李光前奖学金金栽培具公益心企业家

比原目标多50万

总统慈善

筹得850万元

今年，主办筹款活动的机构超过40个。其中，《联合早报》的Zoppo现今在太平演唱会筹得19万元善款，新报的“做自己”活动则筹得10万元。《总统星光慈善2005》筹得370万元。

尽管许多新加坡人已为救援海啸灾民慷慨解囊，今年的“总统星光慈善”还是成功为54个慈善团体筹得650万元。比原定的800万元目标多出50万元，再度证明国人对慈善活动义不容辞。

纳丹总统昨晚在总统府举行的“总统慈善之夜”慈善晚会暨“总统慈善挑战2005”开奖结果讲话时，特别感谢团体和公众对这个迈入第六年的慈善活动的支持。

今年，主办筹款活动的机构超过40个，包括新加坡广播电视台、新加坡板球协会、新加坡体育理事会、各政府机构和公司等。

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纳丹总统也列举其他活动，包括筹得超过300万元的《总统星光慈善2003》。由国防部、新加坡板球协会筹得的84万元，以及新加坡保健服务集团所筹得的380万元等。

总统也特别感谢赞助商的鼎力支持，协助筹款活动的顺利进行，他对赞助商的慨然捐助表示感谢。

谈到“总统慈善晚会”时，总统也表示全国慈善晚会是主席团今年下半年的调查。新加坡人对慈善事业的热忱，比前年增加了9.3%，显示这个慈善晚会是个好消息。

由国家福利理事会举办的总统慈善晚会，是为表扬在社会服务等领域杰出表现的义工而设的最高荣誉奖项。今年得奖者是多年来积极为慈善服务的郑明川（个人组）、华运会执行委员会（企业组）、新加坡十字军姐妹会（注册团体）及牛车水义工服务小组（新加坡团体）。

到海外交流6个月

李光前计划奖学金得主将在新大修读4年的课程，可在免学费的情况下，到海外参与长达6个月的学生交换计划，商业学习团以及社区服务计划。此外，新大也规定，学生必须在本地及跨国企业实习，或接受课程和学生导师的直接指导。

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Lim Wei Ming (21 years-old), Vorapol Supanusonti (20 years-old) and Li Yi Ying (19 years-old) are the first batch of recipients of the Lee Kong Chian scholarship. In addition to being successful in business, their wish is to help the unfortunate in society using the management skills they learn.

Vorapol Supanusonti from Thailand says, “Life is not just about studies and achieving good results. Future business leaders should not just focus on personal gain but should also reach out to the less fortunate in society”.

This is also the special attribute of the Lee Kong Chian scholarship plan. The students that the scholarship nurtures may not necessarily be those with outstanding academic results but those who are all rounded, with leadership abilities and entrepreneurs with a heart for public welfare.

Starting this year, SMU will select 50 students from the more than 1000 undergraduate students for the scholarship. To pick the suitable candidate, in addition to considering the A level results of students, interviews are also conducted to observe and understand how the student thinks and their ability to solve issues.

Practice Associate Professor Ong Siow Heng says that the plan is very nimble, providing students with more studies opportunities. Students can organize teams for community service activities overseas, and choose to work with overseas partner universities.

In their four-years of education at SMU, Lee Kong Chian scholarship recipients can participate in overseas exchange programme for up to 6 months, commercial study plan and community service plan at no cost.

In addition, students can also intern in local and multinational corporations, receiving direct supervision by the company’s top management. The four-year education in SMU for each Lee Kong Chian scholar is approximately $50,000.

Lim Wei Ming is very clear about what he wants and his development direction. As such, even if NUS law school accepts him, he will still choose the SMU Lee Kong Chian scholarship.

He points out that while there may be quite a number of outstanding students wishing to earn big money or become successful businessmen, an all rounded education is not one that just focuses on nurturing students to be successful in business but one that teaches students the different needs of society.

SMU emphasises that Lee Kong Chian scholarship students study different subjects, attend classes with other students and do not belong to a minority outstanding class plan.

This is one of the reasons Lee Yi Ying chose the Lee Kong Chian scholarship. She says, “When you set up an outstanding student class, it isolates the students in the class from other students and others will look at you differently”.

Practice Associate Professor Ong Siow Heng points out that the scholarship plan emphasizes student contribution to society. If after ten years, among hundred graduates, one or two can set up the likes of the Salvation Army, the Red Cross and other such charitable organizations, the plan would have been successfully.

At the convocation ceremony today, SMU welcomes 1,213 new students. Among them, some 279 are the foreign students, making up 23% of the new students at SMU this year.