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# 55 million hours worked without LTI commemoration ceremony



Tan Peck Luan  
HSE



PCS and its contractors achieved a significant milestone on 15 May 2023 when they collectively reached 55 million hours worked without a Lost Time Incident (LTI). Many staff were in the midst of planning and executing PCS-I SDM 2023 at that time, hence the celebration event was postponed to 6 September 2023. As COVID-19 restrictions eased in the nation, we were finally able to hold this celebration on a large scale, after not being able to do so for the previous 45 million and 50 million milestones.

During the event's opening address, PCS Managing Director, Mr. Hisashi Shibayama, extended his heartfelt appreciation to the contractor workers, contractor management representative, and PCS staff who took time to participate in this celebratory occasion. He acknowledged the combined effort that led to this remarkable achievement and emphasised the importance of safety programmes such as BBS (Behaviour Based Safety), SOS (Speak Out for Safety), and StAR (Stop And Report) in maintaining our outstanding safety record.

Left:  
PCS MD Mr Hisashi Shibayama  
delivering the opening address

Right:  
PCCA Vice President Mr Lawrence  
Toh giving his speech



Left:  
Emcee for the event, Ms Shahidah  
Bte Mohamad Noor

Right:  
Commemorative Plaques presented  
to PCCA and PCS' in-house  
Contractor Companies



Guests, staff and workers at the commemoration ceremony



Presentation of commemorative souvenir by Mr Lawrence Toh to Mr Hisashi Shibayama



PCS DMD Mr Chiew Nguang Yong delivering the closing address



Safety Cheer



PCS Management taking a tour of the Contractors Rest Shed

Mr. Shibayama, who assumed the role of PCS' Managing Director in 2021, highlighted that this celebration marked his first in-person gathering with all of us, underscoring the significance of the occasion. He urged everyone to remain vigilant, avoid complacency, and continue to prioritise safety.

Next, PCCA (Petrochemical Complex Contractors Association) Vice President Mr. Lawrence Toh shared that this celebration serves as a valuable reminder of the importance of involving all stakeholders in promoting workplace safety. He noted that active participation in various safety programmes by workers and site supervisors has formed the foundation of the safety culture at PCS.

The event included the presentation of a commemorative souvenir from Mr. Lawrence Toh to Mr. Shibayama, followed by the awarding of commemorative plaques to PCCA and PCS' 26 in-house contractor companies.



Group photo of PCS Management with award recipients



In his closing remarks, PCS Deputy Managing Director Mr. Chiew Nguang Yong expressed gratitude to all frontline workers, their supervisors, and supporting staff who played pivotal roles in achieving this significant safety milestone. He also acknowledged the leadership of PCS and contractor management, emphasising the importance of working together as one PCS family to ensure a safe environment in alignment with the Vision Zero movement.

The event concluded with a resounding safety cheer and a networking lunch. With our unwavering commitment to health and safety, let us continue to uphold our excellent safety performance.

Guests, staff and workers enjoying their lunch



# Remembering Mr Lee Kuan Yew: Commemoration of his 100<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary



Chong Kai Xian  
HR & Admin

On 16 September 2023, we celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of a visionary leader who left an indelible mark on Singapore - Mr Lee Kuan Yew. Through his unparalleled contributions to Singapore's growth and development, and under his guidance, Singapore's strategic positioning as a hub for essential chemicals took root, attracting global investments and fostering economic growth.

**A**ugust 1977 marked his pivotal role in the incorporation of Petrochemical Corporation of Singapore (Private) Limited, (now referred to as PCS Pte. Ltd.), together with the then Japanese Prime Minister Mr Fukuda Takeo, Singapore's Minister for Finance Mr Hon Sui Sen and Sumitomo Chemical Company's President Mr N Hasegawa.

13 January 2001 was a date etched in PCS history, when PCS had the privilege and honour to host a short plant visit for Mr Lee Kuan Yew, as part of a JTC organised event. During the tour, he witnessed firsthand the fruits of his vision as PCS showcased its high-tech central control centre and was briefed on the plant operations by the then Olefin-II Manager.

