

## ANNEX B



Quek Li Ting

- 2009 BCA-DLS Built Environment Scholar
- Graduated with Bachelor of Science (Project & Facilities Management), 1<sup>st</sup> Class Honours, from NUS
- 3 Gold Medal Award Winner :
  - Lee Kuan Yew Gold Medal
  - SISV Gold Medal
  - SCAL Gold Medal

### **Speech by Graduating Scholar, Ms Quek Li Ting**

Minister of State for Ministry of National Development and Manpower, Mr Tan Chuan-Jin, distinguished guests, fellow scholars, ladies and gentlemen, good afternoon everyone.

2. I feel humbled and honoured to be given this opportunity to address you on behalf of the graduating scholars this year. First of all, I wish to congratulate the new batch of scholars who were awarded the scholarship as well as fellow scholars who have just graduated and are ready to embark on the journey in the building industry.

3. Two years ago, like the new scholars today, I was sitting down there too, not knowing what to expect from this scholarship except the obvious monetary assistance to my studies. The scholarship went a long way to lighten the financial pressures mounting on me then. With the scholarship, I was able to focus my mind on learning and achieving my academic goals without worrying about my tuition fees.

4. However, having completed this journey, I realised that the value of my scholarship goes beyond financing my university education. Reflecting upon how this scholarship impacted on me, I see it as a torch of light in my life. Why, you might ask?

5. Frankly, I was never quite someone who has an excellent academic track record or someone with significant things to say in front of important people like you.

Yet, my sponsors BCA and Davis Langdon and Seah were like torches, shining a light in my path and providing a lamp to my feet as I explore my destiny and career in the building industry.

6. Even before the commencement of my bond, the scholarship has started to open doors to valuable learning opportunities in the form of internships, seminars and industry news update as well as invaluable assistance from sponsors. Through these, my interest in this industry was ignited with passion and my future illuminated with borderless possibilities. This torch of light changed my perspective of things, and eliminated doubts and the darkness to reveal the innate potential in which I did not realise has always existed in me.

7. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for my sponsors - BCA and Davis Langdon and Seah. I'm sure this gratitude I feel for my sponsors is deeply shared by all the other scholars. So on behalf of them, I say thank you to our sponsors from the bottom of our hearts!

8. Graduating scholars, having benefited from the torches of light, let us now be the candles to radiate the light back to BCA, our respective sponsors and also the industry. Hopefully, all of us will become the torches ourselves eventually - the lights that shine and illuminate the path for an even brighter future for all in the building industry.

9. Last but not least, I would like to share with you a quote by Confucius which goes, "Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life." I look forward to meeting you, my fellow scholars in the building and construction industry and wish that like me, you have chosen a job that you love.

10. Thank you!