



Media Release

SMU Launches Bond Free Yip Pin Xiu Scholarship at the Leadership Symposium 2016

Singapore, 6 December (Tuesday) – The Singapore Management University (SMU) has launched the bond free Yip Pin Xiu Scholarship at its annual Leadership Symposium today.

Attended by 300 student leaders from Junior Colleges, Polytechnics and SMU, the third Leadership Symposium aimed to equip participants with fundamental skills and knowledge to become successful future leaders. Themed '**Setting Your Compass**', the compass served as a metaphor for the personal values and leadership philosophy which guides an individual in his or her leadership journey. Ms Kuik Shiao-Yin, Director and Co-Founder, The Thought Collective and Nominated Member of Parliament, delivered the first keynote address entitled "How to be a leader that lasts" on 5 December, while Mr Jason Wong, Board Chairman, Focus on the Family, gave the keynote address on "Serving from the front" on the second day.

In line with the conversations revolving around leadership, SMU Provost, Professor Lily Kong aptly launched the Yip Pin Xiu Scholarship on the second day of the symposium, to recognise Pin Xiu's personal journey as a leader and role model to all.

The Yip Pin Xiu Scholarship adds to a slew of over 100 scholarships offered to undergraduates of SMU. It will be SMU's first full sports scholarship, and will be open to outstanding Singaporean athletes who have gained admission into any SMU undergraduate programme. These are students who have shown and will continue to demonstrate the spirit of excellence, outshining in sports and representing Singapore with pride and glory.

SMU will offer up to two scholarships per year, and each scholarship includes a full tuition fee waiver and a Growth Opportunities Allowance, that will allow them to enjoy a wide range of leadership and personal development programmes offered by the Centre for Scholars' Development at SMU. These include special seminars and conferences, exchange and summer school programmes and other growth opportunities.

Articulating the scholarship's objective, SMU Provost, Professor Lily Kong said, "SMU places strong emphasis on a holistic educational approach for all its students. The Yip Pin Xiu Scholarship will offer outstanding athletes the opportunity to pursue their undergraduate studies here at SMU in an athlete-friendly and supportive environment. Pin Xiu has shown exemplary results in her sport of swimming despite the odds. She is not only an ambassador

for sports, but a role-model and inspiration to all Singaporeans. For these reasons, SMU has named a scholarship after Pin Xiu, to recognise her strife and personal journey, work and contribution to her sport, SMU and Singapore.”

For Yip Pin Xiu, Paralympic gold medalist and SMU undergraduate, having the scholarship in her name was a pleasant surprise, “I am very honoured and happy. SMU has given me the opportunity to train and compete at the highest level while still studying at the same time. Their understanding has allowed me to push sporting boundaries and I hope this scholarship will give others the chance and motivation to pursue sporting excellence.”

The application window for 2017 admissions is open (<https://admissions.smu.edu.sg/>). The Scholarship will commence next year, from August 2017. More information on the Scholarship can be found here: <http://www.smu.edu.sg/about/financial/scholarships>

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About Singapore Management University

A premier university in Asia, the Singapore Management University (SMU) is internationally recognised for its world-class research and distinguished teaching. Established in 2000, SMU’s mission is to generate leading-edge research with global impact and produce broad-based, creative and entrepreneurial leaders for the knowledge-based economy. SMU education is known for its highly interactive, collaborative and project-based approach to learning, and for its technologically enabled pedagogy of seminar-style teaching in small class sizes.

Home to around 9,300 undergraduate and postgraduate students, SMU comprises six schools: School of Accountancy, Lee Kong Chian School of Business, School of Economics, School of Information Systems, School of Law, and School of Social Sciences. SMU offers a wide range of bachelors, masters and PhD degree programmes in the disciplinary areas associated with the six schools, as well as in interdisciplinary combinations of these areas.

SMU has an emphasis on generating rigorous, high-impact, and relevant multi-disciplinary research that addresses Asian issues of global relevance. SMU faculty members collaborate with leading international researchers and universities from USA, Europe, China and India, as well as with partners in the business community and public sector, through its research institutes, centres and labs. SMU’s city campus is a state-of-the art facility located in the heart of downtown Singapore, fostering strategic linkages with business, government and the wider community. www.smu.edu.sg

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About the Yip Pin Xiu Scholarship

1. What is the Yip Pin Xiu Scholarship?

The Scholarship honours excellence in sports and the values that Yip Pin Xiu stands for. Besides Pin Xiu's impeccable sports achievements, she has demonstrated hard work, dedication, resilience at the highest levels, humility and leadership, both in and out of the classroom. The scholarship also delivers on SMU's promise of a holistic education and hopes to attract students with sports excellence at the international level. Pin Xiu is an inspiration to us all and thus the scholarship is named after her.

2. When does the Scholarship commence and when do applications begin?

The application window for 2017 admissions is open (<https://admissions.smu.edu.sg/>). The Scholarship will commence next year, from August 2017.

3. Who can apply for this scholarship?

Singaporean outstanding athletes who have excelled in their sports at the international level, and with the potential and plans to continue to represent Singapore and achieve further glory can apply. These include those who have been awarded a medal at the SEA Games and/or are projected (by their respective National Sports Association) to have a podium finish, minimally at the SEA Games and/or at the other Major Games or equivalent competition. It is open to those who have gained admission to SMU's undergraduate programmes and to all students from different physical backgrounds.

