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10 Singaporeans Conferred Inaugural SkillsFuture Study Award for Power Sector

As part of the national movement to provide Singaporeans with opportunities to develop to their fullest potential, the Energy Market Authority today conferred 10 Singaporeans with the inaugural SkillsFuture Study Award for Power Sector. This Award aims to support early to mid-career Singaporeans in the industry who aspire to deepen their power engineering skills.

2. Ms Low Yen Ling, Senior Parliamentary Secretary for the Ministry of Education & Ministry of Trade and Industry, presented the awards to the 10 recipients at a presentation ceremony today. Each recipient will receive a bond-free award of \$5,000 to defray out-of-pocket training expenses for engineering courses related to the Power Sector. The 10 recipients are listed in **Annex A**.

3. Among them is 47-year-old Abdul Jamil Bin Muhammad, a senior technician with Senoko Energy. With the Study Award, he aspires to complete a Higher NITEC in Technology - Mechanical Engineering. This was once an inconceivable dream as he does not possess the minimum academic qualifications. Eventually, it was his sheer determination that enabled him to pass an interview and got him accepted into the course.

4. Mr Abdul Jamil said: "I am indeed thankful that ITE took into consideration my 20 years of technical working experience in the Power sector. The Study Award allows me to finally enroll in the Higher NITEC in Technology - Mechanical Engineering course to deepen my skills. Thereafter, I am not intending to stop here and hope that I can go on to take up a diploma course at the Polytechnic. This will widen my knowledge and enable me to contribute more effectively at work."

5. Another recipient, 45-year-old Alice Monica Teo, currently works as a manager at Cable Detection Services and Engineering Pte Ltd. She shared that when the SkillsFuture Study Award for Power Sector was announced, "I took it as a motivation to pursue a part-time diploma in power engineering. This training will be useful in

helping me to qualify for a licence in cable detection work, which is a core function in my company".

6. Heartened by the aspirations of these recipients, EMA Chief Executive Ng Wai Choong said: "We want to support Singaporeans who are keen to deepen their power engineering skills. The energy landscape is transforming rapidly, driven by technological developments and the rise of renewables. The SkillsFuture Study Award offers an invaluable opportunity for one to learn, stay relevant and contribute to the energy sector regardless of one's starting point in life."

7. Adding on, Union of Power and Gas Employees General Secretary Abdul Samad Bin Abdul Wahab stressed that "the Power sector is critical to Singapore's economy. Our workforce must be equipped with the current skillsets to keep the lights on and gas flowing. We are pleased that the Government is taking a proactive approach to support Singaporeans in deepening their skills. We strongly encourage our union members to apply for this Award to further develop their potential".

8. Interested applicants can find out if they are eligible for the Award and apply online at www.skillsfuture.sg/studyawards/power or refer to **Annex B** below.

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ANNEX A**LIST OF SKILLSFUTURE STUDY AWARD FOR POWER SECTOR
RECIPIENTS**

No.	Name	Company
1	Abdul Jamil Bin Muhammad	Senoko Energy Pte Ltd
2	Alice Monica Teo Eng Choo	Cable Detection Services & Engineering Pte Ltd
3	Ang Hong Seng	Licensed Electrical Worker
4	Ang Zhi Yoong	Rutherford Power Asia Pte Ltd
5	Koh Chun Wee	ABB Pte Ltd
6	Mirza Bin Ali	Tuas Power Generation Pte Ltd
7	Mohammad Ziad Khan Bin Ibrahim	A&R Electrical & Instrumentation Pte Ltd
8	Szeto Shaowen, Sean	Air Liquide Singapore Pte Ltd
9	Tan Congyi	Solar Energy Research Institute of Singapore (NUS)
10	Teh Yen Hong	Aten Pte Ltd

ON THE SKILLSFUTURE STUDY AWARD FOR POWER SECTOR

The SkillsFuture Study Award for Power Sector aims to nurture a strong Singapore core of Power sector workforce equipped with relevant skillsets.

First announced in Budget 2015, the SkillsFuture Study Award for Power Sector is one of the initiatives under the national SkillsFuture movement. This aims to encourage Singaporeans to take ownership of their own skills upgrading and to deepen specialist skills in areas needed by future economic growth sectors.

Each award, valued at \$5,000, can be used to pay for out-of-pocket course fees, course materials and other training-related costs. This is on top of existing government course fee subsidies. The Award is bond-free.

Who is it for?

The Study Award targets early to mid-career Singaporeans seeking to develop and deepen their skills in the Power sector. The Study Award is given out yearly.

To be eligible, the criteria are:

- Must be a Singapore Citizen with at least two years of engineering work experience in the Power sector (Electricity and Gas) or related sectors; or (ii) a Licensed Electrical Worker (LEW) / Licensed Gas Service Worker (LGSW) / Licensed Cable Detection Worker (LCDW); or (iii) with at least two years of relevant Power Engineering skillsets in other sectors.
- Must not be a previous recipient of any SkillsFuture Study Awards or a current recipient of any scholarship/full bursary/full company sponsorship awarded for the same course.
- Meets entry requirements for relevant engineering courses (e.g. chemical, mechanical, electrical, power engineering) offered by the local government institutions (i.e. ITE, polytechnic, university), Singapore Institute of Power & Gas and BCA Academy.
- The course applied to must be a single structured programme offered by an institute of higher learning/training provider, with a minimum duration of 80 hours.
- Must have applied for the SkillsFuture Study Awards prior to the commencement of the supported course.

What are the supported courses?

The list of supported courses can be found in the table below or online at www.skillsfuture.sg/studyawards/power. This list is not exhaustive. Any course outside of this list must be relevant to the Power sector and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Course	Institution
Higher NITEC in Technology – Electrical Engineering	ITE College
Higher NITEC in Technology – Mechanical Engineering	
Higher NITEC in Technology – Mechatronics Engineering	
Diploma in Engineering (Electrical)	Ngee Ann Polytechnic
Diploma in Engineering (Mechanical)	
Diploma in Engineering (Mechatronics)	
Specialist Diploma in Electrical Design & Operation	
Diploma in Engineering (Control and Automation)	Singapore Polytechnic
Diploma in Engineering (Power Engineering)	
Diploma in Engineering (Mechanical Technology)	
Advanced Diploma in Power Systems Engineering	
Specialist Diploma in Energy Efficiency and Management	
Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical & Electronic Engineering)	Nanyang Technological University
Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering	
Specialist Certificate in Electrical Power Systems	
Specialist Certificate in Power and Clean Energy	
Graduate Certificate in Power Engineering	
Bachelor of Technology (Chemical Engineering)	National University of Singapore
Bachelor of Technology (Mechanical Engineering)	
Master of Science (Electrical Engineering)	
Distribution HV Cable Jointing Proficiency Course	Singapore Institute of Power and Gas
Course Training for New Electrical Engineers	
Relevant courses	BCA Academy

How to apply?

Applicants may apply online at www.skillsfuture.sg/studyawards/power for the Study Award.