

Alumni Newsletter



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Spotlight!

**Mr Sakthibalan Balathandautham (TPJC10S01) was named
The Straits Times Singaporean of the Year 2021**



Image Credit: The Straits Times

“While checking social media messages in July 2020, Mr Sakthibalan Balathandautham came across a plea by a young couple looking for a liver donor for their one-year-old child. Over the next three hours, he could not stop thinking about the toddler. Mr Sakthibalan read up about organ donation online, learning more about the surgical procedure and expected period of recovery. By the time he called the couple at about 1am that night, Mr Sakthibalan had resolved to donate part of his liver to the little girl he had never met.

After several rounds of tests, the 28-year-old senior sales executive donated 23 per cent of his liver to baby Rheya two months later on Sept 30 2020, undergoing a five-hour operation at the National University Hospital's (NUH) National University Centre for Organ Transplantation. Rheya's transplant surgery was also conducted at NUH, which is the only hospital in the public sector in Singapore that performs liver transplantation for children.

Mr Sakthibalan's generous gesture has given a new lease of life to Rheya, who was diagnosed with biliary atresia a few weeks after her birth in 2019. The rare disease causes bile ducts in the liver to be inflamed, blocking bile flow to the gall bladder. The condition can eventually lead to liver failure.

For his selfless act and being an inspiration to others, Mr Sakthibalan was named The Straits Times Singaporean of the Year 2021 on 9 February 2022.”

*Extracted from The Straits Times: “ST Singaporean of the Year is organ donor who gave baby a new lease of life
By Malavika Menon, published on 9 Feb 2022 ”*

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Koh Liang Han (20S204) was awarded SVRP (Student Volunteer Recognition Programme) Award, Certificate of Merit



The SVRP awards ceremony recognises students who have volunteered in cybersecurity related initiatives as well as their leadership skills demonstrated in school and within the community.

SVRP aims to encourage volunteerism amongst students while developing their interest in cybersecurity. It is organised by the Association of Information Security Professionals and backed by the Cyber Security Agency of Singapore (CSA), with support from the private sector players.

Congratulations to Koh Liang Han (20S204) for being a recipient of SVRP Award . We wish him all the best in his future endeavours!

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Mr Abdul Hakeem Mohamed Yunos (MJC09S204) shares his journey working at Amazon Web Services (AWS)



Image Credit: The Straits Times

“Singaporean Abdul Hakeem Mohamed Yunos shares about his job as a territory manager for the Indonesian market and his career growth at Amazon Web Services (AWS).

When and why did you join AWS?

I joined in July 2017 fresh out of university. I have always been interested in technology and have been a customer of Amazon Prime since my university days. I applied to AWS as it is one of the leaders in technology and innovation globally and wanted to be part of the fast-paced and growing cloud computing industry.

How much has your career grown over the past four years?

I started out as part of the Marketing Response Centre team, where I was tasked with following up with new customers that attend online and offline marketing events, such as AWS Summit and the Builders Webinar Series.

I helped new customers navigate AWS Cloud services by guiding them through registration and sending training materials and information about upcoming workshops and events. These early conversations eventually led to our customers adopting the cloud.

Most recently, I took on the role of territory manager supporting our AWS Indonesia customers. I enjoy working with customers, partners, solutions architects and account managers at AWS to deliver the best customer experience and help our customers transform on the AWS Cloud. My multilingual skills are also valued by my teams and my customers.”

Extracted from The Straits Times: “My amazing Amazon journey: S’poreans share what it’s like to work at tech giant by Rachel Chia, published on 20 Jul 2021”

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Happenings @ TMJC

JC1 Awards Ceremony



Our Guest of Honour, Mr Jonathan Lim (TPJC, Class of 1991) addressing the audience



Our Principal, Ms Pamela Yoong, presenting a token of appreciation to our Guest of Honour



Award recipient appearing on stage with our Guest of Honour



Award recipients waiting in line to appear on stage

On 26 January 2022, TMJC held our JC1 Awards Ceremony to recognise and celebrate the good work of students in their JC1 journey in 2021. This year, the College introduced the Highest Distinction in Subject award to recognise students who have attained distinction and outstanding performance in the different academic subjects. Students who performed well in their JC1 assessments were presented with the TMJC Book Prize (Bronze) and they can continue to strive to achieve the Silver medal for exemplary performance in JC2 Assessments and the Gold medal for sterling results at the GCE A-Level Examinations. This series of awards serve to inspire our students to consistently do their best in their academic journey in TMJC.

Our Guest-of-Honour, Mr Jonathan Lim, an alumnus of one of our parent colleges (TPJC, Class of 1991), motivated the cohort with his opening address and presented the MOE Edusave Character Award as well as the TMJC Alumni Scholarship to deserving students.

Congratulations to all our award recipients!

Tembusu Tree-Planting Ceremony 2022



Watering the Tembusu Tree



Soiling the Tembusu Tree



Plaque of the third Tembusu Tree



Our School Leaders, Year Heads, and Student Representatives with the newly planted Tembusu Tree

On 22nd February 2022, TMJC held our 3rd Tree-Planting Ceremony. It represents a new beginning for the Class of 2021 as they graduate from College, whilst leaving fond memories deeply etched to the grounds of the College.

This ceremony was led by Our School Leaders, Year Heads, together with student representatives from the 3rd Tampines Meridian Student Council:

Ms Joanne Lin Min Hui (20S303 / President)

Mr Jves Tan (20S207 / Vice-President)

The Tembusu Tree-Planting Ceremony is a tradition TMJC started in 2020, as it commemorates the shared experiences and achievements of each cohort of students. The Tembusu Tree is chosen as it is a large, evergreen tree that matures with stately beauty, and can provide shelter for all. It is highly robust and can grow in almost any type of soil, testifying to its resilience. Such attributes symbolise the values and character that the College hopes to imbue in TMJC students.

Release of 2021 GCE A-Level Examination Results



Class of 2021 returning to College



Our nervous Class of 2021 listening to our Principal, Ms Pamela Yoong, sharing the achievements and the results of the cohort through live broadcast



ECG Counselling Booths

On 22nd February 2022, our Class of 2021 returned to college to receive their GCE A-Level Examinations results.

Through a live broadcast, our Principal, Ms Pamela Yoong, shared the achievements of the Class of 2021. With anticipations escalating, Civic Tutors then distributed the results to individual students.

As they plan their next step, the College is here to support them in their journey ahead.

Our heartiest congratulations to the Class of 2021 for your stellar results. As we celebrate together, we look out for one another!

TMJC is very proud of you!

Share with us your stories...

If you have or know of any exciting stories & remarkable achievements of our fellow alumni, do share with us. We would like to publish them in the upcoming newsletters. Email us at tmjcalumni@tmjc.edu.sg



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