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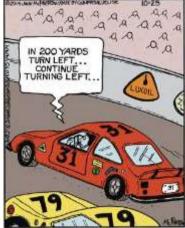
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Take a refresher and enjoy the following comic strips!





GPS for NASCAR drivers.

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#### **UTES U-Care Fund Bursary Awards 2014**



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As a union, UTES aims to provide essential benefits to our members. Since 1985, UTES has been organizing yearly Bursary Awards to aid hundreds of our members' children in their studies. Having a good education in Singapore is crucial for students to equip themselves with skills and knowledge before entering the workforce.

This year, UTES U-Care Fund Bursary Awards have given 391 awardees a total award value of \$158,300, an increase from \$145,300 last year. \$80,000 was contributed by SingPost, \$49,100 was contributed by SingTel, and the remaining by UTES and NTUC U Care Fund. UTES has also sponsored the ceremony expenses and each awardee goes home with an award winning design water bottle from XDDesign. This is the 12<sup>th</sup> year UTES has organized Bursary Awards with SingTel and 11<sup>th</sup> year with SingPost.

Children who have attained outstanding academic results for PSLE, GCE 'O' Level and GCE 'A' Level were awarded with Merit Book Prizes. The bursary awards were open to members of UTES, as well as employees in SingPost, SingTel, Quantium Solutions and NCS.

The event took place on 27 September 2014 at Genexis Theatre, Fusionopolis. The Guest-of-Honor who graced our event was Ms Aileen Tan, Group Director Human Resources, SingTel.

UTES would like to extend our heartiest congratulations to all recipients of the Bursary Awards this year. Spot your child in the photos below, if he or she was a recipient! ©



Guest of Honor Ms Aileen Tan with UTES General Secretary, Thuvinder Singh, Guests and UTES Executive Councilors





Primary School Awardees with GOH Ms Aileen Tan, Guests and Executive Councilors





Polytechnic and Merit Awardees with GOH Ms Aileen Tan, Guests and Executive Councilors



University Awardees with GOH Aileen Tan, Guests and Executive Councilors







Secondary & ITE Awardees with UTES Executive Councilors







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Secondary & ITE Awardees with UTES Executive Councilors

# **Groundbreaking Ceremony for SingPost Regional eCommerce Logistics Hub**



(Photo Credits: Channel News Asia)

On 7 November 2014, SingPost invited UTES General Secretary, Mr Thuvinder Singh and President, Mr Roger Tan, to the Groundbreaking Ceremony for SingPost Regional eCommerce Logistics Hub in Tampines LogisPark. This regional ecommerce hub will be the first of its kind in Southeast Asia, equipped with state-of-the-art technology. Housing a fully-automated parcel sorting facility on the ground floor, with two modern warehousing floors above, it will serve Southeast Asia and be the connecting point to the rest of Asia.

UTES is proud to be part of this groundbreaking event.

#### **CPWU Visit to Singapore Post Centre**

Maintaining a good bi-lateral relation is important as a trade union organization. On 20 October 2014, UTES welcomed a group of 17 delegates from Taiwan's Chunghwa Postal Workers Union (CPWU). They were brought to Singapore Post Centre at Paya Lebar. There, they were given a tour of the revamped Post Office. The delegates were impressed with the POP Station (Pick Own Parcel Station), which allows customers to pick up parcels at their own convenience anytime, any day. Relations between the two unions are strengthened during this visit.





UTES General Secretary, Thuvinder Singh with CPWU Delegates



Exchange of mementos between UTES and CPWU

#### Mr Raghvendra Singh of SingPost Visits UTES

Mr Raghvendra Singh (Head, Group People Operations & Development and Shared Services, SingPost) attended a dialogue session with Union leaders from SingPost on 20 November 2014. It was a fruitful session as the Union leaders shared on issues faced on the ground. Mr Raghvendra Singh was open to receiving feedback in improving the lives of workers in SingPost.

In the spirit of good labourmanagement relations, Mr Raghvendra Singh has signed up for UTES membership. We are delighted to have him as a member.



UTES General Secretary, Thuvinder Singh (left) and Mr Raghvendra Singh (right)



Mr Raghvendra Singh with SingPost union officials.

#### **UTES Annual Membership Souvenir Distribution Exercise 2014**



UTES will commence its Annual Souvenir Distribution Exercise for 2014 from 1 December 2014.

Members who have successful GIRO deduction of membership subscription as at 30 September 2014 will be eligible to collect the Annual Souvenir for 2014. Letters have been sent out to inform eligible members of collection dates and venues.

The Exercise will be conducted from the period of 1 December 2014 to 12 December 2014.

This year, UTES will be distributing OTO Neck Snugglers as souvenirs to our members.

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.

