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Take a refresher and enjoy the following comic strips!



"I'll take a submarine sandwich."

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UTES Branch Quadrennial General Meeting (BQGM)

During the month of May to June 2014, BQGM was held for the term of office 2014/2018. All branches were relinquished in March/April and reformed at the end of the BQGM with the elected branch officials. It is good to see there are some new faces seen in some of the branches.

The BQGM were held at the respective branches' workplace locations. Members came in support of the union and at the same time interacted with branch officials.

Enjoy the pictures below taken during BQGM and of the newly elected branch officials of respective branches. Say "Hi!" when you see them in the office!

Administrative Branch BQGM held at ComCentre



Administrative Branch Officials for term 2014/2018

*From left to right: (back row) Alice Sin, Loh Hwee Hiang, Christine Ong.
(front row) Siti Rohani, Haida Nasir, Nurulain Binte Isa, Roger Tan, Fairus Bin Ahmad, Jessie Yew,
Jamalia Binte Mohamed, Maarof Bin Hasberi and Nurfazzylah Binte Ja'afar*

Customer Service Branch BQGM held at TEPL



Customer Service Branch Officials for term 2014/2018

*From left to right: Parveen d/o Kamaludheen, Kamariah Binte Md Zin, Thuvinder Singh, Ong Lian Keong, Jennifer Tan, Nurhafizah Binte Ibrahim, Priyalata Pillay.
Not in picture: Gulcharan Kaur*

Engineering Officers' Branch BQGM held at ComCentre





Engineering Officers' Branch Officials for term 2014/2018

From left to right: Leong Sai Chow, Abdul Wahab, Simon Ng, Toh Hong Cheong, Tan Ah Huat, Rohani Binte Mohamad and Mohamed Latiff

NCS Communications Engineering Branch BQGM held at Changi Airport Recreation Club



NCS Communications Engineering Branch Officials for term 2014/2018

*From left to right: (back row) Joshua Benjamin, Rengan Manivasan, Suppiah Manoharan, Henry Wong, Pereira Stanlas.
(front row): K Naga Lechimi*

Radiance Communications Branch BQGM held at TEPL



Radiance Branch Officials for term 2014/2018

From left to right: Desmond Yong, Koh Seng Lam, James Lim and Aziz Bin Jabal

Technical Officers' Branch BQGM held at ComCentre





Technical Officers' Branch Officials for term 2014/2018

From left to right: (back row) Goh Boon Lye, Hiu Hon Voon, Ho Thiam Kiat, Chong Shu Hian, Ngo Hui Tin, Ho Hui Wah Charlene, Cheong Yip Kwong William, Koh Buck Khoon Philip, Choo Chong Jak (front row) Sia Seng Hoe, Mohd Emran Bin Hamid, Lim Siow Leng, Ng Kok Yong Gerry, Woo Chee Woh, Lim Teck Huan

Singapore Post Branch BQGM held at Kallang Regional Base





Singapore Post Branch Officials for term 2014/2018

From left to right: (front row) Sazali Bin Absan, Jupri Bin Sumonor, Karsinah Binte Mansoor, Salmah Md Amin, Suriati Binte Ahmad Ali, Mohamed Basir & Tayip Bin Abdul Rahman (back row) Samion Bin Abdul Rahman, Abdul Jalil Bin Mohamed, Musabakar Bin Abdullah, Rahmad Bin Chik, Ismail Bin Rahman.