As we commemorate the centenary of Mr Lee Kuan Yew's birth, we remember that his legacy is a testament to what visionary leadership can achieve - transforming a small island nation into a global economic powerhouse. Let us honour his memory by continuing to build on his legacy, starting from PCS to be a safe, reliable, efficient and sustainable essential chemicals supplier, fostering innovation, and nurturing a prosperous future for Singapore and the generations to come.



1 Our former MD, Mr A Kuroki, welcoming Mr Lee to PCS

2 Former GMP, Er. Lucas Ng greeting Mr Lee at the Central Control Centre

3 Group photo with Mr & Mrs Lee



# Climate Youth Development Visit



Ee Boon Siong  
Secretary, PCS  
Sustainability Team



PCS is honoured to host the **Climate Youth Development Programme – a Learning Journey to PCS.**



The first-ever Climate Youth Development Programme in Singapore was co-organised by the Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment (MSE), the National Climate Change Secretariat (NCCS) and the National Youth Council (NYC). It was a six-month programme which brought together a community of youths who were passionate about climate change and would like to deliver lasting impact at the forefront of driving climate actions. The programme aimed to equip the participants with comprehensive knowledge in areas of climate change which included sharing with them on the importance of E&C sector to the society, the challenges of decarbonisation in the hard-to-abate E&C industry and also the plans that Singapore's leading E&C companies have for transitioning towards the low-carbon economy. They were also given a chance to

apply as a youth delegate for the 28th Conference of the Parties to the United Nation Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP28) taking place at Dubai in December 2023!

During PCS' sharing session and the Merbau Complex bus tour, the youth visitors exhibited keen interest in gaining deeper understanding of PCS, an essential chemicals producer that contributes and supports the establishment of a sustainable society and the improvement of quality of life. General Manager (Corporate) & Commercial Lead of Sustainability Ms. Lilian Lee and General Manager (Plant) Er. Ng Chee Wai, Senior Advisor & Head of Sustainability Er. Lucas Ng and Technology & Optimization Manager Er. Ng Chai Ling conducted an interactive, informative and impactful sharing session to the youths on "Balancing Economic Growth and

Sustainability: Strive to work towards as a Low Carbon Essential Chemicals Producer".

After introducing PCS' establishment over the years, Er. Lucas Ng highlighted the needs for energy and essential chemicals in supporting our daily life and encompassing almost every aspect of it, such as communications / IT equipment, transportation, living conditions etc. The catchphrase shown during his sharing: "Can you live without your PHONE?" received unanimous response from every youth visitor! Further, he shared an article on "Is it possible to live a day without plastic" featured in The Straits Times on 16 January 2023, which concluded we could not live without plastic.

Er. Lucas Ng further shared on PCS' sustainability commitments and approaches in working towards becoming a low carbon essential chemicals producer and its





sustainability initiatives categorized for systematic implementations. "PCS is at the forefront in combating climate change; dated back to 1980s when it started operations – energy conservation, energy efficiency..." – A message to the youths that PCS has embarked on our energy efficiency improvement drive since its initial years of business operation. He further elaborated that PCS targeted to achieve significant reduction in carbon footprint and carbon intensity of the existing operating facilities via implementing feasible carbon capture, utilisation and storage (CCUS) technologies. However, CCUS implementation comes with a lot of challenges, both technically and economically. The youths were also briefed on PCS' support in adopting circular economy and feasible renewable energy applications.

At the last session of sharing, role of youths as the valuable contributors in combating climate change were conveyed, e.g. adapt and make low-carbon lifestyles, career choice which would contribute in climate actions etc, aimed to educate how youths could also play a part in creating positive impacts. He encouraged the youths to consider choosing their future career in Engineering or Science & Technology as



careers in these fields could play a significant role in advancing sustainability goals e.g. tackling climate change issues, participating in hydrogen/ammonia R&D, providing clean drinking water, ensuring sustainable food supplies etc.

The programme ended with a Q&A session where many questions were asked from the inquisitive-minded youth visitors. Just to name a few, "How would PCS position itself in the future of low-carbon economy?", "Would PCS survive under high carbon tax environment?". In response, PCS Management shared that PCS would continue monitoring the development, reviewing its position and devising strategic action plans timely, and garner necessary support from government and various stakeholders in tackling any future challenge(s). During the Q&A session, the young participants displayed their inquisitiveness and interest in sustainability aspects within the E&C industry, showcasing their development as climate-conscious youth.

