Hwa Chong Institution

Hwa Chong Institution (HCI) (simplified Chinese : ???? ; traditional Chinese : ???? ; pinyin : Huáqiáo Zh?ngxué ; Wade ? Giles : Hua2ch 'iao2 Chung1hsüeh2 ; Pe ? h @-@ ?e @-@ j? : Hoâ @-@ kiâu Tiong @-@ o ? h) is an independent school in Singapore for students aged 13 to 18 covering both secondary and pre @-@ university levels . A Ministry of Education @-@ designated FutureSchool , it operates under the Special Assistance Plan (SAP) for bilingualism , and offers the Integrated Programme (IP) and the School Based Gifted Education Programme (SBGE) , after the Secondary School Gifted Education Programme was phased out . The main campus , in Bukit Timah , covers 72 acres (equivalent to 29 ha or 0 @.@ 3 km2) , which is shared among Hwa Chong Institution , Hwa Chong International School , the institution 's boarding school , and the Bukit Timah campus of SIM University .

Previously two separate but affiliated schools , The Chinese High School and Hwa Chong Junior College , HCI was the result of a merger on 1 January 2005 . The change was in line with the Ministry of Education 's introduction of the Integrated Programme , whereby students undertake a six @-@ year " through @-@ train " education in which they bypass the traditional GCE ' O ' levels . In spite of the merger , the secondary school section remains boys @-@ only , while the junior college (JC) section is co @-@ educational . Students from Nanyang Girls ' High School (across the road from HCI) also continue on in HCI for their JC education . Approximately 4000 students are enrolled in the school ; the student @-@ teacher ratio ranges from 13 : 1 to 35 : 1 , depending on the class . Hwa Chong has been a top feeder school for international students to Oxford University . The school is a member of Strategic Alliance of Global Educators and Strategic Educational Alliance of Southeast Asia .

History

The Chinese High School (1919 ? 2004)

The Chinese High School , at that time the Nanyang Chinese High School , was founded by Tan Kah Kee in March 1919 at Niven Road . With an enrolment of 78 pupils , it was the first Chinese institution of higher learning at that time in Southeast Asia , catering to Chinese dialect groups amongst the overseas Chinese . Six years later , the school moved to its Bukit Timah campus .

After its founding , the school offered comprehensive secondary level Chinese education . It remained funded and supported by Tan Kah Kee until shortly before World War II . In 1934 , Lee Kong Chian , son @-@ in @-@ law of Tan Kah Kee , became the chairman of the school 's board and remained in his post until 1955 . During his tenure , the school faced the threat of closure several times due to financial difficulties , but managed to survive due to strong financial support from both Tan and Lee . Together they built a legacy , which the current school body commemorates them for .

During the Battle of Singapore , the school 's clock tower , for its height and vantage point , served as a headquarters for the Allied defenders . Following the war , the school resumed its predominant Chinese education . In the 1950s and 1960s , during periods of civil unrest in Singapore , many students , teachers and alumni participated in or led the anti @-@ colonial riots .

After Singapore gained independence in 1965 , the school came under the purview of the Ministry of Education and was accorded the Special Assistance Plan (SAP) status in 1979 . Later , in 1988 the school achieved the status of an independent school , under a scheme that the ministry perceived as proven successful and which was extended to other top schools in Singapore . On 19 March 1999 , the school 's clock tower was gazetted as a national monument .

Hwa Chong Junior College (1974 ? 2004)

Hwa Chong Junior College , now HCI 's college section , was established in 1974 at the Bukit

Timah campus of The Chinese High School as a separate pre @-@ university education institution , but under the same management board . The college was the government @-@ aided junior college , with its name being an abbreviation of the high school 's Chinese name to mark the relationship between the two schools .

Hwa Chong Junior College moved out of its campus at Bukit Timah Road in the late 1980s following the discovery of structural problems with the building to facilitate rebuilding . Lessons continued but conducted at various locations . The rebuilding of the campus finished in 1992 and lessons restarted at the campus in 1993 . Following The Chinese High School 's accord of independent school status in 1987 , the junior college followed suit in 2004 , becoming the first JC in Singapore to be granted the status of an independent school .

