



OG Department Stores – Mr Tay Tee Peng Distinguished Undergraduate Student Award (DUSA)

LIN Min Htoo, Chemistry and Biological Chemistry

Lepak Lah! Bridging migrant workers and NTU students

Lepak Lah! was conceived by our founder, **Min Htoo**, a migrant-student from Myanmar

9 Oct 18

Lepak Lah! **approved by DUSA Selection Panel Eiden & Joseph** agreed to join the Lepak Lah! organising team

8 Nov 18



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Eiden Cheng Wei Quan



Joseph Sebastian Ang

Began liaising with construction firm in charge of Yunnan Garden renovation

19 Jan 19

Met Migrant Workers' Centre (MWC) & Humanitarian Organisation for Migration Economics (HOME) to gather expert opinion on executing Lepak Lah!

Visited Westlite Dorm @ Jalan Papan, organized by **Sama Sama, a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO)** redefining the narrative of migrant workers as heroes

19 Feb 19



18 Mar 19

First meal with workers @ Yunnan Garden construction site

8 April 19

Lepak Lah! was **featured on Nanyang Chronicles**, the NTU student-run newspaper



Second meal with workers @ CresPion Hall renovation site

12 April 19

Towards making more migrant worker friends in NTU!

Third meal with workers @ CresPion Hall

26 June 19

More meals coming up...



Reflections

Rebecca Goh
2nd Year in Maths

Prior to the meal, **I did not know a single name of the many workers I have come across. I saw them all as the same:** Indian migrant workers, Bangladeshi migrant workers, Chinese migrant workers etc., ignoring the fact that they had names and were people just like you and I... Before the meal, **I hesitated going, because I anticipated the awkward silences** in our conversations. Eventually, I managed to bring myself there, and **learnt their names: Tangarasu, Saiful, Khatik, Rajah, Lakshman, Shojib; their families, and their lives back home...** Through the meal, I was challenged about how to welcome a stranger into my country and what it means to share a space to eat with a stranger... It is **so easy to remain comfortable in the status quo while not thinking about how to engage others in society whom we often easily look past...** I am now motivated to slow down, and learn new ways to show appreciation to the migrant workers in our midst!

Shirleen Kok
2nd Year in Chem Eng

Lepak Lah! is a truly eye-opening experience, as **we don't usually sit down for a meal and chat with migrant workers in our daily lives...** I feel that Singaporeans should reach out to them more, which can even be just having small talk with them... Little actions like this will make them feel more welcomed and at home in Singapore!

Min Htoo

As a migrant of sorts myself, studying in Singapore since Primary 5, I could almost empathise with the challenges faced by our migrant workers... **Food is the common thread that ties all of us, regardless of race, language, religion, nationality or skin color...** Meal by meal, worker by worker, let's bridge the jarring divide between our migrant heroes and Singaporeans!