In conclusion, PCS appreciated this opportunity to host the visit where we were able to exchange views and conveyed the importance of the E&C sector and how PCS, as an established essential chemicals company, is addressing the challenges in working towards sustainable and low-carbon economy for the sake of our society, today's young people and children and also our future generations!

## PCS Leadership Development: Workshop on "Develop Your Leadership Potential: Stop Doing, Start Leading" 21, 25-26 September 2023

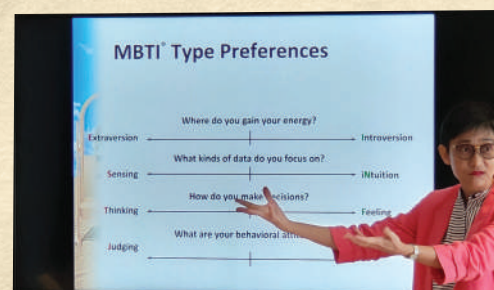


Cerine Lim  
HR & Admin

In our ever-evolving corporate landscape, leadership is a fundamental building block of success. Recognising this, '**PCS Leadership Development Framework**' was carefully designed with one clear aim: to enhance the leadership capabilities of our executives and managers, building upon the foundation of the existing PCS Performance Management System, incorporating key competencies and attributes necessary for effective leadership. The framework serves as the cornerstone of our leadership development initiatives, enabling us to identify and bridge competency gaps, cultivate a robust leadership pipeline, and align our talent strategy with the dynamic needs of our organisation.

To initiate our leadership development efforts, our new leaders who have transitioned into leadership roles participated in the '**Develop Your Leadership Potential: Stop Doing, Start Leading**' workshop, thoughtfully facilitated by **Dale Carnegie**. This workshop brought together a diverse group of individuals, each with their own rich blend of experiences and challenges. Spanning over 2.5 days, it was an opportunity for us to embark on a journey of self-discovery.

Before the workshop commenced, we engaged in the **Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI)** assessment. Guiding us through this insightful process was Peck Chee, a seasoned full-time coach and trainer. With her expertise, Peck Chee led us to delve deeply into our MBTI results, unravelling personalised descriptions of our personality preferences. This experience not only allowed us to gain a better understanding of ourselves but also provided valuable insights into the intricate aspects of our colleagues' distinct personalities.

