

## ● MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF PILLAR, PROFESSOR RICKY ANG

Dear EPD family,

We had an amazing exhibition at our very first SUTD Discovery Week and thank you to the various faculty, staff, researchers and students who came down each day to support our EPD section. I would also like to wish all Term 8 UG students, all the best for your last term in SUTD. You have what it takes to go all the way and you have our fullest support!

## ● ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Farewell to Assistant Professor Avinash Baji-** We are thankful for his great passion in teaching, service to the university and great research work he has accomplished in SUTD. We wish him all the best in his future endeavours.
- **A big welcome to Ms. Karen Liew,** who joins us as Assistant Director for Industry Development for EPD. She will be working closely with our students, faculty members and key departments in the university to bring our industry collaborations to greater heights.
- Calling for nominations: **Graduate Student Teaching Assistant Excellence Awards.** For more information, email Dr. Herman Van Dyk at [Hermanus@sutd.edu.sg](mailto:Hermanus@sutd.edu.sg)

## FEATURED: LIFE OF A PILLAR REPRESENTATIVE IN NODE

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Node is a self-initiated group of passionate and driven EPD students which aims to improve EPD Pillar by uniting the undergraduate populace, alumni and faculty. I am in the Year of 2018 Node committee and the members include James Lin, Tristian Low and Hans Ivander. The role of the Pillar Representative as part of Node ensures that the voices of the student body are heard and to represent EPD in the Student Association Council meetings and events. This allows me to remain updated of the key issues and events organized by Root so that I can inform the rest of the Node members. Some of the key events that Node have organized are the Welcome Back Party, distribution of pre-exam welfare pack and EPD Pillar Information Session for the Freshmores!

Personally, I chose to join Node and run for Pillar Rep because I am interested to make a difference and represent the EPD student populace. Collaborating with the other student representatives and Root has encouraged me to step out of my comfort zone to stand up for the Pillar in matters such as ensuring sufficient and fair allocation of laser printers and facilities from the Fab Lab. My most memorable experience as the Pillar Representative is the interaction with my peers and working together with my team to ensure that the academic matters and feedback from the EPD cohort are heard as well as organizing of events. This gives me an inexpressible sense of satisfaction and accomplishment that pushes me to strive and achieve more!

Lastly, I would encourage those who have a desire to make EPD the more united pillar to be part of the Node family! One for all, all for one!

