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APSN Beneficiaries Showcase Vocational Excellence in Sustainability Challenge

Singapore, 27 September 2025 – APSN is proud to announce the successful completion of the One APSN Skills Showcase Challenge 2025, a platform designed to highlight the vocational and artistic talents of students with special needs. Under the inspiring theme "Embracing Creativity through Sustainability," this year's challenge pushed participants to create innovative, eco-friendly solutions in their fields, blending creativity with real-world job skills.

"The One APSN Skills Challenge was driven by the ambition of combining individual creativity and responsibility, with sustainability as a goal. The students' and trainees' works indeed showed strong technical skills and innovative solutions, a combination that will surely empower them to build fulfilling careers in the real world," said Ms Jane Ittogi, APSN Patron.

The event, held at APSN Delta Senior School, showcased students and trainees from APSN Katong School, APSN Tanglin School, APSN Delta Senior School, and APSN Centre for Adults. Each participant had an hour to create and present their work. Professionals from sectors including hospitality, food and beverage, retail, and landscaping were invited as judges to provide valuable feedback, fostering direct connections between beneficiaries and potential employers.

The One APSN Skills Showcase Challenge 2025 represented more than just a competition—it served as a vital platform for students to demonstrate their abilities directly to potential employers, fostering connections that could lead to future job placements and sustained career growth. By effectively bridging the gap between training and employment, APSN continues to create pathways for meaningful work experiences for individuals with special needs.

APSN's vocational training impact is already demonstrated through its partnership with Coriander Leaf Restaurant. In 2024, four Delta Senior School students—Joel Ng Yu Heng, Muhammad Yusry, Peng Jun Wei, and Chai Yu Guan—undertook on-site training under Executive Chef Iskander Latiff. Chef Iskander first met these students as a guest judge at the 2023 Deltan Skills Showcase. Impressed by their performance, he invited them into his kitchen. Joel Ng Yu Heng has since secured full-time employment at Edith Patisserie, whilst the other three are progressing towards full-time roles at Coriander Leaf.

Mr Stanley Tang, CEO of APSN, attributes the high demand for their graduates to the strong support of their employment partners. He added, "We are proud to maintain an average 12-month job retention rate of over 90% and a 24-month retention rate of 75%. This is a powerful testament to our commitment to sustainable employment and meaningful inclusion."

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About APSN

APSN, a leading social service agency in Singapore, has been empowering individuals with mild intellectual disabilities (IQ 50-70) since 1976. Through a holistic approach to education, vocational training and employment support, APSN has helped over 6,000 beneficiaries achieve their full potential.

APSN currently operates four Special Education (SPED) Schools (APSN Chaoyang School, APSN Katong School, APSN Tanglin School and APSN Delta Senior School) for students between the ages of 7 and 21, APSN Student Care Centre for children from 7 to 18 years old, APSN Centre for Adults for persons from 18 years and older and APSN Learning Hub for working professionals and other stakeholders. With this network of schools, centres, and support services, APSN provides comprehensive care for individuals at all stages of life.

Under the patronage of Ms Jane Ittogi, APSN continues to expand its reach and impact, partnering with organisations to create a more inclusive environment for all. APSN has also attained the Enabling Mark (Gold), a national-level accreditation framework by SG Enable.

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