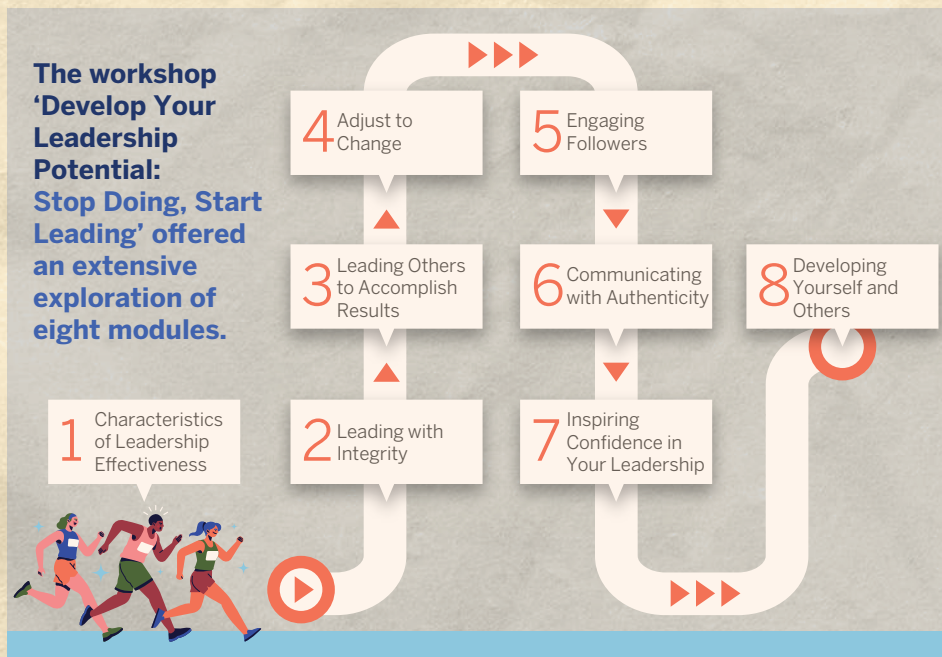




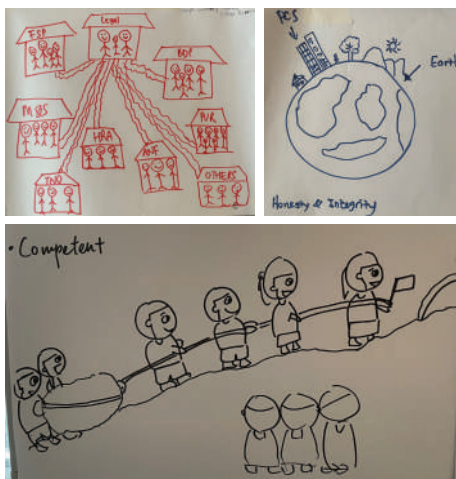
At the heart of Dale Carnegie's methodology lies the foundational principles of Human Relations. These principles are vital for forging successful relationships. A valuable resource given is the 'Golden Book', providing quick references to these principles, including 'Become a Friendlier Person', 'Win People to Your Way of Thinking', and 'Be a Leader'.

A leader without a vision is like a ship without a compass. Each of us illustrated our personal vision statement by drawing, articulating what we want to achieve and our destination as leaders.

As we return to our roles, the workshop's impact remains tangible. We believe that the leadership development workshop has equipped our emerging leaders with some essential tools to enhance their effectiveness, fostering a commitment to drive positive changes at the workplace and in their personal lives.



Very interesting 'Personal Vision Statements' drawn by the participants



**“We all have possibilities we don't know about. We can do things we don't even dream we can do.”**  
– Dale Carnegie



Participants with the trainer, Yu Han





# PCS Family Day + Summertime 2023



Chen Ting Ting  
QC

This year, PCS biennial Family Day was held at Resorts World Convention Centre on 9 September 2023. Due to high demand, the very first PCS summertime was held at Hard Rock Hotel Singapore and Hotel Ora after the carnival event.

**C**rowd started streaming in as early as 9.30am, beginning with a delightful buffet breakfast and having a first shot at the interesting array of carnival and arcade games. Snacks including ice-cream, churros, popcorn and candy floss were available to replenish everyone's energy as they indulge in the numerous and highly enjoyable activities throughout the ballrooms. Some of the activities include claw machines, mini arcade, naughty bean, balloon sculpture, sand art, cash box, lucky dip, arcade zone, ball pit, airbrush tattoo, bouncing castles and games booths.

An atmosphere of joyfulness was felt as colleagues, family members and friends, young and old mingled with each other at the carnival games and enjoyed the stage activities. Smiles were seen as they collected their door gifts and game prizes which included NTUC vouchers, titbits and cash prizes.







After the delectable buffet lunch was the highly anticipated grand lucky draw segment. The former E&P Manager, Mr Hiroya Tezuka gave out prizes from 30<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>, GM (Marketing Sales & Feedstock Procurement), Ms Annie Tan gave out prizes from 25<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>, GM (Plant), Mr Ng Chee Wai gave out prizes from 19<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>, GM (Corporate), Ms Lilian Lee gave out prizes from 13<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>, DMD, Mr Chiew Nguang Yong gave out prizes from 7<sup>th</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> and MD, Mr Hisashi Shibayama gave out the 1<sup>st</sup> prize as well as the 6 special prizes worth \$500 each.

The Summercation continued after the events at the ballrooms of Resorts World Convention Centre ended as staff collected their keys to their staycations with their loved ones. It was indeed a memorable PCS Family Day + Summercation 2023!



First prize winner, Michael Koh Wei Jun from Quality Control, won Apple iPad Pro 12.9"







(From left) Venuanthan Machap(QC), Soo Jun Hao (Mai), Ng Chai Ling (T&O), Rosmadi Bin Mohamed Taib (QC), Sim Kai Sheng (T&O) and Lim Yi Wen Cerine (HRA), won Youtrip Card Worth \$500 Each

### Happy faces of prize winners





# PCS Beer Appreciation (Oktoberfest 2023)

This year, the Beer Appreciation event was held at Brotzeit @ Westgate on 22 September 2023, in line with Oktoberfest, the world's largest and most famous beer festival traditionally held in Munich, Germany. Brotzeit is an established German bar & restaurant, with multiple outlets in Singapore and other Asia-Pacific countries such as China and Australia.

