Upgrading pathways for poly grads

I REFER to Dr Susie Kho’s letter (“Many pathways for youth”; Thursday) in response to Dr Vincent Tan’s letter (“Poly grads’ aspirations: Consider a different varsity”; June 18).

The Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) is a publicly funded institution which was set up in 2009 to offer upgrading pathways designed primarily for local polytechnic graduates. SIT partners with reputable overseas universities such as the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and DigiPen Institute of Technology to offer industry-focused bachelor degree programmes in growth areas of our economy. These areas can be broadly categorised under the following disciplines: Engineering and Applied Sciences, Health Sciences, Interactive Digital Media, Design and Hospitality.

SIT’s other partner universities include the Technical University of Munich, University of Newcastle upon Tyne, the University of Glasgow, University of Manchester and the Culinary Institute of America. These offer a wide range of programmes in the fields of Engineering (Chemical, Electrical, Marine, Mechanical Design, Mechatronics and Offshore), Food and Human Nutrition, Nursing and Culinary Arts Management.

SIT took in its first batch of 500 students for the 2010 academic year across 10 degree programmes. We are currently finalising our 2011 intake, targeted for 1,000 students across 17 degree programmes. SIT is committed to seeking out partnerships with other universities to offer even more degree programmes in the near future.

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