

Singapore WorldSkills Representative



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Tan Thiam Shui, 19 enjoys all things IT – from surfing the internet, to trying out new software and creating new applications. It therefore comes at no surprise that he hopes to pursue a career in software development in the future, and be the one to create the next “amazing” application. Thiam Shui who has always been described as inquisitive and intelligent by his family and friends, and he has a passion to learn new things and to broaden his IT knowledge. He first became interested in technology and computers whilst he attended primary school, where he created his first website. Since then he has developed a keen interest in programming and decided to pursue a Diploma in Networking Technology at Nanyang Polytechnic, Singapore in 2006. As a student he excelled in his studies and won competitions such as Code::Extreme:: Apps Open Category in 2008, and the Singapore National Website Design Competition in 2006 and 2008.

As part of his quest to pick up new skills and broaden his knowledge, Thiam Shui decided to pick up IT Networking as an extra curricula to his course at Nanyang Polytechnic. “It was really challenging at first, but that was what made the learning process interesting and exciting” said Thiam Shui. Through the extra training Thiam Shui acquired the skills of designing and configuring networks comprising of Cisco network equipment, Windows server 2003, and Debian Linux servers. His hard work and determination in picking up networking skills did not go unrewarded, as in 2008, he won the Gold Medal in the WorldSkills Singapore (IT/PC Network support) earning himself the chance to represent Singapore in the prestigious WorldSkills Competition in September 2009.

Thiam Shui is currently studying a final year at Nanyang Polytechnic, and hopes to pursue a degree in Computer science in the future. To date he has obtained the Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA®) and Microsoft Certified Professional (MCP).