In line with Oktoberfest, we could select from their different types of Erdinger draught beer, or pick their seasonal special – the Erdinger Oktoberfest beer. For those who prefer wine, we could also choose between their house red wine or white wine. (Did I mention that the alcohol was free flow throughout the dinner too?)

For the main course, we were served with German food platters consisting of pork knuckles, schnitzels and sausages. To top it off, we enjoyed the Apricot Cream Cheese Tray Cake for dessert, which was really tasty, though some of us were too full from the main course. Overall, it was certainly a delicious meal which drew compliments from many colleagues.

Having joined PCS in the same week, I am very fortunate to have wrapped up my first week on such a high note. Even though I was a little nervous at the start of the dinner, I became much more comfortable as I was greeted with warm introductions from everyone and soon enough, I started to engage in more conversations.

What struck me deeply was the sincerity and warmth of everyone's welcome, and the camaraderie and unity within PCS. It was heartening to see colleagues from different functions coming together to share laughter and stories over a pint of beer (or more). As cliché as it sounds, I can't help but feel excited about my journey ahead in PCS, and I am certainly looking forward to connect with and learn from everyone. A very big thank you to SSRCC for organising this event, and I hope that everyone enjoyed the event as much as I did. Cheers!



Koh Zhi Ming  
T&O





# Dragon Boat Orientation

27 May 2023 was a hot Saturday morning. A group of PCSians, a mix of seasoned rowers and newcomers, gathered at Kallang Dragon Boat Nursery for an orientation and gained firsthand experience of the world of dragon-boating, all while enduring the blazing sun.



Jean Ho  
Purchasing

**D**ragon boating is a fun-filled, adrenaline-pumping water sports activity! For this sport, teams consist of up to 20 paddlers for larger boats or 10 for small boats. For competition, each boat has a drummer, beating time to keep the paddlers in unison and a professional helmsperson in the stern to guide the boat.

PCS Dragon Boat (DB) Team was formed more than a decade ago and had gone through many competitions, such as National 5-crew Dragon Boat Challenge (2009) under Inter-Corporation (Women & Men), Singapore Dragon Boat Festival, Singapore River Regatta, DBS Marina Regatta and most importantly, the annual Jurong Island Dragon Boat Race.

synchronisation will often outperform a stronger, yet less coordinated one.

For a start, the new rowers were oriented and guided by our coach, Leong Kok and also by the experienced rowers who sat beside them. They received instruction on the proper grip for the paddle, emphasising the need to maintain a vertical position while inserting the

blade into the water. This technique minimises unnecessary movement during paddling, as any rocking or side-to-side motion can hinder the boat's smooth glide. Also, when paddling, one should try to keep the paddle as close to the side of the boat as possible. **\*Reach, catch, pull, exit and recovery** are some of the points to remember. All these strokes are required to



#### 1. 'A' position

Turn your back to the water. Reach forward stretching arm and back. Place paddle at thigh of paddler in front of you. Lean body outside boat, top arm straight, top shoulder over the water.

#### 2. 'Catch' and drive

Enter blade fully in water at approximately 60-degree angle. Pull and counter rotate with lower arm, shoulder and back. Drive down aggressively with top arm.

#### 3. Pull and exit

Paddler uses back muscles to pull blade parallel with boat. Exit occurs when paddle arrives at hip by lifting top arm.

#### 4. Recovery

Paddle exits water at the hip, returning to 'A' position by rotating, stretching bottom arm, shoulder and back. Additionally, paddlers should attempt to transfer their weight onto the blade.