Not in picture: Hashim Bin Mohammad, Suratman Bin Paradi & Abd Raub Bin Mohamad

Sino Huawei Technologies Branch BQGM held at Pasir Ris Exchange



 Shanmugam s/o Chelliah Chairman	 Veeman Vice-Chairman	 T Ramchandra Secretary	 Jumari Bin Ali Asst-Secretary
 Sulaiman Bin Swed Treasurer	 Malarvanan Ayyah Pillai Committee Member	 Samsudin Bin Mohamed Committee Member	

Sino Huawei Technologies Branch Officials for term 2014/2018

YUTES Movie Event – Marvel’s Guardian of the Galaxy



YOUNG UTES PRESENTS

MOVIE NIGHT

GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY

02.08.2014 @ 1850HR

BUGIS+

ADMISSION FEE:
(INCLUSIVE OF NACHOS & DRINK COMBO SET)

\$9.90
MEMBER
MAX PURCHASE OF 2 TICKETS/MEMBER

\$17.50
NON-MEMBER

TERMS & CONDITIONS:
1) TICKETS PURCHASED ARE NON-REFUNDABLE OR CANCELABLE
2) SEAT ALLOCATIONS ARE BASED ON FIRST COME FIRST SERVED
3) LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE

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YUTES held a special screening of the blockbuster movie Guardians of the Galaxy on 2 August 2014, at FilmGarde Bugis+. Tickets included a nachos and drink combo meal and was made available to members at an exclusive rate of only S\$9.90.

The theater was packed as members gathered together with their family and friends to attend the movie screening. Collective laughter resounded through the theater as our participants reveled in the delightful movie.

Members were very supportive and appreciative of the Union’s effort to bring them fun activities at reasonable prices. Giving them an opportunity to relax and enjoy.

11th Quadrennial Ordinary Conference of Representatives (QCOR)



UTES Executive Councilors for Term 2014/2018

*From left to right: (front row) Parveen d/o Kamaludheen, K Naga Lechimi, Tay Yen Hua Angeline, Low Hwee Hiang, Thuvinder Singh, Tan Seng Chye, Suriati Bte Ahmad Ali, Rohani Bte Mohamad, Kamariah Bte Md Zin and Henry Wong Kok Man.
(middle row) Mohamed Basir, Shanmugam s/o Chelliah, Aziz Bin Jabal, Tan Ah Huat, T Ramachandra, Tan Lay Har, Joshua Benjamin, Karsinah Bte Mansoor and Jamalia Bte Mohamed
(back row) Christine Ong Muay Keng, Jumari Bin Ali, Rahmad Bin Chik, Mohammad Emran, Idris Bin Jaafar, Toh Hong Cheong, Ng Kok Yong Gerry, Sia Seng Hoe, Goh Boon Lye and Mohamed Latiff
Not in picture: Siti Rohani Benti Abu Basar*

We have come to an end of yet another fruitful term of office from 2010 – 2014. Following the BQGM held in the months of May – June 2014, UTES held its 11th QCOR on the 12th September 2014 at Holiday Inn, Singapore Orchard City Centre.

A new Executive Committee was formed. We congratulate our Executive Committee and wish them best of luck for this new term.

UTES Retirement Awards



“No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks”- *James Allen*

The UTES Retirement Award is a onetime pay-out of \$150.00 to members at the age of 62. It serves to commemorate the support of our members who have stood by the union through thick and thin, lending their voices and unwavering support to the union over the years of their service.

The UTES Retirement Awards is held bi annually. Qualifying members and their partners are invited for dinner during the presentation ceremony. Recipients receive their awards of \$150.00 cheques during this dinner event.

UTES Retirement Awards 2014 was held on 1st August 2014 at Diamond Ballroom, Civil Service Club (Tessensohn Road). A total of 37 awardees graced the occasion and received their awards.

The Retirement awards cheques were presented by UTES President Mr Roger Tan, 1st Vice President Mr Rahmad Bin Chik and General Secretary, Mr Thuvinder Singh. A sense of achievement and appreciation could be seen in the smiles of the recipients as they received their awards.

Besides the award presentation and dinner, UTES also arranged for an introductory presentation on the U Live Community. Brother Raveen from U Live Community, NTUC, shared with the members on exclusive benefits that U Live caters for members above the age of 55.

Additionally a recap of NTUC and UTES benefits was also presented to members to refresh and update them on the existing union benefits that they would still enjoy, after their retirement.

