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IF CAMERA PHONES EXISTED IN THE 16TH CENTURY

Credits: Spud Comics (<http://spudcomics.com/2013/10/17/selfie-lisa/>)

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Recruiting PMEs



From left to right: UTES General Secretary Thuvinder Singh, NCSCE Branch Chairman and Executive Councillor Henry Wong, NCSCE Branch Treasurer and Executive Councillor K Naga Lechimi and Associate Director and Industrial Relations & Operations Manager Caren Ng.
(Photo Credits: NTUC MED ORC)

UTES was featured in NTUC's Membership Organising Resource Centre (MED ORC) February Newsletter for its effort in recruiting Professionals, Managers and Executives (PMEs) into the union under its NCS Branch.

With a close relation with the company's Human Resource team, UTES achieved over 200 signups on their recruitment drive at NCS Hub on 4 December 2014. It was held in conjunction with the Annual Membership Souvenir Distribution Exercise. Some PMEs in NCS are stationed at various clients' offices across Singapore, hence, UTES will be exploring new ways to reach them. Read the article by NTUC Membership Organising Resource Centre (MED ORC) in the [February 2015 issue](#).

Chinese New Year Night & Retirement Awards 2015



“A good life is a collection of good memories.” Denis Waitley

On 6th March 2015, Friday, UTES held the Chinese New Year Nite 2015 event for union members at Qianxi Restaurant’s Diamond Ballroom at Civil Service Club, Tessensohn Road. The event was organised in conjunction with the ongoing Chinese New Year celebrations ushering in the Year of the Goat.

The event was received with much enthusiasm from our members. The heavily subsidised tickets, at only \$28.00 per member priced ticket, were lauded to be value for money by many of our guests and was sold out within a short period of time. Over 400 guests including members and their families, invited guests and retirement awardees joined us at the event.



Chinese New Year themed Photo Booth



God of Fortune distributing sweets

Guests received traditional door gifts of oranges and a chance at a lucky dip that won them several exciting goodies. As part of our pre-dinner activities, a photo booth with a Chinese New Year Theme was also arranged for our members to have fun and take home memorabilia of the night's celebrations.



A Chinese New Year event is not complete without Yu Sheng, which symbolizes good luck





Lion Dance Performance

The event kicked off with an energetic lion dance performance as we welcomed the Guest of Honour, Mr. Tay Yeow Lian, Managing Director, Networks, Singtel. The God of Fortune also made an appearance causing a fervor amongst the guests. Amidst enthusiastic cheers of “Huat ah!” the celebrations for the night began.



Taiko Drum Performance by MINDS

The festivities continued with a scrumptious eight course dinner, stage games and a special performance by MINDS. Their Taiko Drum performance was received with thunderous applause from the floor.

Additionally the second session of the Union's Bi Annual Retirement Awards 2014 was held on the same day. The UTES Retirement Award is a onetime pay-out of \$150.00 to members upon reaching the age of 62. It serves to commemorate the support and contributions of our members to the union over the years of their service.



Mr Roger Tan and Mr Thuvinder presenting the UTES Retirement Award to recipients

A total of 42 Awardees graced the occasion and received their awards. UTES General Secretary, Mr. Thuvinder Singh and President Mr. Roger Tan honoured and thanked the awardees for their valuable contributions by presenting them with their awards on stage.



Mr Tay and Mr Thuvinder giving away prizes to the lucky draw winners

We rounded up the night with Lucky draws. 30 lucky winners walked away with exciting prizes. As our guests left, it was heartening to hear that they had enjoyed themselves and were looking forward to more of such events in the near future.



Mr Heng Chee How gracing the event & members enjoying the night



Loud cheers as our Guest of Honour Mr Tay, Mr Heng, Mr Thuvinder & UTES Councillors made their rounds for a toast



UTES 1st VP Mr Rahmad Chik (top right) giving thumbs up with our members who definitely had a great time!

For more photos taken on the event day, head over to our website!

Family Recreation & Fun Carnival 2015



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The yearly event is back. The Carnivals will be held at Downtown East on 5 different dates, with free shuttle services from designated pick up points on various dates. (Please refer to application form for preferred Shuttle service location and dates) Applications are open from 16th February 2015.

The applications for carnival dates for May/June/July 15 run are now closed. For all other Carnival dates; kindly ensure applications are submitted to union by 10 September 2015.

NOTE: FOR ALL SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS OF BACK TO SCHOOL 2014, FRF 2015 IS PRE-APPROVED. A SEPARATE LETTER AND APPLICATION FORM WILL BE SEND TO YOU BY MAIL.