4. What is the eligibility criteria for this Scholarship?

The key eligibility criteria is sports excellence. In addition, the applicant should demonstrate good character and conduct, and exhibit the qualities and values that Yip Pin Xiu stands for – hard work, perseverance, humility and others before self. These values resonate with what SMU stands for.

5. How many Scholarships will be awarded each year?

There will be up to two Yip Pin Xiu Scholarships awarded every year.

6. What does the Scholarship offer?

Funded by SMU, each scholarship includes a full tuition fee waiver and a Growth Opportunities Allowance, that will allow them to enjoy a wide range of leadership and personal development programmes offered by the Centre for Scholars' Development at SMU.

7. Where can we obtain more information?

More information on the Scholarship can be found here:
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SMU LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM 2016 Programme

Day 1: Monday, 5 December 2016

TIME	PROGRAMME				VENUE
0900	BREAKFAST & REGISTRATION				Foyer (Level 5)
0945	ALL PARTICIPANTS AND GUESTS TO BE SEATED IN AUDITORIUM				Mochtar Riady Auditorium (Level 5)
1000	WELCOME AND OPENING ADDRESS				
1015	Keynote Speech 1	Ms Kuik Shiao-Yin Director and Co-Founder, The Thought Collective & Nominated Member of Parliament			
1100	Plenary Discussion 1	Ms Kuik Shiao-Yin Mr Benjamin Tsoon, Managing Director of Fundnel Limited & SMU Alumnus Mr Goh Theng Kiat, Chief Marketing Officer, Global Consumer Financial Services, OCBC Bank Moderator: Dr Bervyn Lee, Associate Dean of Students, SMU			
1215	LUNCH				Foyer (Level 4 & 5)
1315	Workshop Sessions 1	Self	Situational Leadership	Mr Wong Yew Tong & Mr Joshua Chan	University Lounge (Level 6)
		Self & Team	A Leader in Every Student	Mr Javier Ng, Ms Mandy Ng, Ms Melissa Chia & Ms Michelle Lim	Function Room 4.1 (Level 4)
			The Leadership Challenge	Mr Charles Ang & Mr Kenneth Yeo	Function Room 6.1 (Level 6)
		Self & Community	Doing Good, Doing Well	Mr Ethen Ong	Executive Seminar Room 5.1 (Level 5)
			Leadership and the Axe	Mr Theodore Teo	Executive Media Theatre (Level 5)
		Staff	Perception of Student Leadership in SMU	Mr Kenneth Tan	Function Room 4.2 (Level 4)
1445	BREAK				Foyer (Level 5)
1500	Workshop Sessions 2	Self	Situational Leadership	Mr Wong Yew Tong & Mr Joshua Chan	University Lounge (Level 6)
			Strengths-based Leadership	Mr Kenneth Tan	Mochtar Riady Auditorium (Level 5)
		Self & Team	A Leader in Every Student	Mr Javier Ng, Ms Mandy Ng, Ms Melissa Chia & Ms Michelle Lim	Function Room 4.1 (Level 4)
			The Leadership Challenge	Mr Charles Ang & Mr Kenneth Yeo	Function Room 6.1 (Level 6)
		Self & Community	Leadership and the Axe	Mr Theodore Teo	Executive Media Theatre (Level 5)
			The Thing about Choices	Ms Zhang Tingjun	Executive Seminar Room 5.1 (Level 5)
1630	TEA & END OF DAY 1				Foyer (Level 5)

SMU LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM Programme

Day 2: Tuesday, 6 December 2016

TIME	PROGRAMME				VENUE
0900	BREAKFAST & REGISTRATION				Foyer (Level 5)
0945	ALL PARTICIPANTS AND GUESTS TO BE SEATED IN AUDITORIUM				Mochtar Riady Auditorium (Level 5)
1000	WELCOME				
1005	Keynote Speech 2	Mr Jason Wong Board Chairman, Focus on the Family			
1050	BREAK				
1100	Plenary Discussion 2	Ms Denise Phua, Mayor, Central Singapore District & President, Autism Resource Centre Ms Jason Wong Ms Yip Pin Xiu, Paralympic gold medalist & SMU Undergraduate Moderator: Mr Kenneth Tan, Director, Office of Student Life, SMU			
		LAUNCH OF YIP PIN XIU SCHOLARSHIP			
1230	LUNCH				Foyer (Level 4 & 5)
1315	Workshop Sessions 3	Self	Be a Leader Everyday	Ms Manorama Singh	Executive Media Theatre (Level 5)
			Strengths-based Leadership	Mr Kenneth Tan	University Lounge (Level 6)
		Self & Team	A Leader in Every Student	Mr Javier Ng, Ms Mandy Ng, Ms Melissa Chia & Ms Michelle Lim	Function Room 4.1 (Level 4)
			The Leadership Challenge	Mr Charles Ang & Mr Kenneth Yeo	Function Room 6.1 (Level 6)
		Self & Community	Doing Good, Doing Well	Mr Ethen Ong	Executive Seminar Room 5.1 (Level 5)
			Making a Difference	Ms Carrie Tan	Mochtar Riady Auditorium (Level 5)
1445	BREAK				Foyer (Level 5)
1500	Closing Speech	Dr Bervyn Lee, Associate Dean of Students, SMU			Mochtar Riady Auditorium (Level 5)
	COLLECTION OF CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION				Foyer (Level 5)
1630	TEA & END OF SYMPOSIUM				