90 poly, JC graduates become first recipients of Singapore-Industry Scholarship

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A new scholarship aimed at developing leaders in key industries has been given to its first recipients.

A total of 90 polytechnic and junior college graduates received the Singapore-Industry Scholarship this year, jointly funded by the Government and 28 private companies.

This scholarship was first announced in February.

The 90 selected by the companies will study at local universities and the Singapore Institute of Technology.

Upon graduation, they will serve four-year bonds at organisations such as Charles & Keith, Keppel Group and the National Healthcare Group.

Speaking at the ceremony on Thursday, Education Minister Heng Swee Keat stressed the need for Singapore to develop its people, as it is key to maintaining its economic competitiveness.

Having a pool of talented people, he said, would draw in investors who will create even more jobs.

He added that the scholarship is an attempt to ‘develop local talent across key economic and people sectors’.