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Tall Ship Adventures and ITE Extend Partnership to Boost Career and Internship Opportunities for Students

Tall Ship Adventures Pte. Ltd. (TSA), owner operator of the renowned Royal Albatross – Asia’s only luxury tall ship – and the Institute of Technical Education (ITE) have officially entered into a fourth Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for another three years. This renewal, marking a decade-long partnership that began in 2015, aims to further enhance career and internship placement for ITE students. The signing ceremony was witnessed by the Guest-of-Honour, Mr Shawn Huang, Senior Parliamentary Secretary for Education.

Under the MOU, valued at close to \$250,000, TSA will provide 16 scholarships annually to ITE students enrolled in the *Higher Nitec* in Passenger Services course. These scholarships will cover training fees and allowance, enabling students to attain the Royal Albatross Passenger Handling Certificate and the Workforce Skills Qualification (WSQ) Food Safety certification. Additionally, TSA will offer industry attachment opportunities to ITE students and staff, equipping students with essential skills in crewing, passenger handling and safety during internships, and staff with up-to-date industry insights.

TSA, based in Singapore and operating from Resorts World Sentosa, has also unveiled an ambitious expansion plan set for July 2024. The new offerings include:

- **Southern Albatross:** A 50-seater twin-hull fast boat providing an affordable, fast 60-minute ride for tourists to cruise along the Sentosa coast, and around the Southern Islands.
- **Pavilion by the Sea:** A 29,030 square feet Balinese-style venue overlooking the water, designed to host corporate and special events for up to 200 guests. The venue will offer team-bonding activities, customised catering, and barbecues.

- **Enhanced Royal Albatross Experience:** During the day, the Royal Albatross will transform into a dockside bar and restaurant before setting sail for its scheduled dine-and-sail programmes.

These enhancements aim to create new job and internship opportunities for locals and ITE students, further strengthening the collaboration between ITE and TSA.

Ms Low Khah Gek, CEO of ITE, remarked, "Our partnership with Tall Ship Adventures empowers our students to build their careers in the tourism sector. By bringing the classroom to the decks of the Royal Albatross, we provide students with the opportunity to learn through practical experience, helping them to foster a deeper understanding of industry standards and cultivate the necessary skill sets to thrive in this dynamic environment."

"With the government's guidelines to create more job opportunities for Singaporeans, we believe that these new offerings and developments will not only enhance our presence in the tourism market but also provide more employment opportunities for Singaporeans seeking work," said Mr Peter Pela, CEO of TSA. "We understand the critical role SMEs play in empowering our students to enter the workforce. I have always believed that while education is essential, it is the soft skills and work experience that truly make a difference in the service industry."

Since the first MOU in January 2015, the partnership has successfully engaged over 120 ITE students in the Passenger Services course, providing them with invaluable hands-on experience. TSA remains committed to attracting talented students to contribute to its growth. A notable success story is Ms Priscilla Pang, an ITE alumna from the *Higher Nitec* in Passenger Services at ITE College Central, and recent TSA hire. Priscilla, now a Reservations Executive, has advanced through the ranks, leveraging the skills and knowledge gained during her internship to make significant contributions to the TSA's reservations team. Her success underscores the importance of hands-on learning and the opportunities available to dedicated students.

"I wish to thank the management team of Royal Albatross, especially Mr Antony Isaac for mentoring me during my internship. The internship has exposed me to real-world challenges when it comes to handling customers. It also helped me comprehend how dynamic the tourism sector can be. It is a truly invaluable experience," said Priscilla Pang.

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About Tall Ship Adventures

Founded in 2008, Tall Ship Adventures Pte Ltd is a Singapore-based company dedicated to delivering world-class experiences with it's by the Sea offerings in Sentosa.

About Royal Albatross

Tall Ship Adventures Pte Ltd is a Singapore-based company, dedicated to delivering a world-class experience on-board Asia's only luxury Tall Ship, the Royal Albatross. The Royal Albatross has established itself as a unique and premium attraction for local and international visitors, as well as a first-class venue to host private and corporate events.

The Royal Albatross has won multiple prestigious Singapore and global awards that celebrate the exceptional sailing and dining experiences it curates. The top awards include:

3 Consecutive Years - Best Luxury Experience in Singapore - Luxury Lifestyle Awards
2023 – Finalist for Outstanding Venue Experience - Singapore Tourism Board
2023 – Finalist for Outstanding Business Innovation - Singapore Tourism Board
2022 – Winner of Outstanding Attraction Experience - Singapore Tourism Board
2022 - Best of the Best – Ranked by Trip Advisor (Top 1% of global attractions)
2022 – Global winner of Dinner Cruise & Yacht Charter Company of the Year –
World Travel Awards

The Royal Albatross is berthed adjacent to the S.E.A. Aquarium at Resorts World Sentosa (RWS), adding a diversity of offerings to RWS's other familiar world-class attractions including Universal Studios Singapore, Dolphin Island, Adventure Cove Waterpark, Resorts World Convention Centre and Casino.

For more information on the Royal Albatross, visit www.tallship.com.sg

About Southern Albatross

Embark on the Southern Albatross, an exhilarating 50-seater fast-craft that allows you to cruise along the Southern Islands in 60 minutes. Feel the exhilaration as you skim through the waters, uncovering

hidden sights as you sail along Sentosa Island, St John's Island, Lazarus Island, Seringat Island, Kusu Island, Sisters' Island, and Tekukor Island.

Immersing yourself in nature's beauty, marvelling at Singapore's coastal grandeur. Experience tranquility and adventure of the southern islands, each offering a unique slice of paradise, waiting for your discovery. From sandy beaches to lush foliage, the Southern Albatross Experience promises an unforgettable escape into Singapore's hidden wonders.

For more information on the Southern Albatross visit www.islands.sg

About Pavilion by the Sea

A land-based 4,000 square feet venue with Balinese vibes perfect for hosting your next special event. Pavilion by the Sea is located right next to the Royal Albatross Home Berth and is an integral expansion to Royal Albatross existing offerings by allowing for higher capacity groups of up to 200 guests to have a venue to entertain and socialize while enjoying the fresh breezes of the sea.

Visit www.tallship.com.sg for more information.

About ITE

The Institute of Technical Education (ITE) was established as a post-secondary institution in 1992, under the Ministry of Education. ITE is a principal provider of career and technical education and a key developer of national skills certification and standards skilling Singapore for the future economy. It offers three key programmes - (1) Pre-Employment Training for youths after secondary education (2) Continuing Education and Training for adult learners and (3) Workplace Learning and Work-Study Programmes with employers. Under its 'One ITE System, Three Colleges' Governance Model, ITE has three Colleges - ITE College Central, ITE College East and ITE College West. For more information, please visit our website at <https://www.ite.edu.sg>