PARTNERS' QUOTES

SPD

"Technology has permeated many aspects of our lives today; its use being accelerated over the past years by the pandemic. The Digital Enablement Programme with Microsoft. SG Enable and SPD plays an important role in being a social leveller as it provides the opportunity for persons with disabilities to be equipped with digital skills to harness technology. We are glad to be a part of this step towards a more inclusive society."

- ***Mr Abhimanyau Pal, Chief Executive, SPD***

MICROSOFT

"Persons with disabilities represent one of our largest untapped talent pools in Singapore. Through continued public-private partnerships like DEP which fosters a culture of inclusion, we can act together with bolder ambition to make technology accessible for all. This will allow everyone to fully participate in society and empower every person and every organization to achieve more as we work together to create a resilient, digitally-inclusive Singapore."

- ***Mr Kevin Wo, Managing Director, Microsoft Singapore***

SG ENABLE

"Digital skills are becoming increasingly important and especially so for persons with disabilities to access many aspects of work and living. We are pleased to embark on the Digital Enablement Programme with Microsoft and SPD, to equip persons with disabilities with digital skills for work and leisure. We also look forward to supporting organisations committed to disability-inclusive hiring to build their capabilities in workplace disability inclusion."

- ***Ms Ku Geok Boon, Chief Executive Officer, SG Enable***

BENEFICIARIES' QUOTES (SHELTERED WORKSHOP TRAINEES)

"I want to learn new computer skills because right now I only know very basic computer skills. Currently, I have an email, but I don't use it very often because I am not sure how to use it. Upon learning, I can email my supervisor to communicate with her, for example when I am absent and when I plan to take leave. I want to learn how to use the video chat function for MS Teams at home as well to communicate with my friends."

- Ms Adeline Divya Ranjan, 32 years old
Type of Disability: Intellectual Disability

"I wish to learn more advanced skills on the computer, because right now I only know how to use the Paint software and type on Microsoft Word. I want to be able to build my capabilities and even teach my mother to learn how to use the computer as well (e.g., sending emails, calling family overseas and alert her when there are scams). I can also try to email my supervisors if I need to apply for leave instead of using WhatsApp."

- Tey Hui Wen, Karen, 25 years old
Type of Disability: Cerebral Palsy

"I am interested to join the workshop because I want to learn about computers and their functions since I did not have a chance to learn it in school. It is important for me to upgrade the skills that I have so that I am more employable to organisations. Currently my daughter helps me with emails and etc but with the skills learnt I hope I can be less reliant on her and be more independent. My daughter is also encouraging me to upgrade myself."

- Mr Mohd. Razali Bin Mahmood, 45 years old
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