

# N E W S F L A S H UNION OF TELECOMS EMPLOYEES OF SINGAPORE

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## **FEEDBACK AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

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#### **May Day Awards**





May Day Awards Ceremony held on 28 April 2013 at Orchid Country Club, Grand Ballroom.

Mr Joshua Benjamin was awarded Comrade of Labour in this year's May Day Awards. He is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Treasurer in UTES and Branch Secretary in NCS Communications Engineering Branch. In recognition of his contribution to UTES, we are proud that he has received this prestigious award.

SingPost was awarded the Plaque of Commendation. SingPost has always worked closely with UTES to look after the welfare of workers. For example, the re-employment policy was put in place in August 2011, ahead of the statutory change in January 2012.

## May Day Model Partnership Awards 2013

Congratulations to Singapore Post Limited for winning an award for May Day Model Partnership Awards (Institutional Category). Both Singapore Post Limited and its partners, General Secretary of UTES, Mr Thuvinder SIngh and Chairman of SingPost Branch, Mr Rahmad Bin Chik, who have contributed to the achievements had received awards.





May Day Model Partnership Awards Ceremony on 18 May 2013 at the Compass Ballroom, Resorts World Convention Centre, Sentosa

## **U** Sports



#### From left:

Ms Diana Chia
(President, U Sports Committee)
Mr Mohd Emran Bin Hamid
(Secretary, YUTES)
Mr Mohd Khairil
(Committee member, YUTES)
Mr Roger Tan
(President, UTES)
Mr Mohd Basir
(Executive Councilor, UTES)
Mr Fairus Bin Ahmad
(Committee Member, YUTES)
Ms Ngo Hui Tin
(Executive Councilor, UTES)

UTES came in 7<sup>th</sup> in U Games 2012/13 and was awarded \$500 worth of Downtown East Vouchers.

The event was held on 17 May 2013 at Downtown East D'Marquee Tent. The center stage of this event was uniquely conceptualized against a football field with a goal post. The 'spectators' were given whistle to merry the event. President Diana Chia had also graced this event with a penalty football kick to mark as an opening ceremony.

### SingPost Unveils Gift To The Nation at Annual Iftar Event

SingPost held its annual breaking fast event in appreciation of its Malay colleagues for their continued dedication during the fasting month of Ramadan on 29 July 2013. A special festive bonus was given to outdoor delivery staff and frontline operations staff. UTES was invited to participate in this special event.

The ceremony was officiated by Dr Yaacob Ibrahim, Minister for Communications and Information. SingPost had also unveiled a gift to Singapore to celebrate National Day 2013. It is a collage of stamps built around the National Day 2013 theme - "Many Stories, One Singapore".



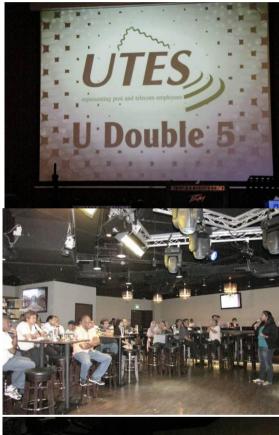


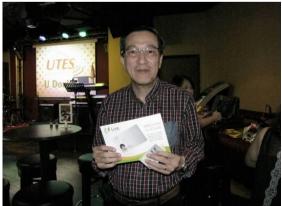
Iftar Event held on 29 July 2013 at SPC Theatrette

#### Launch of UTES U Live Club

UTES has launched its very own U Live Club – U Double 5. UTES is thankful to our retired members and has organized this special event to convey our appreciation for their loyalty and support. NTUC U Live Club, NTUC Membership department and UTES Membership department were present to provide more information to our members on that day.

This session provided a platform for members to understand U Live's objective to engage all senior workers as well as retirees, aged 55 years and above, in the areas of Work, Live and Play.







