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## 捐钱设奖学金帮助同学 新大师生乐善好施

(潘星华报道) 创校仅7年, 新加坡管理大学卓越的办学成绩, 除成功吸引校外慈善家捐款1亿7000万元(联同政府资助共4亿5000万元), 也在校内兴起乐善好施风气, 鼓动师生热心捐献, 设立奖学金, 款额已达80万元(联同政府资助共200万元), 以帮助贫困学生解决经济困难。

其中, 会计学院设立的“新大会计学院奖学金”自2003年设立以来, 联同政府的资助已高达120万元, 每年能为6至7名贫困学生提供奖学金。

新大会计学院院长房映芬副教授(52岁)是创院院长。她受访时说:“不少学生的家庭经济窘困, 我们认为没有什么比

实际行动更能表达对学生的关心, 于是率先在院内的教职员中发起捐献行动。”

会计学院教职员为这项奖学金设下100万元的目标。房映芬说:“因为有政府1元对3元的资助, 我们筹到25万元, 就能达到100万元目标。由于不知道政府何时停止1对3资助, 我们于是加快筹款步伐, 凑巧地赶在前年底政府停止1对3的资助前完成目标。去年, 政府只给我们1对1资助, 但是师生的捐款络绎不绝, 至今已达120万元。”

李显龙总理在去年国庆群众大会上提到新大毕业生林文彬刚毕业就以父母亲的名义, 每年捐款4000元给母校。林文彬就是会计学院去年最佳毕业生。

“新大会计学院奖学金”从教职员捐献的8万6600元开始, 其中一名不愿透露姓名的教授在任教的4年内捐款12万元。这项奖学金至今已有22名会计学院学生受惠。

教授们的表率善行, 对会计学院学生产生很大影响。去年毕业班有61%学生参与捐献活动, 毕业时合共献礼1万元, 集体报答会计学院的教育之恩。

新大信息系统学院的教授也不落人后。院长史蒂文米勒(Steven Miller)把原准备用作孩子上大学的8万2500元捐献出来, 副院长纳拉辛哈鲁(Desai Arcot Narasimhalu)捐献1万元, 联同其他教授捐助的2万7000元及一家电脑公司2万元的

捐献, 已使10名该院学生受惠。

学生方面, 2004年新大第一批毕业生在成立校友会的同时, 火速设立“校友会奖学金”。奖学金在新大校长霍华德亨特教授和首席基金理事兼发展规划与校友事务董事史荣博(Robert Schlesinger)各捐2005元支持后, 如火如荼在校友群中展开, 至今已有500名毕业生捐款, 合共8万6251.92元, 很快就能达到10万元目标。联同政府1元对1元资助, 校友奖学金将有20万元来为贫困的同学支付学费。

新大一年级学生郑稳铨和许圣隆去年在多哈亚洲运动会上, 分别取得帆船团体赛金牌和个人银牌, 他们从奥理会颁发的奖金中, 各捐献5000元, 在新大成立本地大学第一个体育奖学金。他们还捐赠1000元给新大帆船队添购器材。联同政府1对1资助, 新大还将向外筹募, 以提高这项体育奖学金款额, 让更多学业和体育兼优的学生受益。



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**Headline: SMU faculty and student pool in money for scholarship fund**

In seven years, the Singapore Management University (SMU) has attracted external donations of \$170 million (total \$450 million including government funding). Internally, the university has also encouraged faculty and students to donate generously, with donations reaching \$800,000 (total \$2 million including government funding), to help students who have financial difficulties.

Since the establishment of the School of Accountancy scholarships in 2003, the amount raised (including government funding) has reached \$1.2 million, providing scholarships for six to seven needy students each year.

SMU School of Accountancy founding Dean Associate Professor Pang Yang Hoong says that quite a number of students have financial difficulties at home. There is no better way to show our concern than to get our faculty to initiate the funding exercise.

The School of Accountancy had targeted a scholarship fund of \$1 million. Prof Pang says that because of the government's 3:1 matching grant, if we achieved \$250,000, we would have reached our target of \$1 million. As we do not know when the government will stop the 3:1 matching grant, we worked fast to achieve our target before the government stopped the 3:1 matching grant. Last year, the government provided a lower 1:1 matching grant. However funding from faculty and students to date has already reached \$1.2 million.

In last year's National Day Rally Speech, Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong highlighted SMU alumni Darren Lim's pledge of \$4,000 every year to SMU in the name of his parents. Darren Lim is the School of Accountancy's top graduate or Valedictorian last year.

Since the initial faculty donation of \$86,600 to the School of Accountancy Scholarship fund, a faculty who does not wish to be named has donated \$120,000 in four years. This scholarship has since helped some 22 students.

Donations by the faculty have greatly influenced the School of Accountancy students. 61% of last year's graduating class donated a total of \$10,000 to the school.

The SMU School of Information Systems (SIS) has also gotten into the act. Dean of SIS Practice Professor Steven Miller donated \$82,500 while Associate Dean Practice Professor Desai Arcot Narasimhalu donated \$10,000. Faculty members in the school have donated a total of \$27,000 together with a \$20,000 contribution by a computer company. Some ten students have benefited from this scholarship.

On the student front, the class of 2004 alumni has set up the university's Alumni Scholarship Fund. From SMU President Professor Howard Hunter's and SMU Director of Advancement and Alumni Mr Robert Schlesinger's initial donation of \$2,005 each, 500 alumni have contributed a combined \$86,251.92 to the fund which is fast approaching its target of \$100,000. With the government's 1:1 matching, there will be a total of \$200,000 in the alumni scholarship fund to help needy students with their school fees.

First-year SMU students Mr Renfred Tay and Mr Koh Seng Leong, winners of the team and individual gold medals respectively for sailing in last year's Asian Games in Doha have each donated \$5,000 from their prize money to set up the SMU Sports Scholarship, the first of such scholarship by a tertiary institution in Singapore. They also donated \$1,000 to the SMU sailing team for purchase of equipment. In addition to the 1:1 matching grant by the government, SMU is working to source for more contributions to the sports scholarship fund to benefit future students who excel in sports.