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Dear Residents

**MAKING A DIFFERENCE TO THE LIFE OF NEEDY STUDENTS**

Our children are the future of this nation. They are the pillars of tomorrow, and it is our responsibility to nurture and groom them for the challenges ahead. It is thus important that we give them the opportunity to pursue an education and allow them to contribute to the society in the future.

There is now a great demand for education in Singapore. It is no longer the privilege of a few. We are seeing more of the younger generation attaining higher levels of education. Whilst this is so, there are some who are struggling, whose families are unable to enroll them for higher education due to financial constraints. This is evident from my twice a week house visits to our residents in Nee Soon South. I believe that no child should be left behind in education in Singapore. Hence, we are constantly on a lookout for viable financial schemes for needy families in Nee Soon South.

It thus heartens me to announce that Greatearth Construction Pte Ltd has taken a step forward to initiate a scholarship programme with us. Providing scholarships and bursaries, this programme will sponsor needy students from the Institute of Technical Education (ITE), the Polytechnics and Universities in Singapore in their studies.

Thereafter, these students will be offered internships and jobs upon their graduation. The students benefiting from this programme will be paid 10% above the market rate wage for their internship, and upon graduation, they will also be paid a starting salary of 10% above the market rate.

Greatearth Construction is offering their scholarships/bursaries to needy students who are studying in any of the following disciplines:

1. Building Management
2. Civil Engineering
3. Mechanical & Electrical Engineering
4. Architectural/ Draftsmanship
5. Estate Management
6. Plumbing and other related construction activities courses.

The scholarships/ bursaries come with contracts ranging between 1 and 3 years.

While this eases the financial burden of the families, I believed that this scholarship/bursaries programme will also assure these children a promising career in the construction industry. With the upcoming integrated resorts and booming construction sector, there will be a great demand for jobs in the construction industry.

I thus strongly encourage students who need help to come forward and seek assistance by registering with the Nee Soon South Constituency Office. Greatearth Construction will interview the short-listed students to determine their suitability for these scholarship/bursaries. If you have any queries, feel free to contact NSS Constituency Office at 6753 3121.

At the same time, I welcome companies who have the interest in providing funding schemes or scholarships/bursaries for needy families to join us in providing more opportunities for the children of Nee Soon South.

Thank you.

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