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### **JOS: Aptitude and Attitude – Millennials championing tomorrow’s workplace**

*Polytechnic & university teams showcase their innovative problem solving skills at  
JOS Innovation Awards 2016-17*

**Singapore – 3 March, 2017** – JOS, one of Asia’s leading IT services and solutions providers, crowned students in Singapore the platinum, gold and silver award in its inaugural JOS Innovation Awards 2016-17 held at The Arts House, Singapore. Nine teams of students from local polytechnics and universities are in the final leg of the challenge, presenting innovative ideas which leverage on technology to solve modern-day problems in environment, retail, hospitality, transportation and healthcare sectors.

“We are impressed by the innovative problem-solving capabilities displayed by the students,” says Mr Andrew Tan, Managing Director of JOS Singapore, “it is encouraging to witness the enthusiasm and creativity of our millennials in embracing technology to address critical business needs, and making a difference to the world. This is also what we hope to see in our workplace now and in the future.”

The JOS Innovation Awards 2016-17 attracted 80 team submissions from all the public polytechnics, all universities and several private universities, of which, 22 shortlisted semi-finalist teams have presented to JOS panel of judges on January 2017. Emerging from semi-finalists are the nine finalist teams. Under the mentorship and guidance of JOS executives, the finalist teams have further developed and refined their proposal for the final presentation today. In the recognition of the ideas and effort of the students, JOS has put in place S\$13,000 of prize money for the winning teams, along with internship and graduate trainee opportunities with JOS for students who displayed exemplary performance throughout the Awards.

The awards presentation also brought together business leaders as the final judging panel, including Dr Gog Soon Joo, Group Director, Training Partners Group and Chief Research Officer, SkillsFuture Singapore; Mr Mark Herbert, CEO of Dairy Farm Group; Mr Ian Potter, Distinguished Fellow of INSEAD; Mr John Tan, CEO of Saturday Kids; Mr Mark Lunt, Group Managing Director of JOS; and Mr Andrew Tan, Managing Director of JOS Singapore.

Mr Mark Lunt, Group Managing Director of JOS, says, “Through the JOS Innovation Awards 2016-17, we have identified many rising technology stars who went beyond their fields of study in school and harnessed knowledge across different industries to design practical solutions infused with creativity and innovation. The JOS executives who mentored these teams have identified young talents who displayed impressive creativity in leveraging technology to solve modern day problems. We will be continuing conversations with some of the finalists to explore



potential internship or graduate trainee opportunities at JOS, where they can take their ideas from concept to reality.”

After assessing detailed presentations from each team today, the judging panel selected the following projects as the winners of the JOS Innovation Awards 2016-17:

#### **Platinum winning team**

- **CartShare** - There is a lack of peer-to-peer interaction for online shopping modern consumer craves, which leads to a loss of potential revenue for retailers. The solution aims to provide a platform for users to collaborate, while shopping with friends and strangers. Ultimately, it provides a hassle-free shopping experience.
- Gerald Lim and James Ong from Singapore Institute of Management
- Wins S\$7,000 of prize money and internship opportunities at JOS

#### **Gold winning team**

- **LastOrder** - All around the world, there are many who face poverty and hunger daily while tons of perfectly edible food are thrown away. Through this solution, F&B businesses can donate unsold excess food by being instantly matched with charities in need of food.
- Jeremias Goh Jian Zhi, Karen Koh Li Yin and Jeremy Lee Ting Kok from Singapore Management University
- Wins S\$4,000 of prize money

#### **Silver winning team**

- **Shopwizer** - With the aim of helping supermarkets provide excellent customer service and increase their productivity, the innovative system offers functions such as trolley rental, ease of navigation, promotions notifications and queue efficiency.
- Nichola Aina Manansala Rosario and Chow Yewna from Nanyang Polytechnic
- Wins S\$2,000 of prize money

Mr Andrew Tan, Managing Director of JOS Singapore, says, “I extend my sincere congratulations to the winners, and to all 80 teams who have participated in this Awards. The standard of entries has been extremely high across the board, a promising sign that our millennials and young talents are well-prepared to form a workforce representing Singapore as a global innovation and technology hub.”

Ms. Jenny Pong, Group Director for Human Resources at JOS’s managing group, JTH Group, said: “JOS is proudly committed to nurturing the next generation of Singapore innovators. This is not simply a one-day event, but a holistic programme that expands students’ horizons by giving them exposure to the working world and expert mentorship. Under the leadership and guidance of JOS experts, student teams build upon their innovations they’ve dreamt up and hone their presentation skills. There is a unique opportunity for two-way learning – students receive






nurturing mentorship and inspiration from JOS, while we get to learn from the outlooks and aspirations of young people today.”

“The JOS Innovation Awards are an integral part of our talent acquisition strategy. Apart from members of the Platinum-winning team earning internship opportunities, other suitable candidates we have identified during the shortlisting process will also be eligible for invitations to our internship and graduate trainee programs. The Awards bring new blood to the industry in not only Singapore, but also Hong Kong, where JOS’s Hong Kong office is on our second year of having JOS Innovation Awards,” Pong continued.

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### **About JOS**

With over 60 years’ experience in Asia, JOS is a systems integrator, solutions provider and technology consultancy with deep local and industry knowledge and an exceptional ability to execute. With 2,200 IT professionals working from nine offices across Asia’s major business hubs in China, Hong Kong, Macau, Malaysia and Singapore, JOS aims to improve the performance of business and governments across the region by applying the best technology to address their challenges. JOS has extensive experience across a range of industries, more than 10,000 private and public sector customers in Asia, and core capabilities in cloud computing, big data, enterprise security, enterprise applications, mobility, next generation infrastructure and internet of things.

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### **About JOS Innovation Awards 2016-17**

The JOS Innovation Awards 2016-17 is a competition for full-time polytechnic and university students in Singapore to dream of technology-driven ideas for modern day problems, design practical solutions enabled by technology & deliver in the form of writing & presentation to a panel of judges from JOS. For more information on the challenge, please visit [www.josawards.sg](http://www.josawards.sg)

## Event Highlights



**Photo 1 (From left)** – Panel of judges & honourable guests

Mr Mark Lunt, Group Managing Director of JOS; Mr John Tan, CEO of Saturday Kids; Mr Ian Potter, Distinguished Fellow of INSEAD; Dr Gog Soon Joo, Group Director, Training Partners Group and Chief Research Officer, SkillsFuture Singapore; Mr Eric van der Hoeven, Chief Executive of JTH Group; Mr Mark Herbert, CEO of Dairy Farm Group; Mr Andrew Tan, Managing Director of JOS Singapore; Mr Freddy Lee, Managing Director of JTH Group S.E.A.



**Photo 2** – Gold award winning team

From *left*: Gerald Lim and James Ong from Singapore Institute of Management, with their winning ideas, 'CartShare'.



**Photo 3 – Platinum award winning team**

*From left:* Jeremias Goh Jian Zhi, Jeremy Lee Ting Kok and Karen Koh Li Yin from Singapore Management University, with their winning ideas, 'LastOrder'



**Photo 4 – Platinum award winning team**

*From left:* Chow Yewna and Nichola Aina Manansala Rosario from Nanyang Polytechnic, with their winning ideas, 'ShopWizer'.





**Photo 5** – Honourable judges, JOS executives and student teams at the JOS Innovation 2016-17 (Singapore)

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