\*Reach, catch, pull, exit and recovery



Resting under the hot sun



Coach Leong Kok giving tips to the new rowers

The benefits of dragon boating can be divided into three main categories: team-building, physical fitness and psychological health benefits. The combination of these elements weaves together to create a meaningful and thrilling Dragon Boating experience. It is a workout for the entire body and great for strengthening your abs and core! DB is hailed as the ultimate team sport because it prioritises teamwork over individual performance. A team that operates in perfect

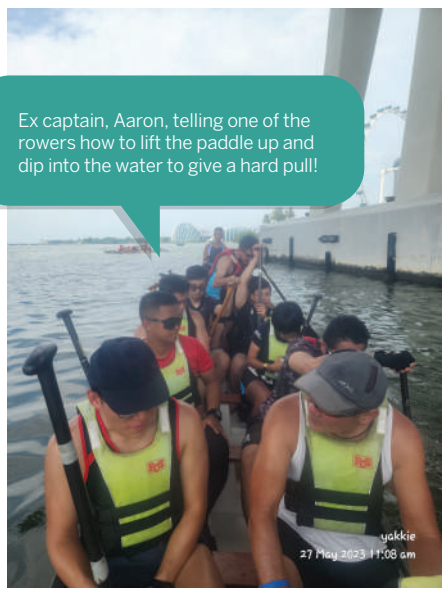
execute properly to ensure a good glide of the boat. There are just too many points to share, therefore, why not come down and have a go yourself after SDM 2023?

After 1 hour and 45 minutes, it was time to end the session. The new rowers also had a feel of how to keep the boat back to the nursery! I am glad to know that the orientation went well and

the new rowers shown interest in this sport. PCS definitely need new blood and younger rowers to form an all-men's team for the many more upcoming races in the years to come. As for 2023, the last race for this year will be Singapore Regatta Waterfest, 200M, tentatively around end November.



Ex captain, Aaron, telling one of the rowers how to lift the paddle up and dip into the water to give a hard pull!



Seasoned & new rowers as one PCS!



Manager Jia Ming holding on the boat\* to ensure it does not go out under the scorching sun!



Keeping the boat after training



Group Photo!

\*"hold the boat" is a rower's lingo, which means to put the paddle down into the water to stop the boat from drifting along with the water current





# Durian Fest



Wu Chong Wai, Roy  
T & O

The world is full of diverse and unique fruits, each with its own distinctive flavour and characteristics. Among this plethora of natural wonders, one fruit stands out both for its distinctive taste and divisive reputation – the Durian. Renowned as the "King of Fruits," durian has many devoted enthusiasts who eagerly anticipate the annual event known as **Durian Fest**.

In PCS, we believe that food has the incredible power to bring people together. Durian Fest is not only a celebration of the fruit itself but also a celebration of cultural diversity and communities who hold durian close to their hearts. Experience firsthand the camaraderie and joint appreciation for this fruit as you mingle with fellow colleagues who share your passion for culinary exploration.

It has been awhile since PCS organised an 'eat in' Durian Fest. This year, we brought in 'Mao Shan Wang' durians for employees to enjoy. The name "Mao Shan Wang" exudes a certain regal aura, suggesting its prestigious status in the world of durians. Translated as "Cat Mountain King," the name is a nod to the terrain on which this durian variety is believed to have originated. Perched on hillsides and bathed in the tropical sun, the durian trees bear fruits that command attention, both in appearance and taste.

Durian booths were set up at the Fire Engine Bay and it was an extremely FRUITFUL session as employees from various functions come together to interact since the pandemic.





# EMPLOYEE NEWS

HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS

## marriage

NAME	FUNCTION	SPOUSE
Amiruddin bin Yusoff	Olefin II	Ms Nur Athirah binte Muhamad Azmi
Jagathesh A/L Jantararas	Olefin II	Ms Marie Dashani A/P Matthews

## birth

NAME	FUNCTION	NEW BORN
Alfian bin Zolkipli	Fire & Security	Boy
Mohammad Suhardi bin Sukiman	Olefin-II	Boy
Sie Yeu Keut	Olefin-II	Boy
Sri Zulaikha bte Riduan	Quality Control	Girl
Wahedah bte Ahmad	Quality Control	Boys (Twins)

## LONG SERVICE

Award Recipients for  
Jul-Sep 2023



### 5-Year

Sufian bin Sulaiman	Fire & Security
Tan Lip Wee	Fire & Security
Toh Jin Jin Colin	Maintenance
Muhammad Sufi bin Sukiantor	Olefin-I
Tan Jia Jun	Olefin-I

### 10-Year

Noor Mohammed Azrul bin Ahmad	Fire & Security
Senthilkumar Govindaraj	Olefin-II
Wong Wei Jie Joshua	Olefin-II
Tok Ai Tee	Quality Control

