

**Welcome Remarks by AiSP EXCO Member & SVRP Co -
Lead, Mr Yu Pengfei at
Student Volunteer Recognition Programme Award
Ceremony 2023,
10 November 2023, 7.05 PM**

1. Good Evening

- a. AiSP Patron, Mr Tan Kiat How, Senior Minister of State for
Ministry of Communications and Information
- b. Mr Russell Chan, Principal & CEO of Nanyang Polytechnic
- c. Mr. Breyvan Tan, Managing Director, Wissen International
- d. Parents
- e. IHL Lecturers
- f. Student awardees
- g. Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen

2. Welcome to the Student Volunteer Recognition Programme Award Ceremony 2023. Firstly, I would like to thank AiSP Patron, SMS Tan for taking the time to grace this event. I'm happy to announce that SVRP has an increase of 75% in nominations since 2022. This year, we have a total of 396 nominations. This exponential growth is a testament to the rising interest and awareness in the field of cybersecurity among our youth. It reflects their commitment to making a meaningful impact in our digital world.

3. Of the 396 nominations, 86 students were awarded the Bronze Award, 36 Students were awarded the Silver Award, 13 Students were awarded the Gold Award and 1 Honorary Ambassador.

4. SVRP Partners

The 2023 Student Volunteer Recognition Programme was only made possible through the continual strong public-private-academic partnerships between AiSP, the Cyber Security Agency of Singapore, National Youth Council, the different institute of higher learning, our industry partners as well as all the students with the endorsement of their lecturers that have put themselves forward to be nominated for the awards for the effort and contributions made by the students.

5. Event Partners

Wissen and EC-Council have generously offered 500 free exam vouchers to all the ITE and Polytechnic students for 2 years, providing access to industry-leading training and certification programs. These scholarships not only unlock doors to knowledge but also pave the way for promising careers in cybersecurity. We extend our deepest gratitude to our partners for their commitment to our cause.

6. MoU with NYP

AiSP will also sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Nanyang Polytechnic (NYP) later for the Qualified and Information Security Professional (QISP) certifications. This collaboration will further enhance the skillsets of our student volunteers and prepare them to meet the ever-evolving challenges in the cybersecurity domain. It's a step forward in ensuring that our youth is equipped with the knowledge and expertise needed to safeguard our digital landscape.

7. AiSP Events

AiSP has continuously organised learning journeys for students on company visits to our industry partners. This year, AiSP has brought students on overseas learning journey to Hanoi in April 2023 and Brunei in September 2023 under the strong support provided by National Youth Council, our South East Asia Cyber Security Consortium Association partners and our Corporate Partners who hosted us. Through the overseas learning journey, AiSP hopes to increase youth awareness and understanding of the social, cultural and political dimensions of the regional cities; increase awareness of the job opportunities in the regional markets; and broaden personal growth opportunities and regional youth networks. These journeys will provide them with invaluable international exposure, allowing them to witness firsthand the global dynamics of cybersecurity. I am pleased to share that AiSP will be organising trip to China and Philippines

in 2024. AiSP will also organised many interesting and exciting activities for our Youths such as the ASEAN Bug Bounty Programme happening in January 2024.

8. As we move forward, let us continue to inspire and empower the 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 look forward to seeing even more nominations from the students for the Student Volunteer Recognition Programme 2024. Please encourage your friends and peers to volunteer and submit their nominations next year too.

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

10. Thank you.