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YUTES Batam Trip

YUTES had their first foray in organizing an overnight trip to Batam in December 2013. The trip was held from 14 December 2013 to 15 December 2013. Hotel accommodations were arranged at Planet Holidays Batam.

A group of 48 participants departed from Harbour Front Ferry Terminal for an enjoyable trip to Batam, Indonesia. Shortly after arrival the group headed out on a shopping frenzy to popular shopping areas like the Polo Shop, The First Factory Outlet, the Kuih Lapis Shop and Nagoya Hills Shopping Centre. Lunch was catered at the famous Golden Prawn 555 Live Seafood Restaurant and dinner at the famous Sari Bambu Nasi Padang Restaurant.

Members were able to enjoy a short and inexpensive holiday with family and friends. The trip also provided a platform for them to make new friends. The youth committee was applauded for their care and concern in ensuring the safety and comfort of the participants.

Many of the participants have expressed interest in attending more of such overnight trips and even longer stays in the future.



YUTES Robocop Movie Screening

On 15 February 2014, UTES members gathered at GV Plaza at Plaza Singapore for an exclusive screening of the latest blockbuster action movie, Robocop. UTES Executive Councilors and Management of Represented Companies were invited to join our members at the movie screening. The event was coordinated by the Youth Committee.

Tickets which included a popcorn, nachos and drink combo meal was priced at an attractive member price of S\$9.90 only. The event was well received by our members and invited guests.

Members were pleasantly surprised at the subsidized rates and showed their enthusiasm and support through their attendance. Positive feedback was also garnered from members who said they were looking forward to more movie screening events in the future.

Guests also remarked that it was a great platform to meet with union members and council representatives under a fun and relaxed atmosphere.



UTES Retirement Awards



“Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.”

Henry Ford

Members are the voices of the union. They were responsible for the beginning of a union. They stood by the union as it progressed over the years and they continue to work hand in hand with the union as it finds more success in becoming a better organization.

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 partner received an invitation to dinner. The cheque of \$150.00 is presented to them during this dinner event.

On 7th February 2014, our qualifying members and the union officials gathered at Bayview Hotel for the above mentioned dinner and presentation ceremony. The venue held a warm and nostalgic aura as friends and colleagues met up after years. The room was abuzz with stories and reminisces of the years past. Flashes and smiles surrounded the room as many captured their reunion on their cameras and phones.

In keeping up with the festivities of Chinese New Year, door gifts of oranges were given to our awardees and their partners. Our guests added colour to the event by dressing up in traditional wear and bright colours, keeping up with the celebratory mood.

In his address, General Secretary Mr.Thuvinder Singh expressed his heartfelt appreciation to the members for their continued support to the union.

“Some of you have been with UTES since our formation in 1982. This event is especially dedicated to all of you, in appreciation from us for your support towards the Union all these years.”

- Mr.Thuvinder Singh, General Secretary, UTES

Brother Abdullah Talib, Assistant Manager, Union Relations, NTUC gave an introductory presentation to the U Live Community that specialises in catering to members above the age of 55. Members had an opportunity to learn more about the exclusive benefits that ULive offered them.

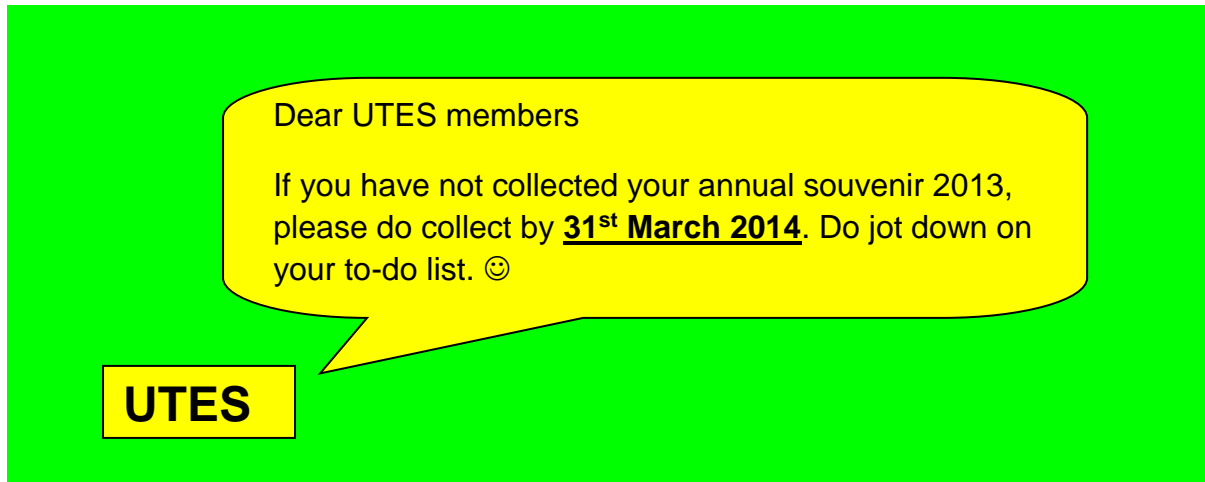
A recap of NTUC and UTES benefits was also presented to members to refresh and update them on the existing union benefits that they would still enjoy, post retirement.

The Retirement awards cheques were presented by UTES Executive Secretary, Mr.Heng Chee How and President Mr.Roger Tan. Joy and a sense of achievement could be seen in the smiles of the recipients as they received their awards.

As they left, many of our awardees expressed their appreciation to the union for remembering their efforts and also for giving them a chance to meet and reconnect with their old friends and colleagues.

UTES Benefits Summary

<u>Type of Membership Benefit</u>	<u>4th Quarter 2013 (\$)</u>
Benevolent Grant	2,800.00
Get Well Hamper	2,480.00
Hospitalisation Reimbursement	12,180.00
Medical Assistance Scheme	10,200.00
NTUC Gift	6,000.00
SLF Hardship Grant	10,000.00
Total	43,660.00



Upcoming Events Calendar 2014

Month	Event
22 March 2014	Paintball

UTES PERKS & PROMOTIONS

APR-MAY 2014 PROMOTIONS @ DOWNTOWN EAST

• Special Promotions:

• 4D/3N @ \$320.00

• Good Friday – 17 to 20 Apr

• 3D/2N @ \$200.00

• Labour Day – 30 Apr to 2 May

• Vesak Day – 12 to 14 May

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

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

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YUTES PAINTBALL

HURRY!!!
LIMITED SLOTS
AVAILABLE

Registration closes on
19th March 2014



When?
22nd
March
2014

Time?
1-6pm

*Members
\$35.00

*Members may purchase
another ticket at member's price

Where?

Bottle Tree Park(Yishun)
Opposite Yishun Stadium
81, Lorong Chencharu
S'Pore 769198

Non-Members
\$66.70

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