= = = Merger (2005 ? present) = = =

Following the introduction of the Integrated Programme into Singapore 's education system in the early 2000s , The Chinese High School merged with Hwa Chong Junior College on 1 January 2005 to form Hwa Chong Institution . In 2008 , HCI was selected by the Ministry of Education to implement the FutureSchools @ Singapore programme , one of five initial schools to do so and amongst the eventual fifteen planned . Also in the same year , the Hwa Chong Diploma was introduced . The diploma is awarded to the best performing 30 % of its graduating cohort , stacking upon the GCE ' A ' Levels certificate .

The school enrols an estimated 4 @,@ 000 students , spread across the six levels , with a student @-@ teacher ratio of 13 : 1 . Hwa Chong Institution has produced 54 President 's Scholars . The college section 's Humanities Programme has a significant percentage of its students going on to study abroad at such universities as Oxford , Cambridge , Harvard University , Yale University , Stanford University , MIT , UC Berkeley , Peking University and Tsinghua University .

= = Campus = =

The main campus of HCI in Bukit Timah covers 72 acres , making it one of the largest in Southeast Asia . The campus land is shared between the Hwa Chong Family of Schools - namely , Hwa Chong Institution itself , Hwa Chong International School and Hwa Chong Institution Boarding School . Also onsite is the Bukit Timah campus of SIM University and its administrative headquarters . Despite the multi @-@ sharing , each entity possesses its own set of facilities , marked by certain perimeters .

The dedicated Science Research Centre , built in 2008 , has ten purpose @-@ built laboratories in which students experience different research disciplines outside of the usual curriculum , including labs for Robotics and Engineering , Biotechnology and Microbiology , and the Pharmaceutical Sciences . The centre provides resources to support the research and innovation programmes , serving as a central facility for student research activities .

The Ong Teng Cheong Student Activities and Leadership Training Centre (also called the Ong Teng Cheong SALT Centre , or the SALT Centre) , named in honour of alumnus and former President of Singapore Ong Teng Cheong , aims to develop students holistically , particularly in arts and leadership development . Housed in it are dance studios , music rooms , and a cardiovascular and weight @-@ training room . A moot parliament is also housed in the centre , modelled on the Singapore Parliamentary Chamber , and it is a central venue for events such as student council meetings and Model United Nations conferences .

Apart from the two purpose @-@ built facilities , other facilities in HCI include a table tennis room , street soccer courts , a judo dojo , three @-@ storey library , a gymnasium , a 400 @-@ metre track , a multi @-@ purpose hall , a multi @-@ storey carpark , lecture theatres , general laboratories and classrooms . The 31 @-@ metre tall Clock Tower of the school is a national monument , the only one in a Singapore school .

= = = Beijing Satellite Campus = = =

In line with the school 's plan to set up a Global Academy , HCI established its Beijing Satellite Campus in 2007 , the first of its kind for a Singapore school . An agreement was inked with a top school in China , Beijing 's The Second High School Attached to Beijing Normal University , in which classrooms will be leased . A total of four batches of students make their way to the campus every year , staying for up to two months . Priority is given to scholars of HCI 's Bicultural Studies Programme and Humanities Programme . Students in the campus take lessons together with students from China in partner schools , carry out community involvement activities , and take field trips to cities such as Xi 'an , Tianjin and Shanghai .

HCI has been quoted as saying that it is looking to opening satellite campuses in India and the United States , with the aim of establishing the two in the near future . In July 2010 , it was announced that HCI would be developing a school in the Sino @-@ Singapore Guangzhou Knowledge City in Guangzhou , China , akin to that of its first satellite campus , following the inking of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) . This would see HCI partnering a top local school for exchange and mutual learning programmes .

= = Academics = =

Incorporated within HCI are the high school (junior high) section and college (senior high) section , each caring for different cohorts of students separated by age group . Secondary 1 (age 13) students first enter the high school section and study there for four years , before proceeding to the college section where they prepare to take the GCE ' A ' Levels final examinations . The high school section uses the Mean Subject Grade grading system in tests and exams . The school @-@ wide Integrated Programme offered enables students to skip the GCE ' O ' Levels , typically taken by Secondary 4 students in Singapore . The Hwa Chong Diploma was introduced in 2008 and is awarded to the best performing 30 % of its graduating cohort . It is awarded on top of the ' A ' Levels certificate , and is an added qualification to university applications .

