

CYBERSECURITY STUDENTS AWARDED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO SINGAPORE'S CYBERSECURITY ECOSYSTEM

Students in cybersecurity disciplines recognised for their year-long contribution to Singapore's cybersecurity ecosystem.

SINGAPORE. 6 Nov 2019 – Five students received the **Student Volunteer & Recognition Programme (SVRP)** Gold Award for their contributions to Singapore's cybersecurity ecosystem, at the Association of Information Security Professionals' (AiSP) inaugural SVRP Award Ceremony today. The awards were presented by Guest of Honour Ms Sim Ann, Senior Minister of State for Communications and Information. There were also 33 Silver and 47 Bronze Award recipients.

Developed by AiSP and the Cyber Security Agency of Singapore (CSA), SVRP aims to encourage volunteerism amongst students while honing their interest and capabilities in cybersecurity. Since its inception on 1 September 2018, the programme has received strong participation and support from local Institutes of Higher Learning (IHLs).

AiSP and CSA selected the recipients of the SVRP Gold award based on their commitment to volunteerism in the cybersecurity space. They were assessed for qualities such as their passion and drive to contribute to the industry, and volunteering efforts throughout the year. The winners will be given internship opportunities with AiSP's partners: Acronis, Booz Allen Hamilton, Cyber Security Agency of Singapore, Ensign InfoSecurity, GOVTECH, Icyberwise, IHIS, PwC, Singtel (Trustwave) & TrendMicro.

The inaugural SVRP award ceremony which was held at the Lifelong Learning Institute also recognised Aaron Chan, the winner of the Student SVRP Logo Design Competition and also Bronze Award Recipient. The purpose of the competition was to design a logo for the programme. For his efforts, Aaron was presented with a \$100 CapitaLand voucher.

IHL students also took the opportunity to gain insights on cybersecurity trends and career tracks at a panel discussion with key industry players such as Acronis, Cyber Security Agency of Singapore, Ensign InfoSecurity, GOVTECH, Icyberwise, IHIS, PwC, Singtel (Trustwave) & TrendMicro.

Tay Gao Jun, SVRP Gold Award Winner 2019 from ITE College West, shared that he felt blessed as one of the five student winners to receive the SVRP Gold Award. He would like to express his gratitude and appreciation to his Section Head, School Lecturers and AiSP for guiding him throughout the SVRP Journey. He said, "Volunteering is an act that people should do from their own hearts and wills".

Mr Wong Choon Bong, Director of Workforce & Strategic Resources and Policy Office at the Cyber Security Agency of Singapore (CSA) said: "Cybersecurity involves the collective efforts from the government, industry, educators and the community. CSA is glad to partner AiSP in the SVRP to encourage volunteerism among the next generation of cybersecurity enthusiasts. This is a key platform through which we encourage our youth to participate in meaningful initiatives and activities that can strengthen and enliven our ecosystem."

Mr Freddy Tan, AiSP EXCO Lead for SVRP said, "As there is a shortage of cyber security professionals, and the threats from cyber security is a concern especially for vulnerable groups, like the young and elderly, SVRP provides an opportunity to support students, with

volunteering opportunities, and at the same time allow them to gain real industry experience and advance as cyber security professionals should they decide on a career on cyber security. We hope that we will have the support of the IHLs in Singapore to support the SVRP and allow their students to gain valuable experience and exposure through volunteerism.”

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ABOUT AiSP

Started in 2008, the Association of Information Security Professionals (AiSP) aims to:

- Promote, develop, support and enhance the integrity, technical competence, management expertise, status and interests of information security professionals in Singapore; and
- Promote the development, increase and spread of information security knowledge and of any related subject.

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ABOUT SVRP

The Student Volunteer & Recognition Programme (SVRP) is organised by AiSP and endorsed by the Cyber Security Agency of Singapore, with support from the National Youth Council and industry players. The SVRP comprises three broad pillars for students to contribute:

1. Skills-based: E.g. Conduct cybersecurity workshops or develop related software
2. Events-based: E.g. Provide support at technology or cyber-related events
3. Leadership: E.g. Mentor younger students and manage teams or projects

A tiered system has also been developed to recognise the students’ volunteer efforts:

Tier	Requirements
Bronze	Completion of one of three pillars or complete three of three pillars with minimum 50% attained hrs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Skills: 30 hours or more - Events: 60 hours or more - Leadership: 30 hours or more
Silver	Completion of two of three pillars <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Skills: 30 hours or more - Events: 60 hours or more - Leadership: 30 hours or more
Gold	Completion of all three pillars <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Skills: 45 hours or more - Events: 60 hours or more - Leadership: 45 hours or more

The programme is supported by IHLs such as the Singapore Institute of Technology, Institutes of Technical Education and Singapore Polytechnic, where educators encourage

their students to explore their potential in cybersecurity and develop their personal and professional abilities through volunteerism.

Programme for 6 November 2019

5:15 pm	Registration
5:45 pm	Arrival of Guest of Honour (GOH) – Ms Sim Ann, Senior Minister of State for Ministry of Communications and Information and Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth
6:00 pm	Welcome Address by Dr Steven Wong, AiSP President
6:10 pm	Speech by GOH
6:20 pm	Launch of SVRP Logo by GOH, AiSP President & SVRP Lead
6:25 pm	Presentation of SVRP Logo Design Competition Award by AiSP President
6:30 pm	Presentation of Bronze Awards by Mr Freddy Tan, AiSP EXCO Lead for SVRP
6:45 pm	Presentation of Silver Awards by Mr Selwyn Sean Scharnhorst, Director Ecosystem from Cyber Security Agency of Singapore
6:55 pm	Presentation of Gold Awards by GOH
7:00 pm	Reflection by Gold Awardee
7:10 pm	Dinner & Networking
8:00 pm	Future of Cybersecurity Panel Discussion with SVRP Internship Partners (Acronis, Cybersecurity Agency of Singapore, Ensign InfoSecurity, GOVTECH, Icyberwise, Singtel and TrendMicro)
9:00 pm	End of event