



**Ministry of Education
Republic of Singapore**

School Graduation Certificate

THIS CERTIFICATE IS AWARDED TO

SAW ZE DONG

Identification No: T0632749J

Dunman High School

Year of Graduation: 2024

This School Graduation Certificate provides a holistic qualitative assessment of the student's personal qualities, academic and co-curricular development upon completion of the student's pre-university education.



Director-General of Education
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Saw Ze Dong was a Year Six student of the Integrated Programme of Dunman High School. Students who qualify for admission to the programme are high achievers academically. The standards in this programme at Year Four are comparable with or higher than the GCE Ordinary Level Examination. The Integrated Programme prepares students directly for the GCE Advanced Level Examination at the end of Year Six.

Ze Dong was a diligent and keen learner with a strong intellect and an impressive array of academic accolades. His ability to think critically and inventively was recognised at the Singapore Science and Engineering Fair and the International Elementz Fair in 2024, where he achieved the Gold Award at both events. His research projects demonstrated his ability to adapt and apply his skills to novel intersections of technologies, synthesising his own findings and evaluating literature to produce insightful final reports. Ze Dong's ability to grasp complex concepts and apply them effectively was further demonstrated by his outstanding performance at the International Mathematical Modelling Competition in 2023, where he achieved a High Distinction and was further nominated to represent Singapore at the international round, in which he was also awarded the Honourable Mention. Additionally, he also achieved the Gold Award in the Singapore Chemistry Olympiad 2023, demonstrating his advanced knowledge and strong ability to learn beyond the syllabus. Ze Dong's motivation for personal growth was also reflected in his receipt of the Engineering and Tech Programme Scholarship in 2023 and 2024. This scholarship, awarded to students with strong foundations in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and an inclination towards applied and interdisciplinary learning, allowed Ze Dong to delve deeper into his interests and acquire more advanced knowledge and skills. Ze Dong's willingness to incorporate feedback from peers and teachers, coupled with his dedication to self-improvement, were instrumental to his academic success. His receptiveness to feedback and consistent pursuit of excellence earned him the First in Cohort award in 2023. Ze Dong's outstanding achievements and avid embrace of application-based learning across a wide range of disciplines, exemplified his strong intellectual capacity and keen academic interest, particularly in the STEM fields.

An individual with strong organisational skills and adaptability, Ze Dong demonstrated visionary leadership in his Co-Curricular Activity (CCA), the STEAM Collective Infocomm Chapter, where he served as Chairperson from 2023 and 2024. His vision and effective communication skills allowed him to lead his Executive Committee team in planning CCA sessions and events effectively. He proactively sought feedback from his peers and pivoted the CCA's goals to be more application and project centric. This added significant value to all members' CCA experience and played an instrumental role in fostering a conducive learning environment with motivated and engaged members. Ze Dong was also a responsible leader who could be entrusted to deliver high quality work. In addition to his contributions to his CCA, Ze Dong was also the Lead of the Outreach Team in BuildingBloCS in 2023 and 2024, a student-led organisation that provided opportunities to students to gain exposure to computing. As

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the Lead of the Outreach team, he was put in charge of seeking sponsors and participants for various conferences. Additionally, as a workshop speaker for BuildingBloCS, he meticulously prepared materials to cater to the diverse needs of the participants and was enthusiastic in responding to their queries. His strong organisational skills and leadership acumen not only facilitated the seamless execution of the various events under his charge, but also exemplified his strengths as an effective communicator and strong team player.

A sensitive and empathetic individual, Ze Dong was proactive in serving the school and community. Ze Dong's commitment to school improvement was evident in his role as Technical Lead in The Common Ground in 2023 and 2024, a student-initiated Values in Action (VIA) project, where he actively engaged with various stakeholders to understand their needs and applied his computing expertise to develop a website to streamline the school's VIA publicity efforts and application workflows. In addition, Ze Dong was also an advocate for environmental sustainability. His dedication to environmental awareness was evident in his involvement in D'Mycopedia, a student-initiated VIA project that focused on fungal research and raised ecological awareness of mycelia in Singapore's forests. As a core team member, he carried out detailed ecological surveys with his team whilst always being mindful to minimise ecosystem disruption. His contribution to these projects not only underscored his passion in serving the community, but also demonstrated his strong understanding of others' needs.

Ze Dong is a well-rounded and responsible individual with distinguished intellect and organisational skills. His stalwart leadership, alongside his dedication to excellence and empathy for others will undoubtedly enable him to contribute significantly to any organisation he is a part of in future.

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