Criteria:

- Combined Total Gross Household income of \$4000 and below OR
- Per Capita Income of \$1000 and below
- Member must not be in arrears of membership dues

The application form and fact sheet is attached for your reference. All applications must be submitted with the following documents:

- a photocopy of applicant's recent pay slip OR letter from Employer
- if unemployed , a copy of CPF Statement showing the last 3 months contribution history or IR8A
- signature of declaration on application

Applicants are reminded to send in documents complete with signature of declaration and supporting documents. Incomplete applications will not be approved for final submission to NTUC.

Kindly indicate a choice of 1-5 for the carnival dates for ballot purposes. All applications must reach UTES HQ before the stipulated closing dates above.

Applications can be mailed to the below address or signed copies of the applications can be faxed to 63396040*. Alternatively a signed and scanned copy of the application can be forwarded to us membership@utes.org.sg

ATTN: MEMBERSHIP DEPT
FAMILY RECREATION CARNIVAL 2015
UNION OF TELECOMS EMPLOYEE OF SINGAPORE
15 HILL STREET, TELEPHONE HOUSE COMPLEX II
3RD STOREY, S (179352)

Successful applicants will be selected by ballot conducted by NTUC. Allocation of dates is subject to ballot. Successful applicants will be notified with an entitlement letter from the Union prior to the carnival date allocated.

For further enquiries, you may contact the Membership Dept at 63371122 or email to membership@utes.org.sg. Visit our website at www.utes.org.sg for the application form.

UTES Benefits Summary

<u>Type of Membership Benefit</u>	<u>4th Quarter 2014 (\$)</u>
Benevolent Grant	2,000.00
Get Well Hamper	2,480.00
Hospitalisation Reimbursement	11,820.00
Medical Assistance Scheme	3,600.00
NTUC Gift	5,500.00
SLF Hardship Grant	8,000.00
Total	33,400.00

UTES PERKS & PROMOTIONS

NOTICE:

UTES Chalet at Downtown East will be temporarily unavailable for bookings from 1 April 2015 till further notice due to upgrading works.

Do lookout for our updates in email broadcasts & our website on the new exciting Chalet Rates with a brand new look!

NTUC U Family Ultimate Play 2015



ULTIMATE PLAY FAMILY CHALLENGE IS BACK!




If you are game for adrenaline-pumping challenges, gear up to push your speed, agility and teamwork to a whole new level as a family!

Programme Highlights*:

- High Energy Body Jam Workout
- 6 Ultimate Obstacle Courses
- 6 Ultimate Telematch Stations
- NERF War Game
- Trophies and attractive prizes worth over \$1,700 to be won!
 - Top 3 winners in Ultimate Obstacle Courses
 - Top 3 winners in Ultimate Telematch Stations
- Complete both the Ultimate Obstacle Courses and Telematch Stations to receive a Finisher Pack

* T&C apply

Date, Time & Venue

	13 June 2015, Sat
	2.30pm - 6.30pm
	Grand Lawn @ West Coast Park

Challenge Fees

(Per family team of 5)

NTUC Member	Public
\$20	\$40

FREE shuttle bus transport available

REGISTER NOW!



Alive Museum Singapore (NTUC Promotion)

Offer Date: 1 January - 30 June 2015

Merchant Name: Alive Museum Singapore

Merchant Address: 3 Temasek Boulevard 03-372
Suntec City Mall, Towers 3/4 Singapore 038983

Merchant Website: <http://www.alivemuseum.sg>

50% OFF Second Ticket (Adult-\$25/ Child - \$20)
when you purchase One Full-Priced Adult
Ticket (\$25)



Terms & Conditions

- Valid from 1 Jan to 30 June 2015
- Valid for up to a total of 4 tickets per NTUC Card presented at Alive Museum Ticketing Counter

Other Terms and Conditions apply.

Tigerair (NTUC Promotion)

Offer Date: Valid till 30 Jun 2016

- FREE Board-me-first
- \$5 OFF Check-in luggage per passenger

For bookings,
visit www.tigerair.com/promo/ntuc

Prices stated on luggage selection indicates
the discounted price



Terms and conditions apply:

- Valid till 30 Jun 2016
- NTUC Members have to key in NRIC for verification.
- Benefits are exclusive to ntuc members via online booking via www.tigerair.com/promo/ntuc only
- Board-me-first seats (Priority Boarding) are limited and subject to availability
- Benefits are only applicable for Tigerair Singapore (TR) operated flights