HCI also organises academic competitions and conferences , both for its students and external participants . The school organises the Asia Pacific Mathematical Olympiad for Primary Schools (APMOPS) and the Singapore Mathematical Olympiad for Primary Schools (SMOPS) . At the same time , the International Science Youth Forum (ISYF) is hosted at HCI and co @-@ organised by Nanyang Technological University , Institute of Advanced Studies (IAS) , bringing students from across Asia @-@ Pacific together to network and dialogue , with Nobel laureates coming down to share their experiences in the scientific field ; a record five Nobel laureates were involved in 2010 .

= = = Consortia and faculties = = =

Students in the high school section are divided into what are called consortia - a different naming convention from the typical house system . The four consortia in the school are Aphelion , iSpark , Ortus and ProEd . The iSpark consortium houses HCI 's School Based Gifted Education Programme (SBGE) . The consortia work closely with one another and each has its own student council . In the college section , they are instead called faculties , highlighting the differences in function between consortia and faculties . There are four faculties , namely - Apollo , Ares , Athena and Artemis - all named after Greek deities .

= = = Special programmes = = =

Various special programmes are offered in HCI , such as the Bi @-@ cultural Studies Programme , the Art Elective Programme (Singapore) and the Science and Math Talent Programme . These programmes offer a degree of specialisation that is generally not possible in the standard curriculum , enabling students in the school to explore respective fields to a greater degree . Despite having similar names , the special programmes offered in the high school and the college section are different ; however , most are closely associated with each other . An example would be the Humanities Programme (HP) , in which the high school HP focuses on the three core humanities

subjects - History , Geography and English Literature , while HP in the college section offers a greater variety of subjects such as China Studies and economics , while gearing students for university humanities programmes locally and abroad .

Special programmes offered in the school are as follows :

In 2008 , the Centre for Scholastic Education (CSE) was set up to house all special programmes in the high school section except for the AEP and the MSP . They are the Bicultural Studies Programme , Humanities Programme and the Science and Math Talent Programme . From 2013 onwards , all students participating in Special Programmes are housed under CSE , part of the iSpark Consortium . The Integrated Programme @-@ Special Programme (IPSP) has been abolished in the same year . CSE also used to house the now @-@ defunct Entrepreneurship Programme . CSE is also used as an umbrella term to describe the specialised academic programmes offered at the upper secondary level .

From 2013 onwards , Special Science and Maths Talent programme (SSMT) is introduced to the SMTP curriculum to train talented students in areas such as Physics and Biology . Sexuality and relationship education programmes are also conducted .

= = = Sabbatical Programme = = =

Under HCI 's Integrated Programme , the Sabbatical Programme is offered whereby students from Secondary 1 to 4 go on one week sabbatical courses in each term in the first semester (Terms 1 and 2) . The programme is unique in allowing the majority of the school populace to put aside formal curricular lessons for a week in pursuit of their passions or interests . Sabbaticals offered are of a wide variety , in categories as defined by the school : Arts & Aesthetics , Chinese Studies , Humanities , English & Literature , Leadership , Technology , Science and Math , Camps and Student Exchange ; they are essentially courses for students to opt for , such as beginner guitar and songwriting lessons , professional music production , Model United Nations training camps , football friendlies with other schools , et cetera . Also , the school requires students to use the specifically designed Online Bidding System - the i @-@ ComP - to organise their sabbatical plans . Students who accumulate demerit points as a result of various offences are penalised in their sabbatical bidding or are recommended for corrective work order .

= = = Exchange programmes = = =

HCI offers a host of exchange programmes with schools spread across the Asia @-@ Pacific , including University of Tsukuba in Japan , Philippine Science High School in the Philippines and the Bugil Academy in South Korea . In 2008 , a collaboration between the Loudoun Academy of Science and HCI saw the team winning the Extreme Collaboration Award in the Stanford Global Innovation Tournament , in a unique achievement for both schools .

= = Co @-@ curricular activities = =

HCI offers a wide variety of extra @-@ curricular activities , labelled Co @-@ Curricular Activities (CCA) by the Ministry of Education , and this is in part due to the school 's large student population and size .

= = = Leadership = = =

Since 2006 , HCI has hosted an annual international leadership conference , the Hwa Chong Asia @-@ Pacific Young Leaders Summit , a forum where Asian and international student leaders gather to discuss pertinent issues in the region , as well as to share their cultural and personal experiences . It has seen students from schools in Australia , China , India , Japan , Saudi Arabia , Singapore , South Korea , the United Kingdom , the United States and more , providing an international representation to the summit .