### 15-Year

Lim Yan Ling Estella	Account & Finance
Ho Jia Quan	Maintenance
Tan Hong Yeung	Maintenance
Gunaseelan Sargunan	Olefin-I
Murali Balakrishnan	Olefin-I
Karthikeyan Jayaraman	Olefin-II
Vignesh Adayapalam Chandrasekaran	Olefin-II
Foo Suan Kim	Technology & Optimization

### 25-Year

Lean Chin Hee	Quality Control
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### 35-Year

Tang Li Noi Lilian	Health, Safety & Environment
Chew Hung Boon	Olefin-I
Tan Joon Boon	Olefin-I
Tang Choon Teck	Olefin-I
Tham Kuan Hoy	Olefin-I
Ho Lay Kiaw	Purchasing
Yeoh Lay Kuan Jescinda	Purchasing

### 40-Year

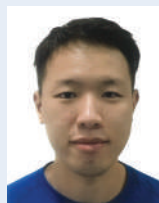
Gan Beng Chuan	Olefin-I
Han Wang Kwang	Olefin-I
Wahid bin Noordin	Olefin-II
Tan Khim Hiam	Quality Control

## NEW EMPLOYEES



### Mr Ang Rong Hua

Officer, Feedstock Procurement  
Joined - 3 July 2023  
Hobbies : Rock Climbing, Bouldering,  
Weightlifting



### Mr Mao Han Wen

Engineer, Maintenance  
Joined - 7 August 2023  
Hobbies : Reading, Badminton,  
Travelling





**Mr Koh Rui Feng**

Leading Fireman, Fire & Security  
Joined - 3 July 2023  
Hobbies : Basketball



**Mr Muhammad Shahied Bin Mazlan**

Technician, Olefin II  
Joined - 3 July 2023  
Hobbies : Fishing, Soccer, Badminton



**Mr Ahmad Salihin Bin Wahid**

Technician, Olefin II  
Joined - 3 July 2023  
Hobbies : Cycling and Hiking



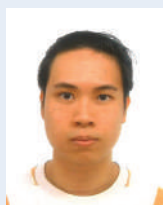
**Mr Abdul Muhaimin Bin Abdul Rashid**

Technician, Quality Control  
Joined - 3 July 2023  
Hobbies : Bodybuilding



**Mr Liu Xin**

Senior Engineer, Engineering  
Joined - 24 July 2023  
Hobbies : Badminton, Swimming,  
Soccer



**Mr Sng Wei Yang**

Officer, Marketing & Sales  
Joined - 24 July 2023  
Hobbies : Taekwondo, Judo



**Ms Ng Wei Lin**

Engineer, Technology & Optimization  
Joined - 22 August 2023  
Hobbies : Recreational Cycling



**Mr Sathaiah Thamodharan**

System Analyst, IT & Plant Services  
Joined - 22 August 2023  
Hobbies : Travelling, Music, Yoga



**Mr Viknesh s/o Murugan**

Technician, Olefin I  
Joined - 22 August 2023  
Hobbies : Soccer, Bowling and Badminton



**Mr Koh Zhi Ming**

Engineer, Technology & Optimization  
Joined - 18 September 2023  
Hobbies : Exercising



**Mr Lim Lai Xing**

Supervisor, Maintenance  
Joined - 25 September 2023  
Hobbies : Basketball, Badminton, Jogging

## Alpine Adventures and Bavarian Charm

Visiting the Bavarian Alps was part of my European honeymoon itinerary. Upon arrival at Munich Airport, we collected our luggage and hit the road with our rental car. We travelled via the best driving road on Earth, The German Autobahn! Following a spirited drive of close to 2 hours, we arrived at Bad Reichenhall and settled into our Airbnb.



