Having the best of both worlds

It is hard to swallow but the truth is that potential polytechnic students are losing their places to smarter ones who qualify for junior colleges but choose polytechnics.

Extensive advertising by the polytechnics playing up successes of single-digit O-level scorers aggravates the problem.

Who is to blame when it is a fair game? If this route allows one to excel, it makes more sense to jump on the polytechnic bandwagon.

Poly students have flexible curriculums with some modules fully project-based.

A poly diploma is more marketable as the hands-on skills gained gears one up for the working world.

I have come across students who fail to get to university after their A-level exams. These students either go out into the workforce or end up doing a stint at the polys.

The polytechnic route can be regarded as a "safe route" for many.

Doing well in poly automatically gets one in the running for local university.

While my poly education has given me a hands-on approach, a university education helps develop my thinking process – it is like having the best of both worlds.

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