – Cornell University's School of Hotel Administration and NTU's Nanyang Business School – which have produced many high-flyers in the industry."*