	DISTRIBUTION CENTRE / LOCATION	TENTATI VE DATE	DAY	TIME	ADDRESS
1	COMCENTRE PODIUM	1-Dec-14	MONDAY	10 AM TO 5.30 PM	31 EXETER ROAD, S( 239732 )
2	1 SERANGOON NORTH AVE 5 (FORMER TEPL) LIFT LOBBY	2-Dec-14	TUESDAY	10 AM TO 5.30 PM	1 SERANGOON NORTH AVE 5 , S ( 554915 )
3	SINGAPORE POST CENTRE (SPC) (LEVEL 5 OUTSIDE THEATRETTE)	3-Dec-14	WEDNESDAY	10 AM TO 5.30 PM	10 EUNOS ROAD 8, S ( 408600 )
4	NCS HUB BLK A , LEVEL 2 (OUTSIDE AUDITORIUM)	4-Dec-14	THURSDAY	11 AM TO 4.30 PM	5, ANG MO KIO STREET 62 , S ( 569141)
5	PASIR RIS EXCHANGE (3RD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM)	5-Dec-14	FRIDAY	8.30 AM TO 10.30 AM	5 PASIR RIS, STREET 51 , S ( 518902 )
6	SINGTEL LEARNING CENTRE  LEVEL 2, IDEA-HUB 1	8-Dec-14	MONDAY	12 PM to 4 PM	8 GEORGE STREET, #02-04 , S ( 049144 )
7	JURONG EAST EXCHANGE (3RD STOREY CONFERENCE ROOM)	9-Dec-14	TUESDAY	8.30 AM TO 10.30 AM	31 JURONG EAST AVE 1 , S ( 609733 )
8	COMCENTRE PODIUM	9-Dec-14	TUESDAY	1.00 PM TO 4 PM	31 EXETER ROAD, S ( 239732 )
9	KATONG EXCHANGE (GROUND FLOOR)	10-Dec- 14	WEDNESDAY	8.30 AM TO 10.30 AM	375 , TANJONG KATONG ROAD , S ( 437132 )
10	SINGAPORE POST CENTRE (SPC) (LEVEL 5 OUTSIDE THEATRETTE)	10-Dec- 14	WEDNESDAY	1 PM TO 4 PM	10 EUNOS ROAD 8, S ( 408600 )
11	TELEPHONE HOUSE COMPLEX III (LIFT LOBBY)	11-Dec- 14	THURSDAY	9 AM TO 4 PM	15 HILL STREET, TELEPHONE HOUSE COMPLEX III, GROUND FLOOR , S ( 179352 )
12	UTES HQ	12-Dec- 14	FRIDAY	9 AM TO 6 PM / 9 AM TO 5.30 PM *	15 HILL STREET, TELEPHONE HOUSE COMPLEX II, 3RD STOREY, S ( 179352)

In conjunction with UTES Annual Souvenir Distribution Exercise,

UTES is organizing a members' recruitment roadshow.

#### All new members will receive an exclusive OTO neck snuggler.

#### Refer your friends / colleagues!!!

Existing members who refer a new member to us will get a passport holder at the roadshow and \$30 cash after 6 months of successful membership.



### **UTES Benefits Summary**

Type of Membership Benefit	3rd Quarter 2014 (\$)	
Benevolent Grant	1,800	
Get Well Hamper	2,560	
Hospitalisation Reimbursement	14,265	
Medical Assistance Scheme	7,000	
NTUC Gift	43,500	
SLF Hardship Grant	5,000	
Total	74,125	

## **Upcoming Events Calendar 2014 / 2015**

Date / Month	Event
1 Dec 2014 – 31 March 2015	UTES Annual Souvenir Distribution 2014

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

# NOV – DEC 2014 promotions @ Downtown East.

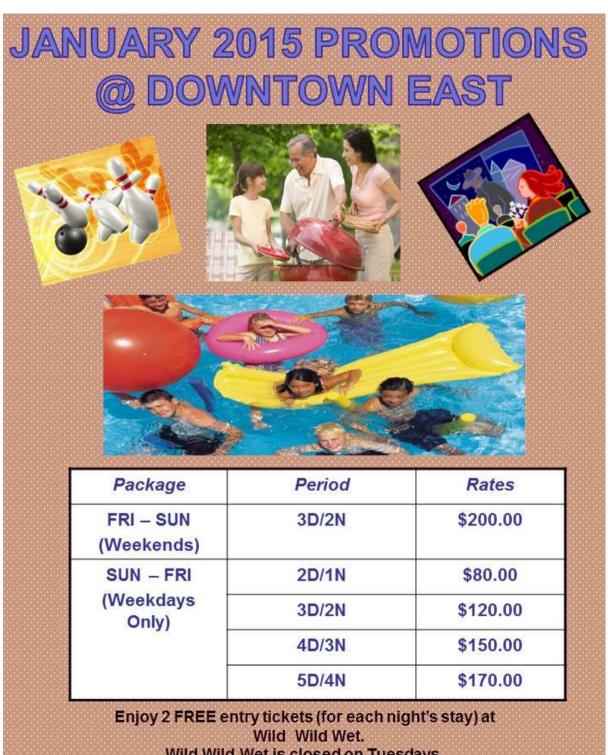


Note: Every booking will be given 1 UTES Umbrella

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

Enjoy 2 Free entry tickets (for each night's stay) at Wild Wild Wet

For chalet booking enquiries, please call UTES at 63371122 Fax 63396040 or email chalet@utes.org.sg



Wild Wild Wet is closed on Tuesdays.

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