Branch Official Recognition Awards 2014



(Photo Credits: OTC Institute)

We are proud to congratulate two of our Executive Councilors, Mr Ho Thiam Kiat and Mr Tan Ah Huat, for receiving the Branch Official Recognition Award this year. Mr Ho is also Branch Treasurer for Technical Officers' Branch and Mr Tan is Branch Chairman for Engineering Branch.

The Awards Ceremony was held on 2 August 2014 at Downtown East, Begonia Ballroom. 71 nominated branch officials from 43 unions attended the ceremony. Guest of Honor, NTUC ASG Yeo Guat Kwang highlighted 3 things in his speech that night.

When serving, a union leader has to use the Head – to think, to plan, to strategize. A union leader also has to use the Hands – to do, to bridge, to implement.

Most importantly a union leader must use the Heart – to feel, to move, to make a difference.

(Excerpt from Address by GOH)

Following the award ceremony, awardees will embark on a learning journey to better understand union work in other countries. This annual award and learning journey, introduced in 2001, aims to recognize the branch officials for their significant contributions to the Labour Movement, also a platform that provides them to understand and learn from opportunities arising from the development in other countries. This year, the awardees get to go on an overseas learning journey to Seoul, South Korea from 21st to 24th August 2014. This is to understand how South Korea keeps up with technology and productivity growth to ensure its competitiveness.

Visit by SingPost Management

On 25th June 2014, UTES received a special visit from the management of Singapore Post. UTES Councilors welcomed Dr Wolfgang Baier, Group CEO of SingPost and Mr Raghvendra Singh, Head, Group People Operations and Development.

SingPost has been working very closely with UTES. A good labour management relationship goes a long way in strengthening the labour movement.





“Success belongs to the relentless learners. Because as you know more, you can achieve more” – Robin Sharma

UTES Benefits Summary

<u>Type of Membership Benefit</u>	<u>2nd Quarter 2014 (\$)</u>
Benevolent Grant	\$2,400
Get Well Hamper	\$2,640
Hospitalisation Reimbursement	\$13,995
Medical Assistance Scheme	\$8,300
NTUC Gift	\$24,000
SLF Hardship Grant	\$8,000
Total	\$59,335

Upcoming Events Calendar 2014

Date / Month	Event
27 September 2014	UTES Bursary Awards Ceremony
November	UTES Annual Souvenir Distribution 2014

UTES PERKS & PROMOTIONS

SEP - OCT 2014 promotions @ Downtown East.

• **Peak** *:

• **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS:**

• 6 to 14 Sep 2014

• **CHILDREN DAY & HARI RAYA HAJI**

• 3 to 6 Oct 2014

• **Only Available in Packages:**

• 4D/3N (Fri to Mon)

• 3D/2N (Fri to Sun)

• 3D/2N (Mon to Wed OR Wed to Fri)

Note: Every booking will be given
1 UTES Umbrella



<i>Package</i>	<i>Off-Peak</i>	<i>Peak</i> *
FRI – SUN (3D/2N)	\$200.00	-
FRI – MON (4D/3N)	-	\$320.00
SUN – FRI : 2D/1N	\$80.00	-
3D/2N	\$120.00	\$200.00
4D/3N	\$150.00	-
5D/4N	\$170.00	-

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Plus FREE \$10 worth of Meal Vouchers

FREE One-Day Passes

to S.E.A. Aquarium Every Wednesday for NTUC Members aged 60 years and above only

For same day usage only



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Free S.E.A. Aquarium One-Day Pass for Senior Citizens Terms & Conditions:

Valid on Wednesdays only from 3 Sep – 10 Dec 2014. Valid for redemption of same day dated S.E.A. Aquarium Senior One-Day Pass for same day usage. Cardholder must be present at point of purchase and flash the NTUC Card and NRIC/Passport. Each cardholder is entitled to redeem one dated S.E.A. Aquarium Senior One-Day Pass on Wednesday only. Promotion is not valid with any other discounts and promotions. Resorts World Sentosa reserves the right to change the terms and conditions at any time without prior notice.



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