

# SIM GE's global campus life is a perfect blend for developing life skills

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## Opportunities For ALL-ROUNDED EXCELLENCE

While finding the perfect balance between academics and co-curricular activities is not an easy feat for most, SIM Global Education (SIM GE) paves the way for its students with a wide array of student clubs and academic programmes to choose from. With more than 70 student clubs ranging from sports, arts and culture to business and altruistic pursuits, the door is open for every student to get involved in something that piques their interest. "Our student life framework includes career development, global learning, leadership and development, scholarship, student clubs and internships. These add to a vibrant campus life, driven not just by academia but also by extra-curricular interests like arts, sports and culture," says Dr Lee Kwok Cheong, chief executive officer of SIM GE.

More than merely adding colour to campus life, it is the institute's emphasis on a well-rounded and holistic learning experience that helps students make the most of their education and equips them with a global edge. "We want each student to know how he or she can contribute and

make a difference in a globalised world," adds Dr Lee.

Students are offered various avenues to develop their skills and shine in their non-academic pursuits. Friendly competition through platforms like the Singapore University Games (SUniG) and Institute-Varsity-Polytechnic (IVP) Games — where SIM GE students picked up a haul of gold medals in basketball, volleyball, touch football and swimming last year, is always beneficial to the holistic development of a global student. SIM Student Development also provides ample opportunities for students to take on leadership positions to contribute and give back while nurturing their own management styles and self-awareness.

### Strumming To Success

SIM GE scholar and Bachelor of Business (Marketing), RMIT University graduate Kee Wei Kai, 24, takes both his academic and music pursuits seriously. Despite his rigorous academic curriculum, Wei Kai found balance and support in pursuing his other passion — playing the guitar, with his fellow schoolmates. When Wei Kai took over the reigns of the SIM Guitar Club in late 2013, it had only seven members at the time. However, he rose to the challenge and led the team to grow to a 70-strong club in less than a year. "More than a numbers game, growing a club requires time invested in building relationships and forging bonds within the club," explains Wei Kai.

During his term as the Guitar Club's president, he also spearheaded the 'Fusion



Kee Wei Kai

Ensemble' with the vision to unite the music scene in SIM to give more students the chance to showcase their musical skills in genres ranging from classical, symphonic band to ethnic instruments and styles. Says Wei Kai: "Having to work with people with vastly different musical backgrounds, commitment levels and musical expertise was a challenge in management skills for the leadership committee. We learnt that there is no single formula for excellence but we need to constantly adapt and learn, with the aim to bring out the best potential in each member."

### Setting Sights On The Goal

For second-year student Leow Sue Yee who is doing her Bachelor of Arts (Communication) degree at the University at Buffalo, The State University of New York, SIM GE's flexible academic schedule and vibrant campus life have enabled her to pursue her studies and her love for touch football with equal vigour. As the co-captain



Leow Sue Yee, first from left (standing)

of the SIM Touch Football team and previously a member of the National Youth Touch Football team, Sue Yee is no stranger to having to balance both schoolwork and a rigorous training schedule. She credits her supportive lecturers and holistic campus culture for the opportunity to hone her leadership and time management skills, and instilling in her a fierce self-discipline to succeed in her goals.

"I love how students from so many different schools of study can come together in SIM to work and play," says Sue Yee, who also currently plays for an external touch football club. "I feel that my various

leadership roles and the fact that I am able to cope with a range of different responsibilities in different contexts gives me the global edge."

For both Wei Kai and Sue Yee, their time at SIM GE is a valuable opportunity to acquire the experience and life skills that will give them the global edge as they step into the workforce. As Sue Yee says, "I don't want to simply graduate. I want to give it my all. Both in touch football, which I really enjoy, and in my studies. I want to excel in both aspects and SIM GE gives me a wonderful platform to achieve the perfect balance." ▲

SIM GE offers over 70 clubs and student councils covering sports, arts and culture, international student communities, and special interests groups.



#### Arts and Culture

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String Ensemble  
and more...



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