

64 awards given out to student volunteers at the Student Volunteer & Recognition Programme (SVRP) Awards Ceremony to recognise their contributions to the cybersecurity community

SVRP celebrates another successful year where students in Singapore contributed more than 9,000 volunteer hours to the cybersecurity community in 2020

Singapore, 24 March 2021 – The Student Volunteer & Recognition Programme (SVRP) Awards Ceremony was held on 24 March 2021 to recognise student volunteers for their contributions to the cybersecurity community. A total of 64 awards, including 6 Gold Awards, were given to student volunteers during the ceremony, recognising their passion, dedication, and contributions. The award recipients contributed at least 120 hours of volunteer work, with Gold Award recipients contributing at least 150 hours. The list of winners can be found on https://www.aisp.sg/cyberfest/svvp_winners_2020.html

Developed by Association of Information Security Professionals (AiSP) and Cyber Security Agency of Singapore (CSA), the SVRP aims to encourage volunteerism amongst students while honing their interest and capabilities in cybersecurity. An initiative under CSA's SG Cyber Youth Programme, SVRP has received strong participation and support from local Institutes of Higher Learning (IHLs) as well as AiSP's industry partners.



First three student volunteers receiving the Gold Awards at the SVRP Awards Ceremony

From left to right: (1) Ling Zhi En, ITE College West; (2) Mr Johnny Kho, President, AiSP, (3) Matthias Loong, Temasek Polytechnic, (4) Ms Tammie Tham, Chief Executive Officer, Ensign; (5) Dr Janil Puthuchery, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Communications and Information & Ministry of Health; (6) Mr Gaurav Keerthi, Assistant Chief Executive, CSA; (7) Tabatha Chew, Singapore Polytechnic; (8) Mr Wong Choon Bong, CSA



Next three student volunteers receiving the Gold Awards at the SVRP Awards Ceremony

From left to right: (1) Tay Gao Jun, ITE College West; (2) Mr Johnny Kho, President, AiSP, (3) Zhang Tian Ci Conan, Temasek Polytechnic, (4) Ms Tammie Tham, Chief Executive Officer, Ensign; (5) Dr Janil Puthuchery, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Communications and Information & Ministry of Health; (6) Mr Gaurav Keerthi, Assistant Chief Executive, CSA; (7) Loh Kar Wei; Singapore Polytechnic; (8) Mr Wong Choon Bong, CSA

Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Communications and Information & Ministry of Health, Dr Janil Puthuchery, was the Guest-of-Honour at this event where he presented six students with the SVRP Gold Award and had a dialogue session with the award recipients to discuss their future aspirations.

Dr Puthuchery said: "The cybersecurity field promises many new and diverse career opportunities as technology becomes increasingly integral to our digital economy and our way of life. CSA has introduced the SG Cyber Youth initiative to reach out to students to explore their journey in cybersecurity, recognising that youths form an important cybersecurity talent pipeline. I am encouraged that AiSP, Cyber Youth Singapore and employers such as Ensign InfoSecurity and GovTech, are actively providing volunteering and training opportunities for them. I am also heartened that our youths are already giving back to the community at a young age and are recognised in the Student Volunteer and Recognition Programme."



Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Communications and Information & Ministry of Health, Dr Janil Puthucherry during the dialogue session with the awards recipients at the SVRP Awards Ceremony

In 2020, there were close to 100 student volunteers in the SVRP, contributing more than 9,000 hours of volunteering to the cybersecurity community.

Mr Wong Choon Bong, CSA's Director of Workforce & Strategic Resources and Policy Office said: "Despite Covid-19 putting a halt on physical volunteering opportunities, it is heartening to see so many students continue to serve the cybersecurity community in many different ways. CSA is glad to continue to partner with AiSP in this programme to recognise and encourage volunteerism among our next generation of cybersecurity enthusiasts. I congratulate the winners and thank all the youth volunteers for their efforts."

"The SVRP is part of our commitment to invest in the future generation of cyber leaders. AiSP will continue to refine our programme and expand our outreach to allow more youths to explore their potential in the industry while developing industry-relevant competencies. Our collective effort and contributions – from youths to educators to industry partners – will play a vital role in building a more sustainable cybersecurity ecosystem and in enabling Singapore to secure its digital future," said Mr Freddy Tan, AiSP EXCO Lead for Student Volunteer Recognition Programme.

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About AISP

The Association of Information Security Professionals (AISP) was registered with the assistance of the Singapore Computer Society (SCS) and the strong support of the Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore (IDA) in February 2008. It was officially launched on 17 April 2008 by Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Community Development, Youth and Sports.

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- To promote the development, increase and spread of information security knowledge and of any related subject.

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