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EASB LAUNCHES SCHOLARSHIP FUND

A \$10-million scholarship fund awarded by the East Asia Institute of Management has been launched to help Singapore citizens and Permanent Residents. The first tranche of 100 scholarships will be given out over six months, starting in April, and will cover tuition fees. Applicants must be under 30 years old and will be judged on academic merit and financial standing.

400 JOBS AT NORTH EAST CDC JOB FAIR

Four hundred jobs at new neighbourhood mall Tampines 1 are up for grabs this Saturday. The North East Community

Development Council (CDC) and mall landlord AsiaMalls are organising a job fair at the Tampines Central Community Complex, Tampines Street 83, from 10am to 4pm. The mall is hiring supervisors, sales consultants, cashiers and sales assistants. The 17 employers recruiting include Amore Fitness, Cold Storage and Thai Express. CHANNEL NEWSASIA

DRUG ARRESTS AT ZOO

The Night Safari cancelled performances after police arrested 10 Malaysian workers and three Singaporeans on suspected drug involvement, AFP reported. Three of the Malaysians were stopped at the Woodlands Checkpoint on Sunday and

found to be carrying drugs that included cannabis, ketamine and "ice". Three Singaporeans were nabbed at the Singapore Zoo's car park and another seven Malaysians at their dormitories in the complex. One Malaysian and one Singaporean have been charged with drug importation and trafficking.

Wildlife Reserves Singapore (WRS) said 10 of the workers belong to a cultural dance troupe contracted for a specific period with the Night Safari. "WRS takes drug abuse seriously and does not tolerate such conduct. Any employee or contracted staff found guilty would be terminated immediately," said Ms Pauline Chua, assistant director of human resources. AGENCIES

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VICTORIA JC DINNER

Late MP to be honoured

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BOTH were instrumental on and off the field in building up the history of Victoria School (VS) and Victoria Junior College (VJC). Now, the late Dr Ong Chit Chung and Mr Retnam Pierre will be honoured as the college celebrates its 25th anniversary this year.

VJC and the Old Victorians' Association (OVA) will pay tribute to Dr Ong at the gala dinner on March 8. Dr Ong, a Member of Parliament for 20 years, chaired the Victoria executive and advisory committees before he died on July 14 last year.

A scholarship in memory of Dr Ong will also be launched on that night: The Dr Ong Chit Chung Memorial Fund Scholarship is focused on helping students at the National University of Singapore's (NUS) Arts and Social Sciences Faculty, in particular those studying military history.

Dr Ong, who was educated at VS from 1963 to 1968, was a lecturer in military history at NUS when he first stood for election in 1988. During his 20 years in politics, he served as Parliamentary Secretary for Home Affairs and Labour.

While the celebrations aim to renew and forge new bonds among the alumni, OVA vice-chairman Kevin Lam said they also wanted to pay tribute to Dr Ong, who was instrumental in shaping today's VJC. "His passing came as a shock," Mr Lam said. "We want to use this occasion to reflect on his achievements within the Victoria family, and hopefully inspire other Victorians to follow in his footsteps."

FEEDBACK WANTED

The Old Victorians' Association is calling for public feedback on the controversial proposal for an integrated programme for Victoria School (VS) and Victoria Junior College (VJC).

In a post on the association's blog, president Vernon Teo noted: "The differences stem largely from the differing opinions on preserving the heritage of the 133-year history of the all-boys Victoria School, as opposed to the ongoing pressure to introduce the integrated programme into the school/JC. One key proposal is to expand the intake of Secondary Ones to include girls."

The hope, Mr Teo said, is to establish "a consensus of views" among alumni, parents and stakeholders. More details are at blog.oiva.org.sg.

While Dr Ong was instrumental in forging both VJC and VS, former football coach Retnam Pierre moulded many players who represented both schools.

Mr Pierre, who taught at the school for over 20 years, was once the combined schools' football team coach. A Retnam Pierre Cup will be kicked off during the celebrations, pitting the OVA against other alumni in a football tournament.

A concert to showcase the schools' cultural excellence is on the cards as well. The celebrations will culminate on July 25 during VJC's College Day and Homecoming Dinner at its Marine Parade campus.