Another annual leadership conference which HCI organises is the Student Leaders Convention (SLC) . This is the conference organised by student councillors from the High School section , in collaboration with student councillors from Nanyang Girls ' High School , HCI 's sister school . The Student Leaders Convention witnesses the gathering of over 400 student leaders locally and internationally . Student leaders from other countries include those from Malaysia , India , China , Mexico , Australia and many more . Into its 19th year , the SLC hopes to provide a platform for the discussion of issues and problems which affect youth and the nation .

Sports

There are a number of sports CCAs offered in HCI , ranging from soccer to ten @-@ pin bowling , and from wushu to touch rugby . The canoeing , gymnastics , judo , shooting , table tennis and track & field teams garner nationwide achievements almost every year . HCI has won track & field championships in most divisions . The HCI track & field team used to hold and currently holds a few national records , particularly in pole vault . Other sports which have achieved significant results over the years include the basketball , canoeing , volleyball , water polo and wushu teams . For example , in 2010 , the volleyball team , won the championships in both A divisions (Boys and Girls) . Nine HCI students were selected to represent Singapore in the Youth Olympics Games 2010 , two of them from the championship @-@ winning basketball team .

Uniformed groups

There are currently four uniformed groups in HCI : National Cadet Corps (Land) , National Police Cadet Corps , St. John Ambulance Brigade , and Scouts (and Ventures & Rovers) . These CCAs provide a highly structured organisation and a well @-@ defined hierarchy . The HCI National Cadet Corps unit (HCINCC) has been awarded Gold for 15 consecutive years , winning the Best Unit Competition (BUC) in 2000 . Also , HCINCC is the only Centre of Excellence in Precision Drill department amongst all NCC units in Singapore . The National Police Cadet Corps (NPCC) is currently the largest uniformed group in Singapore , and in HCI , in terms of membership . HCINPCC is also one of the only 2 units in Singapore to have achieved 20 gold awards in the annual Unit Overall Proficiency Award (UOPA) . They have received The NPCC Golden Cane , in honour of their achievement . The St. John Ambulance Brigade is one of two School Corps awarded Gold in the Corp Achievement Award for 15 consecutive years . The Ambulance Cadet team from Hwa Chong finished as National Champions for the Inter @-@ Zone First Aid and Home Nursing Competition in 2010 , 2011 , 2012 and 2014 . The Ambulance Cadet team then went on to win the biennial Singapore @-@ Malaysia First Aid and Nursing Competition in 2011 and 2013 . The Ambulance Adult team also won 1st place for the Inter @-@ Zone First Aid and Home Nursing Competition 2013 , and finished 2nd runners up in 2014 . The Scouts uniformed group hosts the Lion Dance troupe , which performs at special and commemorative events . All four uniformed groups achieved Gold in the annual national assessment . Apart from regular planned training , other activities include inter @-@ unit competitions in bowling and captain 's ball .

Performing arts

The eleven performing arts groups in HCI are : the Chinese Orchestra , the String Ensemble , the Piano Ensemble , the Chinese Drama Club , the Harmonica Ensemble , the English Drama Club , the Choir , the Music And Dance Society , the Guitar Ensemble , the Band and lastly Chinese Dance . The 2010 Singapore Youth Festival , saw the English Drama Club judged , where it attained a Silver Award . The previous year , 2009 , saw the other performing arts groups being assessed ; a number of awards were won , including two Golds with Honours for the Chinese Orchestra and the High School Band .
Apart from occasional performances held locally in Victoria Theatre and the school 's Drama Centre , many of the performing arts groups travel overseas both for exchange and performances .

Amongst them , the High School Band , the Choir and the String Orchestra are notable for their international achievements . In 2010 the College Choir attained significant achievements in an international competitions , the Festival of Songs in Olomouc , Czech Republic. while in 2011 , the choir attained a Gold with Honours in the 2011 Singapore Youth Festival Central Judging of Choirs . The High School Band , which once performed in the Istana , travelled to Hawaii to attend the Pacific Basin Music Festival for the second time in 2010 , attaining a gold award . The Band has also performed at the National Day Parade . The High School String Orchestra , more commonly known by the acronym " HCISO " , has also travelled widely . It won first runners @-@ up at the open category of the 2006 Gothenburg International Music Festival , and went on tour with the Australian Boy 's Choir to Melbourne , Australia , and Johor Baru , Malaysia , to perform at the opening of the 7th JB Arts Festival . Most recently , the string orchestra achieved Gold with Honours at the 2011 Singapore Youth Festival for String Ensembles . It was also one of the six schools , and the only school in Asia , to be invited to participate in the 2012 Los Angeles International Music Festival at the Walt Disney Concert Hall .