## **UTES - U Care Fund Bursary Awards 2013**

The UTES – U Care Fund Bursary Awards Presentation was held on 7 September 2013 at Kallang Theatre. The guest-of-honour was Dr Wolfgang Baier, Group CEO of SingPost.

UTES Bursary Awards has been running for its 28<sup>th</sup> year since it started in 1985. Through the awards, hundreds of our members' children have benefited every year. UTES, together with SingPost and SingTel had continue to administer the bursary awards through a joint application and selection process in 2013. This would be the eleventh year that the bursary awards are jointly organised with SingTel and a tenth year with SingPost. UTES will tap on U Care Education Co-Funding Scheme for this year's Bursary Awards.

For the year 2013, there were 386 successful awardees and the total award value was \$145,300.





UTES - U Care Fund Bursary Awards Ceremony held on 7 September 2013 at Kallang Theatre

# **Upcoming Events Calendar 2013**

Month	Event		
30 September 2013 – 31 March 2013	UTES Annual Souvenir Distribution 2013		

### **UTES Annual Souvenir Distribution Exercise 2013**

UTES will commence its Annual Souvenir Distribution Exercise for 2013 from 30 September 2013. Members who have successful GIRO deduction of membership subscription as at 31 July 2013 will be eligible to collect the Annual Souvenir for 2013. Letters have been sent out to inform eligible members of collection dates and venues.

The Exercise will be conducted from the period of 30 September 2013 to 31 March 2014.

UTES HQ staff will be visiting major working locations as listed in the distribution schedule below to facilitate collection. Kindly collect your souvenirs at the most convenient location.

S\N	DISTRIBUTION CENTRE / LOCATION	DATE	TIME	ADDRESS
1	COMCENTRE PODIUM LIFT LOBBY	30/09/2013	9 AM TO 4.30 PM	31 EXETER ROAD SINGAPORE 239732
2	SINGAPORE POST CENTRE (SPC) (BEHIND GONGCHA)	01/10/13	9 AM TO 4.30 PM	10 EUNOS ROAD 8 SINGAPORE 408600
3	1 SERANGOON NORTH AVE 5 (FORMER TEPL) LIFT LOBBY	02/10/13	9 AM TO 4.30 PM	1 SERANGOON NORTH AVE 5 SINGAPORE 554915
4	NCS HUB BLK A, LEVEL 1 (BISTRO ENTRANCE)	03/10/13	11 AM TO 4.30 PM	5 ANG MO KIO STREET 62 SINGAPORE 569141
5	PASIR RIS EXCHANGE / THIRD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM	04/10/13	8.30 AM TO 10.30 AM	5 PASIR RIS STREET 51 SINGAPORE 518902

6	SINGTEL LEARNING CENTRE 3RD STOREY TRAINING ROOM	04/10/13	1 PM to 3 PM	8 GEORGE STREET #02-04 SINGAPORE 049144
7	JURONG EAST EXCHANGE 3RD STOREY CONFERENCE ROOM	07/10/13	9 AM TO 11 AM	31 JURONG EAST AVE 1 SINGAPORE 609733
8	COMCENTRE PODIUM LIFT LOBBY	08/10/13	12.30 PM TO 5.00 PM	31 EXETER ROAD SINGAPORE 239732
9	KATONG EXCHANGE (GROUND FLOOR)	09/10/13	8.30 AM TO 10.30 AM	375 TANJONG KATONG ROAD SINGAPORE 437132 *
10	SINGAPORE POST CENTRE (SPC) (BEHIND GONGCHA)	09/10/13	12.30 PM TO 5.00 PM	10 EUNOS ROAD 8 SINGAPORE 408600
11	TELEPARK LEVEL 1 , NORTH WING , CONFERENCE ROOM WAITING AREA	10/10/13	10.30 AM TO 1.30 PM	5 TAMPINES CENTRAL SINGAPORE 529482
12	QUANTIUM SOLUTIONS BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM	10/10/13	3.30 PM TO 5 PM	29 TAMPINES ST 92 SINGAPORE 528879
13	TELEPHONE HOUSE COMPLEX III LIFT LOBBY	11/10/13	9AM TO 4 PM	15 HILL STREET TELEPHONE HOUSE COMPLEX III GROUND FLOOR SINGAPORE 179352
14	UTES HQ	16/10/2013 - 31/03/2014	9 AM TO 5.30 PM	15 HILL STREET TELEPHONE HOUSE COMPLEX III 3RD STOREY SINGAPORE 179352