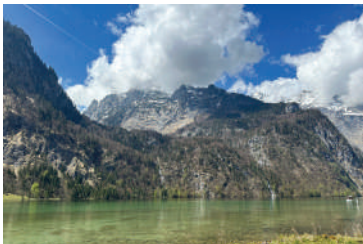
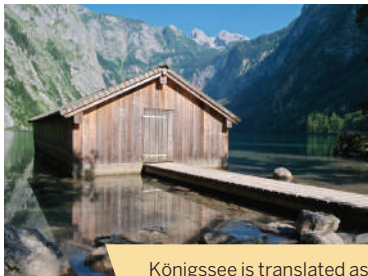
**Tng Shun Li**  
T&O

### Berchtesgaden: Königssee Lake

Our first awaited adventure was at the Königssee Lake, nestled within Berchtesgaden National Park. It is known as Germany's deepest and cleanest lake. The primary means of exploration on the lake was via the electric boat, in operation since 1909. One of the highlights of the boat ride was marvelling at the sheer rock wall of Mount Watzmann, which runs along the lake and known for its acoustic properties. The boat came to a stop, and the guide asked everyone to remain silent for a few seconds, allowing us to truly experience the lake's serenity and tranquillity. He then played his trumpet, and the sound bounced off the rock wall, creating a



mesmerizing echo that reverberated throughout the lake. It was an incredibly surreal and unique experience! We disembarked at the first stop, St. Bartholomä, to indulge in local Bavarian food and visit St. Bartholomew's Church. Continuing our journey, we reached the second stop at Salet and took a short hike to visit Obersee Lake's famous photo-taking spot, set against the backdrop of a picturesque boat hut.



Königssee is translated as King's Lake where König means King and See means lake in English. This spectacular lake was formed by glaciers during the last ice age!

**FUN FACT!**



## Oberammergau: Alpine Coaster



The day began with gloomy and rainy weather, but that didn't dampen our mood to venture into the thrilling activities that we had planned for the day. We took a scenic drive from Bad Reichenhall to Oberammergau for one sole purpose - to conquer the Alpine Coaster! After purchasing our ride ticket, we boarded the chair lift from the base of the ticketing station, ascending to the Kolbensattel hut. Strapping ourselves securely into our Toboggan, we zoomed down the track. This is not an activity for the faint-hearted! Due to the rainy weather, we continued our exploration of Oberammergau in the comfort of our car.

**FUN FACT!**

Kolbensattel Alpine Coaster holds the title of the world's longest weatherproof toboggan run. Beginning at an elevation of 1,258 meters on the Kolbensattel hut, it whisks you down the foothills of the German Alps, boasting 73 thrilling curves and reaching an exhilarating top speed of 40 km/h!

Chair lift to top Kolbensattel hut and a photo of Toboggan  
(no photos of coaster ride as both of our hands must be controlling the toboggan for safety reason!!)

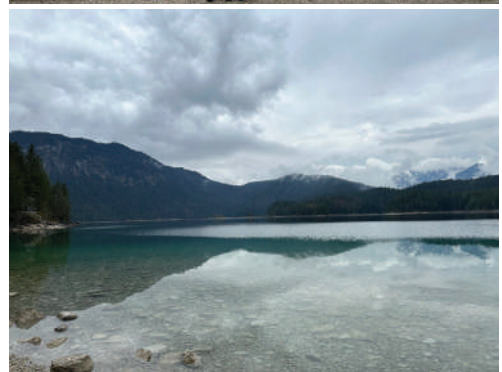
## Garmisch-Partenkirchen: Lake Eibsee

Right at the base of the Zugspitze (highest mountain in Germany), lies a breath-taking lake that stands out as one of the most captivating gems in the Bavarian Alps, Lake Eibsee. The turquoise blue crystal clear waters of the Eibsee Lake mirror the peaks of the alpine, creating a mesmerizing spectacle. Surrounded by pine tree forests and seemingly boundless nature, the lake's allure is further enhanced by its enchanting mountain vistas. Its location is akin to a scene straight out of a fairy tale, adding to the magical charm of this stunning destination. Hiking around the Eibsee loop trail is a bucket list item when visiting the Bavarian.

**FUN FACT!**

Nearly 4,000 years ago, a massive landslide originating from the northern side of the Zugspitze Mountain gave birth to the lake. The resulting collapses formed numerous crater lakes, among which the Eibsee stands out as the deepest and largest.

Having soaked up in the immersed tranquillity and picturesque beauty of the Bavarian Alps, our honeymoon adventure continues to the lively cities of Munich, Venice, Milan, and Paris, where we indulged in the vibrant atmospheres and captivating experiences each destination had to offer.



Turquoise blue crystal water reflecting the Zugspitze