

新大最杰出学生 边求学边当社工

对23岁的林可芯来说，她过去四年在新加坡管理大学的学习生涯，丰富得没有一刻可以停下来。

在应付繁重的课业之余，林可芯也积极参与校内校外活动，并特别热衷于社区服务工作，希望能为社会尽一点力。

“自参与社区服务工作后，我觉得自己在心态及想法有很大的改变，每次到访老人院、孤儿院或和残疾人土接触时，都有不同的感触，这使我很珍惜自己目前所拥有的。”

除了亲自探访福利团体，林可芯也在校内大力推广义工活动，并参加扶轮社青年团。

但担任义工的道路并不平坦，有一定的困难。林可芯回忆说，最难忘的一次经验是在两年前，她和50名同学为让6家孤儿院180名孩童度过欢乐的家庭日，竟花了一年时间来

筹备。

她解释说：“这是因为我们从一开始便缺乏资金，从筹款到整个策划过程，我们遇到许多困难，加上碰上沙斯，结果导致整个活动一拖再拖，但为了不让孩子们失望，我们还是坚持把活动搞好。”

那段期间，林可芯正在一家公司实习，加上她也参与其他义工活动及华乐表演，因此有好几个月天天早出晚归，仅有4个小时睡眠。

“由于热衷于社区服务活动，因此我得牺牲玩乐时间，否则功课就无法赶上，父母和朋友常埋怨说很难见到我。尽管如此，工作后，我还是会继续从事社区服务工作，把它视为长期奉献。”

这名会计系毕业生昨天在新大第二届毕业典礼上，以最优异学业成绩 (summa cum



获颁新大最杰出学生奖的林可芯，不但品学兼优而且热衷于社区服务。

laude) 获颁最杰出学生奖。

教育部长尚达曼是活动嘉宾，他致词说，新加坡管理大学过去5年已取得成就，这是雇主、学生及捐献者所给予的肯定，尽管如此，该所大学日

后其中一项重要大挑战是如何在接下来的10、20年里保持年轻，并确保学生持续保有与众不同的独特性，同时对大学有归属感。

新大今年有520名毕业

生，一组毕业生不久前设立新大校友协会。协会成立了新大校友会奖学金基金，希望能筹得20万元。目前，超过130名应届毕业生已捐献1万1000万元。



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23-year-old Lim Ke Xin has spent a very fulfilling four years with the Singapore Management University. So enriching was her university education that she has no time to slow down.

In between her hectic studies, she took time out to take part in activities within and outside school especially in the area of community service to give back to society.

"I discovered a major shift in my attitudes and mindset through my involvement in community work. Each visit to an old folks' home, orphanage or disabled hospital, I came back with different feelings. It causes me to treasure what I already have," Ms Lim said.

On top of her personal time spent with volunteer organizations, Ms Lim is also an active champion of volunteerism within SMU. She also plays a key role in Rotaract Club.

Her journey was not smooth sailing and she encountered some difficulties along the way. For example, she and her team of 50 classmates had to spend one entire year organizing a family day for 180 children from six orphanages.

"We started off with insufficient money. We met several hurdles along the way from canvassing for funds to planning. There was also the onslaught of Sars causing the project to be delayed. We persevered on to make the event a success in order not to let the kids down," Ms Lim explained.

During that period, Ms Lim was doing her internship. She was also involved in other community work and Chinese orchestra performances. For several months at a stretch, she spent long hours outside of home and slept an average of four hours a night.

"I sacrificed my personal leisure time because of my passion for volunteerism. Otherwise, I would not be able to catch up with my school work. My parents and friends often grumbled that they rarely get to see me. In spite of all this, I will still continue in giving back to the community even after I started work. This will be my long term contribution," she added.

The accountancy student graduated at SMU's second Commencement ceremony yesterday with summa cum laude and was awarded the Valedictorian recognition.

Education Minister Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam graced the occasion as the guest-of-honour. In his speech, he said that SMU has performed very well for the past five years and this is the recognition given by employers, students and donors. The challenge for SMU is to stay young for the next 10 to 20 years, maintain the distinctive difference in its students and foster their sense of belonging to the university.

A bunch of SMU students from its 520 graduates recently set up the SMU Alumni Association and an SMU Alumni Scholarship Fund which hopes to raise \$20,000. At the moment, more than 130 graduates have donated 11,000 to this fund.