ANNEX A - PROFILE OF SOME NIS SCHOLARS

1) MR Lim Jia Wei (DBS Bank) Graduated from Temasek Polytechnic

Jia Wei has always been interested in computers from young. The interest grew more profound and passionate with every new discovery he made. Before pursuing a diploma in infocommunications, he spent one and a half years at Junior College. It was a very difficult decision, but he strongly believed and considered it to be the right one. At Temasek Polytechnic, apart from studies, he was able to do things he enjoyed most. Besides his excellent academic results, he also excelled in rugby. He took part in competitions, was qualified to coach, referee, and even become a sports trainer. In addition, he also became President of the Temasek Polytechnic Sports Club.

In recognition of his academic performance and CCA contributions at Temasek Polytechnic, he was awarded the Microsoft Singapore All-Rounder Award (Top Temasek Polytechnic student with outstanding academic results and outstanding CCA contributions), Course Gold Medal and CCA Gold Award by Temasek Polytechnic and the Singapore Sporting Inspiration Awards 2004 by the Singapore Sports Council. Jia Wei believes making a difference is what it is all about. Whether it was through leading people or a club, or simply serving his peers and school through his actions, he has always wanted to make a difference. He has learnt to care for and help those who are in need and return what he has benefited to society.

2) MR Teo Wai Ming, Steve (Microsoft Singapore) Graduated from Temasek Polytechnic

Wai Ming has always been interested in developing web applications since primary school, by developing webpages; doing web-design; web-programming. Other programming fields like application programming would also intrigue him. He aims to progress from the basic role of application developer to eventually take on the more important role of Project Manager. This is because as a Project Manager, he can use his foresight and experience to the very best in deciding the development path of applications. Wai Ming also took part in the World Skills Competition, an Olympics-scale competition of vocational excellence.

3) MR Aaron Tan Wei Cheng (Singapore Computer Systems) Graduated from Ngee Ann Polytechnic

Aaron would like to set up an e-commerce business when he graduates. He also hopes to expand the outreach of his business to several more countries including China, Kenya and India, and provide more IT related services such as server management and server security testing. With the edge in being bilingual in both Mandarin and English, he hopes to help foreign companies set up websites to target the China market more effectively. He wants to study more about programming and software development so that he can apply to his business.

Aaron also joined the athletes club in school. He believed in all rounded development in an individual. He also represented his school for the National Skills Competition under Web Design.

4) MS Kelly Chan Jun Wen (Singapore Computer Systems) Graduated from Anglo Chinese Junior College

Kelly has always amazed by how infocomm has transformed daily lives. She took up Computing as an academic subject in Junior College and was educated on how to computerise in greater detail. It became her wish to promote the use of IT to improve efficiency because she still sees many budding companies, struggling with manpower problems which can be easily solved with customized or off-shelf solutions. Singapore is experiencing an aging population and many manual or mundane routines can be replaced easily.

The world of infocomm is where she wants to build her dynamic career for it has virtually no boundaries. It will continually allow her to develop her potential and push her limits - to create what is beyond imagination. She also hopes to enhance her IT skills further; learn more about e-commerce, secure transmission over the internet (safe payment) and IT as a basis of media.

5) MR Yeo Zhi Quan (IDA Singapore) Graduated from National Junior College

Zhi Quan constantly keeps abreast of the latest happenings in the software development arena, through magazines, websites, as well as conferences and seminars. Keeping up with these new changes also allows him to stretch his brain a bit, as there are new techniques to learn, and new requirements to fulfil. Developing his career would entail keeping up with new and emerging technologies. As such, research opportunities in up and coming technologies would be ideal.

As a web developer, as well as someone with a great interest in Information Technology, he would really like to work for a company that is at the cutting edge of technology that has a creative environment and that allows him to make a difference in. Keeping up with the changing Internet environment is both enjoyable, and also allows him to learn more. Also, he tries to get as much hands on experience with new technologies as possible.

6) MR Huang Liang (IDA Singapore) Graduated from Victoria Junior College

Huang Liang chanced upon the NIS six years ago when a team of secondary school principals from Singapore came to his hometown, Shantou to recruit new scholars. He had just graduated from a middle school as one of top 10 students and was invited for the recruitment test. Several weeks later, after some screening tests and an interview, he was offered the scholarship.

He wants to have rich experiences and be a full rounded individual who is independent and capable of solving practical problems. He aspires to be a Chief Information Officer in a MNC. In addition, he has always been passionate about Information Technology and understands its importance as the driving force for a company and a society. At the same time, he likes to interact with people and enjoy making positive changes to their lives.