= = = Clubs and societies = = =

 Clubs and societies are the most numbered in the school , stemming from a diverse range , such as the Socrates Club (mathematics) , the Chinese Calligraphy Society , the English Drama Club and the MediaTech Club (photography / live sound mixing / stage lighting) . Many of these clubs / societies have performed well in competitions . The English and Chinese drama clubs of the high school section put up an annual performance , where the students of the school are invited to watch .

= = School culture = =

= = = Student councils = = =

 The Hwa Chong Institution student council comprises the College Council , High School Council , and the smaller consortium councils , which represent the college section , high school section and the four high school consortia respectively . Currently into its 43rd year (in 2016) , the High School Council is generally regarded to be among the oldest student councils in Singapore . It is tasked with caring for the welfare of students in the school , and acts as a middleman between the school administration and the student body . The council also organises multiple events every year , mostly with teacher involvement limited to mentorship only , including skills workshops , forums , the Hwa Chong Student Leaders Convention (SLC) , the two yearly freshman orientations (one for Secondary One students and one for JC1 students) and the Hwa Chong @-@ Nanyang Annual Combined Sports Meet . The President and Vice @-@ President of the 43rd High School Council are Dylan Wee (from class 4O2) and Joel Tan (from class 4H1) respectively .

= = = Information technology usage = = =

 Having been designated a FutureSchool in 2008 , HCI has rapidly adopted new Information Technology (IT) resources . Announcements and notices are posted regularly online in the school 's Electronic Message Board (EMB) , as a replacement for traditional school @-@ wide announcements , and students are required to check the online board regularly . HCI recently developed its own wiki platform , called the Hwa Chong Institution Wikispaces , which further supports collaborative learning and interacting for all staff and students of HCI . The school also organises home learning periods every term , typically lasting one to three days , where students study and learn from home through the Internet and their computers without the need to return to school .

= = = Uniform and discipline = = =

In the high school section , students in Secondary 1 to Secondary 3 (inclusive) must wear a white short @-@ sleeved shirt with khaki short trousers and white socks , which must cover the ankle . The four metal buttons must be worn on the two front pockets and on both shoulders . The school collar pin should be worn on the left collar . Either white , blue or black shoes with either white or black laces must be worn . Secondary 4 students wear long beige trousers with a beige shirt , similar to the male students in the college section . College girls wear a beige blouse and a beige skirt .

Students earn demerit points for poor behaviour . Accumulated demerit points can affect final grades and eligibility for certain awards , scholarships and overseas trips . The student handbook states that , for serious offences , male students at Hwa Chong Institution may be punished with detention , suspension , caning or expulsion . Only the Principal or Discipline Master may administer corporal punishment , which consists of a maximum of five strokes of the cane . Students found smoking are immediately caned or suspended or both . Caning may also be given for integrity @-@ related offences (e.g. cheating) , uncivilized behaviour (e.g. defiance) , and criminal offences (e.g. fighting) .

= = = Class naming conventions and allocations = = =

Classes in the high school section of HCI have a special naming convention . The class name is made of a digit , a letter then a digit . The first digit is the class ' level (1 for Secondary 1 , 2 for Secondary 2 , 3 for Secondary 3 , 4 for Secondary 4) . The letter is the first letter of the consortium of the class ' pupils . An exception is made for secondary 3 and 4 students enrolled in the school 's Center for Scholastic Excellence (CSE - iSpark) . In this case , they would be both part of the iSpark consortium and their original consortium . The letter would then represent the program he enrolled in : S for Science and Math Talent Programme (SMTP) , B for the Bi @-@ Cultural Special Programme (BSP) and H for the Humanities Programme (HP) . An Aphelion class would have the letter A , iSpark the letter I , Ortus the letter O and ProEd the letter P. The last digit is the class number . Therefore , class 4A1 would be the first Aphelion class in Secondary 4 , 4S1 would be the first Science and Math Talent Programme class .

