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"At WKWSCI, our achievements are driven not just by hard work, but by care for ourselves, each other, and our School community. As we welcome 2026, this spirit of learning, service, and shared success will guide us into the New Year and beyond."

— Jack Qiu, Chair, WKWSCI



## RESEARCH HIGHLIGHT

### The Hidden Social Harms of Human-AI Interaction

AI chatbots and digital companions are becoming part of everyday life. But what happens emotionally and socially when humans begin to treat AI systems as social beings?

Assistant Professor Renwen Zhang, a recipient of the Google Academic Research Award, studies the socio-emotional harms of human-AI interaction. Her research explores how prolonged engagement with conversational AI can affect well-being, relationships, and emotional reliance, raising questions about emotional dependency and the boundaries between human connection and artificial companionship.

[Watch the highlight video](#)

Associate Professor Saifuddin Ahmed was recently promoted and received the Nanyang Research Award (Young Investigator) for his outstanding research contributions.

At WKWSCI, he is recognised for his rigorous research and strong commitment to teaching and student mentorship. This spotlight highlights his academic journey, key achievements, and vision for research and education.

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## FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

### Meet Associate Professor Saif



## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

### WKWSCI Students Reporting Around the World

Since 2005, WKWSCI's signature journalism programme, **GO-FAR**, has sent students across the globe to report on stories of social, cultural, and humanitarian significance. In 2025, students immersed themselves in Mae Sot, Thailand, producing stories that capture the lives and experiences of displaced communities. Explore how GO-FAR continues to shape the next generation of storytellers.

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## EVENTS & COLLABORATIONS

### i-SEA Fellowship Programme

The i-SEA Fellowship Programme 2025, by **IN-Cube** in partnership with Temasek Foundation, brought regional digital content creators together for a month-long hybrid learning experience. Fellows combined online masterclasses and mentorship with a week-long in-person workshop at WKWSCI, exploring online harms, AI in storytelling, and immersive journalism while developing solutions for information integrity challenges.

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### Chinese-Language Media and Huaxia Civilisations Conference

WKWSCI hosted the 14th International Conference on Chinese-Language Media and Huaxia Civilisations at WKWSCI. Scholars from ASEAN, Greater China, and beyond gathered to discuss the theme "*Building a Community with a Shared Future for Mankind in Times of Change*," exploring international communication, media innovation, and civilisational studies.

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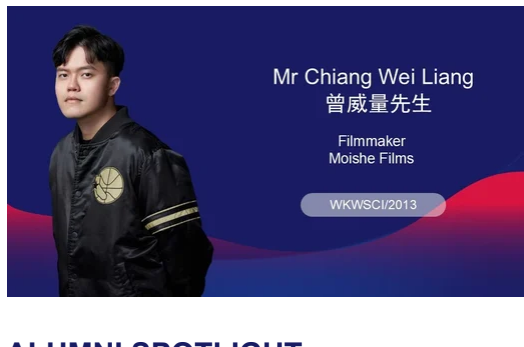


## DONOR & IMPACT STORIES

### Honouring President Wee Kim Wee's Enduring Legacy

As part of the *Remembering President Wee Kim Wee: A Legacy of Leadership Dinner* on 30 August 2025, WKWSCI gathered the School community to honour Dr Wee's life and contributions. A special video highlighted beneficiaries of the Wee Kim Wee Legacy Fund, showcasing how it has transformed lives and reflected his enduring values of service, education, and leadership. The dinner celebrated his legacy and its continued impact on the School and the wider community.

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## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

### Nanyang Alumni Awards 2025

WKWSCI is proud to celebrate the remarkable achievements of our alumni. Chiang Wei Liang (CS'13) was conferred the Nanyang Outstanding Young Alumni Award in recognition of his accomplishments as a filmmaker, including international accolades for *Mongrel* (2024) and his acclaimed short films. Tian Chen (KM'14) was also honoured with the Nanyang Alumni Service Award for her decade-long leadership and contributions to the NTU Alumni Association (Jiangsu). Their achievements reflect the talent, dedication, and impact of our alumni community, and we are delighted to share and celebrate their inspiring journeys.



## KEY PUBLICATIONS

### Hyunjin Kang

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### Li Junting, Benjamin and Theng Yin Leng

Jin, J., Li, B. J., & Theng, Y. L. (2025). Why people hesitate about dementia screening: A systematic review and meta-analysis. *Social Science & Medicine*, 382, 118360.



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