



SJI FOUNDATION

Press Release

SJI Foundation Sets Up Scholarship Programme in Partnership with Christ's College, Cambridge

Singapore, 12 October 2017 -- The St Joseph's Institution Foundation for the Lasallian Mission (SJI Foundation) is pleased to announce that it has established the SJI Foundation-Christ's College Cambridge Scholarship Programme in partnership with Christ's College, Cambridge.

Under the Programme, which is expected to run for 20 years, the SJI Foundation will award up to two scholarships per annum to selected candidates to pursue a full-time undergraduate degree at Christ's College. The scholarships will each provide funding of up to £20,000 per annum for the duration of certain courses available at the University of Cambridge. Applicants must have completed their IB Diploma at St. Joseph's Institution or St. Joseph's Institution International School and must apply directly to Christ's College. The SJI Foundation will adopt a holistic approach in selecting the scholars and will take into account, amongst others, the applicants' intellectual ability, leadership potential and involvement in the community.

Through the scholarships, the SJI Foundation aims to assist and nurture exceptional individuals with drive and passion in realizing their full potential. Over time, it is anticipated that the scholars will also become the future leaders of Singapore in their respective fields and contribute to society for the benefit of the wider community.

Mr. Leon Yee, the President of the SJI Foundation & Chairman of the Scholarship Selection Committee, was at Cambridge in August earlier this year to finalise details of the Programme, where he met up with senior members of Christ's College, including the Master of Christ's College, Professor Jane Stapleton.

Mr. Leon Yee, who read Law at Christ's College, is the Chairman of Duane Morris & Selvam, a leading international law firm.

He said, "As an alumnus of both SJI and Christ's College, I am very pleased with the establishment of this partnership, which is a significant milestone for both these outstanding institutions. Christ's College, one of the best academic colleges globally, with a sterling tradition of academic excellence, has not only produced Nobel Laureates but also illustrious alumni such as John Milton and Charles Darwin. Through the scholarships, we hope to be able to educate and nurture the scholars into outstanding individuals, who are passionate about serving their communities. I am also incredibly proud of the impact that Christ's College has in Singapore so far, and it counts five Singapore cabinet ministers among its notable alumni."

For Christ's College, the scholarship provides a good avenue for the College to attract exceptional applicants and to create funding opportunities for its students. Professor Jane Stapleton, Master of Christ's College, said, "We are delighted that students from the St Joseph's Institution Schools who have been accepted for admission to Christ's College will become eligible for consideration for Scholarship funding under this splendid new programme. I am confident that the Scholars will bring a wealth of talent to the College, and will also go on to play a full role in society and in their chosen professions. I am looking forward to getting to know them as they take up their places at Christ's College."

In addition, Dr. Emily Tomlinson, Director of Admissions and Fellow of Christ's College said, "SJI and SJI International have educated some of the most talented students to come to Christ's in recent years. The establishment of the scholarship is a fitting tribute to their talents, and I am looking forward to seeing many more students follow in their footsteps, thanks to the generosity of the SJI Foundation!"

Applications are now open for eligible students who are applying to Christ's College for the academic year commencing in October 2018. Interested applicants can download the application form from the SJI Foundation website at www.sjifoundation.org.

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