



## MAKING THE RIGHT CAREER C

Cross Roads Career Talk, organized by the Sri Mariamman Temple Youth & Education Sub Committee ("Youth Wing") on 3 September 2005, was a huge success. The objective of the talk was to provide career guidance to youths, help them to make the right career choices and plan better for their future.

During the three hour session, about 100 Indian youths from secondary schools, junior colleges and ITEs were given valuable insights into a myriad of careers that they could pursue later in their lives. The thrust of the talk was early planning and its importance to success later in life.

Eminent professionals from different fields were invited to share their experiences and give advice to the youngsters. Speakers included Mr C Kunalan, Assistant Professor from the National Institute of Education who described the many opportunities available in sports, from sports research, coaching exercise science, track and field to exercise physiology, fitness and conditioning and health education. He also shared his personal experience of progressing from 'O' Levels to becoming a sports academic.

Mr V Suria, a lawyer in private practice explained the prerequisites of the legal profession, while Dr T Tamilselvan, an engineer with PSA and McDermot (SEA) Pte Ltd spoke of his experience in coastal



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and offshore engineering as well as the importance of engineering in many related global projects.

Ms Kogi Murthi, Education Consultant with Rugantex Pte Ltd, gave a detailed presentation on career prospects in nursing and of how one can progress from the position of a nursing aide to become a full-fledged nurse, through diligence, positive attitude and proper training.

Participants were also informed that Singapore's Nursing



Certification was internationally recognized and that with the increasing demand for nurses globally, how nursing can be an attractive career option.

Providing insights into careers in the fast-growing sectors of biotechnology and life sciences was Dr Vimala Sreenivasan, Director of IT Technologies Pte Ltd. Mr Mohamed Ali, Senior Programming Director of Mediacorp TV 12 and Ms Shantini, an Associate Account Director spoke on career prospects in media industry and advertising, respectively.

The participants were told not to be put off by negative impressions, whether justified or otherwise, but instead, to face challenges if they should occur. There were also encouraged to work diligently and maintain a positive attitude when considering career options. At the end of the talk, students were given the opportunity to interact with the speakers/panellists to seek more information and to clarify their doubts.

For those students who missed the talk but are interested in finding out about making the right choices and the correct way to plan for their careers, please contact the Sri Mariamman Temple Youth Wing at [heb\\_smt@pacific.net.sg](mailto:heb_smt@pacific.net.sg). Your queries will be taken up with the relevant speakers for their views and advice. So, students and youths, take advantage of this opportunity to plan better your career options. It is the first step towards meeting your aspirations.

