

**Welcome Remarks by AiSP EXCO Member & SVRP Lead, Mr Yu Pengfei
at
Student Volunteer Recognition Programme Award Ceremony 2025,
20 January 2026, 7.05 PM**

1. Good Evening

- a. AiSP Patron, Mr Tan Kiat How, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Digital Development and Information
- b. Mr Bernard Nee, Deputy President, Singapore Institute of Technology
- c. Parents
- d. IHL Lecturers
- e. Student awardees
- f. Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen

2. Welcome to the seventh edition of the Student Volunteer Recognition Programme Award Ceremony. Firstly, I would like to thank our AiSP Patron, SMS Tan, for taking time out of your busy schedule to grace this event. Your continued support and dedication to the SVRP programme and our youth initiatives has been instrumental in inspiring volunteerism among our future cybersecurity leaders.

Tonight, we celebrate a historic milestone for SVRP. For the first time in our seven-year history, we are proud to recognise **23 Gold Award winners**. This remarkable achievement, alongside 41 Silver, 54 Bronze, and 1 Merit awardee, brings our total to **119 winners** this year.

What makes this year even more special is our exceptional **94.4% success rate** across all nominations. This is a powerful testament to the quality and dedication of our student volunteers, who have gone above and beyond in their contributions to the cybersecurity ecosystem. The record number of Gold winners reflects the growing enthusiasm among our youth to not just participate, but to lead cyber events, volunteer at initiatives, and actively develop critical skillsets.

3. SVRP as a Landmark Event

This year marks an important evolution for SVRP. We are transforming from solely an award ceremony into a landmark event that also provides learning and upskilling opportunities for our student volunteers.

Earlier this afternoon, SIT CYBERH4TS and AiSP conducted a hands-on technical workshop titled “**From Zero to Domain Admin**”, where students explored the critical Zerologon vulnerability in a safe lab environment. Through interactive demonstrations and gamified quizzes, participants learned both offensive exploitation techniques and defensive strategies. This is just the beginning – moving forward, we envision the SVRP event becoming a platform not only to celebrate achievements, but also to equip our students with practical cybersecurity skills and knowledge.

4. SVRP Partners

The 2025 Student Volunteer Recognition Programme was made possible through the continued strong public-private-academic partnerships between AiSP, the Cyber Security Agency of Singapore, our various Institutes of Higher Learning, and our industry partners. I would also like to recognise our community partners, Div0 and N0H4TS, who have been instrumental in providing platforms and opportunities for our students to grow and contribute to the cybersecurity community. And of course, none of this would be possible without all the students who, with the endorsement of their lecturers, stepped forward to be nominated for these awards. Your collective efforts have helped shape a new generation of cybersecurity advocates and professionals, strengthening Singapore’s cybersecurity workforce.

5. MoU with SIT

I am delighted to announce the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between AiSP and Singapore Institute of Technology. This partnership establishes a formal framework for cooperation and professional development, offering valuable opportunities for SIT students and staff. Through this collaboration, both organisations will actively participate in and benefit from each other’s initiatives, fostering a vibrant exchange of knowledge. We are particularly excited about the opportunities this opens up in the Punggol Digital District, where we can build a truly industry-connected cybersecurity ecosystem. I would like to thank Mr Bernard Nee and the SIT team for their commitment to nurturing the next generation of cyber professionals.

6. New Special Award Categories for SVRP 2026

As SVRP continues to grow, we are also evolving to better recognise the diverse contributions of our student volunteers. I am excited to announce that for **SVRP 2026**, we will be introducing three new Special Award categories for Gold nominees.

The first is the **Community Engagement Award**, which will recognise nominees who have made a significant impact on the community through their volunteering efforts in events and outreach.

The second is the **Catalyst Award**, which will honour nominees who have initiated meaningful efforts and inspired their peers to step up and contribute to the cybersecurity ecosystem.

The third is the **Game Changer Award**, which will celebrate nominees who have introduced innovative ideas or enhanced existing activities, pushing the boundaries of what our student volunteers can achieve.

These awards will be determined through the Gold interview stage, where our judging panel will identify deserving recipients. We encourage all of you to aim for these new accolades when you submit your nominations for SVRP 2026 this year.

7. Looking Forward

As Singapore progresses towards Smart Nation 2.0, the role of cybersecurity becomes increasingly crucial. It is truly inspiring to witness the remarkable growth and enthusiasm we have seen this year at the SVRP Awards. The record number of Gold winners and the outstanding contributions from our young volunteers reflect the growing interest and commitment of our youth in the field of cybersecurity. As we celebrate their achievements today, we also recognise the vital role they play in shaping a safer digital future.

8. As we move forward, let us continue to inspire and empower our youth to be the stewards of a safer digital world. Together, we will face the challenges and embrace the opportunities that lie ahead to achieve a sustainable and cohesive cybersecurity ecosystem. I am incredibly proud of each of our award recipients and grateful to everyone who has supported and encouraged these talented individuals on their journey.

I look forward to seeing even more nominations for SVRP 2026, and I hope to see many of you competing for our new Special Awards this year. Please encourage your friends and peers to volunteer and submit their nominations too.

9. Congratulations to all the winners and have a very enjoyable evening!

10. Thank you.