

SMOU & Wavelink Bursary/ Scholarship Awards Presentation Ceremony

**Welcome Address by Capt Robin Foo
President of SMOU and Director of Wavelink Co-operative**

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Our Guest-of Honour, Madam Halimah Yacob, NTUC Assistant Secretary-General & Member of Parliament for Jurong GRC, NTUC Central Committee members, SMOU Executive Committee, Distinguished guests, members of the Selection Committee, SMOU members, families and children, a very good morning to all of you and a warm welcome to our annual Bursary & Scholarship Presentation.

This is the first time that we are having our Presentation in a movie theatre and I hope that all of you have enjoyed the movie.

Today, we are very pleased to announce that we will be presenting Bursary & Scholarship awards to 123 recipients amounting to S\$53,450 dollars. SMOU has presented over S\$1.2 million dollars to 2,866 children of our members since 1982. This year is also the first time that our Wavelink Co-operative is giving away 6 Book Awards worth \$500 each to 6 outstanding students.

SMOU and Wavelink places great emphasis on training and education. Besides ensuring that our members are well trained for their jobs and remain employable, we also believe in investing and nurturing our young, encouraging them to be the best that they can be. Education is more than simply achieving good academic results. Education is also about developing the thinking skills, and the character of our youth, preparing them for adulthood.

As a parent myself, I share the joy of the many proud parents who are here today to witness their children receiving these awards. My heartfelt congratulations to all the award recipients and their parents. You have done yourself and your parents proud. To the award recipients, I hope all of

you will be further motivated and encouraged to continue your good efforts to do better each year. Most importantly, be a future contributor to society.

On this note, on behalf of SMOU and Wavelink, I would like to especially thank our Guest-of-Honour, Madam Halimah for taking precious time off her busy schedules to be with us including all of you for joining us in recognizing the efforts of our award recipients. I also offer my sincere thanks to the Selection Committee, namely

- Mr Foo Sek Peow, General Manager of PACC Ship Managers Pte Ltd
- Capt Lim Khok Cheng, Controller (Marine Licensing) of Maritime & Port Authority of Singapore
- Mr Chen Chin Kwang, Deputy Director of Singapore Maritime Academy
- And Mr Rahim Jaffar, EXCO of S.M.O.U

who had spent a considerable amount of time off from their busy schedules to help with the selection of today's recipients.

Thank you and have a nice day !