

Student Volunteer Recognition Programme (SVRP) 2023 Awards Ceremony

Record number of 396 nominations for SVRP 2023, 500 certification voucher sponsorships for ITE and Polytechnic students by EC-Council, AiSP x 5 Polytechnics (NP, NYP, RP, SP & TP) MOU to certify 80 students per Polytechnics per year for 3 years in the AiSP QISP.

SINGAPORE, date - The fifth edition of Student Volunteer & Recognition Programme (SVRP) Awards Ceremony was held on 10 November 2023 at Nanyang Polytechnic, to recognise the contributions of student volunteers to the cybersecurity community. This year, a total of 13 Gold, 36 Silver and 86 Bronze awards were given out to student volunteers who have demonstrated exemplary record of hours in volunteering for cybersecurity. Recognising their passion, dedication and contributions to the ecosystem, each recipient received a challenge coin and certificate of achievement. The list of Gold awards winners can be found in Annex A.

Developed by Association of Information Security Professionals (AiSP) and Cyber Security Agency of Singapore (CSA), the SVRP is aimed at encouraging volunteerism amongst students while honing their interest and capabilities in cybersecurity. An initiative under CSA's SG Cyber Youth Programme supported by the SG Cyber Talent Development Fund, SVRP has received strong participation and support from local Institutes of Higher Learning (IHLs) as well as AiSP's industry partners. This year, a total of 396 nominations were received, a significant increase of 75.2% from 2022 (226 nominations), reaching another new record.

Memorandum of Understanding between AiSP and EC-Council/Wissen

In addition, an MOU was signed between AiSP and EC-Council, a globally recognized leader in cybersecurity education, and Wissen, a leading provider of specialized training solutions. Under the MOU, EC-Council/Wissen will sponsor 500 EC-Council certification vouchers amounting to over SGD \$80,000, to Polytechnic and Institute of Technical Education (ITE) students studying cybersecurity programmes over the next two years. Students can use the vouchers to defray costs payable for any of the three EC-Council Essential certificates (NDE, EHE, DFE).

Memorandum of Understanding between AiSP and 5 Polytechnics (NP, NYP, RP, SP & TP) MOU to certify 80 students per Polytechnics per year for 3 years (2024 to 2026) in the AiSP QISP

An additional 400 QISA/QISP certification vouchers will be made available to all 5 Polytechnics – Ngee Ann Polytechnic (NP), Nanyang Polytechnic (NYP), Republic Polytechnic (RP), Singapore Polytechnic (SP) & Temasek Polytechnic (TP) diploma students specialising in cybersecurity. This supports the 5 Polytechnic's move towards enabling all students from their School of Information Technology to graduate with at least one industry certification, beyond their diploma with each Polytechnic committing to 80 trained students per year for 3 years from 2024 to 2026. More information about the certification can be found in Annex B.

AISP EXCO Member & SVRP Lead Ms Soffenny Yap shared " *I am thrilled to witness the growth of our Student Volunteer Recognition Programme through these partnerships. Our collaboration with all the 5 Polytechnic including Nanyang Polytechnic (NYP) to offer the Qualified Information Security Professional (QISP) certification amplifies our commitment to equipping students with the skills they need for an ever-evolving digital landscape. I am heartened to see partners such as Wissen and EC Council who encourages students to further upgrade their knowledge and skillsets through scholarships. Together, we are shaping the next generation of digital defenders, ready to safeguard our ever-evolving digital landscape.*"

Mr Wong Choon Bong, CSA's Director for Workforce Development & Strategic Partnership Office, said: "*Now in its 5th year, the Student Volunteer Recognition Programme is a longstanding initiative which provides youths with the opportunity to explore their interest in cybersecurity and contribute to the community. It is truly heartening to witness the increasing number of volunteers and institutions that they come from each year. As we celebrate the achievements of 2023's award recipients, we hope more youths will come forward to explore cybersecurity as a potential future career through this and other youth initiatives offered by AiSP and CSA.*"

"*All EC-Council certifications learning materials comes with a 6 months 24x7 unlimited access to the cyber-range. Lab exercises curated to help students practice the relevant technical skills are pre-loaded on the range where students get to practice hands-on lab anywhere, anytime for up to 6 months. This will help student harness their practical skills which is a important credentials employers are looking for. We believe these scholarships will encourage more students to seize the benefits and start to develop their skills early.*"
Breyvan Tan, MD of Wissen International (Exclusive distributor of EC-Council).

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Annex A

S/N	List of Gold Award Winners	School
1	Jun Hao Ng	Nanyang Polytechnic
2	Elton Tay Chee Hean	Nanyang Polytechnic
3	Ho Xin Ying	Nanyang Polytechnic
4	Chua Zheng Da, Edwin	Nanyang Polytechnic
5	Ngui Jia Le Sherlena	Ngee Ann Polytechnic
6	Tan Yee Ming	Ngee Ann Polytechnic
7	Kek Jun Kai	Ngee Ann Polytechnic
8	Soh Yi Wei	Ngee Ann Polytechnic
9	Muhammad Dinie Bin Baharudin	Republic Polytechnic
10	Su Myat Naing	Republic Polytechnic
11	Ho Zhi Hao	Republic Polytechnic
12	Johanan Chi Song En 1	Republic Polytechnic
13	Lee Zhan Bin Sklyer	Republic Polytechnic

ANNEX B

More information on QISP can be found here <https://www.aisp.sg/qisp.html>