Classes in the college section of HCI has a different naming convention , in the format of " YYXZZ " , where YY is the year they enter JC 1 , and X is either " S " (for science stream) or " A " (for arts stream) , and ZZ is the class number . Students are streamed into classes by virtue of their subject combination . The first number of the class number represents the type of subject combination that the class has taken (1 for arts , 6 for Physics , and 7 if anyone in the class takes Biology) . Administratively , the student population are sometimes grouped by the stream and the first number : S6 or S7 . A1 is however not used often to categorize the student population because all the arts stream classes have 1 as the first number of the class number . The last digit starts from 0 and can range up to K (as of 2015) . An example of a class is 14S60 , which means that the students in the class are taking physics as 1 of their 4 H2 subjects and entered JC1 in the year 2014 .

Unlike in the high school section , the naming of the classes are not affiliated with the faculty that the class is in , instead , the faculty that each class is in is decided by the subject combination or type of subject combination (e.g. Hybrid) of the students in the class . In other words , the subject combination of a student decides both their class and their faculty . Another factor is the special programme that the students of the class are offered . For example , in 2015 , the classes who are offered the Science and Math Talent Programme (SMTP) are allocated to 1 of 3 classes (15S7B , 15S7D , 15S7F) , regardless of their subject combination (note however that special programmes often only accept a small range of subject combinations) .

One exception are those who take odd (or uncommon) subjects and / or combinations , such as taking H2 Foreign Language . One cannot ascertain which class they will be allocated in purely based on their subject combinations . The students are often allocated to a class that have students that have a similar subject combination , with the exception of 1 or 2 subjects , most often the

contrasting subject . For example , 2 students both with the same combination of Biology / Chemistry / Maths / Foreign Language (BCM @-@ Foreign Language) might be allocated to 2 different classes entirely .

An exception though is that if a student is offered a special programme , he / she will be allocated a class based on their special programme , and often not their subject combinations , despite the odd combination .

= = Affiliations = =

HCI offers the Integrated Programme that extends to Nanyang Girls High School (NYGH) , an all @-@ girls high (junior @-@ high) school , under the name Hwa Chong Affiliate Programme . Under the programme , a supermajority of NYGH students graduate to the college (pre @-@ university) section of HCI to undergo their pre @-@ university education . All students of HCI 's high school section also move on automatically to the college section and undertake the ' A ' Levels , unless they fail to meet requirements (students must have an MSG of 3 @.@ 00 and below at the end of Secondary 4) or specifically apply to leave .

Under the umbrella Hwa Chong Family of Schools , HCI is affiliated to Hwa Chong International School (HCIS) and Hwa Chong Institution Boarding School (HCIBS) . All three schools share the same prefix in their names , and are located in the same main campus . However , in spite of the multi @-@ sharing , each school possesses its own set of facilities . However , the students from the different schools may access and use the facilities in other schools .

Hwa Chong International School is a co @-@ educational international school , offering a six @-@ year programme from Grade 7 (11 ? 13 years old) to Grade 12 , finishing with the International Baccalaureate . In the interim years , the students will sit for the iGCSE . The fully private independent school saw its final batch of graduating international ' A ' Levels students and the first batch of graduating IB students in 2010 . Hwa Chong Institution Boarding School is the institution 's boarding school , accommodating HCI 's international scholars . It also houses international scholars studying in other local schools such as Singapore Chinese Girls ' School and Bukit Panjang Government High School . Local Singaporean boarders staying in the boarding school are participants of HCI 's Integrated Boarding Programme . The boarding complex was designed by renowned architect Kenzo Tange , consisting of seven six @-@ storey halls providing accommodation for up to 1 @,@ 000 boarders or guests .

= = Notable people = =

HCI and its predecessor schools , TCHS and HCJC , have a wide alumni base extending to various sectors and industries in Singapore and other countries . Its best known alumnus is probably Ong Teng Cheong , the fifth President of Singapore , who graduated from TCHS in 1955 . Other prominent alumni in the civil service include Grace Fu , a Minister in the Prime Minister 's Office , and Ministers of State such as Lee Yi Shyan , Sim Ann and Sam Tan . Ng Yat Chung , the fifth Chief of Defence Force , and Hoo Cher Mou , the current Chief of Air Force , are among the HCI alumni in the Singapore Armed Forces top brass . HCI 's more notable alumni in business and finance include Olivia Lum (the founder of Hyflux) , Toh Soon Huat (the founder of Novena Holdings) , and Wee Cho Yaw (the Chairman of United Overseas Bank) . In the arts and media scenes , there are also notable HCI alumni such as Warren Fernandez , the editor of The Straits Times , musicians Liang Wern Fook and Eric Moo , and artist Tan Swie Hian .

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