<sup>\*</sup> Please take note that there is a change of address for KATONG EXCHANGE. Kindly ignore address printed on distribution schedule hardcopy.

#### **Important**

- 1. Kindly produce the **original copy** of the souvenir letter for collection.
- 2. In the absence of the original letter, please produce your NRIC / Union Membership Card or Staff Pass for bar code scanning to facilitate efficient collection, together with the declaration form available at collection centres.
- 3. If you have not received the original collection letter or did not bring down the original letter on the day of collection, please approach our HQ Staff or Branch officials present at the centres for assistance. Declaration forms will be made available at Centres to cater to your collection needs.
- 4. If you wish to send a representative to collect the souvenir, please remind the representative to bring along the original letter authorized by yourself with a copy of his / her **NRIC** or **Photo ID**.
- 5. In the absence of original letter, please provide copies of both your NRIC and Proxy's NRIC to facilitate collection. Proxy will have to fill up a declaration form at Collection Centre.
- Kindly take note that there will be no souvenir issuance at the UTES HQ office from 30 September 2013 to 15 October 2013. Issuance will begin in UTES HQ Office from 16<sup>th</sup> October 2013.
- 7. UTES HQ office will be closed on 14th October 2013 for a staff seminar.
- 8. Bulk collection can be arranged for Exchanges and Bases which are out of the way from the distribution centres and have more than 20 members collecting souvenirs. Bulk Collections forms will be faxed to the exchanges and delivery bases a week prior to the start of the souvenir distribution. You may also contact our membership Department at 63371122 to request for the forms. Bulk Collection deliveries will begin from 28 October 2013.
- Outstanding arrears payment can be made at the collection centres or UTES HQ before collection of souvenir. Kindly take note that all payments must be made in cash.
- 10. For members under GIRO 2 (1-3 Month arrears ) if your arrears has been cleared through Interbank GIRO deductions, please ignore the notification and proceed with collection of souvenir.

- 11. To enquire on eligibility for 2013 souvenir, in the event of non receipt of letter or other enquiries related to the Souvenir Distribution Exercise, please call or email our membership department at the 63371122 or email to <a href="mailto:membership@utes.org.sg">membership@utes.org.sg</a>.
- 12. Collection for 2013 Souvenir will cease on **31 March 2014.** Kindly collect your souvenirs before the said date.

# **UTES Benefits Summary**

Type of Membership Benefit	1st Quarter 2013	2nd Quarter 2013
Benevolent Grant	\$1, 900.00	\$1, 800.00
Get Well Hamper	\$1, 920.00	\$3, 080.00
Hospitalisation Reimbursement	\$7, 605.00	\$10, 320.00
Medical Assistance Scheme	\$4, 700.00	\$9,000.00
NTUC Gift	\$27, 500.00	\$14, 500.00
SLF Hardship Grant	\$5, 000.00	\$4,000.00
Total	\$48, 625.00	\$42, 700.00

# **Correction: UTES Union-Management Bowling 2013**

In the previous issue, there was a mix up in the name for the Champions (Men). Below are the correct ones. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

# Series Champions



Series Champion (Men's): Cody Ng (SingPost)

# **Games Champions**



Games Champion (Men's): Jay Thng (Quantium Solutions)

#### **UTES PERKS & PROMOTIONS**



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Enjoy 2 FREE entry tickets (for each night's stay) at Wild Wild Wet. Wild Wild Wet is closed on Tuesdays.

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