
SP Group sponsors staff for engineering degree course in SIT tie-up

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Mr Abdul Latiff Muhamed Abdullah, 38, will return to school for the first time in September since graduating with an Institute of Technical Education Higher Nitec electrical engineering diploma in 2010.

He is among a pioneer batch of five SP Group employees to benefit from a partnership inked by the utilities group on Friday with the Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT)

to upskill and reskill its workers.

The three-year collaboration, signed at the Energy Innovation 2022 conference at Marina Bay Sands, will provide continuous skills upgrading pathways for SP employees through a full-time undergraduate degree in electrical power engineering sponsored by their company.

At the conference organised by the Energy Market Authority, Minister of State for Trade and Industry Low Yen Ling said the programme is part of efforts to grow the energy

sector's workforce to bolster Singapore's green economy ambitions.

SP's support for his three-year degree course has given Mr Latiff an opportunity to further his studies in electrical engineering, which he had put on hold for years as he could not find the time to do so.

Mr Latiff was part of the team that laid the power cable grid infrastructure for the Marina Coastal Expressway in 2013.

"As SP Group looks to build up electric vehicle infrastructure, I hope to contribute to this plan,

which helps to protect the environment, by studying related modules," he said.

His colleague Chan Meng Hoe, who has been with SP for almost three decades, has decided to set aside time to study as well. Mr Chan was involved in completing a utilities service diversion for the Downtown MRT Line ahead of schedule and the pre-development of Changi Airport's Terminal 5.

The principal technical officer, 49, said upgrading is crucial as he needs to keep pace with new tech-

nologies in the energy sector.

Friday's agreement was an extension of the ongoing partnership between SIT and SP to advance Singapore's energy sector.

Their collaborations include SP's investment in Singapore's first experimental, multi-energy microgrid at SIT's future campus in the Punggol Digital District.

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